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Two referendums approved by SGA

Attendance,
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By Amy Calloway
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association Senate voted last week to include two key questions on the 2001 homecoming ballot.

The first could determine the fate of MTSU's controversial plus/minus grading scale. Students will be able to vote on whether they think MTSU should "eliminate the plus and minus grading scale," as stated in the first referendum, which

passed in the Senate with a vote of 16-to-1.

Currently, MTSU professors choose which grading scale they prefer, which causes confusion to some students, according to Sen. Jason Searles, the sponsor of the referendum.

If passed by the students, the referendum will be submitted to MTSU officials for their rejection or approval. The referendum does not apply to the graduate program, which currently uses the plus and minus grading scale.

The second referendum, also sponsored by Searles, would not allow professors to change a student's grade based on attendance.

The referendum was passed 18-to-1 and, if passed by students, will be subject to approval by administrators.

After much debate, a third referendum, which proposed changing the required English credit hours from 12 to six, was defeated by a vote of 15-to-5.

Searles and those in favor of the referendum see the extra six

credit hours as a waste of time and said those hours could be better utilized if students could use them to take classes in their major.

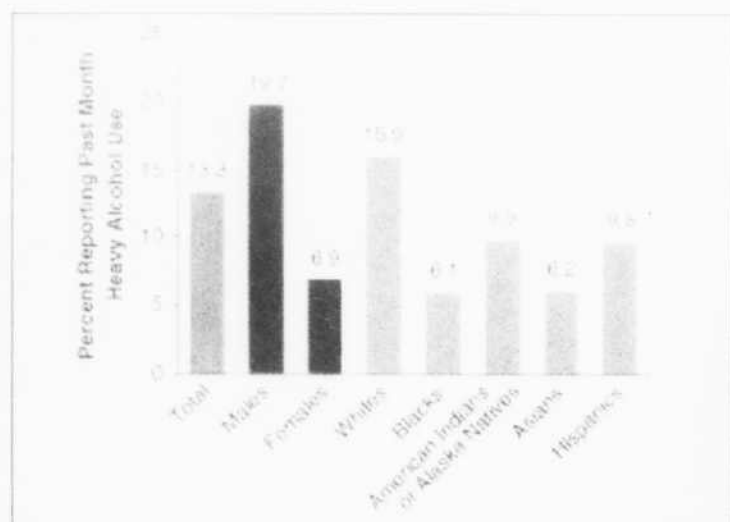
Other senators feel the 12 hours of English credit are vital to their college curriculum.

"The first and second six hours of English are different courses; the first two classes being writing courses and the second two classes being literature courses. If passed, we lose our base in literature," said Sen. Ginny Boyett, an opponent of

the referendum.

The two referendums that passed will be added to the 2001 homecoming ballot, available on WebMT between Oct. 22 and 24 through MTSU's Web site at www.mtsu.edu. There students can vote for the homecoming court and for or against the two referendums.

The next Senate meeting will be held Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 322. ♦



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The 1999 National Household Survey on Drug Abuse found the typical heavy drinker was a young, white male. The results of the survey are posted at www.samhsa.gov.

Week will focus on alcohol abuse

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

With ever-present temptation and the dangers of alcohol constantly confronting most college students, this week has been dubbed National Alcohol Awareness Week.

MTSU will be participating in the nationwide event with an itinerary of activities, planned through Wednesday because of Fall Break.

"It's an awareness-building and education-increasing event," said Thomas Roddy, a graduate assistant in the office of Student Development and Alcohol Awareness Committee member.

A wrecked car, now a campus tradition, was donated by a local wrecker service and will be on display on the lawn outside the Keathley University Center all week, surrounded by an array of tombstones painted with drunken driving statistics.

Phi Beta Sigma is sponsoring a root beer keg party today from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. on the Knoll. Also present will be members of the police department, who will be using "drunk goggles" to demonstrate to students how consuming too much alcohol will distort perception.

Most of the fun tomorrow

will be centered at the Recreation Center, where "mocktails," mixed drinks that look alcoholic but aren't, will be given out from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and where Mothers Against Drunk Driving will be setting up a display.

Wednesday is "dead day," set aside for mourning those who have died due to some form of alcohol abuse. Faculty and staff members are being asked to participate by wearing black clothing and nametags with slogans printed on them.

Alcohol quizzes will be passed out to some University 1010 classes throughout the week. Participants will be eligible to win door prizes.

The AAC, in an attempt to get everyone on campus involved, has worked to make the events fun for students as well as educational.

"Alcohol is more dangerous than people realize," said John Dickerson, assistant dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services.

Dickerson said he hopes this week will make students aware of the consequences of alcohol abuse, which can range from poor grades to unwanted sexual contact, and how they can change your life forever.

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Panelists enunciate religious issues, differences at forum



Photo by Jennifer Cornett | Staff

(From left) Vice President for Student Affairs and panelist mediator Robert Glenn, MTSU art professor Lon Nuell, the Rev. Timothy Jones and Imam Yusuf Abdullah discuss the differences between Islam, Christianity and Judaism at a panel discussion Thursday night in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

One month after the terrorist attacks in America, people are still searching for answers, especially regarding faith.

To help the campus community begin to understand religious differences among Christians, Muslims and Jews, a special forum was presented Thursday night titled "Living with our Religious Differences." It was the first in a series of forums that will explore topics related to the terrorist attacks and the subsequent war on terrorism.

The forum featured representatives from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths.

The panel included Lon Nuell, professor of art at MTSU and member of the Tennessee Commission of Holocaust Education, who presented his view of the Jewish faith. Representing the Christian faith

was the Rev. Timothy Jones, the Episcopal chaplain for MTSU and author of several books, including *Art of Prayer* and *Awake My Soul*. An Islamic cleric from the Nashville Mosque, Imam Yusuf Abdullah, represented the Islamic faith.

Each member of the panel was given 15 minutes to briefly touch upon the guiding principles and history of their religions.

The first speaker was Nuell, who focused on the concept of the Jewish belief of one God. Nuell listed the guiding principles of Judaism as the Ten Commandments and the actions of one person in the eyes of God as not being more or less than any other man.

"Judaism is very simple in the sense because we believe in God and we try our best to follow the Ten Commandments," Nuell said. "Yet at the same time, it's incredibly abstract because you can't see God, we can't see God. We have no sense what God is really like. ... The

challenge is the challenge of faith."

Jones was next on the panel to speak.

"Christianity can mean a majestic gothic cathedral in France or a white-washed, one-room church building in Appalachia," he said.

Jones also listed the positives and negatives of the Christian religion, including the idea that the more than 150 denominations in the United States could be seen as both diversity of a great religion or stubborn separatism.

The belief in Jesus as the son of God, the Trinity, and the Gospel were some beliefs that Jones listed as the base of Christianity.

Abdullah's presentation focused on the history of the Islamic religion and a brief biography of the prophet Mohammed. Abdullah outlined the five pillars of Islam: bearing witness to the unity of God and Mohammed and worshipping

no one else, praying five times a day, giving alms, fasting during the month of Ramadan and making the pilgrimage to the house of Mecca.

Abdullah stressed that Muslims in the United States are not in support of Osama bin Laden and Islam was not the problem. He also gave his appreciation for everything the residents of Nashville have done during this time.

"For every two bad calls we received, there were 100 good ones. Women have called the mosque and asked if the Muslim women needed any help going to the grocery store. I am amazed by the outpouring of support in Nashville. Twenty five years ago when I became a Muslim, I would never have expected this," Abdullah said after the presentation.

Robert Glenn, mediator of the forum and vice president for Student Affairs, said the pro-

See Faith, 2

Health fair to provide free screenings

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Members of the MTSU community will have the opportunity tomorrow to learn about wellness and undergo screenings at a health fair sponsored by the School of Nursing.

Judy Campbell, associate

professor of nursing, said this year will mark the second year of the campus health fair.

"It's the beginning of a tradition," she said.

Campbell said more than 20 exhibits will be set up to provide information and health screenings. All of the exhibitors will be members of the MTSU com-

munity, including representatives from Project HELP, the Dyslexia Center, the human sciences department, speech department and the health, physical education, recreation and safety department.

"The focus is to have a health fair to share education, fitness, health and wellness informa-

tion put on by the departments within the MTSU community," Campbell said. "It's unique in that we don't have representatives from outside (the university) participating."

One of the exhibits will give students an opportunity to measure their

body composition and to

learn their Body Mass Index.

Lisa Sheehan-Smith, an instructor in the human sciences department, explained that the body composition analysis will be conducted using an instrument called the Futrex-5000. She said it works using near-infrared interactants and is therefore non-invasive

and causes no pain.

"Basically, it emits a beam of light into fat tissue, which reflects off the bone to measure subcutaneous fat," she said.

Janet Colson, an associate professor from the human sciences department, said she

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Experience the Asian culture

Smyrna's Buddhist temple depicts an old religion uncommon in the Bible Belt

By Leslie Fike
Features Co-Editor

Three miles northwest of Murfreesboro on Old Nashville Highway, a four-sided, red-brick wall protects the peaceful grounds of a Buddhist temple, officially named Wat Buddharam. Hidden among the pine trees that surround three sides of the wall, this religious forum gets passed easily by travelers who drive too quickly down the rural road.

Those who casually cruise at the road's 40 mph speed limit, while glancing occasionally out the window, may see the elaborate Loatian-style sign that stands at the entrance of the Wat Buddharam, outside the black iron gate that is always open. They are welcome to stop and visit the quiet grounds, which consist of the temple, a worship hall and the residential house.

Constructed in the 1980s, the temple is used for ceremonies in which men become monks, explains Vichith Cinnavongsa, one of the four monks who's lived at the Wat Buddharam since 1982. Cinnavongsa and the other monks are natives of Laos and were asked by fellow Laotians living in Rutherford County to come here to establish a temple for the Buddhist community.

"There are thousands in the Buddhist community," says Nick Phavorachith, a member of Wat Buddharam. Phavorachith became a monk for two and a half weeks to pay tribute to his dead father and continues to live in the house, even though he is no longer a monk. Because the monks speak Laos, Tai and very little English, Phavorachith now resides as their translator.

He explains that the temple is called "The House of the Beginning and the End" because it's where induction ceremonies — men becoming monks — and funerals are held.

When a man decides to become a monk, he must separate himself from worldly bonds, such as material belongings, by discarding his everyday shirts and pants for the traditional robes.

"The robes must be tied a certain way in order to prevent them from falling off," says Innisong Amorasin, a member of the temple.

These are the only garments a monk can wear besides his sandals.

Visitors are not allowed to participate in the induction cer-

emony, but they can take part in other rituals, such as the burying of the sacred balls. Painted black and covered in thin square pieces painted gold, eight of the nine stone balls are buried around the temple while the largest one is put inside the temple.

"Without these balls, Buddhists do not consider the temple sacred," Amorasin says.

In order to bury the balls, they must be completely covered by the gold pieces. Each piece represents a wish or a prayer in remembrance of a family member or friend who has died, Amorasin explains. Monks, other Buddhists and visitors can have a gold square placed on one of the balls. Until a ball is finished, it remains on a small table that stands beside the offering altar in the worship hall.

Unlike the temple, which is still under construction and locked at various times, the worship hall is in the middle building, which is finished and stays unlocked and open to the public. The monks and other Buddhists continually decorate the hall with Buddhist artifacts and items that represent the ways of Buddha and his teachings.

Entering the hall, all persons must take off their shoes. The



Photo by Leslie Fike | Staff

Fifteen hand-painted pictures are sewn together to form a replica of the original mural that tells the story of the first monk. Each picture is painted with vibrant colors and strands of beads line bottom of the entire mural.

together, the mural tells the legend of the first monk. Believed to be the prince of his village, the monk gives up his family, property and title and goes into the forest to seek advice and meditate with religious wise-men. Once he fully understands the nature of life and becomes one with nature, or in Buddhist terms, reaches enlightenment, he is tested. If he can resist the desire to have material things and overcome his fears, he becomes a monk.

The mural hanging in the worship hall is a replica, Amorasin says, and includes only remnants of the actual

find an artist willing and able to paint the pictures.

"A complete drawing of the mural is in one of those books," Phavorachith says, pointing to a set of more than 30 books that are encased in a red, metal antique cabinet lined in gold.

It is this drawing that painters use to copy the legendary work, or parts of it, when they agree to perform the task. The book containing the drawing is one of the many one-and-a-half inch thick, black hardback texts in the cabinet that make up the Buddha "Bible," which contains the tales of the first monks, including

near Nepal in 566 B.C., was the first monk, according to the Web site www.ship.edu/~cgboeree/buddhaintro.html. Gautama came to understand the nature of life by meditation, observation and experience. At the age of 29, he gave up everything and wandered around Northeastern India for six years to find a more calm and fearless life devoted to doing good and loving all things in nature. One night in May during a full moon, he reached enlightenment, the highest point of spiritual awareness in Buddhism. For the next 45 years, Gautama traveled India, preaching about his new way of life and teaching others how to achieve the same enlightenment. His followers gave him the name Buddha.

Gautama died in 486 B.C. at the age of 80. However, Buddhists do not believe he died; they believe in reincarnation. In Buddhism, all souls are reborn several times until finally reaching nirvana (heaven).

Amorasin says that when a person dies, family members and friends place items on a memorial bed as gifts for the person to take into his or her next life.

"We believe the only thing a person takes into their next life is the clothing they died in," Amorasin adds. "We give them things that we think they can use in their next life."

Wat Buddharam's former head monk of almost 20 years, Thongkhoun Chantharavong, died a year ago, Cinnavongsa says, but the monks and members of the temple still place items on his memorial bed.

The bed stands in the far right corner of the stage in the worship hall. Baskets, mats, blankets and flowers lay on the mattress and beside the bed on the floor. On the left side of the

stage, two portraits of Chantharavong hang on the wall. A picture of Buddha hangs in between the photos.

There are also various statues of Buddha placed on the offering altar, which is next to the stage.

Three primary statues are placed higher than the others at the back of the altar. The statue of Buddha himself is the largest and highest, placed in between two smaller statues that represent the lesser gods. As a part of Buddhism, Buddha is placed so that his feet are above or at eye level with people, so as not to soil the image. The level at which the statue is placed also represents the religion's belief that all Buddhists must avoid feeling pride and having an ego. Followers of Buddha believe he stays in constant meditation and perfect thought, so the statue's hands are placed together on his lap.

"During ceremonies, the monks and other Buddhists pray to Buddha for guidance and to watch over their loved ones and to give thanks," Phavorachith says.

He says there are many ceremonies that Buddhists perform.

"It depends on the occasion — holidays, funerals, a normal worship service."

The normal worship service is only held once a month and is led by the temple's new leader Bounmy Yanaviro. Visitors are welcome to attend the ceremony and, if they choose, to participate in certain parts, such as the sacred black balls. Observers get a chance to experience a unique religion and learn a bit of history.

To inquire about the time and date of the next worship service, call 890-5570. ♦

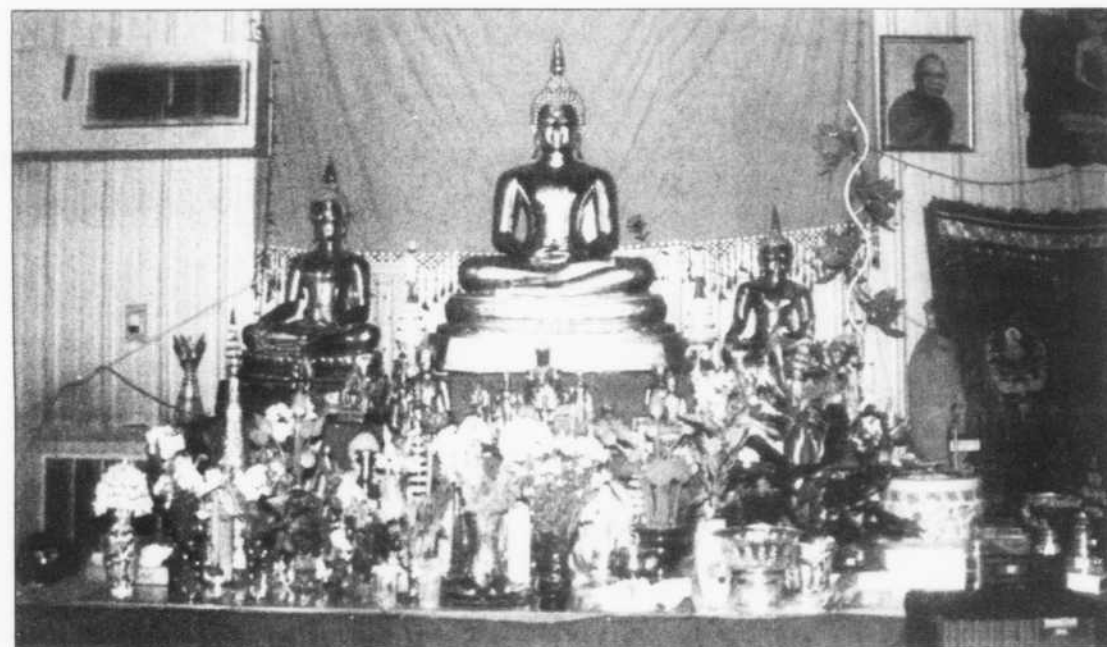


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Buddha (the center statue) sits with his legs crossed and hands together to symbolize a state of perfect thought and tranquility. The statue is put in a prominent place above eye level as a representation to avoid pride and uncleanness.

dirt on shoes symbolizes the "uncleaned," and nothing unclean may step foot into any part of a worship building. Inside, the leather hand-painted mural that hangs at the top of three of the walls is the first piece of beauty the eye beholds. Comprised of 15 pictures sewn

mural. The original mural was made in India, but the current location of it is unknown. Additional replicas of the mural are in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia. Not every Buddhist temple has a mural, though. According to Phavorachith, each temple's members must

Buddha and his teachings. A complete version of the mural's story is among the written tales and is available to read for those interested in learning about the history of Buddhism.

The religion itself comes from India, and a man named Siddhartha Gautama, who lived

Alcohol:

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The AAC will use this week to remind students of MTSU's policy on alcohol, which prohibits any alcohol on university grounds at all times. Fliers reinforcing this policy will be posted around campus. ♦

Health: Professor to analyze results of body composition tests, arrange in subgroups

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hopes to arrange the results from the body composition analysis, as well as the Body Mass Index, into subgroups to see which sectors of the MTSU population have the healthiest readings.

Some of the subgroups she is considering will compare the readings between student classes, between athletes of differing sports and between Greeks and non-Greeks.

Colson said nutrition information also will be available to help college students learn to choose healthier foods.

In addition to the exhibitions, Campbell said there will be a fitness walk in which participants will be encouraged to walk a one-mile trail around campus.

"It's going to be a festive time as well as a time for health promotion and wellness education," she said.

A committee of nursing students was in charge of planning the health fair.

Kelly Dobias, who served on the committee, said nursing students had an opportunity to sign up for the committee, which was eventually composed of 11 people.

"We were in charge of everything," she said. "We did the music, food, publicity, vendors, everything."

Dobias said she personally concentrated on publicizing the fair. She created flyers that were posted around the campus and also developed advertisements.

"It's been a lot of work," she said. "We probably could have used more than 11 people. But it's going to be good."

The health fair is scheduled to be outside the Keathley University Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Campbell said in the event of inclement weather, the fair will continue but will be moved inside the KUC. ♦

These writers ain't square



Photos by Amy Jones | Staff

(Above) The Tom T. Hall Writers in the Round Symposium Thursday featured (from left) Vince Staten, William Carter, Will Campbell and Leslie Satcher (right). Each writer brought his or her own experiences to the symposium and shared anecdotes from their lives.

(Right) Leslie Satcher, who penned Martina McBride's recent hit "When God-Fearin' Women Get the Blues," performs one of her many songs during the symposium.

Faith: Next forum to focus on mind of fundamentalist terrorists

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gram was off to a good start.

"If we are going to war, there are going to be freedom of expression issues and religious freedom issues. The only way to

prevent them is to think about these things in advance," he said.

Co-sponsored by MTSU's Division of Student Affairs and the Campus Ministries, the forum was held in the

Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The next program in the series will focus on three main topics: the differences between religions, the mind of the terrorists in regard to religious

fundamentalism and the constitutional issues that may arise during the course of the war. The forum will be tomorrow in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace Building at 8 p.m. ♦

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Editorial

Attendance referendum cries out for a vote of 'No'

The fate of the plus/minus grading system and attendance policies could be in your hands.

Students can vote next Monday through Wednesday on whether we want to keep the plus/minus system and if absences should affect our grades.

While we all have different opinions about the plus/minus system, we think that whatever they decide to do, it should be consistent throughout the entire university.

There are clear advantages and disadvantages to the system. To some, it is a motivational tool to bring your grade up a couple more points. Who wouldn't prefer a B plus to a B? Others believe that it just gives professors an easy out when trying to decide what grade to give a student who's borderline A or B. Now they'll just get a B plus. In some colleges, pluses and minuses hinder candidacy programs. In addition, students who get all A's feel a little left out, with no chance of cashing in on a plus.

But whatever the university ultimately decides to do with the system, we hope they make it a universitywide policy that every professor must follow.

Get rid of attendance policies.

Grades should be based on performance, not attendance. If some students can get A's without ever going to class, then give them an A.

We realize that college should help prepare us for the working world. And for those of you who've never been there yet, trust us, they don't like it when you oversleep or decide not to come to work one day. However, we are paying for this education. Shouldn't we be the ones to decide how much we want to get out of it?

Some classes have such ridiculous attendance policies, that if you miss more than two classes, you fail. It's inevitable that some students will need to miss more than that due just to illnesses and unforeseen circumstances. Not to mention we all have those days when we just can't pull ourselves out of bed. Plus, who can't manage to get better than an F after missing only two classes?

College students should be responsible enough to know how often they can miss class and still succeed. For those who don't, let them fail on their own terms. ♦

Bombing is just the beginning

The Right World View

Matthew C. Martin
Staff Columnist



To the chagrin of many of the anti-war pundits, our bombing of Afghanistan is not a last step measure, but merely an opening one, which will also keep Americans focused on the gruesome job at hand.

Allow me to explicate that statement to the ill-informed or those who wish to have "peace at any

price."

The reason for the bombing is not solely punitive. The bombing, much like the first move of a pawn in a chess match, will simply open the door to what I believe is the "real" operation in Afghanistan: the use of special operations to target specific members of the Taliban and selected nefarious members of terror-based groups.

The operations to terminate select leaders will not produce many (if any) civilian deaths, which the bombings sadly will. With the bombings, we are front-loading the deaths to innocent people in

Taliban-controlled Afghanistan (i.e. paying the price early).

As terrible as that idea must sound, it is entirely necessary. It is necessary because without control of the skies over Afghanistan, the less intrusive and less deadly (to innocent Afghans) special operations could not take place.

The immediate bombings also serve purpose beyond that of an exclusively military nature — appeasement of the masses in the United States. With our fast food and football culture, we want action and we want it quickly.

If the national security leaders of this nation left

the people and their media to their own devices (without instant action), how would it take for National Enquirer-esque news to replace the hard news of the war on terrorism?

How, you may ask, do I know this? President Bush's chiefs and advisers know their history. They know, being the brilliant men that they are, that sustained bombing of any people do not decrease, but rather increase, the morale of the bombed, thus leading to more support for the Taliban.

Also, they know continuing lead to more opportunities

for anti-American propaganda (dead civilians or downed U.S. pilots to parade through the streets of Kabul).

So, it can be surmised that President Bush and his advisers are just as against a protracted bombing campaign as anyone in the "peace" movement is, with a constant degree of activity thrown in for the mass population and their MTV generation attention spans. But they are not willing to capitulate to the "peace" movements in this country and abroad and risk losing their opening move in this attenuated and sustained chess match on terrorism. ♦

Why I joined the anti-decision movement

Banging on My Drum

Cody DeVos
Staff Columnist



It's a neat game: Osama bin Laden pops up from various hiding places, and you aim by pointing the cursor at him and click to shoot. Sometimes his face explodes, sometimes his body is vaporized in a splash of blood and his aging head falls to the ground.

I received "Assignment: Kill bin Laden" via e-mail, along with "Bomb bin Laden" and "Send bin Laden through a Wood Chipper." It's a very weak form of catharsis, but hearing him deliver a cartoonish yelp just before being pureed delivers a strange brew of satisfac-

tion and self-loathing.

Bin Laden is one of our time's greatest monsters, a murderous zealot bent on slaughtering helpless civilians and destroying our very way of life. He's also a grandfather.

If war were as simple as pointing our nation's cursor at a picture of the enemy and clicking, I would heartily endorse it. The deaths of pixels don't bother me much. But, with the bullets and blood actually falling in Afghanistan, I can't bring myself to stand firmly for or against it.

Sure, I read *Johnny Got His Gun* and *Catch 22*, and I delivered some really eloquent anti-war rhetoric during high school, but this is different.

We leftists are not at liberty to grow nostalgic for the Vietnam era; this time, the enemy has attacked the mainland, and only tunnel-visioned simpletons like Shirley MacLaine are

saying, "Melt their weapons, melt their hearts, melt their anger with love."

Love isn't going to cut it this time. Neither will all the prophylactics, LSD and marijuana we can send to the Hippie Front Line.

On Sept. 12, I casually remarked, "We're not stupid enough to carpet-bomb Afghanistan to find bin Laden and his henchmen."

The Bush administration is in the process of proving me wrong, and I'm still trying to decide whether to pick up my picket or join the Marine Corps.

The notion that the Left should be against ALL war, ALL the time has developed only in the latter half of the 20th Century. Woody Guthrie, arguably the greatest populist folk singer of all time, supported World War II, a war we entered under FDR, the most liberal President we've seen. Johnson (who

brought us Vietnam) receives honorable mention. Even the universally revered Kennedy had his finger on the nuclear trigger during the Cold War.

It's not about Communist containment this time, and it's not about oil. It's about justice and securing our nation's right to breathe freely. The only reasonable way we can get to bin Laden is by plowing through the Taliban.

Then why can't I get jazzed about our new shoot-first-and-drop-food-later policy? Maybe it's because, regardless of what my position on any given issue is, I can't shed the whole anti-death thing.

War still means killing innocent people, even if they happen to be Taliban troops. The camera doesn't pan away just before the Afghani family is covered in bricks and shrapnel, and the mangled bodies

shipped home will be met with just as many tears as did those who died during the terrorist attacks.

In *Apocalypse Now*, Matthew Modine wore two pins: one said "Born to Kill" and the other was a peace sign. Both sentiments are in all of us, and it's too soon to align myself blindly with one or the other.

For this reason, I have decided to withhold political rhetoric, flag-waving or peace sign-flashing for the time being.

I have, however, begun to entertain a certain moral notion: anyone who staunchly supports the presence of our troops in the Middle East should be able to shoot an Afghani soldier point-blank with his children present, and anyone who firmly opposes it should be able to look Osama bin Laden in the eyes and tell him they forgive him. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Need for 'Opinions' section as strong as ever

To the Editor:

OK, hold on just a minute, Patrick. In response to your oh so spirit-crushing article, "Ringing the death knell for student opinions," I am one of many who do read the opinions section. I'd like to know who you polled to get your results because, as I see it, in most publications across the nation, many people read the opinions section more than regular columns because, if nothing else, it challenges their thought. Isn't that what your goal is supposed to be in publishing an opinions section? I mean, besides giving a forum to freely express oneself, which is a true tribute to a fundamental American right, the opinions section represents the foundation of America and the press in general, and, to me, is the heart and life of basic news because the columns are, supposedly, untainted by editors (at least I would like to believe that). Thus, they are a true testament to free thought.

Now, I agree that some topics are driven to the point of pure aggravation by some columnists. Just last night I was talking with a fellow student about the upcoming TSSAA and the tragedy of events it will inevitably bring to parking and such. You can bet your degree that the papers will be flooded with negative opinions about this event, as well they should be. But the point is students need an outlet. We need our opinions expressed. You are our voice. If topics keep arising it's because the issues haven't been resolved. Remember also that new students arrive every semester who are unaware of these problems, and *Sidelines* may be the only source of information to them.

A final note, if you or are getting tired of printing the same old thing ... then don't print it! It's your right as an editor and your job to NOT run a story if you think it unnecessary, even if it is the opinions section. Obviously everyone's opinion cannot be expressed in such a small forum. We know that. And hey, if you truly represent us, then your opinion that a topic is tired should strongly reflect that ours may be the same. But who am I but a lowly "Joe MTSU Average?"

Keith Vaughn

Hayden and White forget things

To the Editor:

It would appear that Abbie Hayden and Angela White seem to leave out particular things to accommodate their own bias. While I agree with a majority of their views about the Afghanistan people not having control over their plight, I disagree with their bashing on the way things are presently being handled by the Bush administration. Hayden writes, "many Americans signed petitions calling on Bush to condemn the Taliban before Sept. 11 ... [but] Bush chose to ignore this." I have to admit that the Taliban have been in power a lot longer than Bush has been in the White House. Why didn't Clinton do it? Certainly if "thousands of innocent people's deaths" fall on anyone, it must be President Clinton.

Secondly, White writes, "[If] the United States truly wants to help the Afghans, it would work to find another way to stop the Taliban

and bin Laden. Yes, it would take more time, but arguments that immediate action was needed to avoid further harm to American state are foolish. Are we any safer now than we were before?" This statement is very generalistic. It seems to say that there are other alternatives. What are they? We have tried diplomacy, they refused.

Also she seems to forget how Pakistan helped the Taliban into power and even recognized them as an official government. Pakistan is also a world power now that it has nuclear capability. The Sept. 11 attack now justifies in the Pakistan governments eyes of the Taliban's break from the Islamic faith. If Clinton or Bush, prior to Sept. 11 attack, openly tried to interfere with the Taliban government, it would have sent ripples that, frankly, would make our present situation a picnic.

Stephen Brace

Propose logical solutions, not empty rhetoric

To the Editor:

I am not one who would have shed any tears had Angela White chosen to quit *Sidelines*. Her counterpoint was filled with contradiction and ignorance.

She speaks of the evils of the Taliban government. She makes the statement, "Where was the United States when the Taliban completely yanked the human rights of half the population?"

She's not suggesting the United States undertake a form of cultural imperialism to right that wrong is she? Whenever the United States tries to intervene on behalf of oppressed peoples, liberals like her cry that we are undertaking the great evil of cultural imperialism. She says the United States should find another way to remove the Taliban other than military might.

So, what would White have us do? Perhaps we should all hold hands and sing "Cumbayah" until the Taliban falls. In her ignorance-induced dream world, maybe that would have worked, but here in the real world, force is the only language the Taliban understands.

If she had lived during World War II, I'm sure she would have supported another way to remove Hitler, and while pacifists like her searched vainly for a peaceful resolution, another 8 million Jews would have been sent to their deaths.

She says it's insane that the United States is dropping food into Kabul. She's right — that would be insane, except we're not. Food is being dropped into the northern areas of Afghanistan where the Taliban has no control. If she would have taken the time to get her facts straight she would have known this.

People like White consider herself members of the leftist intellectual elite (a contradiction in terms if there ever was one). She thinks that war is a course only the less enlightened partake in, but we live in a world where war is a necessary evil.

So, before White engages in another exercising of her First Amendment right, I ask her to please not use so many contradictions and perverted facts. There isn't anything more disgusting than someone who wallows in their own hypocrisy.

Austin Jackson

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Unveiling the truth of Islam

By Charlene Callier
Features Co-Editor

"Why did this happen?"
"Who attacked us?"
"We want revenge!"

These were some of the comments grief-stricken citizens said during the days following the tragedy of Sept. 11.

Thoughts of invasion of freedom, terrorists and war swarmed around in millions of minds, as cloudy images of innocent civilians running through the streets of New York screaming in fear remained a vivid image.

The only answer the government and the media could provide was that the assumed terrorists were from the Middle East and were members of a radical sect of Islam.

Instantly, the nation turned hatred and pain toward a religion without taking the time to understand the background, followers and their purpose in this country.

The question to ask Americans is if they know anything about Islam other than

the fact that the followers are called Muslims and that most terrorists seem to be that faith.

"The historical ties with Islam played a vital part in what occurred on September 11 in New York City and the Pentagon," said Gary Wolf, an MTSU professor of journalism who studied Islam while living in the Middle East.

"Islam is the Arabic word for peace," said Zaid Brifkani, president of the Muslim Student Association at MTSU.

He said Muslims believe there is one God, Allah, and Muhammad was the last messenger who heard from him.

Muslims believe in the Qur'an, which they consider the main guide in their lives because it was revealed to the prophet Muhammad. Muhammad recited the Qur'an, and others wrote it down.

"Muslims have a strong background of oral traditions," Wolf said. "Westerners see the Qur'an as a beautiful example of that tradition, though Muslims see it as the word of God with no relation to human

art."

According to Islam, Muhammad was the third prophet to whom God spoke.

"Jews were the first to believe that there was only one God, but then Muslims believe they strayed," Wolf said. "So God sent Jesus, who Muslims believe was also a great prophet. But Christians, Muslims also believe, ultimately failed to spread monotheism faithfully, so God sent the angel Gabriel to Muhammad."

"To Muslims, there is only one religion — monotheism," Wolf said, "and Islam is the latest version, after Judaism and Christianity."

The Qur'an has been memorized by a large number of Muslims, some by the age of 10. There has been no change in the Qur'an since it was revealed 14 centuries ago.

Brifkani said there are five pillars of faith that Muslims follow in the Islamic religion.

The first pillar is to bear witness in Allah and believe that there is one God, and Muhammad was a true messenger of his.

"Muhammad was considered a miracle because he was illiterate before the Qur'an was revealed to him," Brifkani said.

The second pillar is to pray five times a day. Muslims pray before sunrise, before evening, which is at 5 p.m., between evening to sundown, sundown to dark and dark to night.

"We do this to keep a link to God," Brifkani said.

"The religious unity among Muslims is stronger than that in other religions," said Ron Messier, professor of Middle Eastern history and archeology.

Messier said that when Muslims pray, they face Mecca the same time all over the world every day.

Brifkani said many people think Muslims have to pray in a building or in mosques, but they are allowed to pray anywhere as long as it is clean.

The third pillar is fasting, which happens one month a year, called Ramadan, the Holy Month. Muslims follow a lunar calendar that is 10 days behind the American solar calendar. During this month, Muslims abstain from food and drink between sunup and sundown.

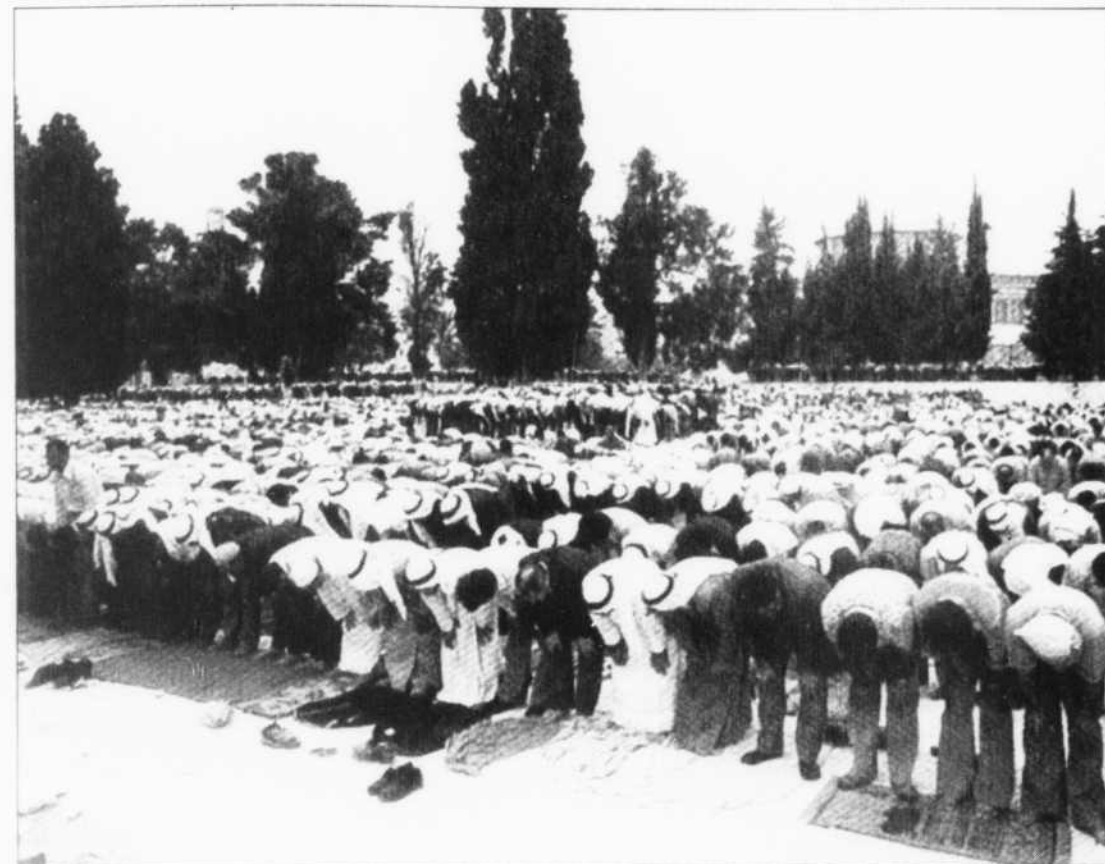


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Muslims pray in Jerusalem outside the mosque of Al Aqsa with the Dome of the Rock located behind them. They pray five times daily facing Mecca, the Holy Place.

They also fast from gossip and wrongdoing.

"We must not do anything to make God displeased," Brifkani said.

The fourth pillar is to give to charity to help poor people.

"We give 25 percent to the poor every \$1,000 we make just like a tax," Brifkani said.

"They give 2.5 percent of one's assets because it's a matter of conscience," Messier said. He said some people find it easier to calculate it that way, but the Qur'an doesn't say how much to give to the poor.

The fifth pillar is the pilgrimage to Mecca, the Holy Place.

"Muslims must travel to Mecca one time during their lifetime, if they can afford it," Brifkani said. "They are required to stay in Mecca for two weeks along with the other 2 million Muslims visiting for the same purpose."

He also said there are other pillars Muslims must follow, but the first five he listed were the most important.

Brifkani adds that Muslims must believe in angels and that there is life after death.

"You would take care of life

here if you believed in life after death," he explained.

Brifkani said Muslims must also believe in paradise and hell.

"Those that obey God are treated differently than those that disobey him," he said. "In school, the good students are treated differently than the bad ones because the good students do what they are supposed to do."

Islam is the central faith but has different variations, just as Christianity is the central faith with many denominations.

Black Muslims, Sunni and Shiites are names of the largest groups of Muslims.

Brifkani mentioned Malcolm X, one of the most famous leaders of the Black Muslims.

He said it was hard for many people to accept that Malcolm X hated white people and focused on hating the "blue-eyed devil." When he returned from his pilgrimage to Mecca, he was transformed because he witnessed people of all colors praying to Allah as one.

"This is because there is no difference in the Islamic religion," Brifkani said. "We are all the same, following one God,

Allah."

When Malcolm returned from Mecca, he realized this and changed his views. His followers could not accept those changes, and it eventually led to his murder.

Wolf explained that under Islam there is Sunni, the mainstream Muslims which make up the large majority of the followers, and the Shia religion, (Shiites people) which make up the rest of the Muslim population.

"Shiites have a tradition of being martyrs for God," Wolf said.

He added that Osama bin Laden is considered to believe in something similar to this, but he was exposed to Wahabbism, which was formed in Saudi Arabia by a religious leader named

Muhammad Abdulwahab. This leader convinced the political family, the Saudis, to unite the country and make it one kingdom.

They felt many Muslims were too liberal and wanted to go back to the fundamental religion of Islam.

Wolf said bin Laden does not

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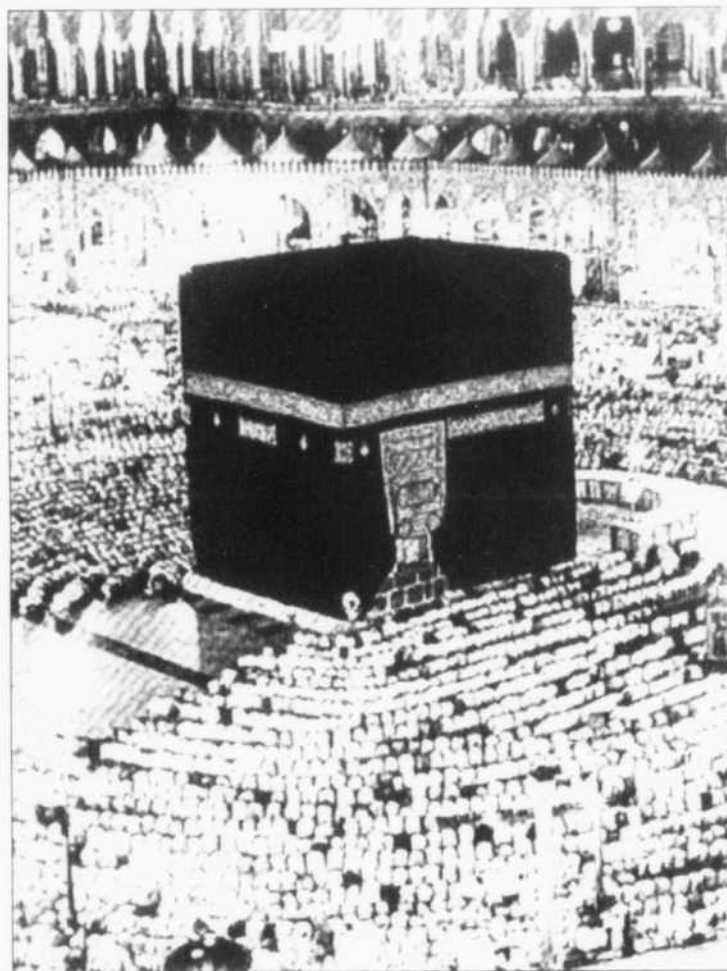


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The Grand Mosque in Mecca, Saudi Arabia, has a black cube in the center called the Ka'ba, Islam's holiest shrine.

Muslim Student Association reflects on Sept. 11 tragedy

By Shane Gallo and Mopsy Gascon
Staff Writer and Contributor

Muslim students at MTSU commend President Bush for reaching out to Muslims even as the United States retaliates for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by bombing Iraq.

"The more the government communicates with civilians, the less trouble (misunderstanding) there will be," said Zaid Brifkani, president of the MTSU Muslim Student Association. He commended Bush for saying the response to terrorism was not an attack on the Islamic faith or the Muslim people.

"The September 11 attacks were not based on Islamic principles," a senior biology major from Iraq said, because Islam does not condone the killing of innocent people.

Referring not to comment directly on Bush's decision to bomb Afghanistan, Brifkani said, "We are with the U.S. government in its efforts to end terrorism, but we are concerned with the lives of the innocent people who might be killed."

"All Muslims worldwide look at each other as brothers and

sisters. We feel the pain of innocent people in Iraq being killed and dying of hunger, we feel the pain of the innocent Afghans that may be in risk."

"We hope this whole situation will end in peace and security for every part and that terrorism will be brought down."

Brifkani was not aware of any Muslim students at MTSU directly affected by the bombings in Afghanistan.

He and Mervit Abdelhadi, MSA secretary, also commended MTSU President Sidney McPhee for contacting the organization after the Sept. 11 attack "to see what we needed from the school for support," Brifkani said. He added that McPhee's message on the MTSU Web site was "very powerful."

Abdelhadi, a Palestinian who grew up in Kuwait, said the response of the MTSU community also has been positive.

"I have had professors tell me to let them know if there is any harassment," she said, "but it has not been a problem here at MTSU. I think that is because in college people tend to be open-minded. They are educated."

Brifkani said, "It is time for

Americans to start knowing Islam and Muslims and learning about their faith."

"It is enough, the pain and hard situation Muslims and Arabs are going through in this country because of lack of information by the (American) people or because of the false images they are carrying about Islam through stereotypes from the media."

"It is also time for America to address the political causes of terrorism," Brifkani suggested.

"As the Muslims are supporting the U.S. in its efforts to end terrorism, they are also demanding the U.S. to step forward to bring an end to the crisis of Palestine," Brifkani said.

He regretted news images of Palestinians celebrating the Sept. 11 attacks but wondered if it might be old footage. Regardless, "There is bad and good in each country," he said.

"We saw Americans on television celebrating the death of our people during the Gulf War a decade ago," he recalled.

"As far as the September 11 attack," Brifkani said, "all (true) Muslims condemned the attacks and showed their support for the (US) nation in its tragedy." ♦

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE ISLAMIC RELIGION?



"As Americans, we need to realize that not all Islamic followers have such a twisted and atrocious view of Americans and our country."

— Alexis Atkinson, Nashville, Tenn.



"I heard that the three big monotheism religions in the world — Islam, Judaism and Christianity — came from one group of people who started believing in different prophets."

— Lougan Bishop, Pulaski, Tenn.



"The women are considered to be objects that are possessed. They're not really considered people."

— Danielle Anderson, Dyersburg, Tenn.



"Not every person that practices Islam is a terrorist. It's a peaceful religion normally."

— Denise Reinhart, Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

Islam: Misconceptions cause mixed emotions

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like the fact that the United States gives military support to Saudi Arabia and in return, they sell them cheap oil.

Fundamentalist Muslims, according to Wolf, dislike the Western culture and its values.

"They hate the fact that the crime rate is high, that we expose skin, that we don't take care of our elders and we do not tithe faithfully," Wolf said. "These people believe it is better to be poor and living in the Stone Age of Afghanistan than to accept the evils of the West."

Saudi Arabia is considered the host of the holy cities, Mecca and Medina, because both are in its western province. Mecca is where Muhammad was from, and he moved to Medina after he was exiled from Mecca when he began preaching Islam.

Britkani said many people associated the Holy War (Jihad) with a war against a country or people.

"However, that is the wrong definition of the word," he added. "It means a struggle

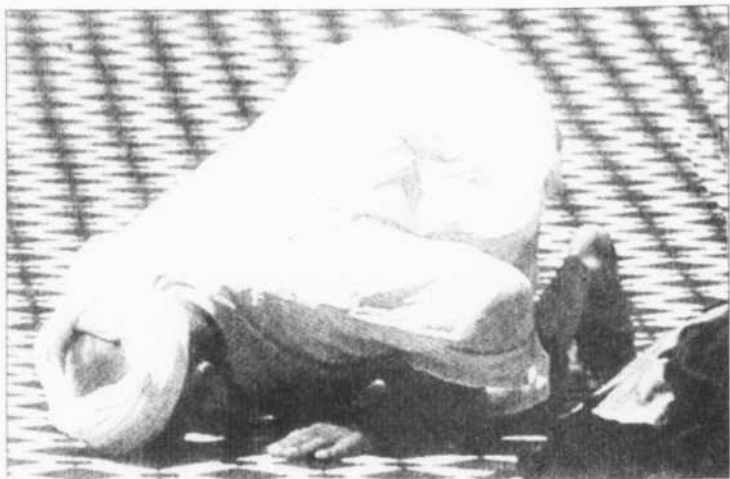


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A Muslim praying during one of the five prayer times

within yourself against evil."

"But if someone is invading your homeland, killing innocent people and trying to impose their religion on your country, you must protect your land," he added.

Britkani said that when Muslims are at war they can't kill women, children or elderly people. He also said they can't destroy a place of worship or cut down trees because in some cities it's a source of economics.

"We are only allowed to fight those fighting with weapons," he explained. "Anyone that kills innocent people for no reason will be condemned from the Islam religion."

"We have a prejudice built into our own culture without even understanding the reason why," Wolf said.

"No way to justify action," Britkani said, "we just want to get the person that did it." ♦

Campus Events

Monday, Oct. 15

The Learning Resources Center presents "The Space Between" exhibition through Oct. 31 in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery. For more information, call 898-2085.

MTSU Films presents *Crazy, Beautiful* in the Keathley University Center Theater through Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

There will be a free performance on

the KUC Knoll at noon called "Bounce, Daniel and OooLaLA." The show's acts are similar to those of a Vaudeville show.

Thursday, Oct. 18 through Oct. 19

FALL BREAK!

Sunday, Oct. 21

The Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra performs at 3 p.m. and Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. For more information, call 898-1862.

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How much is it worth?

Patrick Hayashi. That wasn't a name associated with the sports world until Oct. 6.

Hayashi caught Barry Bonds' 73rd home run. That's right, the winning lotto ticket in the form of a stitched baseball. But just because he's guaranteed to make as much as he believes is necessary for "the baseball," he's got a problem.

That problem is Alex Popov. Popov brought his attorney and a videotape to the *San Francisco Chronicle* claiming he caught No. 73, not Hayashi.

KNTV photographer Josh Keppel shot tape of the home run scramble, and it clearly shows Popov catching the ball in his mitt.

At first, it appears the ball somehow comes out, but then it drifts back into the mitt before Popov is tackled by dozens of fans in need of a buck. That's when he's lost in the film, and moments later a man emerges with a smile and appears to say on the tape, "Who has the ball?"

After another 30 seconds, Hayashi appears with the ball and asks, "Is this the ball?" and holds it up for the cameras before Major League Baseball officials seize Hayashi and the ball and whisk them away.

Popov now has a lawyer, whom he met at the game, and plans to take legal action. Will he win?

George Costa, senior vice president of ballpark operations, says no. He told the *Chronicle* that "once Major League Baseball identifies the individual with possession of the ball, that's the end of that."

And so is Popov's claim to the million-dollar piece of leather. ♦

Baseball team holds fund-raiser

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee baseball team will hold its annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fund-raiser tomorrow at 6 p.m.

The event, held in the Livestock Center, will feature catfish and Cajun gumbo for adults and hot dogs for kids. The Jack Daniels Bluegrass Band and Big Boss Cartwright will be on hand for the evening's entertainment.

"We have had this event for several years, and it seems to be something that everyone enjoys," head baseball coach Steve Peterson said. "It's a fun time for everyone involved and a great way to raise money for our program."

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under six are admitted free. Tickets are available at the MT Ticket Office, Vick's Outdoor Power and Crosslin Supply in Smyrna.

Anyone wanting more information can call 898-2984 or 898-2450. ♦

MT falls to North Texas in SBC game

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

North Texas held on to a 24-21 win against the Middle Tennessee football team this weekend to add a wrinkle to the Sun Belt Conference vie for supremacy.

The Blue Raiders' undefeated season ended in Texas, and the battle for New Orleans begins. NT successfully shut

down the top-rated Sun Belt team and opened a conference race.

NT tacked on 21 points in the first half and held the potent MT offense to just seven first-half points. Wide receiver Kendall Newson was the benefactor of the Blue Raider touchdown when he received an 8-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Wes Counts.

The MT defense did what it

could to keep the football team in the game by holding the NT offense to a mere field goal in the second half. But the offense was unable to reciprocate.

The Blue Raider offense managed 14 points in the second half, but it was not enough to get a win. Newson scored the first of the second half touchdowns with a 5-yard pass from Counts. Newson ended the day with seven catches for 73 yards.

Counts finished the game 19-26 with one interception. Turnovers were one of the key factors in the Blue Raiders' loss.

MT coughed up the ball three times in the game, equaling their touchdown performance. NT did not give the offense many opportunities to redeem itself, dominating the time of the possession clock and collecting four sacks.

NT also held the MT run-

ning game in check. The Blue Raiders were able to collect only 123 rushing yards on the day. The only productivity came from running back Reshard Lee, who rushed for 79 yards on 13 carries and one touchdown that came late in the fourth quarter.

The Blue Raiders play Southeastern Conference opponent Ole Miss Saturday. Game time is 1 p.m. ♦

Blue Raiders drop close game

By Steven Finley
Staff Writer


Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Lindsey Bopp runs with the ball on a break away in an attempt to score a goal.

The Middle Tennessee soccer team dropped a 1-0 home decision to the Denver Pioneers in Friday's Sun Belt Conference match-up.

The contest featured two teams trying desperately to move out of the middle of the Sun Belt standings and nudge themselves closer to the top. Momentum was with both teams at kickoff. Denver was coming off a five-game winning streak that included defeats of Arizona and Air Force. Eight of the Pioneers' nine wins before Friday were shutouts, and they had allowed only eight total goals all season.

The Blue Raiders were in the midst of a newfound offensive dominance, having outscored their previous three opponents by a total of 19-3. That was compared to the 10 goals they managed in the season's first seven games.

As the match started, it was obvious that Denver was the more aggressive team, and it showed on the stat sheet. The Pioneers' physical play held the Blue Raiders to one shot in the first half and only four in the second half.

"During the first half, we let them come after us, and we were kind of shocked," head coach Scott Ginn said. "We just didn't meet their challenge early on."

Denver dominated on the offensive end, pummeling MT goalkeeper Emily Shrum with 14 first-half shots. Shrum made some close saves to keep the game within reach, but the Pioneers persisted. Denver lit the scoreboard up

early with Mychael Movius' goal in the 11th minute. Her unassisted goal came when she followed a rebound Shrum knocked away. The early lead gave the Pioneers the confidence they needed to shut down the Blue Raiders and take the lead into the half.

Ginn must have given the Blue Raiders some words of encouragement during the half because they entered the second half a new team. They began answering the Pioneers' call with their own dose of physical play.

Sheri Robbins and Sarah Schulz lead the defense as they cut the Pioneers' shot total in half during the second period. As the rain came and went, the Blue Raiders showed they weren't going to be pushed over. MT picked up seven fouls in the second half, trying desperately to gain offensive power.

"If we would have played the first half like we played during the second, I believe that it would have been a 0-0 game, and we would have taken it into overtime," Ginn said.

The Denver defense held MT and Sun Belt Player of the Week Danielle LaDuke scoreless for the first time since the Sept. 28 match with Florida International.

The Pioneers had one goal taken away on an off-sides call, and the Blue Raiders had two excellent scoring chances late. But weather worsened, and the 1-0 score lasted until the end.

The loss dropped the Blue Raiders to 6-5 overall and to 2-2 in Sun Belt Conference play.

MT played North Texas yesterday. Results of the match were unavailable at press time. ♦

MT eliminated early from All-American tournament

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team was eliminated from the ITA Men's All-American Championships in Stone Mountain, Ga., Friday.

The doubles team of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson, seeded sixth in the tournament, won their first-round doubles match over North Carolina's Geoff Boyd and Nicholas Monroe, 9-8 Thursday.

Foreman and Gustafsson then defeated Rodrigo Echagaray and Jean Simon of Texas 8-5 Friday to advance to the quarterfinals. The duo lost that match to Andrew Colombo and Tiago Ruffoni of Auburn 8-3 Friday afternoon to be eliminated from the tournament.

Gustafsson won his opening round singles match against 25th-ranked Javgeni Cariov of

DePaul 6-2, 7-5 before falling to the second-ranked player, Duke's Phillip King.

Foreman failed to make the main draw in singles competition.

Daniel Klemetz, ranked No. 18 and seeded No. 12, won a pair of matches Thursday to advance to Friday's play. He beat 39th-ranked Florian Marquardt of Virginia Commonwealth 6-1, 6-7 (5), 6-2 and then took care of 46th-ranked Tobias Clemens of UCLA 6-4, 6-0. Klemetz was eliminated from singles action Friday morning. He dropped a 6-3, 6-4 decision to fifth-ranked K.J. Hippensteel.

Klemetz and teammate Trevor Short failed to qualify as a doubles team.

MT will compete next in the Rolex Regionals starting Oct. 25 on the campus of the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. ♦

Lady Raiders lose in the west

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team dropped a Sun Belt Conference match to Denver 30-18, 30-19, 30-28 Friday night.

Denver (8-8, 4-3 SBC) set the tone in the first game, jumping out to a 2-0 lead. The Pioneers led by as many as 12 and maintained a 6-point cushion throughout most of the game.

The second game stayed close with the scoring going back and forth. With Denver leading 18-20, Kelly Quinn had a service error. This led to an 8-point run by Denver that gave them the win.

The scoring was much the same in the third game. Neither team held a lead bigger than 5 points. Again, a

Quinn service error proved crucial as the Pioneers took the win.

MT (6-12, 2-4 SBC) had 17 service errors in the match and a .145 attack percentage.

Shakeithia Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 13 kills and a .357 attack percentage. Caia Morstad added 8 kills.

Quinn contributed 18 assists. Goldie Blyeu had 16 assists.

The Pioneers finished the match with a .270 attack percentage.

Lulu Sewell was Denver's only attacker to reach double-digits in kills with 11.

The Lady Raiders played New Mexico State yesterday. Results of the match were unavailable at press time.

MT next plays South Alabama Sunday. ♦


Photo by Amy Jones | Staff
Katie Thiesen jumps up to spike the ball for a point.


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University of Tennessee-Chattanooga
Fall Invitational
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■ **Women's golf**
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Little Rock, Ark.
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FRIDAY

■ **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders vs. South Alabama
Murphy Center
7 p.m.

■ **Soccer**
Blue Raiders at Western Kentucky
Bowling Green, Ky.
5:30 p.m.

■ **Women's Tennis**
Vanderbilt Invitational
Nashville, Tenn.
all day

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Oxford, Miss.
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Murphy Center
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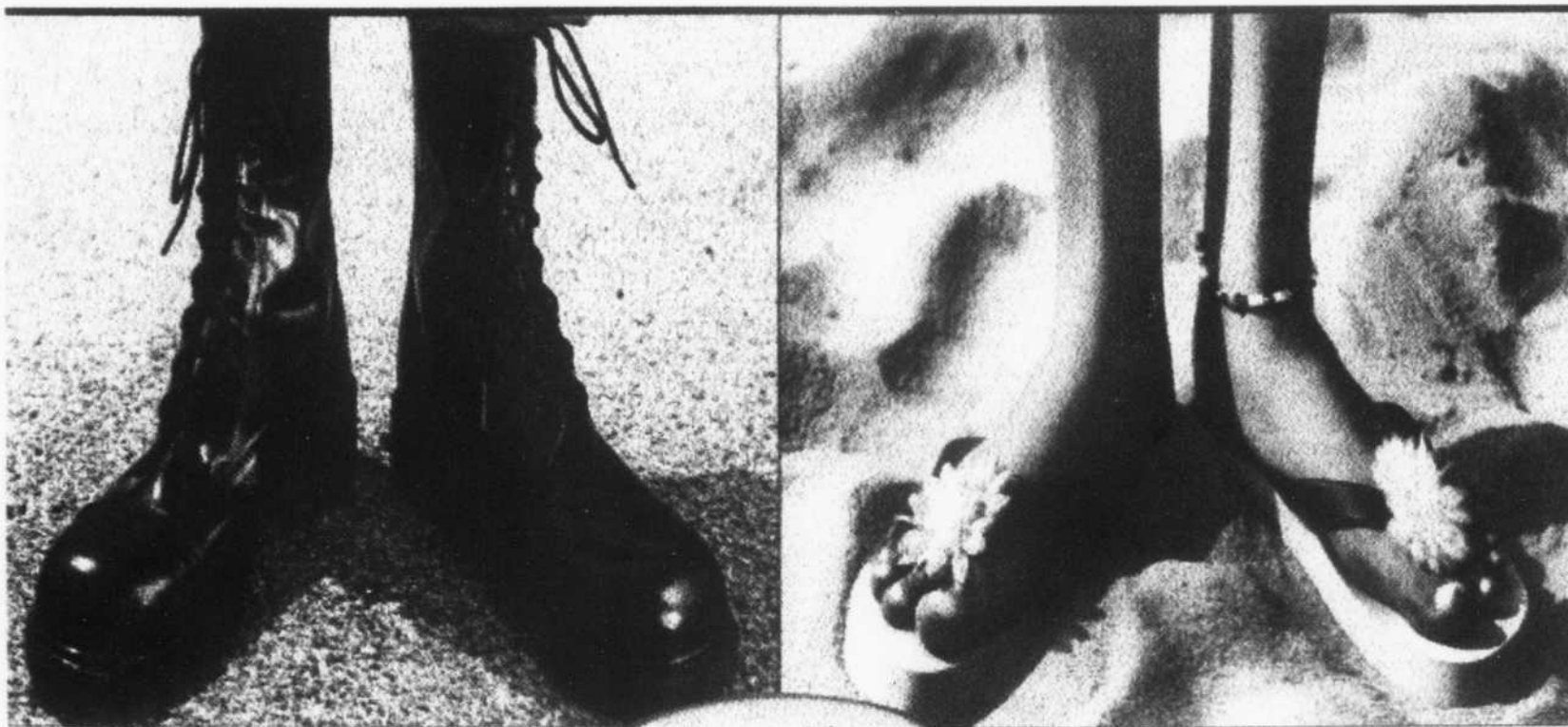
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