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## Campus Briefs

### University books two comics, a rock band

Comedians Jim Gaffigan and Zach Galifianakis will perform free at the Tucker Theatre Oct. 29. The event is open to the public and will begin at 8 p.m.

Gaffigan has appeared numerous times on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *Ed* and *That 70s Show*.

Galifianakis will be starring in a new show this fall called *Tru Calling* to be aired on Fox.

The Presidents of the United States of America will also play at Tucker Theatre on Oct. 23 at 8 p.m.

PUSA, best known for their songs "Lump" and "Peaches," broke up in 1998, but returned in 2000 to release "Freaked Out and Small."

Tickets for PUSA are available for \$5 in the Keathley University Center, Room 308. For more information, call the Student Programming Office at 898-2551.

### Alpha Phi Alpha holds pageant

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant will be held Oct. 21 at 7:06 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. The event is sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Tickets will be distributed in exchange for a donation of can goods.

For more information, contact Mwangi Dean at 525-5889.

### Writers in the Round on Thursday

The annual Tom T. Hall Writers in the Round will be held on Thursday in the Business and Aerospace Building, in the State Farm Lecture Hall.

The authors will discuss issues in novel writing and songwriting, and it is free and open to the public. A reception will follow after the discussion.

John R. Erickson writes the popular series of children's books called *Hank the Cowdog*.

Ed Bruce writes songs for Willie Nelson, Tanya Tucker and Crystal Gayle. His most popular tune is "Mammas, Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys."

Venise Berry is an associate professor of journalism and mass communication at the University of Iowa in Iowa City and an author of three best-selling novels. For more information about Writers in the Round, call Ami Carter at 898-5171.

### Who's Whos is taking applications

Applications are now being accepted for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges. Applications are available both online and in the Leadership Development Office in the Keathley University Center, Room 306. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 31. For more information and the application, see [www.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/news.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtleader/news.htm).

## General requirements on verge of approval

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

General education requirements will be lowered from 42 to 41 hours in fall 2004.

Whereas the old requirements were divided into five categories, the new requirements are divided into six. Students must complete nine hours of communication, nine hours of humanities or fine arts, six hours of social and behavioral sciences, eight hours of

natural sciences, six hours of history and three hours of mathematics.

The communication courses consist of English 1010, English 1020 and Communication 1030. Communication 1030 is an oral presentation, or speech, class that was not mandatory under the old requirements.

Health and activity courses will no longer be required. Students will be able to take activity courses as electives and one class, Health 1530, will be

offered as one alternative to meeting required hours under the social and behavioral sciences category.

According to Diane Bartley, Chairperson of Health and Physical Education, Health 1530 will meet twice a week for lecture classes and once a week for labs, similar to the structure of other science courses.

"We will still offer activity classes," she said. "However, we will go to more lifetime activities."

Such lifetime activities will include Pilates, Tai Chi, yoga and self-defense.

Bartley said that there were no plans to phase out any of the existing activity courses.

Vice Provost for academic affairs Diane Miller said that students could check the general studies Web site for a list of classes available under each of the categories.

"All of the courses that appear on the Web site have been approved," she said.

According to Miller, a few more courses may be added to the list of approved courses, but none listed on the site will be removed. There are currently four courses that are being appealed to the Tennessee Board of Regents to be part of the general requirement course choices.

Miller urged caution and stressed that students meet with their advisors to go over the

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## Video killed the traditional artist



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

A visitor to the Art Barn Gallery stands in front of artist Rozalinda Borcila's video installation on Monday. The exhibit was created from 50 hours of film.

## Exhibit filmed at airports

By Jennifer Hayes  
Staff Writer

The Art Barn Gallery is currently featuring the video installation of Rozalinda Borcila, a visiting artist from the University of Florida in Tampa.

The artwork took her two years to complete and was put together from about 50 hours of film.

The footage is mostly from the perspective of the floor of eight different airports, including the Tampa International Airport's Terminal C, which was filmed on Sept. 11, 2002 and the Venice Marco Polo's main terminal filmed on July 5 of this year.

Borcila said she was always interested in airports and places that security would not allow people to bypass.

"I'm interested in border zones between people and groups of people," Borcila said. "I was also interested to see what happens when we trespass. It can be a dangerous and empow-

ering feeling."

The exhibit is composed of three projector screens that display images on white walls in different areas of the room, and two televisions that sit adjacent to each other on the floor in the center of the room. This is the area Borcila called "the sweet spot."

"From the center of the room, you can see all of the images of this piece."

The projected images correspond to one another, and the [televisions] are sort of a story line," Borcila said.

"All the footage is synced together, all of it started at the same time. I wanted to express something about vision and abstraction but show it in a different way."

In the process of filming, she tried carrying the camera in her hand, holding it at eye level, but due to the airport security, she was asked many questions and often asked to turn the camera off.

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## Vietnam and Iraq compared in lecture

### Wars against both countries have parallels, professor says

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

History professor Amy Staples compared and contrasted the latest war in Iraq to the Vietnam War during the Honors Lecture Monday afternoon.

Lessons could be learned from the past to help avoid and manage circumstances better in the future, but history could not predict the future, and there was no way to anticipate future events because of the unknown variable, people, she said.

Staples first compared the two wars, stating that one of the more disturbing aspects of both wars was that both had inaccurate information leading up to war. The Tonkin Incident, before the Vietnam War began, led to the Tonkin Resolution, which granted the president the power to take any necessary actions against the enemy.

Fears about weapons of mass destruction and implied links between Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida were the reasons behind the war on Iraq. Staples pointed out that over the weekend chief U.S. weapons searcher David Kay declared that no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq.

Also, the U.S. Congress never officially declared the two wars. There has not been an official declaration of war since World War II. Before the latest Iraqi conflict, the Bush administration said that they could go to war without any Congressional action. When the prospect of police action was taken before Congress, the resolution passed with little debate.

"I think that was a good political strategy on the part of the Bush administration," she said. "Congress seemed a little desperate."

A third similarity between the two conflicts, according to Staples, is that both were part of larger international wars. Vietnam was part of the Cold War against the spread of communism, and the Iraqi conflict is part of the war on terrorism.

Staples went on to compare McCarthyism and the Patriot Act. While the Patriot Act has not reached the levels of hysteria that occurred during the McCarthy era, Staples warns that it has the same potential because of the way it revises the rights of law enforcement versus civil liberties.

Another similarity is that Americans viewed themselves as liberators in both conflicts. Staples didn't hesitate to point



Photo by Blake Pearson | Staff Photographer

Histor professor Amy Staples discusses the Iraq and Vietnam wars at Monday's Honors Lecture.

out that getting rid of a leader that people don't like and welcoming a foreign occupying force are two different things.

"Americans believed that we would be welcomed as liberators in Iraq," she said. "The Bush administration seemed to believe this to such a degree that they seemed a little bit surprised by the amount of military resistance that they faced and they seemed a bit unprepared for the post-war reconstruction efforts that they would have to engage in."

Both wars were also fought with little support from the U.N. and the international community. There was no U.N. sanction to go into Vietnam, just as there was none for the latest war on Iraq.

During the first Gulf War, the United States not only had the aid of numerous countries, but a good number of those countries were Muslim. There is a noticeable lack of support from Muslim countries in the latest war in Iraq.

Staples ended this part of the lecture by saying that it was the responsibility of the commander in chief to define the goals of a war and have an exit strategy.

There was no exit strategy for the Vietnam War, and she has yet to see any evidence of one for the Iraqi conflict. She was concerned that Bush had not outlined an exit strategy or determined when the mission would be completed and the troops could return home.

The differences between the two wars were then quickly outlined by Staples.

She believed that the nature of the anti-war movements were different for each war. It wasn't until two years into the war that Vietnam demonstrations became massive. The

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# Exhibit: Artist strapped camera to suitcase to get footage

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gave it to them. They asked me questions about what I was doing and why, and I explained to them I am an artist," Borcila said. "The first tapes were just regular shots of the terminal and not very interesting; I wanted to show a new perspective."

She came to the conclusion she could strap the camera to her suitcase and film as she rolled the bag through airports. Until six months ago, the footage was shaky and unusable because she had been unable to keep the bag steady.

When she began to use this new technique of filming, some people who saw the camera and looked at her funny, however, she was rarely questioned by security.

"They assumed what I was filming wasn't anything impor-

tant, that I wasn't getting any details that I wasn't allowed to see," Borcila said.

The footage captures different floor surfaces, people walking, escalators and even the inside of an x-ray scanner used to scan luggage. The few minutes of footage is looped over and over again, turning years of work into interesting minutes of viewing.

Although she's always been fascinated with airports, she had another reason when choosing those particular locations for filming. She also saw an airport as space controlled, where different border zones exist with traffic directed in specific ways or toward specific areas.

The video installation will be on display during the gallery's open hours on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Oct. 28. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

**A group of people watch artist Rozalinda Borcila's video installation at the Art Barn Gallery on Monday. The videos repeat after a few minutes.**

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proposed changes before deciding which classes to take in the spring and whether or not to change catalogs next fall.

Chair of the University Committee of General Studies Kevin Smith said that most classes from the old general education requirements, with the exception of activity classes, were a part of the new general studies core.

"Many of the same courses that were in the old categories have been revised and approved," Smith said. "The main difference will be the addition of some new courses."

Students are required to take two different sciences.

State law requires that students take U.S. history, but Tennessee history can be substituted for one of the two history courses that must be taken.

Both the lowering of required hours to 120 and the changes in the general education requirements will occur next fall.

While the general education requirements have been approved, the lowered hours are still proposals that must be approved by the TBR.

All six universities and 13 community colleges under the TBR are creating new curriculums to meet the 41-hour general education requirement.

Visit MTSU's general studies Web site at [mtsus32.mtsu.edu:11113](http://mtsus32.mtsu.edu:11113). Look under "approved courses" for a list of the available classes.

Students can find more information regarding the curriculum changes on the Web site of the office of executive vice president and provost at [www.mtsu.edu/~provost/acad.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~provost/acad.htm). ♦

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protests against the Iraqi war happened before the war was even declared, but became rather small within the U.S. once the war was actually underway.

The draft, while a major factor during Vietnam, is nonexistent in this latest conflict. The armed forces are now made up of volunteers and professionals. This avoids the problems with draft dodgers and protests, but it is possible that American citizens care less about the army since the soldiers are more specialized and not the average person, Staples said.

After Vietnam, the soldiers were treated poorly by the American people and were never allowed to properly readjust.

"As a nation," Staples said, "we wanted to forget the war. We didn't want to talk about it."

It is Staples's hope that as the latest conflict draws to a close the soldiers will be treated much better and be given the support they need and deserve. ♦

## Crime Log

Compiled By L.P. Anderson

Wednesday, Oct. 1, - 1:25 p.m.

Scarlett Commons

Jeffrey W. Newell, 18, a resident of New Philadelphia, Ohio, was arrested for criminal trespass. Newell was selling magazines at the time of his arrest.

Friday, Oct. 3, - 5:39 p.m.

Kirksey Old Main Parking Lot

An unidentified vehicle hit a Toyota Celica and left the accident.

Friday, Oct. 3, - 8:37 p.m.

Womack Lane Apartments

A man allegedly stole a VCR from his ex-wife.

Saturday, Oct. 4, - 1 a.m.

Gracy Hall

A resident received phone calls from an unknown male using vulgar language.

Saturday, Oct. 4, - 8:12 p.m.

Greenland Drive Parking Lot B

Grant Robert Ellington, of 1841 New Lascassas Pike, was cited for public intoxication.

Saturday, Oct. 4, - 8:58 p.m.

McHenry Hall

A white male with black hair was allegedly harassing a female. The unidentified male was wearing a blue-grey shirt.

Saturday, Oct. 4, - 10:57 p.m.

Scarlett Commons

An unidentified vehicle hit a red 1999 Toyota Celica parked near the apartment complex.

Monday, Oct. 6, - 10:37 a.m.

Gracy Hall

A harassing phone call was received. ♦

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**What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm once every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

**How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unintended Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Tubal sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive pill	-	3
Continued	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestogen	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Vaginal sponge	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge	-	-
Used before childbirth	6	18
Used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol* 1990;76:556-567

\*From "Norplant" package insert.  
**Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:  
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• if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

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• if you have had cancer of the breast  
• if you have had a stroke  
• if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs  
• if you have problems with your liver or liver disease  
• if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients)  
**What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:  
• a family history of breast cancer  
• an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples  
• kidney disease  
• irregular or scanty menstrual periods  
• high blood pressure  
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• asthma  
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**What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection, about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months, about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 13 months, and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

**What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
**Irregular Menstrual Bleeding**  
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA. For women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection, about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months, about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 13 months, and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

**Bone Mineral Changes**  
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

**Cancer**  
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or breast. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this risk with your health-care provider.  
**Unsuspected Pregnancy**  
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

**3 Allergic Reactions**  
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

**Other Risks**  
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

**What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

• sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)  
• sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)  
• severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)  
• unusually heavy vaginal bleeding  
• severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area  
• persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

**What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**1 Weight Gain**  
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in a clinical trial reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

**2 Other Side Effects**  
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, bad acne, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trial, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thromboses, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

**Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**

**1 Missed Periods**  
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

**2 Laboratory Test Interactions**  
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

**3 Drug Interactions**  
Cytidine (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

**4 Nursing Mothers**  
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

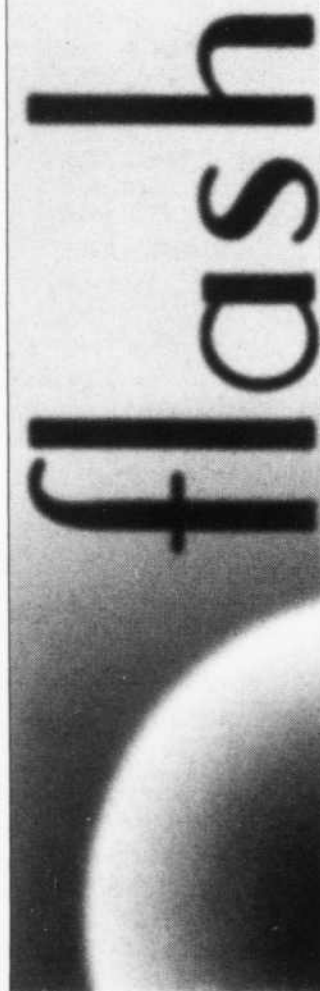
**How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?**  
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is a 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board Curriculum changes make life a lot easier

Changes in the general education requirements will make it easier for students to be generally educated – to graduate, that is.

The changes, set to be implemented in fall 2004, will include the elimination of the health, physical education and recreation requirements and the addition of a speech class to the general requirements.

This is all part of the campus-wide reduction to 120 hours, which will, in turn, make it easier for us and future students to get out of college someday.

These changes are a good thing – 132 hours is a lot for an undergraduate degree, and the Tennessee Board of Regents recognizes this fact and is working toward changing it.

While many of the HPERS classes are a welcome break from the drudgery of regular classes and work, for many these simply become an annoyance and a hindrance to graduation. In addition, many of the most desired classes are full because people who may or may not actually want to take them just picked the best-looking class because they had to.

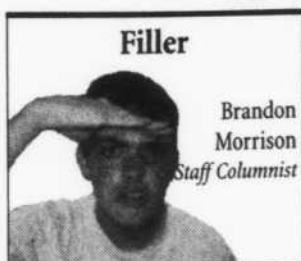
By eliminating this requirement, hopefully only the people who want to take these classes will be in them, and those of us scrambling for a class won't be wasting space in an effective living or beginning badminton class just to graduate.

The addition of a public speaking course could do wonders for many students in the university. The ability to speak with confidence in front of a group is helpful in any job, yet many students skate through school without ever having to stand up and sweat before a group of peers.

By forcing every student at MTSU to take the class, students will have little choice except to attempt to become comfortable with the art of public speaking. Even though most of the students who finish the course won't be looking to run for political office any time soon, the experience of having to gather your thoughts and articulate them in a manner that everyone can understand is a valuable skill.

Not everyone will be happy with these changes, but few will dispute that only needing 120 hours to graduate is a good thing. ♦

## College not the only path to success



Filler

Brandon Morrison  
Staff Columnist

What do you want to be when you grow up?

Ask a six-year-old, and you'll hear dreams of being a doctor, the president or the occasional oddball architect.

Ask a 10-year-old, and ideas of engineers, dog-catchers and movie directors are tossed around.

Ask a college student, and the answer is just barely muttered under the person's breath.

College students seem to be less sure of what they want from their careers.

OK, so I lied.

College students are less sure about their futures than most children.

Kids don't have to worry about things like rent payment, grade point averages and the overall drama that fills the lives of the slightly-older-but-still-young-and-naive generation.

It's easy for a child to say, "I want to be a ...," because he or she doesn't have to follow through on it for a while.

Recess is a slightly higher priority than the Graduate Record Examination.

College students don't have that luxury. The requirements to be a doctor don't seem as daunting from a six-year-old's perspective as compared to a

pre-med student. When concepts like thesis papers and seven years of medical school don't exist in your mind, being a doctor doesn't seem very difficult.

The college experience should inspire students to fine-tune their aspirations for careers. Instead, many college students graduate without a clue about what they want to do.

If you don't have at least a vague idea about what you want to do after college, you probably don't need to be in school.

There's nothing wrong with being unsure about career prospects. No one can plan out his or her life too far in advance anyway.

But if you don't know that being a fry cook for the rest of your life won't make you happier than

being an engineer, then why not try being a fry cook first?

Nobody wants to wake up one day and realize that they're 45, overworked and underappreciated. Young children don't talk about dreams of being a second assistant manager at Denny's or managerial associate in charge of safety.

No one wants a dead end job filled with office politics and every kind of stress possible. So why do we allow ourselves to fall into the idea that it's normal to be satisfied with mediocrity?

College should be a way to avoid most of the pitfalls of the work world. By providing a leg up on job training, the degrees earned at most universities

should be tickets to low-hassle jobs.

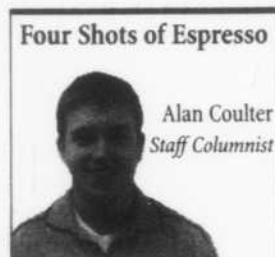
Instead, it seems to cause more trouble than it solves. Sometimes it seems a college education serves only as a stopgap between high school and a career, delaying talented students from making their mark in their fields.

Eventually, it would be nice to see a college degree show that whoever earned it wanted to truly excel in their field again instead of showing that the owner needed some extra time to grow up before joining the real world.

Here's to growing up. ♦

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## Hate speech is harmful no matter who it's from



Four Shots of Espresso

Alan Coulter  
Staff Columnist

Hate plus hate does not equal equality.

Ask any four-year-old in America, and he or she will tell you that two wrongs don't make a right.

Sounds simple enough, right?

For some odd reason, hate seems to be encoded into the human genome. Personally, I don't believe this. I believe that, somehow, cycles of violence and prejudice can be broken by means of the opposite nature, but finding proof of this in society has become a little daunting.

It's easy to spot racism and prejudice coming from majority groups. White men held down the American Indians, lied to them and stole their land. Easy.

Racial tensions in the South between white and black communities have improved, but we still have a long way to go.

There is progress, so let's not stop now.

However, being a white male, I'm reluctant to even approach the following subject because I know I will be labeled the "Bigot of the Year." Please know that this is not the case.

Everyone agrees that anyone in a majority group should and must respect individuals in minority groups. This is not debatable, but I will take this one step farther.

Members of minority groups do not have a natural right to retaliate with hate, either.

Jews suffered the loss of millions in the Holocaust, but all the hate of the world is not going to bring them back. Some still use derogatory names, such as "goyim," in reference to non-Jewish people.

We see the same thing happen in minority groups of all types, but a friend recently brought to my attention an example I hadn't heard of before.

My friend felt discriminated against, not because he was gay, but because he was straight.

He informed me of how within the gay community, there is a sort of elitism and jaded mentality among homosexuals toward heterosexuals.

I know most of us become enraged when we read of hate crimes.

Most of us rallied to protest individuals such as Fred Phelps who preaches how "God hates fags" and how they deserve the AIDS virus.

We all agree that this is wrong.

My friend informed me that, to retaliate against names such as "fag" or "queer," his homosexual friends use another label for heterosexuals. "Breeders."

Apparently, this name stirs a rallying against the evil heterosexual trying to oppress homosexuals.

I can already see the letters I'm going to get from this column, but I must say that this is wrong.

No one, regardless of their history or their ancestor's history, has a right to spread hate and discrimination.

I don't expose this little secret hate to cause a bigger rift in society or to degrade homosexuals. Sounding the alarm against hate in all regards proves to be humane, not prejudice.

If we agree that an act against a group of people, regardless of their size, is wrong, then we must be bold enough to expose it in all regards, despite consequences.

If a minority group – regardless of their identity surrounding race, religion or sexual orientation – wants to be accepted by the world as a whole or wants to be respected by individuals on this campus, they must respect those in the majority as well.

Respect is a human right that doesn't belong to any one particular group.

As elementary as this sounds, we must treat one another the way we want to be treated. It's simple.

All forms of hate are related, and when they breed, they only produce inbred bigots.

So, please, if you feel you have been wronged by society as a whole, take a stand, but don't resort to mudslinging and grudge holding.

That only stops progress. ♦

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## Achievements shouldn't go unpunished



And So It Goes

Sarah Crotzer  
Staff Columnist

Don't you get a warm, happy feeling when you're doing well in your classes? It was like that for me last week.

For some reason, every place I went, every class I took, I kept running into the number "97." I was told I'm making an average of 97 percent in one class, and I got a 97 on both of two very different papers. I started thinking about the absolute coincidence of that, when suddenly somebody yelled out in an angry voice, "Hey, I got a 76."

Uh-oh. That meant trouble. I started to quietly sneak out the door, hoping to get away unseen, but to no avail. It was too late. "You," came the voice. "How did you do on your paper?"

"I, er, I did okay."

"You got an A, didn't you?" said the voice's somewhat overbearing owner. "You got a 90, I bet."

"Um, no," I said, trying to save my skin and tell the truth at the same time.

"Oh. Oh, wait," said my new worst enemy, and she laughed. "You got better than a 90, didn't you?"

I gulped. The warm, happy feeling was gone. Isn't that how it always works?

I have this great idea for a TV game show. It's called 97, or if the network doesn't like that, maybe *The Midterm Shuffle*. The idea

is that you have three college-age contestants, each of whom has to take a midterm test.

Sounds good, right? Just you wait. The contestants can pick one of two things: Either they get to choose the subject of the test (literature, math, biology or history), or they can choose the format of the test (multiple choice, short answer or essay). Whichever they choose, the other element is determined by a random drawing.

This sounds really simple. I'm sure you're thinking that whomever gets the highest score wins. No, no, no.

You couldn't be more wrong.

Certainly, if a contestant makes below 70, he or she automatically fails. That much is a given. If a contestant scores at least 90, though, they have similar problems. To a three-minute timer, they have to rant off as much information as possible about their topic, to try and bring the other contestant's scores up.

The other contestants are then asked one question about the subject. If they both answer correctly, all three get an extra point. If they don't – well, then the overachieving "student" has his score reduced by 10 points. It's all just part of the game.

But why is it called 97, you ask? What can possibly be worse than the humiliation of losing 10 points?

If a contestant scores a 97 or higher, the exact same thing happens. The difference is that, whether or not he or she manages the extra point, the audi-

ence gets to pelt him with handfuls from a giant vat of lemon Jell-O. After all, it's only right to put a determined individual back in his or her place.

The winner, of course, is the one who manages to get the most completely average score. Were you really expecting otherwise?

I seriously doubt I'll be able to interest anyone in actually producing my game show, but I might be able to tour it across the country, stopping at campuses each week with my big 97 production truck. It'll be just like *College Jeopardy*, only a lot more embarrassing.

I'll have to select my colleges carefully, of course: Stanford, Harvard and Yale are definitely out. Community colleges, on the other hand, are definitely in. Hey, they've got to do something for a sports event.

In the meantime, I can only dream of my days as a talented game show creator – and if that ultimately doesn't pan out, maybe I can be a CIA agent instead.

The world is my oyster, as long as I continue to be honest, hard-working and dedicated to expanding my mind.

I can move mountains, change minds and influence the great leaders of tomorrow. I'm Legion, and I contain multitudes.

Now, if you'll excuse me, the multitudes and I have to go wash our collective hair. This sticky yellow stuff isn't exactly sugar-free. ♦

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### Letter to the Editor

#### Readers should watch out for 'snow-job' opinions

To the editor:

When Shana Hammaker promises "Ramblings of a Madwoman," she does not disappoint. When within the first three paragraphs I found the words "imperialistic," "war" and "Iraq" strung together in the same sentence, I knew I was in for some entertainment.

When Hammaker makes her argument for socialized medicine (which she slyly camouflages as a "single-payer system"), she refers to presidential candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio). Here's a man whose platform includes normalization of relations with Cuba, socialized medicine, abolishing the death penalty and proposing that the federal government arbitrarily create jobs for the unemployed (Can you say "transfer of wealth?" I knew you could.).

Further into her health care discussion, she quotes an article from the *Hartford Courant*. Never mind that this newspaper's editorial page editor actually believes that media coverage of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict is biased toward Israel.

Later, in comments about the environment, she quotes an article from *Mother Jones* magazine. A quick jaunt through [www.motherjones.com](http://www.motherjones.com) reveals this publication to be completely leftist and that Upton Sinclair, a fine author but self-described socialist, profoundly influenced the magazine's namesake. Then, she directs readers to [www.punkvoter.com](http://www.punkvoter.com) (which sports a picture of George W. Bush with the word "veto" stamped across his forehead and insists on spelling the word "democracy" with a "k." How hip.)

I think what blew me away is that Hammaker uses these sources as if they're viable and fact-based. Anyone paying attention can see otherwise. So, pay attention Sidelines readers (and editorial staff). It's going to be a long 13 months and it will seem even longer if you don't avoid snow-job columns like this one.

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# Few are the true: Be who you want to be

## Cosmo's Corner

Jeremy Cosco  
Staff Columnist



It's common enough for people to want to fit in and be like everybody else, but that doesn't make it any more acceptable. Which is the point of this column: Few are the true.

What do I mean by this statement? It's very simple. I have been all over the country and even abroad. And regardless of what some people like to think, people are pretty much

the same all over.

Most people you meet in this life are concerned with one thing — themselves. That's fine as long as it is used towards a useful purpose, like improving their lives and giving up bad habits.

But most people who are preoccupied with themselves focus on things that keep them in the company of other like people. They gossip and work themselves up over things they really shouldn't. Life is full of minute details that aggravate — the clerk at the store was rude, an appointment interfered with something you want to do, and things are crazy at work — but these things happen to

everybody. Why dwell on them?

The thing that's rare to find though is those few individuals who aren't like the rest. Those few brave souls who don't get caught up in the petty squabbles and act like everybody else. The ones who aren't afraid to do their own thing. The true individuals. Not the people who wear black all the time and have piercing all over their bodies because many of them are just fitting in to their group like other people do.

Why is being true such a hard thing for a person to do? At first it would seem almost natural. People going about their lives just being themselves. But problems arise everywhere

in life.

What is the problem that we have nowadays? A culture that doesn't celebrate the individual. Where being an individual opens you up for attacks and the loathing of others.

For a country as large, diverse and steeped in individuality like America has been, it's disheartening to see it succumb to conformity.

"Fall into the GAP." "Be like Mike." These are just a few of the familiar slogans that preach a following of pop-culture ideas and likeness. And they've caught us hook, line and sinker.

Advertising has been a part of our culture since the beginning. But instead of a means to

sell goods, it has become a way of telling people how to live their lives. We don't need advertising to tell us how to live, but we've let it.

Maybe it's easier to be told how to live instead of doing it on your own. But one thing's for sure: It's a lot more boring. Plus it keeps you spending money on stuff you think you have to have.

Slowly over time we've lost part of ourselves. We're becoming more and more alike because we're buying into a sense of belonging. Buy following the actions of everyone else we don't feel alone. We're safe and secure as long as we go along. We've conceded our indi-

viduality to what boils down to propaganda.

If you want to be free to live as you please, just follow a few simple steps. Step back for a minute and take it all in. Ask yourself if the clothes you wear or the stuff you buy is for the right reason. Do you buy them for you or to please and impress other people? And apply the same formula to your actions.

In the end it's up to you. Be who you are because that's who you are, not because of what somebody else tells you to be. ♦

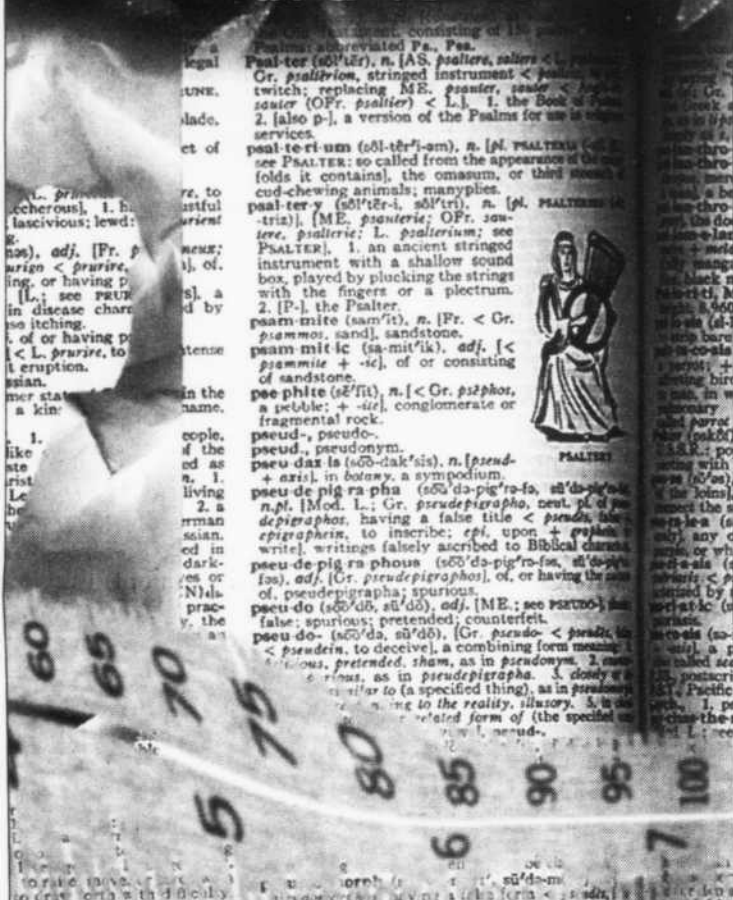
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# a shot of Scotch

## Eighth annual highland games celebrate history

By Laura Beth Jackson  
Staff Writer

The sound of bagpipes – some good-natured competition between two kinsmen – rang out across the field.

Groups of little lads and lassies romped about in folk costumes, while their mothers talked with old friends in long dresses draped with yards of their family's plaid.

Men, old and young, proudly sauntered about in their kilts.

The eighth annual Highland Games came to MTSU on Oct. 3. Instead of meeting as usual in one of the campus' open fields, the Tennessee Livestock Center provided a cover for the events and protection from uncharitable weather that never materialized.

The games played host to members of Scottish clans from all over the South. It was a chance for family reunions and to celebrate the rich tapestry of history that binds them all together.

"I've searched my Scottish heritage a few years back, so I'm passionate about the whole thing," actress Linda Wiley, hostess of this year's games, said.

A distinguished actress with an impressive resume and a member of the Screen Actors Guild, she is now on the board of the Tennessee Scottish Society that organizes the Highland Games.

This year she hosted the games dressed as Mary, Queen of Scots.

"It's coming together with the most wonderful people celebrating our heritage together," Wiley said. "You create families in these games. You know, see them every year and you look forward to it. It's like a reunion every year. It's one big family."

The close ties of kinship was celebrated. From hay bale tossing to dancing, from the tartans to the music, each game highlighted a rich heritage.

If you strolled over to the dancing competition, you would have seen girls of all ages in traditional costumes dancing nimbly as sprites. Their feet were light and quick as they danced to a spirited tune played by an expert bag piper.

Laura Lieberman has performed Scottish dancing for three years. She explained the dance she would be performing that day.

"This is the outfit for the Scottish Hornpipe," she said, smoothing her white sailor's blouse. "And the hats are actually what sailors in the Royal Navy wore."

"[The dance] is about life on board a ship," she said. "There are certain steps ... they get in rooms, and they scoot all around it. It's supposed to be like they're on watch. I haven't learned all of those yet, but they're really cool."

Not far from the dancers, visitors talked and laughed over tables and racks full of Scottish clothing, china, books and, of course, T-shirts.

Sweatshirts bearing the words "Member of the Official Scottish Drinking Team" or "Got Scotch?" were quickly being sold and worn.

Lisa and George Johnson, dressed in highland garb, were and standing off to the side at one of the tables, fingering



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Tom Davies, of the Tennessee Scots of Nashville, an eight member pipe and drum band, is warming up for the Highland Games parade.

some of the jewelry that was being sold. They said they enjoy the games because of the genealogy research they've done.

"It's very interesting, it's like a jigsaw puzzle," Lisa Johnson, said. "You can't wait to find the next piece to tell the rest of the story."

"We found we're related to 29 different clans," George, said smiling.

Over at the music tables, Rege Malady stayed busy selling compact discs and answering questions about the different artists.

He and his wife Barb came from Charlotte, N.C., and have been in the music business for more than 18 years. They are both second generation "Scirish" or Scots-Irish.

"Music was always a very important part of our life growing up," Malady said. "It gets into your blood."

"Why is [Scottish] music so passionate?" he mused. "It's because it's real."

Malady said early on, back in the

Dark Ages and on into the Middle Ages, people in Scotland and Ireland did not write. They lived on oral traditions. The history was put to a tune so it would be easier to memorize.

"Music is more real to Scotland and Ireland both than the tartans," he said. "Because of our history. It was not written, it was not codified, it was kept in your mind, in tunes."

He paused, looking a little solemn. "Not everybody in Scotland could afford to wear a tartan," he finally said. "But everyone knows a tune."

It was late afternoon and the crowd was thinning. Those who were leaving said they did so with a bit more pride in their own family's story.

You could say it was the love of story that marked the festival. Their history was portrayed not by words in book, but through the colors in a tartan, the steps of a dance, a game or a song. ♦



Jonathan, my mouse stopped working and I need a new one. Any suggestions?

First of all, get an optical mouse. Those are the mice that use a laser instead of a ball inside of the mouse. They are much more sensitive – which is a good thing – and you never have to clean them.

Then decide whether you need a USB or PS/2 mouse. I recommend a USB mouse. They are newer mice that are plug-and-play and they usually come with an adapter that will let you use it as a PS/2 mouse if that is what you need.

Personally, I use a Logitech mx500. But if you've got the cash I would go for a wireless mouse like a Logitech mx700. They are very nice.

Hey Jonathan, I've been buying stuff online and instead of going to a Web site with http I have to go with https. Do I really need the "s" and what is it for?

Yes, you do need the added "s". It's there to let you know that the Web page is using SSL.

Webopedia.com's definition for SSL is: Short for Secure Sockets Layer, a protocol developed by Netscape for transmitting private documents via the Internet.

SSL works by using a private key to encrypt data that's transferred over the SSL connection. Both Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer support SSL, and many Web sites use the protocol to obtain confidential user information, such as credit card numbers. By convention, URLs that require an SSL connection start with https instead of http.

If you conduct any transactions online, they should all be through SSL.

I need some help Jonathan. I've erased an e-mail by accident and I need to get it back is there any way that I can?

Well, it depends on the mail service you use.

If you use PipelineMT, Hotmail or Yahoo mail then you should have a folder called trash.

Whenever you delete an e-mail it should be moved to this folder until you clean it out. But if you deleted the e-mail you needed and you cleaned out your trash then you are in a little more trouble.

If you erased your PipelineMT mail and need it back, you might be able to contact the Information Technology Department and get them to reinstate a previous backup on your account – if they have a previous backup. Unless they backup frequently, you may be out of luck.

If you lost your mail on Hotmail or Yahoo then I would e-mail their system administrator (or some help group) and see if they can assist you.

If you check your e-mail through a mail program such as Outlook, you may have your e-mail saved on your hard drive. Check your mail through a Web browser to see if your mail is still there. But my best suggestion would be to watch what you delete. ♦

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# Engineering technology goes full speed ahead

By Petroula Makrinakis  
Staff Writer

Where can an eager student engage in the true meaning of teamwork, learn how to design and build complicated machines and participate in many projects that enhance a résumé?

All these can be experienced by an education in the engineering technologies and industrial studies department of MTSU.

According to the ETIS Web site, the department seeks to accomplish its goal of properly preparing its graduates by offering involvement in one or more nationally recognized professional organizations.

"You can get as much out of this department as you want; there are plenty of things to do," Ken Garrett, a junior electro-mechanical engineering technology major, says.

Saeed Foroudastan, an ETIS associate professor, has held many impressive job titles. He left them all to educate the next generation of engineers. He is the advisor for the student chapter of American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Foroudastan says getting involved in a professional organization is not so much about doing, as it is about becoming.

"My goal is for the students to shine," Foroudastan says. Shine they do.

ETIS majors recently made their department and the uni-

versity proud when they placed very high in two competitions – the 10th Annual Great Moonbuggy Race and Solar BikeRayce USA 2003.

"The big names [universities] did not know we existed, now they look at us as competitors," Foroudastan says.

The goal of the moonbuggy project was to build a replica of the moonbuggy that was used on the moon and, via the teamwork of two drivers, race through an obstacle course.

With the guidance of Foroudastan and the dedication of twelve students, the MTSU moonbuggy landed fourth place in the competition among other colleges in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The solar bike was another success for MTSU and the ETIS department.

"The scope of the project is to push the technology of solar and electric powered vehicles, the feasibility of using those and the commercial applications," Garrett says.

The bike, built for the 100-kilometer race, displayed both speed and endurance.

"This one is a little scary to drive because you are so low and go so fast," Garrett says of the solar bike.

Foroudastan says that although many challenges occurred throughout the competition, such as having to stay up the night before to make repairs on a damaged part, they still managed bring home the first place trophy.



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John Emmler works on the solar car built by a team of engineering technology students. In competition with other universities, the team took home the first place trophy.

"We have excellent students willing to do the work and excellent team leaders," Foroudastan says.

All their hard work and dedication is bringing even greater opportunities to the department.

Students have designed a Formula Society of Automotive Engineers race car. Upon establishment of a MTSU SAE chapter – which is nearly finalized – the designs for the race car will

become a reality.

Nine team leaders with a number of students under each team will build the race car, which looks similar to the Indianapolis 500. Once the car is built, it will be raced against others built by colleges and universities around the country.

The competition is expensive, with race cars costing up to \$25,000. However, because the

ETIS department represents MTSU nationally, the Student Government Association is partially funding the project.

In addition to their financial support, corporate and individual gifts are being solicited.

Foroudastan is very proud of the ETIS department and the students participating in all three of these very high-profile competitions.

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## Be proud, be blue



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Beej Ashbury shows his support for the team at Saturday's football game.

# Taste of faith in tailgating

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

Sweet relish meshed with smoking grills made up the tailgating scene before MTSU's collision with Temple University on Saturday.

"It's not normal ... this is what I live for. I'm here to be a Christian," Brian Campbell, tailgater and freshman in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences said.

Campbell, along with other fervent enthusiasts sat chilling on freshly-cut grass next to the Bell Street parking lot.

Up and coming Christian artists performed on an angled stage tucked in the corner of the lot. They served as the means to get a diverse crowd joined in a fellowship of rock worship.

The tailgating event, sponsored by LifeWay bookstore and WFFH 94.1 FM The Fish, provided free food and free concerts to the music-enthused MT fans.

"We don't want to knock everybody over the head," Suzanne Strickland, deejay for The Fish, said with a smile. "Whether they're a believer [or not], they're welcome."

"We want to get the people out here [and] celebrate the Lord, music, football and then autumn," she added.

Lined along the paved lot, families and fans of the performers and collegiate football got set up for the outdoor showcase.

Junior business major, Kara Crawford, said listening to Christian music is a chance to be an example for Christ-centered living.

"That's my inspiration," she said pointing to

her six-year-old daughter Melia.

Sounds from featured artists cut through the traffic of Bell Street, just a mere twenty feet away from the stage.

Suited in black attire, 16-year-old singer, Jessie Daniels, whose music has been compared to a cross between Alanis Morissette and Plumb, sounded off to the tailgating bunch with an electrifying performance.

Marine Cpl. Gary Watkins and Marine Sgt. David Lee met while on duty in the Persian Gulf. They now perform across the country as The Destination Band.

"We've got a direction," Watkins said of the duo's decision to perform for Christian audiences.

From teen appeal to military men to MTSU's own Christian rock band Echosflow this tailgating experience proved quite a change

from other pre-game events, as a message of faith drifted throughout the crowd.

"Actions speak louder than words ... people see us moving differently," freshman and fan of Echosflow Jeff Martin said.

Senior mass communications major and the band guitarist Luke Niedermeyer said the five member band came together due to divine intervention.

A crowd of local fans swayed to their music.

As the afternoon wore on, the grills burned out and stomachs were filled. Attendees basked in the last songs of the day.

"Great weather, good friendly people and the spirit of God in great music. What's not to like?" an MTSU supporter said. ♦

"We want to get the people out here [and] celebrate the Lord, music, football and then autumn,"

— Suzanne Strickland  
deejay

## Engineering: Leaving their legacy

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However, for Foroudastan, winning is not the main purpose of the competitions.

"It is a learning process," he says. "They learn teamwork; the true meaning of teamwork."

Nonetheless, students involved with the competitions are ecstatic with their success.

"You leave a legacy behind," Justin Raines, a senior electro-mechanical engineering technol-

ogy major says. "You get recognized and set an example."

More about the Formula SAE competition can be found at [www.sae.org](http://www.sae.org). Those interested in contributing to the project should contact Joe Bales, vice president of Development and University Relations at 898-5818. ♦



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# Lady Raiders prepare for in-state rival

## Kissee, netters looking for non-conference road win

By Jori Rice  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team prepares to play against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

"They'll be scrappy, they'll be great," coach Lisa Kissee said.

The Lady Raiders will take a break from Sun Belt Conference play, suffering losses to the University of North Texas, Western Kentucky University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.

MT has a total of 1,040 kills and 2,734 attacks compared to UTC's totals with 773 kills and 2,316 attacks with an average of 13.4 kills a game.

Although the Lady Raiders' percentages are higher than the Lady Mocs', MT sits



Deckard

with a record of 7-12. The Lady Raiders will try to rebuild by keeping their offensive senior KeKe Deckard at

the top. Deckard currently has 304 kills this season. Helping Deckard out for the season is teammate and senior Karisse Baker. Baker has a total of 217 kills and 2.97 per game.

UTC will be looking to run the game with outside hitter Kari Karouse.

Karouse is a three-time All-Southern Conference pick and also set a new Southern Conference record for service

aces in the match against Jacksonville State.

"She doesn't shy away from anything," UTC head coach Lisa Rhodes told www.utc.edu. "Everybody knows who Kari is, so she has to continue to work hard."

Karouse has a total of 194 kills with an average of 3.46 kills per game.

Right behind Karouse is another senior, Jody Steinberger, an outside hitter with a total of 125 kills and 2.50 per game. Steinberger has been getting extensive playing time at outside and right side hitter.

When Steinberger was a junior she was named SoCon player of the week.

Steinberger is known for being one of the hardest hitters on the team.

"Jody has the size and

strength to be one of the best in the SC league," Rhodes said to www.utc.edu. "She has a great knowledge of the game."

Most of the UTC offensive comes from the outside. "For several years, we have been outside-hitter dominated," Rhodes said.

The Lady Mocs' overall record is 7-9, with 5-3 at home and 1-3 away. They will also have a break from their conference with today's match.

Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Maclellan Gym. ♦

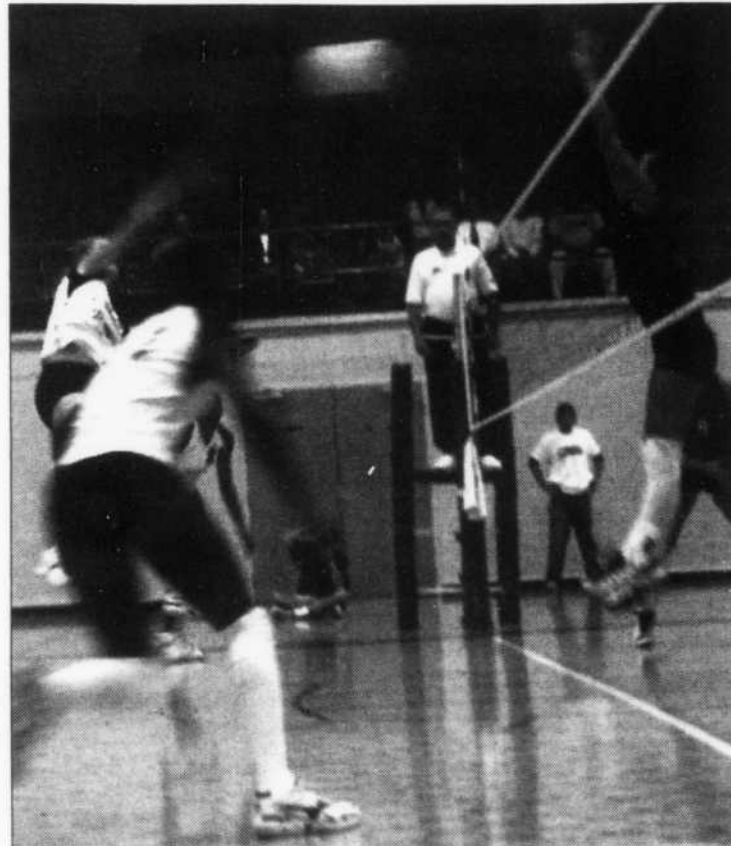


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The Lady Raiders work a play during a match against Western Illinois Sept. 19. MT will face off against UTC Friday in Chattanooga.

# MT kickers travel to Arkansas for SBC match

By Colby Sledge  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team returns to conference play this weekend with a two-game road trip through Arkansas that begins with the University of Arkansas-Little Rock on Friday.

The Blue Raiders then travel to Arkansas State University on Sunday.

After last Friday's 2-0 win over Florida International University, MT head coach Aston Rhoden was extremely pleased with his team's start to its Sun Belt Conference schedule.

"We had never beaten FIU," Rhoden said. "This is a new era in Middle Tennessee soccer. We shut them out and got the maximum out of our players for 90 minutes. The defenders and keeper played extremely well. All of the credit goes to this team. This is what conference play is all about."

The Blue Raiders (6-5, 1-0) then shut out Austin Peay State University 4-0 in a non-confer-

ence match Sunday to move over .500 for the first time since a 6-1 victory over Birmingham Southern College on Sept. 21.

Although MT defeated UALR 3-1 last year at home, Rhoden expects a much tougher challenge on the road this year.

"These conference games are all battles," Rhoden said. "We beat UALR last year, but I don't think we overpowered them by any means."

In last year's match, UALR picked up three yellow cards in the last 30 minutes. This year's contest could be equally as physical, as the Trojans have already compiled 154 fouls this season, tops in the SBC.

Additionally, the Blue Raiders may be without senior forward Jenny Cox, who may have to sit out the match after receiving a red card in Friday's match against FIU. Under NCAA rules, if a player receives a red card for misconduct, that player must sit out one game. However, if the player receives a red card for fighting, the suspension increases to two games. Cox was out of the lineup for the win over APSU.

At press time, the team was still trying to obtain the official report on Cox's offense.

UALR (4-8-1, 0-2) comes into Friday's match after losing 5-0 at No. 23 University of Denver and 3-1 at the University of North Texas last weekend. Denver and UNT finished as the top two teams last year in the SBC.

The Blue Raiders are led by junior Dee Breyhan, who has 13 goals this season and is tied for second in the SBC in goals. Rhoden insisted, however, that the Blue Raiders plan to do nothing differently defensively.

"We spend a lot more time focusing on what we need to do for ourselves," he said. "We don't control what this girl [Breyhan] does. She may come out and have a great game, she may come out and have an awful game, but we control the way we play. I think when we play



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Junior Laura Miguez runs the ball against Florida International on Oct. 3 at Blue Raider Field.



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Lindsey Bopp (22) prepares to pass the ball against Florida International while Kristy Caunter tries to steal the ball last Saturday. MT shutout FIU 2-0.

the way we should play, one player is not going to beat us."

The Blue Raiders face off against UALR at 4

p.m. Friday before heading to ASU on Sunday at 1 p.m. MT then returns home to take on Denver and UNT next weekend. ♦

## Taking Sides

### MT season disappointing

#### The Hard Truth

Jerry Wilkinson  
Asst. Sports Editor



Middle Tennessee's football season has been anything but enjoyable. So far this season, MT has managed to put up 1,797 yards of total offense and has failed to come up with a win.

The rushing attack has been healthy with an average of 162.2 yards per game, while the passing game has averaged 197.2. The Blue Raiders have punted the ball 29 times but have only turned the ball over three times. In five games, MT has tallied 370 yards in penalties.

Let's look on the bright side. MT has scored 21 of 23 times inside the red-zone. However, they have been out-scored by their opponents 171-119. With three close losses to Temple, Missouri and Florida Atlantic,

MT has been on the brink of a 3-2 season.

In their latest matchup with Temple, the longest drive Temple amassed was only 3:40. MT was running the show until late in the second quarter, when Temple went in at the half with 24-14 on the scoreboard.

You could say it was a little downhill from there. Hines went down in the first quarter with an injury, which gave red-shirt freshman Clint Marks a chance to pull the Blue Raiders out. Marks would finish the game 10 of 14 for 150 yards and two touchdowns.

There were some decisions that could have been different in this game. With less than eight minutes to go in the fourth quarter, MT was down 41-28, and the Blue Raiders tried an onside kick.

First, I would like to say that I am not a coach. There are many intricacies that come with being a coach. One thing that we shouldn't question is play calling.

Second, I think that an

onside kick attempt with a team that was losing momentum may have been a bit irrational. If MT would have placed them deep into their own territory rather than Temple returning the onside to the MT 28-yard line, allowing them to score three more points, the outcome may have been different.

With that said, what is the deal with the no-huddle offense? This decision has placed the MT offense in critical positions rather than put the opposing defenses in critical situations.

The play calling from the offense coaches has been questionable in the past few games. In the first game against Florida Atlantic, MT decided to try their hand at a little trickery with a fake punt, or so it seemed, and with a redshirt freshman punter, no less.

Call it what you will, but this type of game play will not work against Idaho, North Texas and some of the other SBC teams that will face MT in the weeks to come. ♦

### Raiders still competitive

#### A Sports Almanac

David Hunter  
Staff Columnist



Don't count out the Blue Raider football team yet. The real season begins this Saturday when the Blue Raiders open the conference portion of their schedule.

The Blue Raiders are 0-5 for the second consecutive year. However, MT easily could have had one, two or three wins if not for some bad breaks.

Of course, the last-second touchdown pass against Florida Atlantic, the extra point hitting the goalpost at Missouri in overtime, and the near comeback last week against Temple were not the team's highlights of the season.

Now is the time to see what the Blue Raiders are made of with their game at home against New Mexico State University.

"It is a clean slate for us right now. We are 0-0 and still have all our goals in front of us," MT head coach Andy McCollum said.

"We have to turn the page and forget about the first five games, which is not easy, but I am sure these guys will just do just that."

"This is very tough league from top to bottom, and nothing will be easy. We have to execute, play good defense and make things happen," McCollum said.

This year's 0-5 team is much improved from last year's 0-5 team.

MT almost beat a Top 25 team, Missouri, but lost in overtime. Last year, due to injuries to quarterbacks Andrico Hines and Josh Harris, the Blue Raiders had to start ReShard Lee under center at NMSU.

The final seven games of the season are all within the conference. These will decide who will be going to the New Orleans Bowl. The Sun Belt Conference talent has greatly improved

since the league was formed in 2001. Only one team from the SBC will get to go to a bowl.

North Texas was in the same situation in 2001 - 0-5 and about to host the Blue Raiders - while the Blue Raiders were 5-0. The Mean Green pulled off the 24-21 upset and took home the first ever SBC title, even though they completed the season 5-6 and lost in the New Orleans Bowl to Colorado State.

This week, it is make or break time for the Blue Raiders. Personally, I think the Blue Raiders have learned from all the close losses and will get a much-needed victory.

Last week, the Aggies blew a 24-point lead to Idaho and lost 35-31. In 2001, the last time NMSU visited here, they blew a 24-point lead in the final quarter to lose 39-35.

This weekend is key if they can repeat history, or this chapter on the season will be closed. ♦



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# LaDuke shines after freshman season as Raider

By Brad Jameson  
Staff Writer

Junior soccer forward Danielle LaDuke started her career at Middle Tennessee on a very promising note.

LaDuke scored 13 goals her freshman season, tying the MT single-season record and ranking No. 11 nationally in goals per game.

"I took it as a surprise," LaDuke said. "I didn't expect to even really play."

She was also named the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year. LaDuke took this news as an even bigger surprise.

"I had no idea I was even up for it," LaDuke said. "It was a very big honor."

LaDuke also accomplished a feat when she scored three goals in each of three consecutive games against Lipscomb, Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State.

However, LaDuke doesn't take too much pride in her performance.

"They weren't very good teams at the time," LaDuke said. "It was good, don't get me wrong, but Arkansas-Little Rock and Arkansas State are a lot better now."

It was the first time a Blue Raider had scored three goals in a game since Makini Wall did it against the University of Tennessee-Martin in 1998.

In her hometown of Liverpool N.Y., LaDuke began her career as a soccer player at the age of four, when her mother got her started as a way to keep her active.

LaDuke played soccer for Liverpool High School where she was a three-time All-County and two-time All-Conference selection. Her senior year she made the All-Central New York and All-State teams, racking up 27 goals and 23 assists for her high school.

LaDuke had a long way to go to get from middle New York to Middle Tennessee.

"The coach recruited me, and when I came down here, I really liked it," LaDuke said.

Since her freshman year, LaDuke's

production has fizzled. She scored five goals last season, a drop of eight from her freshman 13.

Perhaps the biggest surprise is LaDuke's offensive drought this year, which she considers a psychological problem she has inflicted on herself.

"I haven't even scored a goal yet," LaDuke said. "When I go out to play, I try to force myself to score. I put a lot of pressure on myself."

LaDuke believes her declining production can be attributed to the fact that she is more in the spotlight now than she was her freshman year.

"I think I'm on a different level [than my freshman year]," LaDuke said. "It's hard because everyone's fresh about me now, and when you're a freshman, no one knows you."

LaDuke's performance as a freshman didn't exactly help to keep her out of the spotlight.

Also hindering her performance is a string of small injuries that began her very first game as a Blue Raider and haven't stopped since.

However, LaDuke said none of these injuries were serious and they weren't bothering her anymore.

Over her three years at MT, LaDuke immediately thinks of one moment as her favorite.

"I would say when we played South Alabama my freshman year," LaDuke said.

In that game, LaDuke scored the game-winner in overtime on a break-away, giving LaDuke her 13th and final goal for the season and the team its 10th win.

LaDuke entered this season second on the MT career list for goals (18) and points (42) and was tied for seventh in assists (6).

She believes MT has a nice chance of making the second half of the season a positive one. ♦



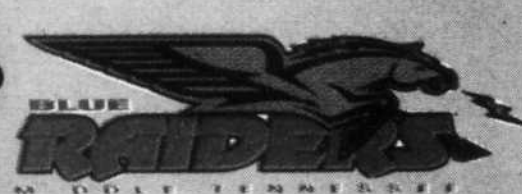
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Danielle LaDuke (3) fights for the ball against Florida International's Valarie Patrick last Saturday.



## Sports Briefs

News from around Middle Tennessee



Compiled by Amy Jones-Foster  
Sports Editor

### Autograph session to benefit Special Kids, Inc.

Belle Air Baptist Church will host a Celebrity Autograph Session and Memorabilia Auction Oct. 21 at 4:30 p.m. to benefit Special Kids, Inc.

Guests include NASCAR standouts Sterling Marlin and Chad Chaffin.

Others in attendance will be members of the Tennessee Titans, who have not yet been announced. Live entertainment will be provided by Forerunner, Tim McGraw's opening band.

Ticket prices are \$25 for one autographed item or \$100 for a picture and one autographed item.

All money goes to Special Kids, Inc., which is a member of the United Way.

For more information call Special Kids, Inc. at 890-1003.

### Baseball sets date for annual fish fry for Oct. 14

MT head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced the annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fund-raiser will take place Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the Livestock Center on the MTSU campus and will feature catfish and Cajun gumbo for adults and

hot dogs for kids. The Jack Daniels Bluegrass Band and Big Hoss Cartwright will be on hand for the evening's entertainment.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under six are admitted free of charge.

Tickets are available at the MT Ticket Office and Vick's Outdoor Power in Murfreesboro, as well as Crosslin Supply in Smyrna. Patrons wishing to pay by mail can make checks payable to MT Baseball Fish Fry and can send payments to Steve Peterson, MTSU Box 90, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 37132.

For more information, call 898-2984 or 898-2450. Proceeds from the Grand Slam Fish Fry benefit the Blue Raider baseball program.

### Basketball season tickets on sale at ticket office

Basketball season is just around the corner, and 2002-03 season ticket holders need to be checking their mail. On Sept. 12, the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office sent out the 2003-04 renewal forms and asked that everyone renew as soon as possible. The deadline to return the forms to the ticket office is Oct. 15.

If you are a season ticket holder and have not received your form, please call the ticket office today. The number is 898-2103 or 1-888-Yes-MTSU.

The season gets underway Nov. 4 with the men's team taking on Global Sports, while the women get things started on Nov. 11 versus Georgia College and State University.

### Hughes, Alsobrook lead cross country at Louisville

Freshman David Hughes led the Blue Raiders and fellow teammate Kim Alsobrook was the top Lady Raiders for the third time this season as MT competed in the Cardinal XC Classic Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

Alsobrook was the top Lady Raider at the third time in as many races this season in the women's 5K race at the University of Louisville's Shelby Campus, finishing No. 87 in 22:21.49.

Redshirt freshman Lauren Milbourn followed in 22:41.07 (92), while sophomore Kishara George was next with a time of 23:22.64 (98).

Fran Haas finished in 24:21.15 (107) in her first race of the season, and Kerry Barrow with 32:34.56 (115) was the final Lady Raider harrier.

Hughes was the top Blue Raider in the men's 8K race, as senior Geoffrey Lagat did not run because of a troublesome toe. Hughes finished No. 48 in 27:25.33. Zack Wood placed No. 79 with a time of 28:28.99, while Tony Carufe was No. 90 with a time of 29:31.79 and Carlos Gonzales came in No. 98 with a time of 31:04.38. Tim Hicks was the final Blue Raider as No. 106 with a time of 33:15.85.

Both squads will run at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Invitational in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Oct. 18 before the Hardee's Sun Belt Championships in Bowling Green, Ky., Nov. 1. ♦



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