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SIDELINES

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by FCC

By Patrick Chinnery

Al Gore warned yesterday

that American democracy is

facing a dangerous threat from

The lecture, delivered to an

Assistant News Editor

media conglomerates.

considered

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Campus Briefs

une Anderson Women's Center offers legal clinic

The June Anderson Women's Center is offering a free legal clinic Sept. 26 from 7-9 p.m. Students, faculty and staff can make appoint-ments by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited, so please call in advance.

Debate team to hold open house at BDA

The MTSU debate team will host an open house today in the Debate Forum, Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Room 220. Anyone interested in ining the team is invited to stop by any time between 2-4 p.m. to meet current team members and coaches. Refreshments will be provided and walk-ons are wel-

No experience is neces-sary to join the team, all you need is the willingness to speak your mind and be open to new ideas

come

For more information, contact Greg Simerly, director of debate, at 898-5607.

Fraternity to distribute red, white, blue ribbons

Alpha Tau Omega fratery will be handing out free d, white and blue ribbons today in front of the Keathley University Center The fraternity has ordered 2,000 ribbons and vill be giving them to students until they are gone.

Gore: Democracy under media siege overflowing room of students one individual or corporation Regulation and professors in the John Bragg Mass Communication

Building, focused on upcoming Communications Federal Commission commentary regarding the dismantling of media ownership regulations.

"The FCC proposal to eliminate all of the restrictions on highly concentrated ownership of multiple news outlets is a dire threat to the survival of democracy in the United States of America," Gore said.

The FCC is investigating the merit of keeping its regulations in place regarding how many television and radio stations any can own in any given media market. The current limit is three.

"They are not asking for comments on why the limits should be removed," Gore said, "they're asking for comments why they shouldn't removed."

According to Gore, there is a two-fold danger when one group owns a substantial portion of a region's media outlets.

First, politicians will naturally cater to that group's interest in order to gain favorable

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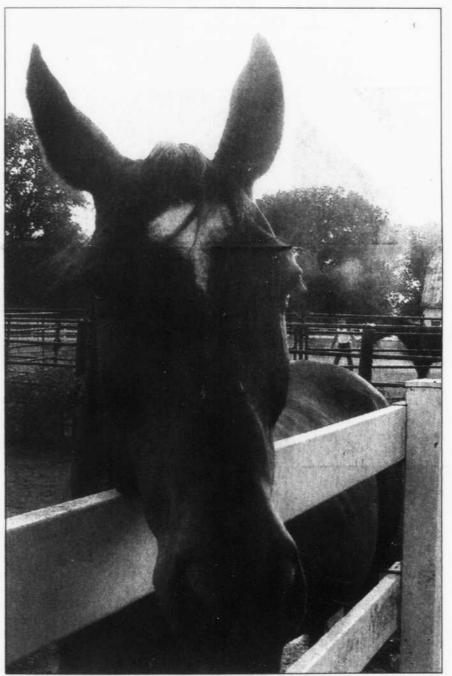


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer Former Vice President and visiting professor Al Gore expounds upon the dangers of media corporations.

Parking spots take up pasture

By Sarah Saussy Staff Writer

When working in the area between Greek Row and Scarlett Commons, MTSU grounds worker Erik Booth recalls taking



Cedar groves attacked by invading elements By Cody DeVos Staff Writer

An MTSU professor stressed the importance of preserving cedar glade ecosystems during Monday's honors lecture.

Jeffrey Walck, a biology professor, explained cedar glades as natural openings in red cedar forests. These glades generally have shallow soil and are distinguished by exposed limestone. Cedar glades are home to small vegetation and a species of annual grass known as "poverty grass." The central basin of Middle Tennessee is home to the highest concentration of cedar glades in the world. However, as Walck noted, in recent years, there has been a 50 percent loss in cedar glade area and a 90 percent loss of ecologically intact cedar glades in Tennessee alone. According to Walck, this loss is due to a number of causes. Global warming, nitrogen deposition in the soil, roadside pollution, construction and the presence of invasive species are somewhat to blame. "I think it's important to preserve the cedar glades," Walck said. "We've inherited it because it's our heritage." Walck's lecture focused on the invasive impact of a nonnative plant called "privet" upon cedar glades. Privet is a plant imported from China. Its ability to naturally thrive in and around cedar glade areas has caused harm to their overall ecosystem. Privet has spread naturally throughout the southeastern United States, growing around cedar glades and exhausting the resources needed by native species of vegetation. Walck stressed the importance of preserving Tennessee's cedar glades in the face of mounting obstacles such as invasive species and pollution, calling the glades "heritage." He noted that the state is already preserving glade areas. Cedar glades can be found locally in the Stones River Battlefield area. Walck holds a Ph.D. in biology. He is also the chair of the botany department of the Tennessee Academy of Sciences. The presentation was the second installment of this semester's Honors Lecture Series, titled "Our Shrinking Planet." The honors lecture is held each Monday at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A, and is free and open to the public.

MTSU conference ckles economic trends

10th The annual onomic Outlool Conference at MTSU will take place Sept. 27 and will elcome two new faces to the Jennings A. Jones College of Business. Aubrey B. Harwell, maning partner of Neal and Harwell Nashville law firm, s the new holder of the nnings A. Jones Chair of cellence in Free

Davis Penn, from the niversity of Oklahoma, is the new director of the Business and Economic Research Center.

The conference will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building and registration will begin at 8:15 a.m.

The entire program will kick off at 9 a.m. with coments from Donald Ratajczak, Regents professor of economics, emeritus, at eorgia Sate University. Ratajczak appears regurly on CNBC and writes a eckly column for the tlanta Journalonstitution. He will provide in economic overview of the region and field questions m the audience. University President dney McPhee will join Harwell in welcoming con-

At 10:30 a.m., Albert E. DePrince Jr., professor of economics and finance, will speak of the issue of interest tes and the effects of the business cycle and financial ups and downs. For more information,

ntact Penn at 898-2610.

time to appreciate the presence of the horses on campus.

"Seeing the horses graze in the old pasture on Rutherford Boulevard caused the chaotic fast-paced campus life to seem to slow down," Booth said.

Although the new Rutherford Boulevard parking lot gives Booth less curbs to weed-eat, he now faces a battle with fast cars and flying gravel dust.

The new parking lot was constructed to decrease the reoccurring parking dilemmas almost all students have dealt with.

The parking lot was also built with intentions to relocate the center of campus to the new Quadrangle outside of the James E. Walker Library, the Business and Aerospace Building, and the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. The horses that were living in the pasture have been moved to the stalls closer to the agriculture department and to the field across Rutherford Boulevard or were leased to MTSU students.

Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Horses graze in the corral by the Art Barn yesterday evening. The previous grazing grounds for the horses were covered in gravel to create new parking spaces near the Recreation Center.

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Remembering that fateful day



Students gather on the Keathley University Center Knoll on Sept. 12, 2001 to pray for the lives lost the day before. See Living, page 4, for a listing of today's commemorative events.

Horse: After stadium, space no longer issue

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The horses lost their home in the pasture to the new parking lot without facing tremendous effects.

The only problem at the moment is lack of space, causing a small turnout rate for some of the horses, according to one of their caretakers. This means that some of the horses that are being kept in the stalls are not going outside enough to release energy.

The turnout issue does not affect the horses that have been here the longest. The youngest horses feel it the most, like 2year-olds Spike and Nina, because keeping the younger horses in stalls are similar to keeping 8-year-old children inside for about four days without play time.

"The number of horses allowed in one pasture at a time is limited because some of the horses' personalities conflict with each other, and some horses naturally play too rough," said horse science senior Raquel Maddox.

The students, on the other hand, have not lost out on the horses' transition because the students did not ride the horses in the old pasture.

Now that the horses have been moved closer to the agriculture department, the stu-

dents have more convenient access to the them, but this is only temporary.

The horse science program at MTSU is building the new Miller Horse Stadium for its students and others around the region that hold interests in horses.

The horse science students are looking forward to the new horse facilities, because the lack of space for horses will not be an issue anymore.

With the new accommodations, all the MTSU horses should have plenty of room.

The Miller Horse Stadium is designed to have two units, one to accommodate MTSU horse science classes beginning in the spring, and a coliseum to host horse shows from around Middle Tennessee, under negotiated contracts.

The stadium is being built on a 154-acre lot off of Thompson Lane in northeast Murfreesboro.

Miller Horse Stadium is named in recognition of John and Mary Miller, who, in 1994, bequeathed \$25 million specifi-

cally for an MTSU horse coliseum.

The construction cost of the Miller Horse Coliseum alone has amounted to approximately \$14 million.

The land on which to build the facility was bought by MTSU for \$3.5 million. The U.S. Department of Agriculture funded the new Horse Science building by donating \$2.5 million.

In honor of the Millers, two chairs of excellence have been funded in the amount of \$2.5 million, half from MTSU and the other half from the state.

"We're excited about the new facility and what it will do for MTSU, giving us a competitive advantage over other schools with horse programs in the regions," said Dave Whitaker, director of Horse Sciences and Public Services.

Bruce Curry, manager of the MTSU Tennessee Livestock Center, will operate the new horse facility.

The Public Services of the Horse Science Department accepts horses donated from the community which are used for classes or sold to raise money for the department. •



Photos by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

Gravel parking lots now cover the horse pastures that were once adjacent to Scarlett Commons. The parking lot was created to relieve parking congestion.

Gore: 'Might it be obsequious, fawning?'

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press coverage for their campaign or cause.

"Look at the ability that tele- timid media that refuses to

blandness that threatens the democratic process. "It has already created a

responsible for an eventual of their niche so that they had to start selling something else - a hybrid product of news plus," Gore said.

This rush to create a more-

Crime Log

Sept. 3 - 3:25 p.m. Murphy Center Subject reported that someone had keyed her car.

Sept. 3 - 5:24 p.m.

Murphy Center A bicycle valued under \$500 was stolen from Murphy Center.

Sept. 4 - 12:32 a.m.

Greek Row Edward J. Glielmi was issued a citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

Sept. 4 - 12:48 p.m. Schardt Hall

Victim claims to be shot in the neck with a paintball. The paintball was shot from a paintball gun while the victim was walking home from Mapco.

Sept. 4 -11:33 a.m. **Greenland Parking Lot** A vehicle was struck in Greenland parking lot by an unseen vehicle.

Sept. 4 - 1:46 p.m.

A bicycle was reported stolen at the Campus Police station. The theft did not occur at the police station.

Sept. 4 - 6:02 p.m.

A cell phone was reported missing.

Sept. 4 -8:08 p.m. **Cummings Hall**

A hard, solid object was thrown through a dorm window in Cummings Hall. Collision between the object and the window resulted in the glass breaking.

Student dies in plane crash

By Stephanie Hill Staff Writer

Aug. 30 -11:23 a.m.

Aug. 30 - 4:19 p.m.

Scarlett Commons

Sept. 2 - 4:26 p.m.

Greenhouse Lot

unknown vehicle.

Miss Mary Hall

dorm.

Sept. - 3, 11:18 a.m.

apartments.

scene.

Rec. Center Parking Lot

A maroon 2000 Chevrolet

Camaro was hit while parked

and unattended. The vehicle

that hit the Camaro left the

A theft valued under \$500 was

reported from the student

A black Chevrolet S-10 pick-

up truck was hit by an

A theft valued under \$500 was

reported from the student

Matthew Preston Holt, 21, a junior from Centerville, Tenn., died on Aug. 11 in a plane crash.

"Matthew was an excellent student, always punctual, always here," said aerospace professor Robert Phillips, who taught Holt in Introduction to

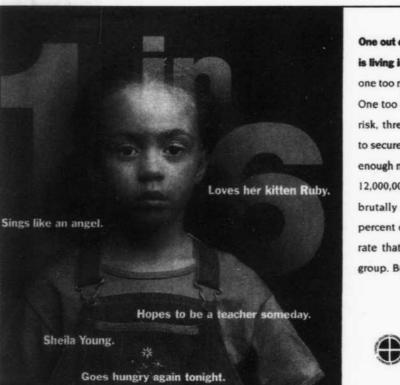
Aerospace and ground school. "We used to joke that we were related because my grandmother's last name is Holt as well."

Holt was an undeclared major but took many aerospace courses and was best known for his involvement in Pi Kappa Pi and his passion for flying.

"The accident took place while on a flight and in a plane that was not from MTSU," said Paul A. Craig, interim chair for the department of aerospace.

Federal The Aviation Administration has not yet released a report identifying a probable cause for the accident.

Holt is survived by his parents, Dianne and Paul Cressend, his sister, nephew, step-brother and sister and grandmother. •



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vision has to grab people's attention and hold their attention," he said. "And you think about a single individual owning all of the major broadcasting stations in Nashville, Tennessee, and what would the attitude of the elected official representing Nashville betoward the individual owning all of the broadcast news and cable news outlets in Tennessee? Might it be obsequious?"

Profit motive is the force behind the second danger, Gore explained.

"When there is too much concentration of ownership, the potential for expansion and the opportunity to continue earning profits tends to depend more and more on government policy," he said. "What's that person's policy concerning the governmental body that has to make those decisions? Might it be fawning?" Gore asked.

This relationship of obsequiousness and fawning will be

question governmental decisions," Gore challenged.

To illustrate his point, Gore described a provision of the Bush administration's homeland security bill. It states that all local and state officials will be given the legal right to withhold from the news media even unclassified information.

"Could there possibly be some abusing there?" Gore asked.

Another trend Gore explained that was affecting broadcast and cable news is the emergence of news as a commodity. He defined commodity as a cheap and readily available good.

Because news can now be had on demand, Gore said, high-cost producers were left scrambling to package a lowprice product. News "helpers" soon entered the scene.

"The arrival of commodity news pushed both newspapers and broadcast news outlets out than-news product has led to networks pursuing more opinion-based programming as well as promoting celebrity. This trend calls reporters' objectivity into question because they must balance accurate reporting with their personal opinions when answers are solicited.

"If a reporter went on television as a personality, expressing his or her personal views, that reporter's objectivity was subject to being questioned the next time the reporter wrote about the subject of the talk," Gore said.

The Seigenthaler Lecture Series on Media and Democracy sponsored yesterday's lecture.

Gore will return for five more discussions this academic vear.

The next lecture will be held Oct. 3 during the day. The third lecture, Oct. 22, will be held in the evening to make the series to the more accessible Murfreesboro community.

MTSU's Schedule of Events For September 11 In Memory of Those Who Lost Their Life and Those Who Risked Their Life During Last Year's Tragedy

12:00 p.m. - Music Concert in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building

8:45 p.m. -Candlelight Memorial on the KUC Knoll

 Several faculty members of the MTSU School of Music will present a concert commemorating the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon last September 11. This will be a free, informal concert and is open to the public. The concert will last between 30 minutes to one hour.

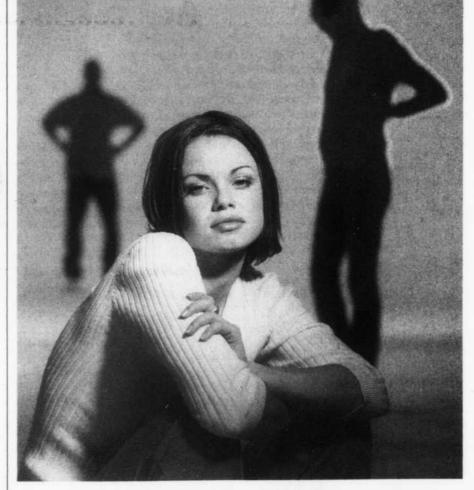
 During this memorial, representatives from the following agencies will be recognized:

MTSU Department of Public Safety Murfreesboro Police Department Murfreesboro Fire Department Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services

A moment of silence and reflection will be observed at 9:11 p.m. in honor of those who lost their life and risked their life during the attack last year. The Student Government Association will provide the candles for the memorial.

All Events Will Take Place on Wednesday, September 11, 2002

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Wednesday, September 11, 2002

I ask the door guy (who

was quite rude, I must

add) why the upcharge. He

comments: "If you're

under 21 we don't make

any money off of you at

the bar and the \$2 is sup-

ter, but I think this whole

concept of charging some-

one extra because of their

age is not only petty, but

Now, I also realize that

occurs at other clubs in

and around Murfreesboro

(including Sebastian's).

However, all an upcharge

accomplishes is discourag-

ing patrons under 21 from

visiting venues not sup-

portive of the underage

money off of the 21 and up

If you want to make

Perhaps I'm way off kil-

posed to cover that."

against it.

crowd.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board **Media provides** Sept. 11 overkill

About a week ago, the American public began bracing itself for what everyone knew would happen: a media deluge of Sept. 11 anniversary coverage.

We all knew it was going to happen, and the media has come through with full force.

Networks and several newspapers began their 'special" Sept. 11 coverage days, even weeks before today's dreaded date even had a chance to get checked off the calendar.

There are networks (we dare not utter their names in fear of divine retribution) that have managed to suck every melodramatic ounce of sincerity out of the whole event by providing sensationalized, in-your-face coverage, as if the whole calamity happened just hours ago.

There are newspapers that have devoted entire front pages to anniversary coverage, using headline sizes that scream quasi-rude reminders at the unassuming reader so he or she will forget about present pressing issues and wallow in the grief and despair the nation became all-to-familiar with last year.

Of course, the above statements need qualifying a bit.

The events of Sept. 11 should not be played down, ignored or devalued in any way. They were perhaps the most significant events of this generation's lifetime.

Yet it is precisely their importance that should dictate what sort of coverage they should get.

Not wanting to ignore the day's significance entirely, yet not wanting to cross the line into sensationalism, Sidelines reluctantly decided to provide limited coverage of the anniversary (see page 4).

Yet, both the major print and broadcast media seemed to have thrown the idea of balance and proportion out the window for this anniversary.

Filling up broadcast minutes and news pages with story after story about the anniversary of last year's attacks leaves no room for the truly important issues to be heard - issues that currently affect the community and nation.

Such sensationalism does nothing more than devalue an event that has more significance than any rehashed news story could ever reflect. •

From the Opinions Editor 'Harry Potter' makes me feel like flying

Milking underage music fans of the date I was born?

Reduced Fat



It's Thursday night and my friend and I decide to go to the Boro Bar and Grill for some awesome there's got to be some law musical entertainment from the (truly incredible) local band Communist. this upcharge process

I've got \$5 in my wallet, which I assume will cover the listed \$4 admission. But, oh, how wrong I

was.

Apparently, effective Sept. 1, the Boro decided to add on a \$2 upcharge for Boro clients under the age of 21.

Maybe it's just me, but this is total crap. You want to charge me extra because audience, list the show as

21 and up.

For instance, Slow Bar in Nashville is known for their staunch age rules.

Though I've many a time wished to visit the club for a great local show, I've been slighted by my age. But at least they don't stoop so low as to charge me extra because of my date of birth.

Here at MTSU, much of the population is under 21. I'm in my junior year here and will not turn 21 until June. Should I really be punished for this?

In my revolt toward the free enterprise of music, I have helped support concepts such as Napster who have liberated much about the way big business music operates.

We should not allow corporate, money-grubbing slimebags to control what music we can obtain. Consequently, on the local level, we, as college I were to purchase, say, a students, music lovers and regulars at local venues should not allow ourselves (or our money) to be so flippantly shoved around. We should not have to sacrifice our low-income, college budget to go see a local band.

Don't get me wrong, I don't mind paying to support local music.

Quite the opposite; I enjoy paying to support the musical cause. As flash* editor, I spend much of my time finding eclectic local bands, seeing the shows and ensuring coverage for all those on the local music level.

However, I feel an injustice by being charged extra and knowing that the extra fee is going right back into the hands of the club owners - not the starving artist.

And, might I protest, if

cola from the counter, am I not covering your beloved \$2 upcharge? Or, let's say, a non-drinking 21-year-old comes to the Boro. Are you going to start

asking at the door whether or not they will be consuming alcohol to assure your \$2 gets to the bartender?

Now, fellow Boro-ites; let us band together and protest the age discrimination being forced upon those who are not of age. And let us also support local band Communist, who, I'm sure, would agree that it is entirely not American to charge their fans extra for being a few months short of legal drinking age. ♦

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'America the Great' capable of deception



It's time to take a glimpse into freedom of ideas, especially when it may lead to truth. This is not an anti-American column you are about to read, but be forewarned; it's not the usual patriotic drivel that seems to be all that the other media can muster up the nerve to write about. So, if you're ultra-patriotic, I suggest you stop reading

For the rest of you brave

this.

ment isn't the most honest government in the world. Have you forgotten our Asian-American brethren whom the American government locked up on the West Coast after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor? They were Americans, yet Asians, and therefore our enemies. If that's too far removed in history for you, how about the Iran-Contra guns for drug deals that were orchestrated by our government? We gave them guns, they gave us drugs and our own government sold them back to # but it's here - the anniverus - the people they're sary. After talking to seversworn to protect.

Still too removed? How about when they sent special forces over to come to the conclusion Afghanistan to teach the that the view of that lonely natives how to defend against the dreaded disease sits in a dark alley with his distress while our leader

called communism?

Those same natives used the knowledge we gave them to plot Sept. 11. Our dark exploits came

home to roost. We're a nation that meddles and now other countries are fighting back. Sept. 11 proved that we're vulnerable and, unfortunately, there are a lot of angry countries anxiously awaiting their chance to strike out at us next.

You've probably seen it on television millions of times and heard people talk about it everywhere, al people and asking my acquaintances for their opinions on the issue, I've

lips bolted shut (so his words can't get out, or the punishment of crucifixion won't be placed upon him)

ought to be spotlighted. This is the guy that didn't place the "God bless America" flags in his car

window, nor attend all the numerous governmental support rallies. This man decided to really analyze the situation and not join the America-is-so-greatand-innocent bandwagon.

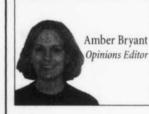
Let's call him Mr. Could, because he could open your eyes to a completely different side. He could be the one person who leads you to truth. On Sept. 11, Mr. Could turned on the television and shook his head in sadness,

lays in a bed of confusion.

He then picks up his pen and begins to write vigorously. Mr. Could is angry that Arab-American citizens are being harassed in the streets. He's angry he can't ride a plane wearing a turban without being harassed. He's angry that anyone of Muslim faith is ridiculed and cussed. Mr. Could knows that there is more than one side to every story and we must look at all sides of a situation. When we forget the past we're doomed to relive it. We mustn't forget that this great country that we all love and adore is capable of deceit. ♦

Chris Jones is a junior

face it, folks - our govern-



American Library Association is encouraging bookstores, libraries and individual citizens across the country to defy censorship by taking part in Banned Books Week Sept. 21-28.

I, however, encourage everyone to read the most controversial material he or she can find 364 days a year. If a book is blacklisted, that usually means it contains unfathomable wisdom and insight. Or pornography. Whatever.

Some of the books authorities most often seek to ban from local libraries, bookstores and high schools are J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, J.D. Salinger's Catcher in the Rye, and, my personal favorite, Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale. Reading the last of the three should be a rite of passage for young women the minute they turn 16. Yes, it and Catcher in the Rye contain sex and foul language, but most teenagers could probably come up with sentences offensive to Howard Stern. The Handmaid's

Tale is feministic brilliance and addresses the kind of censorship those who seek to ban it are promoting. Hmmm.

Parents and teachers alike despise Harry Potter, but only because they don't like anyone thinking outside of mainstream religion. This proves the existence of people who are so unbelievably brainwashed, they fear a work of imaginative children's

fiction will inspire wide-

spread satanism and

witchcraft. Banning books is easily the worst form of censorship. Even ficticious literature documents important social and economic information, be it criticized or not. Barring access from these materials censors more than just entertainment; it promotes closemindedness and social compliance. If it weren't for controversial literarevolutionary ture, thinkers like Albert Einstein would have spent time twiddling their thumbs and feeling knowledge as just plain unaccessible. This naturally leads to becoming a "follower," which is often dangerous.

Keep reading. As always, what government officials don't want you to know will probably make you smarter than most of them. •

souls, let's get real. America, the beautiful, the brave. America, America, the liars. Let's

wishing America's actions wouldn't have actually led person in the nation that up to this – a nation left in

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-Letters to the Editor

Cafeteria shutdown isn't peppy

To the Editor:

It seems as if the time has come to open my "piehole" ("Open your mind, shut your piehole," Sept. 5). Your comeback to Spencer Hyatts's letter to the editor was a little off base, and I don't mind correcting your arrogant "preconceived notions."

Free thought not taught

You say that "the purpose of a university is to teach and inspire students to think for themselves." However, you seem to put down the people that did in the lecture. Have you ever stopped to think that the ones you assume to be Christians, that got up and walked out, are the ones that have tested and studied these "preconceived notions" you accuse us Christians of having. I don't attend MTSU to learn how to listen to others criticize what I believe, just as I don't attend to criticize others. I attend this university to be educated with knowledge that will help me in my profession.

Listening to someone say that the man that died and was raised from the dead to save me is not what I call education.

Life is enough to teach diverse arguments. I don't have to come to college to learn to think for myself, and I am sorry that you do, given from all that you have said. I can back up anything I believe, and I am ready to do it. I find it odd that you say we are here to "immerse ourselves in original, new ideas and subject ourselves to diverse arguments" when 90 percent of the people I have met are here to immerse themselves in alcoholic beverages. Getting drunk at fraternity parties, I have heard, is also one of the many college experiences.

I encourage you to give a little free thought to Jesus Christ. A few books you may want to read are: More Than A Carpenter by Josh McDowell, The Case For Christ by Lee Strobel and Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. All of these books were written by men that began their research trying to disprove the New Testament's accounts of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. If you really want to open the minds of students, why don't you engage one of these speakers for a lecture. After all, if you haven't attended a lecture that differs from your own beliefs, you have missed the point of a college education entirely.

Stacy Tipps

Editor's note: The Sept. 5 editorial and Spencer Hyatt's Letter to the Editor appeared the same day coincidentally, not by design.

To the Editor:

I would just like to announce that I boycotted the pep rally Sept. 5. You see, I spent several hundred dollars on a meal plan only to have, once again, all of the places to eat on campus closed for the day - even several hours before the actual rally of pep.

I depend on the meal plans to get me through the day, week, month, and year. So you can imagine how frustrating it is for me, and other students in the same position to have every place shut down when we get out of class and have to wait until later for dried hamburgers. That's not what I paid for. Yes, I understand it's a free meal, but I didn't ask for that. I asked for the service I did pay for. All this does is put us in an irritated, ill-tempered mood. Not the best kind of disposition for a pep rally. This depriving us of food to force us to pep. rallies thing isn't helping.

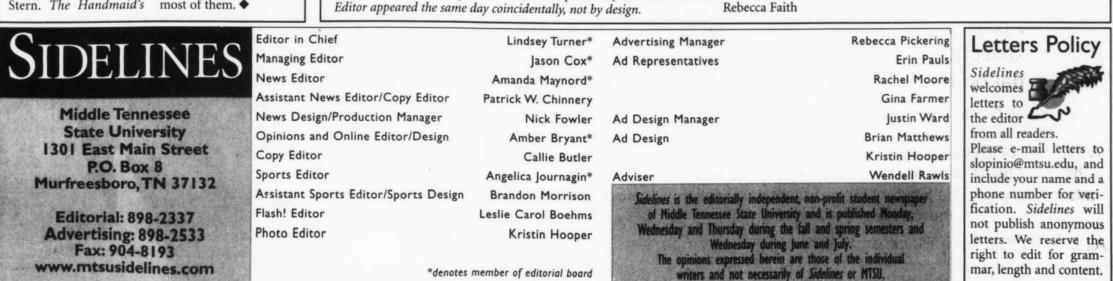
David Young Senior, recording industry

'Black and white' separation obsolete

To the Editor:

I'm a little disappointed with Sidelines. Last week I read an article discussing a student's research study concerning cultural tolerance "Student defines diversity in study," Aug. 29). The article emphasized tolerance for the African-American culture, but only a number of African-American professors was mentioned as proof that MTSU needs to diversify. Monday, I noticed the breakdown of student enrollment ("Official numbers tallied," Sept. 9). Again, African Americans were singled out.

There are many different cultures represented on MTSU's beautiful campus, both by students and staff. I understand it's difficult to mention all of the cultures one could find here, but I find it disturbing that people can't get past the 'black and white' issue. I'd like to think that we, as an American culture, have evolved past that mode of thinking.



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Wednesday, September 11, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Moment of silence STOP STOP

Memorial services held in remembrance of today's heroes

By Melissa Coker Staff Writer

Although many people may have continued with their daily lives after Sept. 11, 2001, those who wish to set aside some special time today to remember the events of last year have several options.

The Division of Student Affairs will sponsor a music concert at noon in the Music Hall of Wright Music Building, during which several faculty members of the MTSU School of Music will perform. This informal concert will be free and open to the public, and is expected to last between 30 minutes to an hour.

A candlelight memorial will be held on the Keathley University Center Knoll at 8:45 tonight. During the memorial, representatives from MTSU Public Safety, the Murfreesboro Police and Fire departments, the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency and Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services will be recognized. A moment of silence and reflection will be observed at 9:11 p.m. in honor of those who risked and lost their lives during the attacks last year. The Student Government Association will provide the candles used during the memorial.

Another area event to take place is "Celebrate America," which will be held at the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department tonight at 6:30. It will honor all those who have or are now serving the country. Sheriff Truman Jones and the sheriff's department will celebrate this servitude with an evening of patriotic music.

The RCSD will dedicate a new flagpole, naming it the "Spirit of America," at 7 p.m. Displays of law enforcement, fire fighting, ambulance, rescue and military equipment will be available for viewing.

A criminal justice class taught by Deborah Newman will look at terrorism in Peck Hall, Room 103B, at 12:25 p.m.

A film produced immediately after the attack, 9.11, is sponsored by MTSU Solidarity, a peace activist group. Showings will be held in the KUC Theater at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

In addition, members of MTSU's Counseling and Testing Center in KUC, Room 329, always have their doors open for students who need to talk.

⁴ America Online users will find messages posted, as well as online candles lit on a United States map, to further foster a nationwide feeling of unity. To contribute to or read the messages of comfort from others, visit http://memorial.web.aol.com/submit.adp.

For more information about events sponsored by Student Affairs, contact John Dickerson, assistant dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services, at 898-5823.

For information regarding the RCSD's events, call 898-7770.



Two students tie ribbons and flags to a stop sign outside the Tucker Theatre Sept. 12, 2002. The campus felt a strong outpouring of support for the victims and heroes of the Sept. 11 attacks. This year, several campus and community services will be held to commemorate last year's attacks.

Students and professors discuss tragedy



"There are a few TV programs about the event I know I want to watch."

– Laura Wiser, graduate student



"I think I'm just going to wait and see what the students bring to the [class]room."

Ron Bombardi,
philosophy professor



"My church is having a memorial service to commemorate the day."

– J.D. Courtoy Jr., computer science major



"Take a brief moment of silence to remember those who died."

– Aaron Seator, forensic psychology major



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"I'm going to go to work [in order] to strengthen our democratic and economic freedoms."

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Dear Annie

Dear Annie,

I am feeling lonely. I live alone. I don't have a boyfriend. A lot of my friends have serious boyfriends. Whenever I go out with the group I am always the REAR one without a boyfriend. The few nights that it's just me and the girls, they just talk about their

Feeling Lonely



relationships. It would be so nice to

just have some companionship. On the other hand I really haven't met anyone that I would want a relationship with. It seems like lots of girls in my classes are either married or engaged. While they're planning their weddings, I'm sitting at home alone with my Ben and Jerry's watching TV. How can I stop this lonely feeling? I need some advice please. -All Alone

Dear All Alone,

Stop the pity party!

Celebrate the fact you have the opportunity to live alone. You can do whatever you want. Take a long, hot shower using up all the hot water. Or blast your favorite obnoxious song while you eat your Ben and Jerry's. Have fun. Enjoy your freedom.

Be glad you don't have a boyfriend right now. We're so busy trying to fill our lives with serious relationships. Now is the time to explore what "life" we've begun to live. It's important to discover you're great all by yourself.

I'm a single girl too. A close girlfriend of mine who has a live-in boyfriend said to me the other day, "I'm just living vicariously through your life." You see, she's already settled into a boring routine and the "thrill" is gone.

One important statistic to remember: the divorce rate is higher for people who get married at a young age. Don't be in a hurry. Boyfriends consume your extra time, which would explain why your girlfriends don't have anything else to discuss. Now is the time to try new things such as taking a pottery class, learning to play golf or volunteering at a hospital.

You aren't really "all alone." You do have friends. But it's important to be comfortable by yourself. Find your own joy alone. ♦

E-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com.

Focusing on the state of the union

Photographer documents remaining regional American architecture

By Shane R. Gallo Staff Writer

Photographer Sandy Sorlien has one objective in mind when she takes pictures: character.

Fifty Houses, Sorlien's latest endeavor, is

now on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resources Center.

Sorlien stresses character through 50 black and white images of houses, which she considered as having a "typical" look of each state in the union. The photos appear in her book, Fifty Houses: Images from the American Road.

Today, at 48, she teaches photography at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia and an occasional workshop called "The Visual Character of Place."

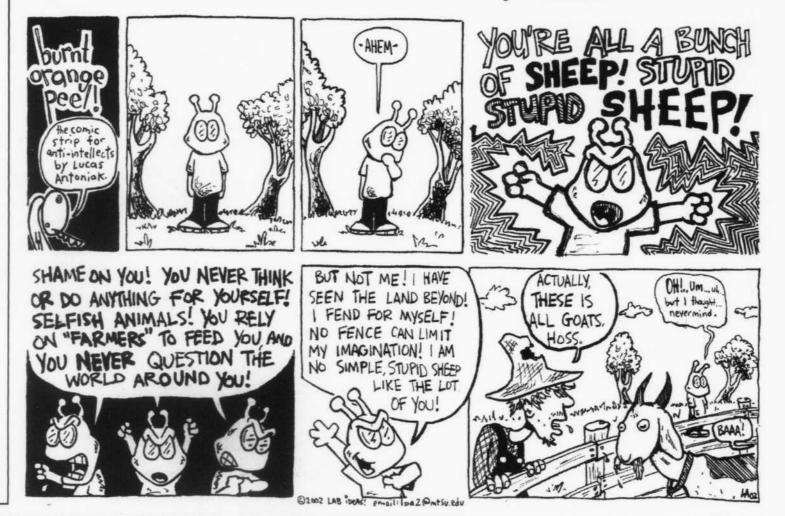
Trained as a painter, Sorlien received a secondhand Nikon and has been making photographs seriously for 22 years.

"Photography allows me to go out into the world and bring some of it back home," she said.

The idea for the house project came to her in 1987, when she noticed the detrimental effects the modern American marvel known as suburbia had on local character.

"It was clear to me back then that sprawl was having a terrible homogenizing effect on America's built environment," she said, and I felt that there were a lot of great

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max is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive injection is a low of birth control that is given as an intramiscular 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 prompily at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contrains methodosprogeterrone atetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progeterrone, which is produced by your ownes during the second half of your meetstrual youe. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from opening. If an egg is not released from the ownes during your mentstrual you's it due to become first hand by spem and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the laring of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur. **How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection**.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection! The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended osage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection"). To make sure you are not pregram when you (insi get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your inst injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal mentitual period **ONLY** while the first 5 days after childbirth. It is a long term injectable contraceptive Injection is our first period the week after childbirth. It is a long term injectable contraceptive Injection is our 992 effective making it one of the most reliable DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 992 effective making it one of the most reliable DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 992 effective making it one of the most reliable one for every (0) women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every (0) women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in puri 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 the next injection. Your heath-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 night 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 longot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly.)

Percent of Women Experiencing an Accidental Pregnancy

Method	Lowest Expected	Typica
DEPO-PROVERA	63	03
Implants (Norplani)	0.2*	6.2*
Female sterilization	02	0.4
Male stenigation	0.1	Q.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		3
Combined	0.1	
Progettogen only	0.5	
ND	-	3
Progestalert	2.0	
Copper T 380A	0.8	
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstimence	1-9	20
Spermicide alone	3	24
Vagnal Spronge used before childbarth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

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Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA any of the following conditions: • If you think you might be pregnant.

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If you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason.

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What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

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If you are taking any prescription or over the counter medications.
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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 inection for its effect to wear off, Baxed on the result 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 to in about 10 months after their last intection; about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last intection; about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months actual B16 of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 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 we 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?**

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? Lineguir Menstruid Beeding The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstruik cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you meth have one or more of the following changes: inregular or unpredictable beeding or spotting an increase or decrease in menstruik bleeding, or no bleeding at al. Unavaily heavy or continuous bleeding howevers not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With commuted use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases and many women stop having periods completely in clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA. 55% of the women studied reported no mentrual bleeding (amenormes) after 1 year of use and 68% of the women studied reported no mentrual bleeding (amenormes) after 1 year of use and 68% of the women studied reported no mentrual bleeding (amenormes) after 1 year of use and 68% of the women studied reported no mentrual bleeding (amenormes) after 1 year of use in defined of the women studied reported no mentrual bleeding (amenormes) after 1 year of use in the some periods some bloot PROVERA Gauses a resting state in your oxanes. When your ovaries do not release an egg montfly the regular monthly growth of the ining of your utens does not crue and therefore, the beeding that comes with your mormal mentruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your mentrual period will usually in time, return to its normal cycle. 2bore Merved Chonges

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3 Concerns Studies of women who have used different forms of contributing that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breat coarsy uterus, cervis, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a bighty increased risk of developing breat cancer omlar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your heath-cancer provider 4.Unspectral Preparcy Bocules DEPO-PROVERA is such as effective, contraceptive, method, the risk of accidental

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6.Other Risks

AUTHOR Role. Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots on strike. Also, if a contraceptive method fails there is a possibility that the femilized egg will begin to develop clustele of the uteris (ectope pregnarcy). While these venits are rare, you should service heath-aire provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section. What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

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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 dot

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persisters part pus or bleeding at the injection site. What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? (Wegit Gat) Tou may experience a wegit gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a wegit; gain of about 5 pounds damg the first year of use. You may continue to gain wegit; 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 134 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 35 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained in average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year. Zother Site Effect In a clinical study of over 3900 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 mentitival bleeding americantea, heidzithe nervousnes, addominal change or emtane, beast swelling and tendernes, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression insomna, ache, pelvic pain, no har growth or excessive har loss, rash, hot haltes, aid joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical maching our topan. Other problems were monten shall convisions jaundice, umary that inections, painers, weaking, femily gains, on them endued convisions jaundice, umary that mections, painers, tealment, femily parks, orteportes, law of the women in the clinical machine berg, orthoga be toped parks, prevented by very few of the women in the clinical machine larger, relations, femiling parks, orteportes, law of meum to femily deep veri-therations, painness, tealers, then were montenes, locater, if these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, docus them with your beer topolate. **Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA**. Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive injection?

Lansen zerodi. During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a periodi, or your periodir 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 you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider, borotory lest interactions

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(aminoplutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the ss of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

using Montest using DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful to have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from effects have been found in these d producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, but minimare the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should war unel 6 weeks after buildbirth before you start use DEPO-PROVERA from contravements.

6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA Contraception. How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-HROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (1) weeks) given in a single intranuocular rejection in the buttook or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregram at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first does 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 childright in you are not breast-deeding or 6 weeks after childright you are enduaryed preast-deeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (1) 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. Rx only



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Head coach Rachael Moore analyzes her players performance on the .fairway. The Lady Raiders came in at No. 16 in its recent tournament.

Golf team places 16th in tourney

By Erich Heinlein Staff Writer

The Lady Raider golf team tied for 16th place at the Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree Invitational this

weekend. MT shared the No. 16 spot with Georgia State University, one of the 36 teams to compete in the Myrtle Beach, S.C., tournament.

"We wanted to finish in the top 10, but we finished 16th and I think we could have done a little better," said Lady Raider head coach Rachael Moore. "For our first tournament, I'd say we've had an average showing."

The Lady Raiders finished with a score of 961.

"This just shows you how far this program has come," Moore said. "Playing at this level was a real challenge for us, but I'd say we held our own."

There were only two Lady Raiders who finished in the top 100.

Tamara Munsch, who finished in a tie for 65th with Kayla Bowsher of the Citadel, shot rounds of 83, 77, 79.

Amanda Harter fired off three consecutive rounds in the 70s, scoring

"This just shows you how far this program has come. Playing at this level was a real challenge for us, but I'd say we held our own."

-Rachael Moore, women's golf head coach

a 75 in the first round, followed by a pair of 79s. Harter finished the tournament tied for 29th place with Megan George of the University of Iowa.

"Amanda really held it together during the tournament and made some great pars and birdies, which kept her score down," Moore said.

The University of North Carolina-Wilmington Seahawks won the tournament with a course record score of 897.

The top player for UNC-

Wilmington was Michelle Jarman, who finished with a score of 220.

East Carolina came in second place with a score of 909, and UNC-Greensboro came in third with 928.

The Lady Raiders fell six shots back of William and Mary, which had three players who finished with at least two rounds in the 70's.

These players were Alexandra Hill, (83, 71, 77 - 231), Lindsey Sims (85, 74, 77 - 236) and Gwen Brink (84, 76, 78 - 238).

MT's Kristin Lynch shot the second-best round of her college career in the third with a 78.

The best round of her career was when she finished with a 75 during the Sun Belt Conference championships last year.

"Kristin made some mental mistakes and some poor choices in the beginning but during the late holes she managed to pull off a lot of pars and birdies, so that made up for the first couple of mistakes made in the beginning," Moore said.

The women's golf team does not compete again until Sept. 16 and 17 at the Memphis Intercollegiate in Memphis, Tenn. ◆



Vandy team inspired by new coach

By Teresa M. Walker AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson got his Commodores to believe in themselves and fix their mistakes. Now his challenge stiffens.

For all the improvement the Commodores made between an opening loss at Georgia Tech and a 49-18 victory over Division I-AA Furman last weekend, they now visit Auburn on Saturday, a team they haven't beaten since 1955 in a place where they have never won. Southeastern The Conference opener will be yet another first for Johnson and his staff. He plans to concentrate on getting his Commodores focused on the Auburn Tigers (1-1) and not the expected 86,000 fans at Jordan-Hare Stadium. 'We're not being naive about it. You can't do anything about that. You've just got to live with it," he said Monday at his weekly news conference. The Commodores ended a five-game losing skid with their victory over Furman, their first since beating Duke last October. The victory came after Johnson and the Commodores fixed plenty of mistakes. They allowed Georgia Tech to score on six straight possessions and beat them 45-3 in the opener. Against Furman, they turned in a performance the likes of which hadn't been seen at Vanderbilt in years. Their 49 points were the most since Oct. 9, 1999, when they beat The Citadel 58-0. Their 344 yards rushing on 42 carries were the most since October 1994 in a victory over Georgia. And the defense forced three turnovers, the most since recovering four fumbles by Notre Dame in 1996. They expected to be better. I told them this week we're going to have to improve that much more to be able to stay with Auburn," Johnson said. A big part of the improvement can be credited to redshirt freshman Jay Cutler. His start against Georgia Tech was his first time in a college game, and he was 10-of-23 for 73 yards with two interceptions in that game. But last week, Cutler was 11of-14 for 215 yards and two touchdowns passing, and he carried six times for 107 yards and three more touchdowns through the option. His 61-yard TD run was the Commodores' longest such run since Jared McGrath went 64 yards against The Citadel in 1999.



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Freshman Brooke Ward (above) has been a distinctive addition to the Blue Raider squad. Junior Megan McGregor (left) is a strong defensive force.

Blue Raiders tie Panthers at recent home match

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee and the Drury Panthers battled to a 1-1 tie Sunday afternoon at Blue Raider Soccer Field.

The very physical match had 38 fouls between the two teams and many more that could have been whistled.

The Blue Raiders (1-3-1) controlled much of the action in the first 20 minutes of the match and took an early 1-0 lead when Lindsey Bopp redirected a cross from Sarah Linder into the back of the net in the fourth minute. Ashley Elliott began the scoring opportunity with a through-ball to Linder.

But the visiting Panthers (0-3-1) would find their footing midway through the opening half as Julie Hunkins took control of a turnover by the Blue Raiders, raced into the 18yard box and nailed a shot past MT keeper Danielle Perreault. The ball bounced off the crossbar and down into the net.

Second-half action was fast and furious for both teams, with MT outshooting Drury, 13-10. Perreault made three saves in the second half to five to DU keeper Jen Grib. Blue Raider Danielle LaDuke had one final shot before the second half buzzer sounded, shooting wide left and forcing overtime.

Drury had the better scoring chances in the first overtime period, forcing Perreault to make two saves in the 10-minute period. Each keeper made one save in the final overtime period.

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Johnson said he knew Cutler was a good athlete, which is why

See Vandy, 8

Volleyball team holds No. 2 position in SBC rankings

By Angelica Journagin Sports Editor

After several weeks of play, the Sun Belt Conference volleyball underdogs, Western Kentucky University and Middle Tennessee, are currently leading the SBC.

Prior to the 2002 season, WKU and MT were listed third and fourth, respectively, in the Eastern Division. However, WKU is currently leading the SBC with a .888 winning percentage, and MT comes in second at .750 percent.

"We will be a work in progress almost all season," said Lady Topper head coach Travis Hudson. "I feel very comfortable with where we are as far as defense and ball control, but we still need to do some fine-tuning offensively. But despite those questions, I am still very optimistic about where we can go this year."

WKU was 7-0, the best record in school history, when they lost their last match at the Mortar Board Purdue Premier tournament against Indiana University – Purdue University Fort Wayne in four games.

MT's two losses came in sequence early in their season at the Lady Raider Tournament. The first loss, at the hands of Purdue University, was a heartbreaker for MT. After losing the first two games 30-28, 30-24, the Lady Boilermakers came back to defeat MT 31-26, 30-22, 15-9.

The University of Illinois-Evansville was responsible for MT's second loss. The UIE seemingly had the match sewn up after defeating the Lady Raiders 30-23, 30-24, when MT rebounded with a 30-14 win in game three. However, the Lady Raiders were incapable of maintaining their momentum and UIE took the match in the fourth game 30-23.

"The first few tournaments you are usually experimenting with line-ups and testing out players," said MT head coach Lisa Kissee.

Individually, the Lady Raiders have players in the top 10 of almost every category in the SBC. Coming in third in digs is this week's Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week, senior outside hitter Erin Hillstrom, averaging 3.48 per game. Hillstrom has also had one over-20 kill match, four double-doubles and two over-20 dig matches.

Directly behind Hillstrom in digs is MT sophomore Keke Deckard, averaging 3.47 digs per game. Deckard is another MT player who is dominant in the SBC statistic boxes with two over-20 kill matches, four double-doubles and one over-20 dig match. Leading the conference in digs is WKU's Tracy May with a 3.79 dpg.

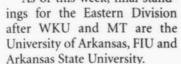
Senior setter Kelly Quinn is eighth in the conference in assists at 216 and first in double-doubles at six.

Freshman libero Kimberly Moeller has also had an over-20 dig match.

As a team, MT is first in digs in the conference, averaging 16.21 per game. MT's 14.52 average kills-per-game places them behind WKU (16.30) and Florida International University (15.19).

Again, MT trials WKU in assists, having 12.91 per game as compared to the Lady Hilltoppers 14.70. WKU also leads the conference in with 84

hant in service aces and a hitting percentage of .279. It dou--20 dig ings for the Eastern Division



Leading in the Western Division is New Mexico State University, who was predicted to win the Western Division and currently has a .714 winning percentage. The Aggies, who are 5-2 overall, lost their first two games against nationally ranked University of North Carolina, No. 23, and No. 16 University of Wisconsin.

Following NMSU is the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, the University of South Alabama, the University of North Texas, the University of Denver and the University of New Orleans. ◆

Hines needs time to develop as Middle Tennessee's quarterback



Most fans would say that the Blue Raiders' offense had a lousy game Saturday.

The offense failed to get a single touchdown the entire game. The closest Middle Tennessee got to a touchdown was a fumble on the two-yard line in the second quarter.

Despite this, everybody has seemed to have lost sight of one thing: MT has found its quarterback for the future, or at least for the next three years.

Although Hines has only played in two games during his career at MT, consider this: against the stomping grounds of Bear Bryant and on the field of good old Rocky Top, Hines had 27 receptions out of 49 attempts with only one interception. That is more than 50 percent, which is better than what most quarterbacks do in the NFL.

Not only can Hines get the pigskin through the air to his fellow Blue Raiders, he can also

MT outshot Drury, 28-23, in

the match, and both squads

committed 19 fouls. Grib fin-

ished the match with 11 saves to

scramble when getting out of the pocket.

Hines has put up Doug Flutie-like numbers on the ground by rushing for 63 yards against the University of Alabama and 49 yards against the University of Tennessee.

This is 29 yards more than Doak Walker Award candidate Dwone Hicks ran for during the same two games.

"We know he's special," said head coach Andy McCollum at a recent press conference. "Not only is he a special quarterback, he is a special kid. It's fun coaching the ones that the team is very important to, and he's one of those guys.

"He's got great playmakers around him and his job is to get the football to them and let them make plays and not turn the ball over," McCollum said. "He did a great job of that. To go against a school with the caliber of Alabama's and make some of the plays he did, says a lot for a first time starter."

Despite a shaky start and falling behind 22-0 in the first half. Hines managed to put up 26 points against the Alabama defense in the second half.

Another advantage for Hines is that he already knows the offense. He set out last year and

Soccer: First game for MT's injured players

watched former Blue Raider quarterback Wes Counts command the Blue Raider offense.

"Andrico has been here a year," McCollum said. "He was brought here with the idea of letting him learn the scheme, traveling with us, going through the experience. He got a chance to learn from two guys who did a great job for us last year.

"He's gone through spring and had a great summer," McCollum continued. "We have all the confidence in the world in him and he has a lot of ability,"

Hines also has one advantage over Counts: He has a much stronger arm and is capable of throwing longer passes than Counts ever could.

Unfortunately, thanks to a stifling UT secondary, Hines had very little opportunity to show it Saturday.

However, with Sun Belt opponents like Arkansas State and Idaho, Hines should be able to put up Joe Montana-like numbers this year with the help of receivers such as Tyrone Calico.

Hines and the rest of the Blue Raider squad play again next week against the University of Kentucky Wildcats Sept. 21. ♦

The Blue Raiders hit the road

again to take on Auburn and

Alabama Friday and Sunday,

respectively, before returning

home to take on Alabama A&M

Sept. 20 at 3 p.m.

playing time.

Exhibit: Capturing architectural culture

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buildings out there that were threatened. The entire tradition of regional character in architecture was threatened."

So with her camera in hand and Honda Civic, Sorlien set out from Philadelphia, her hometown, on an eight-year picture-taking mission in order to show the world how truly beautiful it is to preserve and appreciate the splendor of older American architecture.

This project, however, entailed more than just interstate pleasure cruises throughout the lower 48. Sorlien had to get to the roots of each state's identifying elements.

"I stuck to back roads only," she said. "In fact, I didn't allow myself to get on an interstate highway at all."

After following the AAA tour book to historic areas, Sorlien found that the houses that most attracted her were those she spotted from her car. Local residents helped out, too.

Throughout the project, Sorlien was able to meet people from all over the country. This kind of direction was preferable to wandering around unknown terrain in search of interesting homes.

"In Brownville, Nebraska, I came across two men who were just hanging out in front of a store," she said. "They apparently had nothing to do, so they offered to drive me around all day in their pickup truck to houses that they thought were cool. They kept saying, 'Brayunvul' and I didn't know what they were talking about until I realized they were saying the name of the town."

Tying a photograph of a house to a particular state seems difficult with the immense diversity scattered throughout the different regions of the nation.

Sorlien did this by including landscapes and cryptic signals to help her audience along.

"The hardest state to deal with was probably California," Sorlien explained. "Since I was choosing one

house per state for the book, I wanted to represent that state, or at least its region, in architec-



Photo provided

This house in Penfield, Ohio, is one of 50 homes photographed by Sandy Sorlien for her book, Fifty Houses: Images from the American Road, on display in the LRC.

ture and landscape.

"California is huge - it starts in Mexico and reflects that culture and ends in the Northwest. It encompasses seacoast and mountains and desert. There's no way to pick a representative house."

She decided on a San Diego home with a Spanish, southwest style.

Sorlien ended her tour in Alaska - the trip she considers the most interesting.

"The trip was made special by my old high school friend Olga," she said. "She had a fishing boat and took me out into Kachemak Bay to photograph coastal houses from the boat.

"These places were on stilts, wonderful wooden numbers, some you could only reach by water."

Her Alaskan picture was not of a house, but rather a tent.

"It's appropriate for Alaska," Sorlien explained. "Though it was not the most interesting house I saw, I chose it for the sake of the narrative I had built throughout Fifty Houses."

Sorlien averaged 20 photographed houses per state. After traveling around the country for eight years - 90 percent of the time alone - and spending her evenings developing film in various motel bathrooms, she spent an additional five years finishing up her book. Sorlien completed her task,

depicting all the character that may be lost if Americans do not take into consideration the effects urbanization has on

American culture and character. Sorlien's exhibition will be on display until Oct. 10 in the Learning Resources Center's Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

Her artist's lecture will be Sept. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 221, with a reception and premier book signing to follow. The lecture will feature a slide slow from Fifty Houses and slides from her next book, Main Streets in America, along with her travel stories.

"I hope students take strong feelings away from the exhibition and try to do something to save regional character in America," Sorlien said.

"That might mean fixing up an old house instead of buying a new one, or it might mean shopping at an independent business on Main Street instead of at Wal-Mart out in the sprawl zone."

Her other works include Manayunk: A Year in the Neighborhood, a book about Sorlien's town, and Imagining Antarctica, fictional polar landscapes photographed with plastic cameras in the Northeastern states during the harsh winter of 1996.

Sorlien has just began shooting for her next book, The Heart of Town: Main Streets in America.

'These are color-view camera images of distressed downtowns," she said. "I may be going to all 50 states again. Oh boy!" ♦

The Blue Raiders played without two starters in the match, senior Sheri Robbins and junior Christina Mascaro. Emily Carter returned to the lineup after missing Friday's

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eight for Perreault.

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he chose him over junior Benji Walker as his starter.

"He's very rangy, even in practice. Sometimes it looked like he was going to get run down, he would pull away from some of our guys. We knew he had that capability. We've been talking all along that both Jay

match, but was limited in her

Vandy: Team looks ahead to Auburn game

and Benji were very well suited to our offense," he said.

With the performance, Vanderbilt now is ranked second in the SEC for rushing offense behind Auburn and 22nd in the country with an average of 226.5 yards through the first two games.

Unfortunately, the Commodores lost a player to a broken right leg for a second straight game. Tailback Ronald Hatcher will miss the rest of the season, moving sophomore Norval McKenzie and Kwane Doster up the depth chart.

"We're not deep enough at any position to lose people like we're losing them right now," Johnson said. ♦

