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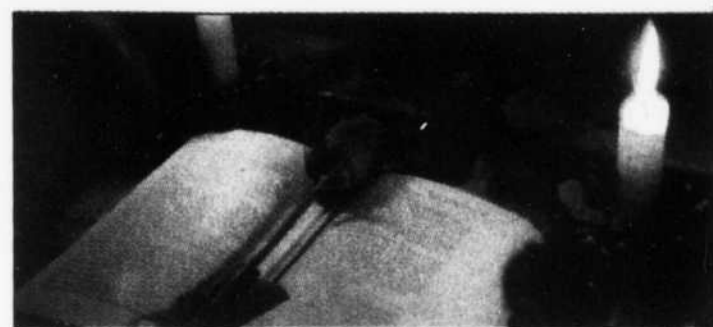


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## Presidential audit turns up few discrepancies

## Inspection comes in wake of UT spending scandal

By Nona Kempton  
Staff Writer

Results of a recent internal audit of university and foundation accounts used by the president's office disclosed missing documentation for a no-bid contract, two purchasing violations, a travel reimbursement error and a mistake in expenditure coding.

The supporting documentation for the no-bid contract had

been misfiled and was later found, according to MTSU President Sidney McPhee.

The audit covered spending from July of 2002 to June of 2003 and was requested by the Tennessee Board of Regents in August. An audit was conducted at each of the 19 universities and community colleges in the TBR system.

This is the first such audit specifically for accounts used at the discretion of each school's

president. The MTSU internal audit department submitted the results of the audit on Sept. 16.

"We were instructed to look at all accounts and audit for compliance with TBR policy," Brenda Burkhardt, director of internal audit said. "Any policy violation was supposed to be disclosed."

The no-bid contract was awarded to The Covenant Group, a consulting firm from Louisville Ky., for an in depth

study of the MTSU Division of Development and University Relations, according to the audit report. Three installments totaling \$73,500 were paid to the firm by MTSU.

Burkhardt said that the president's office could not locate documentation supporting why The Covenant Group was awarded the contract without other bids for the service at the time the audit was prepared.

According to John Cothorn, MTSU budget and finance director, the contract had to

have been approved by Duane Stucky, who was the budget and finance director when the contract was signed.

"He (Stucky) would had to have signed off on it," Cothorn said. "But whenever there is a no-bid on a contract, it is customary to have documentation."

McPhee said that the contract had been approved according to board policy and that all the supporting details have reported to the TBR.

Joe Bales, vice president for

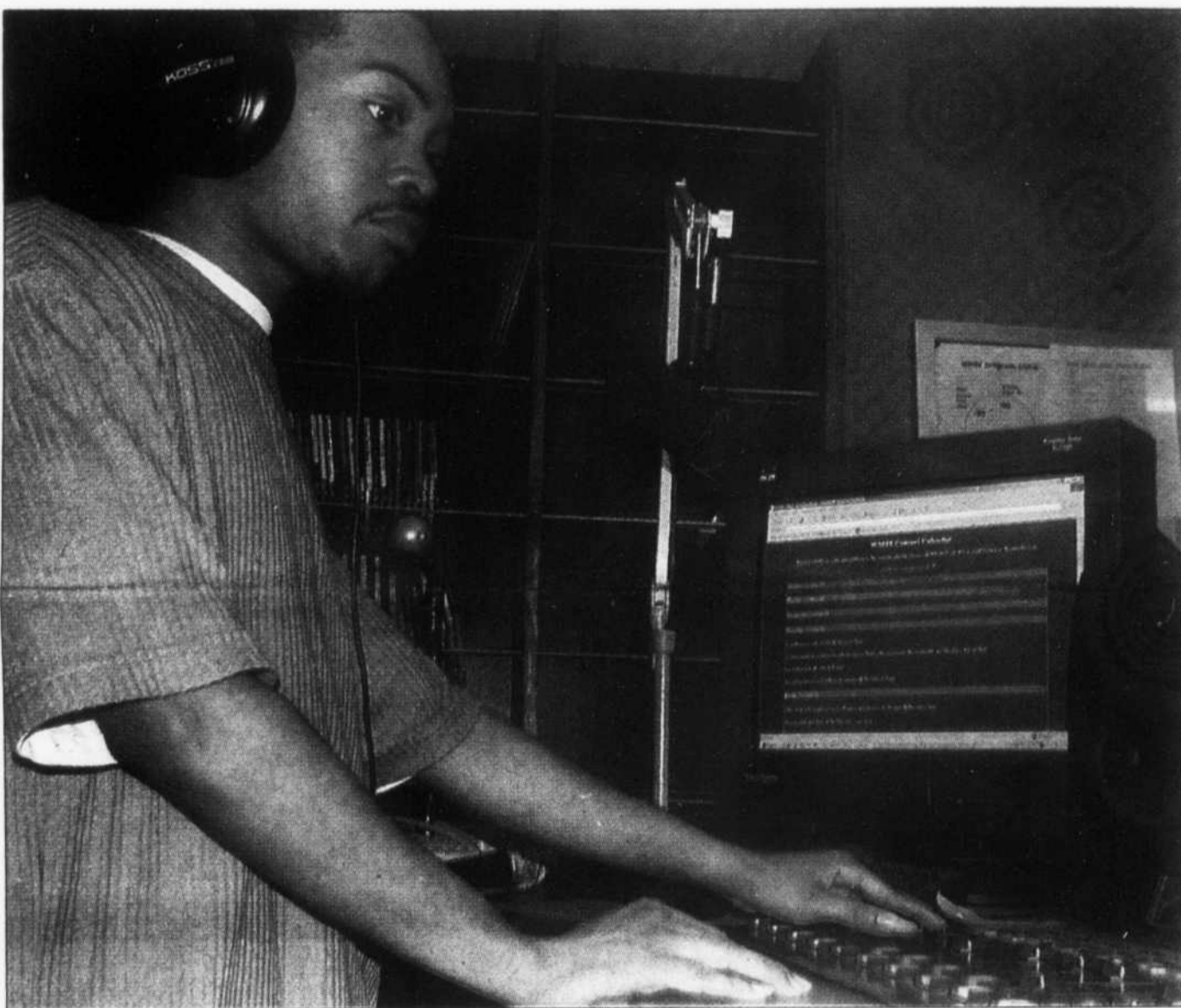
the development and university relations, said the firm created the report to improve efficiency.

"The report they produced was on fundraising and outreach programs," Bales said. "It contained some short and long term recommendations, some of which have been implemented, including a reorganization of one function of our unit that manages alumni and donor records."

Leonard Morrison, president

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## Radiofree Middle Tennessee



Tyson Canon, a disc jockey at WMTS 88.3, plays some tunes for the listeners on Saturday.

Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

## Charity bandit sought by police

By L.P. Anderson  
Staff Writer

A former MTSU student fund-raiser held here last week, according to an MTSU police report.

Mondraka Smith, 23, of Murfreesboro, allegedly stole roughly \$75 worth of donations from an Up 'Til Dawn carnival held during the afternoon of Oct. 29 near the Keathley University Center, the report stated.

Students had clogged the lawn near the university center at the time Smith approached several members of Alpha Omicron Pi, a sorority that was trading Halloween candy for likely donations, said Jennifer Morgan, philanthropic chair for the sorority.

Sorority members believed it was prank when Smith grasped two jugs of donations from their stall and then sauntered from the carnival, she added during a telephone interview Tuesday.

The girls chased Smith toward the Cyber Cafe while the crowd remaining at the carnival stood dumb, Morgan said.

The thief escaped.

"It seemed like a lot of people

at the carnival knew him, but they wouldn't speak up," Morgan said. "Nobody ran after him or anything."

Roughly 13 campus groups at the carnival raised money for Up 'Til Dawn, a fund-raising campaign that aids St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

One student, however, did name MTSU police Lt. Darrell Collins. He would not identify the student.

MTSU police officer Sean Garrison responded to the carnival shortly after the crime, Collins said Tuesday. Garrison filed a warrant for the arrest of Smith, who is charged with robbery.

"He's on the loose out here somewhere," Collins said, "but we haven't caught him yet."

But even if police arrest the thief, Morgan said she doubts the sorority will retrieve its donations. The hospital requested that the sorority raise \$2,200 during the fund-raiser that spans several months.

"This was the kick-off to get all the organizations together and start raising money," Morgan said. "Now we have to start from scratch again." ♦

## Seminars encourage healthier living

By Meagan Kirby  
Staff Writer

The June Anderson Women's Center, Office of Greek Life, and Student Health Services presented seminars on men and women's health on Monday and Tuesday at the Tucker Theatre.

The groups presented the lectures to help students understand the consequences of their lifestyle choice.

At the women's health seminar on Monday, Ellen Goodner, a nurse at the student health services, spoke about reproductive health, STDs, breast cancer and health living in general. Goodner encouraged students to use the student health services.

She also encouraged students to get their flu vaccinations and meningitis shot. The Student Health Services will be giving the flu vaccinations on Nov. 18, 19, and 20. The shot will only cost \$12. The flu mist will also be available, and the cost for that is \$50.

Meningitis shots are available at any time and are \$85, but last for five years. Goodner said that the people most likely to get meningitis are college students, more specifically fresh-

men. She encouraged both the flu and meningitis shot for this year.

After Goodner, Susan Trentham, the new director of the June Anderson Women's Center, spoke. She spoke about depression and suicide and how to deal with these things and how to watch for them in yourself and others. She also spoke about stress and anxiety and some of the effects of them on your health, and how to reduce them. Trentham also mentioned eating disorders like anorexia, bulimia and binge eating.

"One out of 10 college females will have an eating disorder," Trentham said.

Her last topic was sexual assault. She went over prevention measures and what to do in the event of a rape.

Trentham also told students that there will be a new Rape Crisis Center in Murfreesboro sometime in the spring or summer of 2004.

Most of the students in attendance enjoyed the lecture.

"I thought the lecture was pretty informative and highly amusing," said Robyn Diez, a freshman political science major. "The speaker from the Student Health Services did an



Ellen Goodner, nurse practitioner at MTSU, talks to girls at Tucker Theater about women's health issues.

Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

excellent job."

"I felt a lot of it we already knew, but she [Goodner] made an effort to connect with the audience and relate the material to today's women," said Lea Bianucci, a sophomore political science major.

On Tuesday at the men's health seminar, Dr. Pat Spangler spoke about reproductive health, STDs, testicular cancer and healthy living. Spangler also gave suggestions on how to live

healthier lives.

Students interested in the flu vaccinations, meningitis shots, or anything else at health services can reach the office at 898-2988.

Trentham suggests calling Guidance Services for depression, suicide, anxiety, and stress. They can be reached at 898-2670 or online at www.mtsu.edu/~countest. The Domestic Violence Center can be reached at 896-2012. ♦

## Fall Preview Day revived

## Program returns after several years of absence

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

Saturday marks the revival of MTSU's Fall Preview Day where interested students and their parents can come to the university and get a feel for campus life.

"We have not had a Fall Preview Day in the last two or three years, but prior to that we had several," said Sharon Thomas, associate director of admissions.

"I really enjoy the opportunity to assist new students and their families as they make the transition from high school or another school of higher education," Thomas said.

MTSU has started managing the school's enrollment by tightening up admissions standards for incoming freshmen.

The Admissions Office projects that more than 2,000 students and their parents will be participating in the day. There is a welcome session at 1 p.m. in the Murphy Center followed by many different options for the families to partake in. Interested students can attend a Academic

and Student Organizations Fair, where different academic personal and student organizations will be present to answer questions.

Many different administrators will also be present on campus.

"Student affairs is assisting along with other administrative offices on campus," Thomas said.

A campus tour, led by the Raider Reps, and a housing tour will also be available. Tailgating for that night's football game is also an option.

"The campus tour will consist of seven tour stops on campus where visitors can stop and talk with a Raider Rep," said Kris Haynes, assistant director of admissions said. "They won't be giving the normal tours due to the volume of students, but they will still be covering all of the information covered in a regular tour. This will provide an opportunity for visitors to walk around the campus at their leisure and still find out a lot about campus."

Twenty organizations, along with the Raider Reps are going to be assisting with Fall Preview Day. They include the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega, Freshman Forum, the VET club, the inline hockey team, mock trial and other Greek organizations. ♦

# Audit: Documentation misplaced for no-bid contract

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of The Covenant Group, said that his company does consulting work for corporations and non-profit organizations, and that they had been recommended to MTSU from other clients in Nashville.

"We work in a five-state area and almost all of our business comes through word-of-mouth and referrals," Morrison said.

McPhee said that at the time the services were contracted, the university needed to find ways to raise money quickly. He said that the recommendations in the report helped the university to find donors to match funds to build the new Honors College facility and for the nursing program.

"The cost-benefit ratio for price of the service compared to the donations it helped to generate has been excellent," McPhee said.

The errors Burkhart and her staff discovered were small. The purchasing violations totaled \$27.96 for beer purchases that were combined in grocery receipts for refreshments at campus events. TBR policy does not allow alcohol purchases with university funds, however, alcohol purchases can be made with foundation funds, Burkhart said.

The university reimbursed McPhee for a hotel bill for a conference he attended in Anchorage, Ala., in the summer of 2002. The bill contained an extra \$25 per night charge for having a third person, McPhee's daughter, stay in the room.

Burkhart reported to the TBR that the overpayment of \$162 has been repaid by McPhee.

According to the audit report, the expenditure error of \$8,500 occurred when a full-page ad in the 2002 Tennessee Titans Official Team Yearbook was coded in the Membership Fees account. The payment should have been classified as advertising.

As a benefit for placing the ad, the university received two tickets to each Titans home game during the 2002 season. Those tickets, according to the audit report, were distributed to donors and staff or used by the president.

"The president's office did not keep a listing of who they gave the tickets to," Burkhart said. "The staff was working off memory to come up with who

used the tickets."

The audit was requested in the wake of the scandal that forced former University of Tennessee President John Shumaker to resign this summer. UT is not a part of the TBR system.

Shumaker was accused of mishandling university and UT Foundation funds for his personal benefit.

An audit of his accounts disclosed a no-bid contract worth \$300,000 awarded to a long-time friend, personal trips on the university's plane to Birmingham and expensive furnishings for the president's home, including a \$4,800 gas grill.

"There were no expensive grills here," Burkhart said.

The total spent for travel, meals and entertainment from McPhee's university and foundation accounts is \$131,000, the highest amount spent by a university president in the TBR system, according to audit results.

James Hefner, president of Tennessee State University, spent \$124,000, and University of Memphis President Shirley Raines spent \$76,000, according to the audits reported to the TBR.

But Burkhart points out that comparing the spending of each president can be misleading.

"There are some campus events, like the new faculty reception at the president's home, that are paid for out of the president's accounts here," Burkhart said, "while some universities pay similar events out of the provost's accounts or other accounts."

Mary Morgan, communications director for the TBR, said that the board was satisfied with the audits.

"There were some very small matters, but in general we are extremely pleased with the results," Morgan said.

She said that the board intended to prepare a letter to all the presidents to clear up any minor procedural errors in compliance, but the TBR did not plan to make any policy changes to standardize how event expenses are spent.

"Each campus' needs are different, and it depends on the needs of the university how they spend their discretionary funds," Morgan said.

Two foundation accounts are used by the president's office, and McPhee's membership fees to the Stones River Country

Club and the Nashville City Club were paid from these accounts according to the audit.

The TSU audit also disclosed that foundation accounts paid for Hefner's dues to the Nashville City Club and the Rotary Club.

Donna Hastings, president of the MTSU Foundation, said that it is normal for the foundation to pay these dues for the university president.

"We make these accounts available to provide his office with funds to benefit the university," Hastings said. "I believe that these are valid expenditures, not at all unusual."

She also said that it is customary for the president to entertain donors and potential donors at MTSU games and in his home.

"That has never been a problem with any president,"

Hastings said.

The highest expenditure reported on the audit for a single event paid with university funds was a two-day administrative retreat to Fall Creek Falls for department heads and deans in September of 2002. The event cost \$17,725 for 161 people to attend, averaging \$110 per person.

"This is not an uncommon practice here," Burkhart said.

"This type of event has been held for several years."

McPhee said that the retreat has been held for senior and middle management for the last five or six years, but traditionally it has been a two-night trip.

"We cut it to one night due to budget considerations," McPhee said. ♦

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## Crime Log

Compiled by L.P. Anderson

A partial listing of incidents filed by the MTSU Police Department between Oct. 29 and Nov. 2 included:

**Wednesday, Oct. 29 – 2:48 p.m.**

**Keathley University Center**

A black male stole containers of money that the charity "Up Till Dawn" had used to collect donations. The male wore black pants, a blue shirt and a blue bandana that covered his face.

**Thursday, Oct. 30 – 2:03 a.m.**

**Tennessee Boulevard at Greenland Drive**

Joseph Powell, 20, of Nebern, Tenn., was arrested for simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Friday, Oct. 31 – 3:02 a.m.**

**McFarland Health Services**

Students allegedly used their car to "play chicken" with a professor.

**Sunday, Nov. 2 – 7:43 p.m.**

**Alumni Center**

A window was broken.

# Coffee may prevent colon cancer

By Megan Sacia  
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Coffee drinkers may be doing more than jump-starting the day with a morning cup of joe — they may actually be preventing colon cancer.

For years, scientists have hypothesized that some cancer protection might come from coffee consumption.

Scientists now say they have identified a highly-active anti-cancer compound in coffee.

German researchers recently discovered the effective compound, methylpyridinium, a potent antioxidant, which seems to enhance the activity of phase two enzymes that protect against colon cancer.

"We have been looking for some time at coffee, and it appeared in the past that coffee

was reducing cancer, but no one really understood why," said Donna Weihofen, senior nutritionist with the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center.

In 1998, a detailed analysis of 17 studies on coffee drinking was executed at Harvard.

The results showed a decreasing risk of colon cancer resulting from moderate coffee drinking.

The explanation for this, though, had nothing to do with antioxidants.

Instead, it said that drinking coffee helps to turn wastes easily, which in time keeps the colon healthier, Weihofen says.

Coffee is one of the sole providers of methylpyridinium.

It is not actually contained in coffee beans, but contained in trigonellin, its chemical antecedent, and formed during

the roasting process.

The anticancer complex is found in any type of coffee, with or without caffeine and instant.

Compared to a regular, medium-roast blend, espressos are a better option because they hold two to three times the amount of the anti-cancer compound.

The study exposed specially prepared extracts of coffee to laboratory preparations of human intestinal cells for a period of three days.

The result was a dose dependent increase in phase two enzymes. The consumption of more coffee produced more enzymes.

An identical study using 24 rats displayed the same results.

Rats fed the methylpyridinium showed a 24 to 40 percent increase in phase two enzymes.

The American Cancer Society reports that, excluding skin cancers, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in both men and women in the United States.

The ACS expects 105,000 new cases of colorectal cancer by the end of 2003.

About 57,100 people are expected to die from the cancer this year.

Factors shown to increase the risk of colon cancer are obesity, alcohol, burnt or blackened red meat and high sugar or high fat diets.

Coffee has not been determined as a cause of any type of cancer, making this discovery one of great importance, Weihofen said. ♦

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## Watching TV linked to reading difficulties

By Emily Schweikart  
Badger Herald

(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — Difficulties with reading may result from excessive television viewing in young children, according to a recent media study done by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

The study found that children from six months to six years old typically watch about two hours of television, video games, or computer each day.

Within this age group, 34 percent of children ages four to six who live in a home where there is extensive television viewing can read, but 56 percent of children in this age group growing up in households with less TV watching can read.

According to Joanne Cantor, a professor emerita at the University of Wisconsin, a large amount of viewing displaces other activities that allow children to learn.

"TV viewing tends to be passive and not involve the viewer actively in the learning process," Cantor said. "This is especially important for very young children."

Cantor says that even remote TV watching can prompt anxieties, which then affect a child's ability to concentrate and learn.

Rhode Island resident Scott Fertik is the parent of a six-year-old son and agrees that TV is harmful to his child's development.

Rather than placing his son in a public elementary school, Fertik sends his son Max

to learn at the Waldorf School, a specialized school that promotes learning without the use of TV.

"Computers, TV, and videos all create a society of robotic human beings who are depending on these machines to learn and go about their everyday lives," Fertik said.

He believes that when children watch too much TV it can limit their imaginations and make them less enthusiastic about reading.

Fertik remains firm that this type of learning works well for his son. Max watches only a couple of hours of TV each month and currently has a passion and skill for reading.

The few programs he watches are normally educational, although he watches an occasional sports event.

According to Cantor, not all TV programs will limit reading skills.

"Educational programs, whose first objective is to teach or to promote critical thinking, are often beneficial," Cantor said. "Also, programs that have goals to teach social lessons can be valuable."

"Sesame Street," "Blue's Clues," and "Doug" are three popular kids programs Cantor believes to be beneficial.

According to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a nonprofit research organization, family ownership of television is nearly universal.

A 1996 study by the AGI found that on average, American families owned two to

three color TV sets and one black and white set.

The AGI also found that by the time they graduate from high school, American teenagers will have spent 15,000 hours in front of the TV and only 11,000 hours in formal classroom instruction.

College students were reported to watch an average of five and a half to eight hours of TV every weekday.

UW junior Anna Weedman believes that college students' reading skills are already established and the amount of TV she watches does not affect her schoolwork negatively.

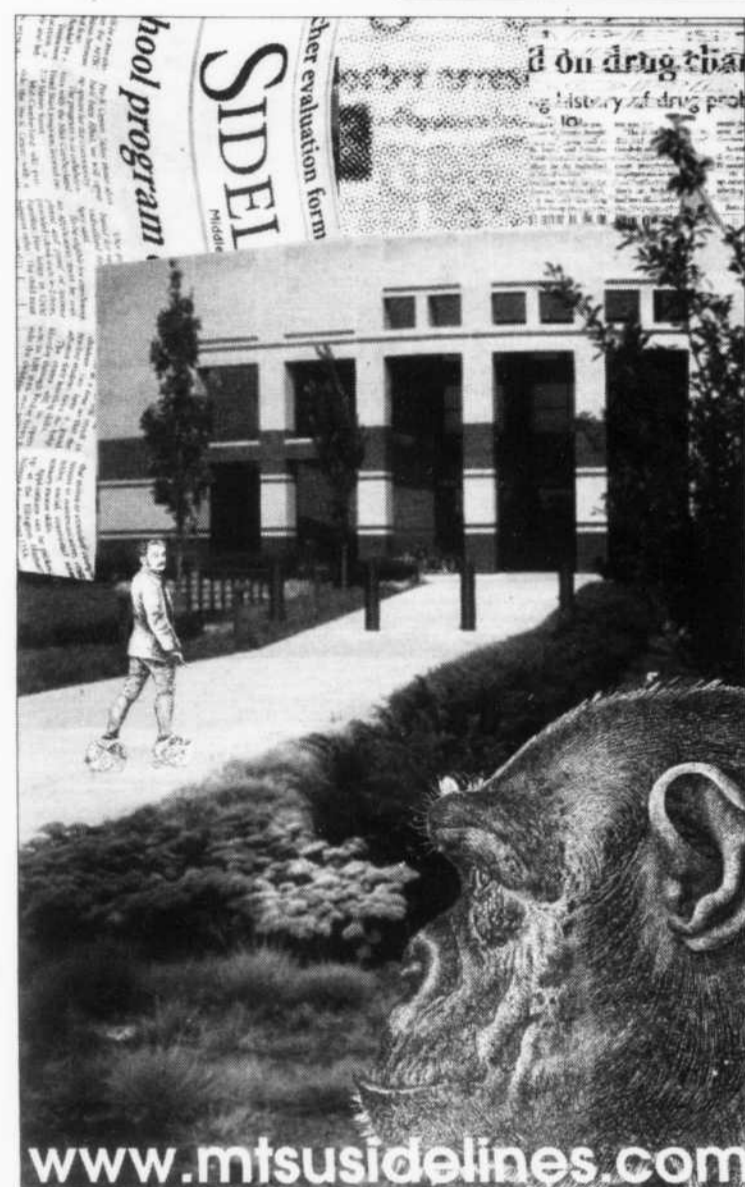
"I do wish I had read more as a child, though, because I might be more enthusiastic about reading now," she said.

Instead of television, Weedman feels that other media outlets are worse distractions from reading.

"The real thing that distracts me from my school work isn't watching 'Friends' or 'The Bachelor' every once in a while, but how easy it is to be distracted by my computer," Weedman says.

From six-year-olds to college students, Cantor believes TVs, computers and videos are a large part of everyone's lives.

"It affects all of us. It often interferes with the ability to get other things done and, depending on the choice of programs, particularly violent programs, may affect emotions negatively," Cantor said. ♦



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# WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled by Nick Fowler – News Editor

## Making gains in the South, GOP takes governorships

With a presidential campaign only months away, Republicans picked up two governorships in the South, ousting Mississippi's Democratic incumbent and seizing Kentucky's top job for the first time in 32 years.

GOP Washington lobbyist Haley Barbour unseated term Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove, while in Kentucky, three-term Republican Rep. Ernie Fletcher defeated Democratic Attorney General Ben Chandler.

Democrats saw a few bright spots. Philadelphia's Democratic Mayor John Street handily defeated Republican businessman Sam Katz, 59 percent to 41 percent. Democrats took control of the New Jersey Legislature, breaking a 20-20 tie in the state Senate and defeating the GOP's top Senate leader.

## San Francisco approves new minimum wage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Voters in one of the nation's most expensive cities decided overwhelmingly that employers should have to pay their workers a minimum wage that mirrors the cost of living.

Proposition L, which imposes an \$8.50-per-hour minimum wage on virtually all employers in the city, passed with 60 percent of the vote Tuesday.

California's hourly minimum wage is \$6.75, and the minimum required under federal law is \$5.15, far below the federal poverty level for a full-time minimum wage earner with a family.

## State voters decide ballot proposals

By a resounding 2-1 margin, Maine voters rejected a plan to build the state's first casino, deciding that promises of jobs and new tax revenues didn't outweigh the drawbacks of a lavish, Las Vegas-style resort.

In Colorado, voters rejected a measure to expand casino-style gambling to five horse and

greyhound racetracks. Opponents included business groups in three mountain towns with casinos that feared losing bettors to the tracks.

In New York City, voters defeated a proposal that would have replaced party primaries with nonpartisan elections for mayor and other city posts. Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent \$2 million of his own fortune backing the proposal, while Democratic leaders, whose party holds a 5-1 edge in registered voters, urged a no vote.

## U.S. compound in Mosul shelled; Spanish leave

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) – Insurgents using rocket-propelled grenades struck a U.S. compound Wednesday in the northern city of Mosul, a day after Baghdad's heavily guarded central district came under fire.

No casualties were reported in Wednesday's incident, the U.S. military said. Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, had been relatively quiet in the past several months, but the security situation has deteriorated since October.

The continuing attacks by shadowy groups of Iraqi resistance fighters have cast doubt on the ability of the U.S.-led coalition to contain the growing insurgency, and have sparked an exodus from Baghdad of international organizations and diplomats from several Western countries.

Spain, a close U.S. ally, withdrew many of its diplomatic staff on Wednesday because of escalating violence.

Huge explosions thundered through Baghdad Tuesday evening as the insurgents targeted the 2-square-mile "Green Zone," which includes coalition headquarters, the military press center and other key facilities.

## Israeli military easing restrictions

JERUSALEM (AP) – Israeli defense officials promised to lift internal closures around all West Bank Palestinian towns except two on Wednesday as a

gesture to Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia who is trying to form a new government.

Qureia and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat were unable to settle their differences Tuesday over who would control security forces, stalling the formation of a new Cabinet.

Israeli forces, in reaction to suicide bombing attacks, have encircled the main Palestinian population centers for two months, banning most travel and further stifling the battered Palestinian economy.

In what they described as a gesture to Qureia, Israeli defense officials said that on Wednesday soldiers would lift internal closures around all West Bank Palestinian towns, except for Jenin and Nablus in the north.

## State of emergency declared in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) – Sri Lanka's political crisis deepened Wednesday as the president declared a state of emergency, but officials insisted she wouldn't restart a bloody 20-year civil war and would honor a shaky cease-fire with Tamil Tiger rebels.

President Chandrika Kumaratunga further asserted her power across the troubled island nation as her rival Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was scheduled to go ahead with talks in Washington with President Bush later Wednesday.

The crisis began Tuesday when Kumaratunga – who accuses the prime minister of being soft on the rebels – fired three top ministers, suspended Parliament and deployed troops around the capital.

## FCC approves technology to limit Internet piracy

WASHINGTON (AP) – Federal regulators say broadcasters may embed an electronic marker in high-quality digital television shows to make it harder to copy and distribute the programs over the Internet.

The industry applauded the

move as necessary to prevent the kind of widespread copying that has hit the music business and to ensure that over-the-air television remains free. But consumers groups say it is a further restriction on viewers' rights, while others fear it is a step toward regulating the Internet.

In approving a "broadcast flag" Tuesday, the Federal Communications Commission said it was concerned that broadcasters would shift programs from over-the-air free television to pay channels such as Home Box Office if they could not protect programs from illegal copying and widespread distribution.

## Bush signs anti-abortion bill to end years long fight

WASHINGTON (AP) – President Bush is handing abortion opponents a victory sought through seven years of political battle as he signs legislation that bans some abortions.

The president's signature represents an end to a legislative crusade that began when Republicans captured the House in 1995.

Former President Clinton twice vetoed similar bills, arguing that they lacked an exception to protect the health of the mother.

But for abortion rights advocates, the current president's action simply moves the fight over a procedure opponents call partial birth abortion from Congress to the courts.

## Democrats press Dean on Confederate flag flap

In a Democratic presidential debate that veered from hip to heated, Howard Dean's most persistent foil was the Confederate flag, his favored response the non-apology.

"It's a racist symbol but I also think the Democratic Party has to be a big tent," Dean said Tuesday night, refusing to recant his statement that the party must court Southerners who display the symbol of the Confederacy in their pickup trucks.

"Poor white people need to

vote their economic interest," he said.

That's not how others saw it, not Sen. John Edwards nor Al Sharpton, both of whom sharply challenged Dean on the debate stage, nor even one prominent Democratic officeholder who has yet to endorse any of the contenders.

## Indicted HealthSouth founder Scrushy freed

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) – HealthSouth founder Richard M. Scrushy was freed on \$10 million bond after becoming the first CEO charged under a new federal law meant to crack down on corporate corruption.

Accused of heading a conspiracy to overstate earnings at the health care giant by \$2.7 billion since 1996, Scrushy is set to stand trial starting Jan. 5.

Scrushy pleaded innocent in a hearing Tuesday after surrendering to federal authorities.

Scrushy, 51, was named on 85 counts including fraud, conspiracy and money-laundering. His bond was secured by his three homes, 360 acres of plantation property and nearly 300,000 shares in HealthSouth stock.

## Reagan miniseries to air on cable network

NEW YORK (AP) – Anybody who wants to see the television miniseries "The Reagans" will now have to pay for it.

After taking "The Reagans" off its schedule in the face of political pressure, CBS said Tuesday it would license the film to Showtime, a corporate cousin and pay cable network with about one-fifth of CBS' audience.

"A free broadcast network, available to all over the public airwaves, has different standards than media the public must pay to view," CBS said in a statement.

"We do, however, recognize and respect the filmmakers' right to have their voice heard and their film seen."

## Turkey won't send troops to Iraq without invitation

WASHINGTON (AP) – In a major setback to U.S. efforts to attract military help in Iraq, a Turkish official said Tuesday his country won't send peacekeeping troops without a significant change in the situation there. That makes it virtually certain the United States will have to send thousands more U.S. reservists early next year.

No additional countries have contributed forces in Iraq since the United Nations Security Council approved a new resolution last month.

Bush administration officials had hoped the U.N. action would persuade reluctant allies to send more forces.

Turkey had been the best hope. But Turkey's ambassador to the United States, Osman Faruk Logolu, said his country will not send troops without an explicit invitation from the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council – some of whose members have vigorously opposed the idea.

The ambassador said it was up to the Americans to press the Iraqi council to make the invitation – a move he said the United States appears unwilling to make.

## Largest California wildfire contained by firefighters

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) – Firefighters contained the biggest and deadliest of Southern California's wildfires Tuesday and turned their attention to mopping up other blazes and heading off mudslides when the rains come.

San Diego County's 280,000-acre Cedar Fire was fully surrounded after cool weather and on-and-off rain helped firefighters.

Officials said four other fires were expected to be contained by day's end.

Firefighters got a morale boost from a visit by President Bush, who surveyed some of the damage done by the blazes that have killed at least 22 people and burned more than 740,000 acres of brush and timber. ♦

# the 'boro's best 2003 ballot

★ Please nominate as few national chains as possible ★

## MUSIC

Best Murfreesboro band

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Best Murfreesboro musician

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Best place to hear live music

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Best place to play live music

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## FOOD & DRINK

Bar with the best bartenders

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Best cup of coffee

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Best mixed drinks

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Best happy hour

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Best beer

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Best atmosphere (restaurant)

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Best atmosphere (bar)

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Best breakfast

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Best Mexican food

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Best oriental food

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Best sit-down meal in town

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Best service (restaurant)

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Best service (bar)

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Best drunk/stoned food

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Best grab-and-go lunch place

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Best place to spend a Friday night

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Best place to spend a Saturday night

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Best place to spend a weeknight

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Best place to pick up a date

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Best place to take your date

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Best place to cheat on your date

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Best place to dance

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Best place to rent videos

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Best place to experience local culture

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Best place to see local art

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## From the Editorial Board The man and his money

It's good to know university president Sidney McPhee didn't think a \$4,800 gas grill was a pertinent need that should be picked up by students and Tennessee taxpayers.

However, despite the rather tame results of the audit and the tacit approval McPhee's expenses have gotten from the Tennessee Board of Regents, there are a couple of items that raise a red flag.

For instance, why was the documentation for a no-bid contract lost, then suddenly found? A large, public institution such as a university generally keeps meticulous files, and multiple copies of each. Why was the paperwork regarding this contract – already controversial because it was closed to bidding – shifting around university offices?

Even in the more likely scenario that everything is basically on the up and up, it makes one wonder why this file was haphazardly kept, and if there are others like it.

The shoddy record-keeping continues with the Tennessee Titans and the mystery surrounding who got the Titans season tickets. If the university is paying out ads for a benefit such as tickets, should the right people know where they are?

And why, exactly, does the MTSU Foundation need to be paying McPhee's membership in the Stones River Country Club and the Nashville City Club? It doesn't really matter that other university foundations do it for their president. Given the budget situation and McPhee's voiced dedication to being frugal, does the university really benefit from paying for McPhee to schmooze the big wigs in Murfreesboro and Nashville? Do the results of said fraternization justify making a country club membership an employment perk?

These are all (potentially) minor messups and McPhee's overall spending seems to be on the up-and-up, but there are still questions to be answered. ♦

## Today's youth needs sex education

### Wit and Wonder



Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Staff Columnist

One student struck a violent chord with school officials in Kissimmee, Fla., when she wore a T-shirt decorated in condoms to school last Friday as her Halloween costume.

LaNessa Riobe, a 16-year-old student of Osceola High School, told reporters that the idea for the costume came from safe-sex commercials she'd seen on television.

In an interview with the Associated Press, LaNessa said, "A lot of my friends are sexually active. I tell them, if you're going to do it, be safe."

In response, school principal Chuck Paradiso suspended her from school for three days, though later reducing the suspension to

one day.

LaNessa's mother, Melissa, had helped her acquire the condoms, which her daughter taped to the white T-shirt she wore and began distributing to students at school.

"Sex can be deadly, and people need to know that," Melissa said in an AP interview. "I just can't believe they suspended her for doing something good."

But school officials didn't see her act as a positive move but as a violation of school conduct regulations. Paradiso deemed the costume and condom distribution as "something you don't do in a public school."

But why don't you do this in public school? Why shouldn't a student, in response to the growing campaign against AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, stand and take action?

The issue here isn't whether a girl should be

able to adorn herself in condoms and share them with her classmates. This incident is a reflection of the growing resistance within high schools against sex education.

The Kaiser Family Foundation conducted a survey in May on teenagers and their awareness of contraceptive use and sexually transmitted diseases. The study found that while a third of adolescents have engaged in oral sex, only one in five are unaware that transmission of STDs can occur through this practice.

Results also showed that about half of respondents said that bringing up the subject of contraceptives makes a partner suspicious of their sexual history, which makes doing so uncomfortable.

It also demonstrates one of the consequences that comes with shrouding contraceptive use in mystery: It's transformed from a preventative measure

that people who are sexually interested in one another consider to a sign that a person is dirty and promiscuous.

The KFF also found that 75 percent of teens would like more information about contraceptives and how to use them, how to recognize STDs, how to get tested and how to communicate more effectively with partners about these concerns. Yet, even with these desires, most remain confused and unsure of where to look.

Students should be able to look to their high school teachers for answers.

As high school students prepare to move into the work force and higher education, they should make that transition with good information they can carry into intimate relationships.

With sex being more prevalent in the university setting, shouldn't students already have the information before admittance

that could prevent an unwanted pregnancy or an infection?

In a world where STDs are a growing concern, shouldn't educating the sexually maturing within our communities on these issues be a priority?

To begin to stop the spread of AIDS and other STDs within the United States, we must first educate the portion of our population that represents the greatest number of new cases each year: our nation's youth.

Not allowing these issues to be addressed within classrooms only serves to breed misconceptions.

And punishing one young girl who decided to try to educate her classmates on a reality within our society isn't helping. ♦

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## Sales reps deserve courtesy, too

### Thursdays



Wesley Jackson  
Staff Columnist

I think most of us hate telephone marketers and sales representatives. They're irritating and obnoxious. We don't want our lives interrupted by one more sales pitch for the widget we can't live without.

As long as there's a relatively free market out there, sales people will exist. We might as well get used to that fact and, if we're not interested in their products, get used to saying no.

But in my work experience, there's been a resistance to saying "no" to sales people. It seems many businessmen and businesswomen go to more trouble avoiding sales reps and telemarketers or contriving elaborate methods of punishing them than just saying "no."

I've known one employer who takes a telemarketer's call and then gives them a 20-minute, guilt-trip lecture on why he can't afford to buy their product.

Another example is from a business owner who has the ingenious idea of taking the telemarketer's call, "transferring" their call to different department, putting them on hold for 10 minutes, then going to another phone in a back room and pretending to be the guy in the other department.

If there's a telemarketer's hell, this sort of treatment would be found around the seventh circle. These guys hate phone games.

Another strategy I've seen fellow employees use with telemarketers is to tell them to call back on Saturday and ask for our manager, Bob. Our business isn't open on Saturdays. There is no Bob.

We're off the hook of dealing with sales people. Usually once folks have tricked or punished a sales rep, a celebration ensues. "Waaahahaha-hee hee! Guess they'll feel stupid looking for Bob! That will make them wish they never called us!" It's a justification for dodging responsibility or, in some cases, "Givin' those damn telemarketers some of their own medicine!"

I know not everyone wants to deal with sales people, and not all sales reps inherently deserve to be treated with courtesy. But that's not an excuse for their poor, immature behavior toward them.

If we're not interested in the product, we should have the decency to at least give an honest, but polite, straight answer of "No, thanks."

If nothing else, the sales rep will leave the store or hang up the phone without having wasted much time.

Hopefully, they'll also have the impression that the clients were merely uninterested in the product rather than the impression that they were complete nincompoops, whose lack of social skills made it nothing short of miracu-

lous that they had gotten as far as they had in life.

This was probably the impression the sales reps got from the business a friend of mine worked at.

Whenever a salesman or a saleswoman came to the door, everybody decided they'd play hide and seek. Better yet, everyone in the office would hide and thrust the burden of responsibility on the secretary to "get rid of that sales guy."

The boss of another friend of mine has told her to come up with some sort of dumb-blonde act whenever sales people come in the store. Act stupid and maybe the sales rep will get discouraged and leave.

If I were a sales rep, I'd get frustrated dealing with a dumb blonde. I'd also think the owners of the store were a bunch of ripe nitwits for hiring someone so incompetent.

I've found that "creative" efforts to thwart the marketing crowd usually end up only making yourself look bad—sometimes downright ridiculous. It may even give your business a bad reputation.

The best route for dealing with sales folks is to give them a straight answer that's both honest and courteous, even if they don't deserve it.

If sales representatives and telemarketers are obnoxious and irritating, so be it. We needn't follow their example. ♦

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## Hey, let's vote

### Said My Muse to Me



Amber Bryant  
Staff Columnist

I'm pretty sure Billy Joel is right – we didn't start the fire. By the time we 20-somethings left the warm, comfortable womb, the formulas of the American government had been etched in stone and politics were at their dirtiest. Yet, election

year after election year, we're pressured to vote for the next circus clown to head up an unstoppable system too often fit for loathing. If you never loathe it, start paying attention.

More than half of us have only recently been represented in the rat race, and the pickings are still slim. Privileged white males, of course, have always had the reigns and will likely continue to for the next five years, at least. If change starts with social repression, Lady Liberty is spinning her wheels. Americans value consumerism over nature, our opinions over yours and, above all, a brand of normalcy that doesn't even exist.

We're pushing a brick wall rooted all the way through history. If the way things are is the way they'll always be, why should I waste a perfectly good day researching politics when I can seek social solitude in my own bed, away from the penises who'll inevitably lead?

For these reasons and more, it's difficult to be involved in the whole presidential election process, which is starting all over again and interrupting the funny in my *Daily Show* with Jon Stewart fix.

We're in the middle of another political crossfire, elephants against donkeys against the mascotless independents, waiting to find out who gets the presidency so half of the population can be angry, and the majority of the population can be glad when the bum's term is over.

Has it been three years already? Seems like only yesterday America was in the middle of the last series of presidential debates, before enduring a national game of "Hey, you cheated" when Bush and Gore were neck to neck, as if we were all in sixth grade in the middle of Field Day.

Sadly, it's more tedious than it appears on paper, leaving me tired before I've even thought about keeping up with the debates. My own life is hectic enough without tossing in the typically corrupt, baby-smooching lives of presidential candidates. But we've been given only a few key ways to change things, and most college-age people don't use them.

In order to change the system, you must know it. Learn economics, history and social sciences – all those things that explain how the government technically and not so technically works. Keep up with the debates, research the candidates and pick the lesser of eight evils at the voting booths. Even if you're fed up with them all, don't waste what power you have. After you vote, protest. Write or speak in a public forum. Read, for God's sake. If being an English major has taught me anything, it's that the answers lie in literature.

Sure, I may not get my way in the end polls, and president after president will take away my civil liberties and force his religious beliefs on a secular country (I'm looking at you, George W. Bush) until we're living in a certain George Orwell novel. It's an unstoppable train, to a certain extent. But, at least I'll know my way around the White House, so to speak. At least I will have taken advantage of my rights, instead of hiding under the covers like people are forced to do in countries without freedom.

At least I'll have a cheesy patriotic sticker and ammunition for the next race. ♦

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# Bad news in Iraq – Go figure

By Samira Zaidi  
The Daily Cougar

HOUSTON – Give them an inch, or a country for that matter – then just stand back and cry.

Watching the United States play with Iraq's future is sort of like watching a child play with fire. Iraqi reconstruction is slowly inching along; reports indicate that water and electricity is being restored to some areas, schools are being built and the Iraqi police force is gaining momentum.

So what's the bad news, you ask?

For starters, American troops are still being killed by Iraqi insurgents. Just last weekend, an American Chinook helicopter was shot down, killing 15 soldiers.

I don't know how obvious this is to the government, as nations are more reluctant than ever to send troops to assist Americans. Parents of those serving in the military are beg-

ging for the return of their children, and even soldiers have reported they were not trained to serve as peacekeeping forces in Iraq – they were trained to kill.

It's obvious the soldiers weren't even trained to deal with other cultures. Meanwhile, they are being harassed for touching women and letting dogs loose on Iraqi civilians.

Sure, many Iraqis are welcoming the troops, and yes, I've seen Iraqi children playing with the American soldiers who offer them candy.

This seems to be the only comeback from pro-government lackeys.

But reality will always shine through: Iraqis don't like that someone is occupying their land. They will not forget the scrub who draped the American flag over Saddam's statue, and they will not forget Operation Desert Storm.

Maybe Americans have forgotten. We went in once, we left and now we're back. In the

meantime, those Iraqi civilians had to live and suffer with the devastation.

Foreign policy experts point out that most of the anti-American attacks are being perpetrated by the "Sunni Triangle," a group of communities north of Baghdad: Tikrit, Ramadi and Fallujah.

The coalition now wants the Shiites to fight on its side. Right. As if they all forgot when America let them down before, resulting in the sickening massacre of hundreds of thousands of their creed. They're not going to fall for that one again.

We are also now finding out the American government was all wrong in predicting the cost of reconstruction and how much Iraqi oil would help pay for the efforts.

That would be an honest mistake for a country that never invaded Iraq before. But we were already there once. Nothing changed except the American president who commanded the invasion.

The Defense Department even reported that initial estimates would not be sufficient.

What's even better is finding out that the companies earning contracts to rebuild Iraq made the largest contributions to the Bush-Cheney campaign. That \$87 billion taxpayer bill is to help the Iraqi civilians – and presidential cronies.

But that's not all we have to worry about. God forbid Iraq turn into another Iran.

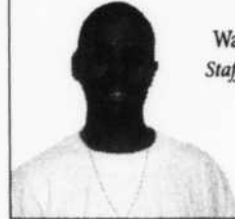
All those Shiites, the majority in Iraq, actually saying they want a religious government – who ever heard of letting the people have what they want?

Isn't that called a democracy? Not with Iraq. Although we fear Iraq turning into a self-sufficient Iran, we thrive on Muslim countries like Saudi Arabia that depend on us – the same Saudi Arabia that churns out extremist Wahhabis hell-bent on killing non-Muslims, Shiite Muslims and everyone not like them.

Go figure. ♦

# Take time out

## Keep It Real



Wayne Green  
Staff Columnist

In today's society, everything around us seems to be going at a never-ending pace. It's as if the night and days become shorter and shorter.

It's impossible to get everything that needs to be accomplished done in a single 24-hour day. People often worry about things in life that blind

them to the big picture of life.

Even though it's important to look into the future for hopes and dreams, and it's equally important to look into the past to see what mistakes we have made, it's extremely important to stay conscious of the present time, because the time that a person is spending right now can never be replaced when it has passed.

It is important to realize that tomorrow is not promised and today is guaranteed. There are so many people that I talk to that wish they could do something over again in life. Some older people wish that they could relive their youth, because they felt that they did not enjoy their time when they were young. Then, there are other people who wish that they could go back to high school, because they maybe didn't go to that prom or senior dance.

Sadly, many people are traumatized over many things that they wish they could do over. Consequently, a person may mess up the time that they are living now. That's why it is important to enjoy life while it is possible – because when time passes there is nothing a person can do about it.

A prime example: About five years ago my father was murdered. We never spent time together like we could have, but when tragedy occurs there aren't any warnings.

Tragedy can happen at a drop of a hat. I wish I could have spoken with my father and spent more time with him. That's why I try to remind myself to take time and enjoy life.

Life is full of obstacles and negativity, but it is important to keep your head up. A person is not guaranteed a second life, but you are guaranteed the life that is given now.

Take time to take a walk, because some people cannot walk. Take time to talk to older people in a different generation, because spending time with an elderly individual may allow a person to reevaluate his or her priorities.

There is much to be learned from older people. A majority of elderly people have so much wisdom and knowledge; their advice could easily help a person's life go smoother. I love talking to my grandmother and parents, because they have been in similar situations.

For example, my stepfather and mother have been young adults, and they understand some of the problems of being a young adult in America.

Take time to talk to different ethnic groups, because we are all humans and can learn from each other.

Most important, take time for yourself, because without being one with yourself, you cannot help anyone else. ♦

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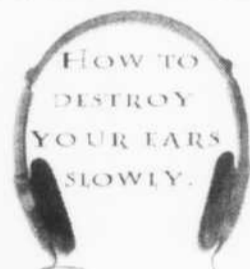


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Wedding Dress, sz. 4 (could fit sz. from 4-8), strapless, lots of beads and lace, like new, \$150. Formal dresses, sizes 6-10, various colors and styles \$25-40. (931) 607-9077.

Selmer Signet Tenor Saxophone, early 1970s model. New pads, excellent condition. Will consider all offers. Call (615) 904-2293.

Hide-a-bed sofa for sale. Beige. Excellent condition. \$100. (615) 497-3717.

## Services

Bagpiper for Hire: All occasions: Weddings, parties, funerals, etc. Lessons also available. 13 years of experience. Call Mike McNutt @ 217-8475 for more information.

Wanna Party? Get a DJ! Call MTSU's very own Joel Price Professional Disc Jockey-Top of the line sound system and lights-Perfect for any school or house party, Weddings, anything! Call (615) 473-4341 or email TeknoRaven@hotmail.com

Personal trainer: Are you serious about getting in shape? A personal trainer is the best way to ensure that you achieve your goals. Contact Tim Kappe 504-905-2012 or Trkzd@mtsu.edu

## Career

**Are you interested in earning your PhD?** Would you like to have your own personal research mentor? Would you like to receive funding while conducting research? Are you interested in preparation for graduate studies? If you answered yes to the above questions, please contact the **MTSU McNair Scholars Program**. The McNair Program is located in Midgett 103. Our staff would like to tell you more about our distinguished program. Information may also be found at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mcnair/>

## Internships

**SUMMER MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.** Student painters is looking for individuals who are interested in gaining management experience. Great resume builder. No experience necessary however must be hard working. Last summer the average internship paid \$10,000. Territories going quickly. Hired first come, qualified basis. For more information call 1-888-839-3385.

**Do you need to prepare for graduate school?** To qualify, student has to be a low-income/first generation or underrepresented student with a desire to achieve earning a PhD. Have a 2.8 GPA and 60 earned credit hours by May 2004. For more information, contact the **MTSU McNair Scholars Program** located in Midgett 103 or call 904-8462 for more information.

## Employment

Part-time Help wanted. Now Hiring Part time front desk associate!! Looking for a part time weekend job!! Super 8 Motel in La Vergne I-24 Exit 64 25 min. from MTSU. Hours-Saturday 3-11pm and Sunday 7am-3pm. Prefer experience. Willing to train. Must be punctual and aggressive. Please apply in person!! Great Benefits!!

Business opportunity: Independent Representatives needed to market local phone service, a \$400 billion dollar industry, set your own hours, decide how much you want to make, be your own boss. Call Justin @ 904-2498.

Meet **Mark!!** Call Lisa @ 898-4623 to see Mark's "remarkable" beauty, skin care and accessories catalog or to host a **Mark**. party of your own. Make \$\$\$ and have fun at the same time, great for sororities and other groups.

Bartender trainees needed. \$250 a day potential. Local positions. 1-800-293-3985 ext. 305

## Help Wanted

Need extra cash or Christmas money?? Daily pay. Co. vehicle. \$75-\$150 per day. Start ASAP 355-4003..

## Opportunities

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**ARTISTS / ART STUDENTS**  
A graphic design student is planning to publish a 2005 art calendar featuring artwork of MTSU students and middle Tennessee artists. If you would like for your artwork to be included in the calendar, call John at (615) 832-4702 or email at jdcunningham@bellsouth.net.

For more info. call 898-4684. Want that dream vacation,

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## Roommate

One BR available in 2 BR 1 1/2 BA townhouse on Bell St. Utilities and rent is \$360. Lots of space, clean, W/D included. Christian female wanted. Need by 12/1/03! Please call Jessica 615-668-8598.

Roommate needed to share a 3 BR 2 BA fully furnished house only two miles from campus. House has privacy fence and all utilities for \$350/month. No lease. Call Danielle @ 473-5402.

1 female roommate needed, nonsmoker preferred, to share 4 BR 2 BA spacious house across from Murphy center. Available ASAP! \$0 deposit, \$225/month includes electric and water. If interested, call maritza @ 390-8693.

3 Roommates needed to take lease over at Sterling Gables. \$335/ month. Pool view! Call 497-0968.

\$330/ month all utilities included. 1 BR in a 4 BR 2 BA @ Sterling University. \$0 deposit!! Tanning, workout gym & shuttle bus provided! Move in December! Great roommates! Call 731-697-9978.

Roommate needed by end of October for large brick 2 BR house. Central heat/air, close to MTSU, only one neighbor- musicians welcome. \$325/mo. \$325 deposit+ 1/2 utilities. Call Jacob 849-3219.

3 Roommates needed to take lease over at Sterling Gables. \$335/month. Pool view! Call 497-0968.

Room for rent in Murfreesboro. \$330/month + 1/3 utilities. Avail. 11/1/03. Call 653-3982.

1 Female Roommate needed for a 4-bedroom house. Currently there are 3 girls. Close to campus. \$275/month + 1/4 utilities. \$300 security deposit. Call Amy (423) 504-4090, alw2w@mtsu.edu.

Female roommate needed for house in Sharon Lane area. \$250/month and share of utilities. Call Courtney 867-9250.

Roommate needed to share 2 bedroom apt. on Ewing Blvd., within walking distance to campus. Rent is \$350 + utilities. W/D, dishwasher, personal bathroom included in apt. Roommate needed soon so call today. Call Rick at (615) 896-7321.

Roommate wanted. \$247.50 per month, water paid, other utilities shared. 15 min. walk from campus. Call Brian at 895-7792.

## Pets

Beautiful green and yellow parakeet for sale. Paid \$20 at Pet Smart. Will sale for \$15 obo. Call 904-7554 or email elh2m@mtsu.edu.

Ball Python-year and half old. Tank and lights included. \$200 obo.

Free kittens to good home. One male, one female. Six months old. Beautiful and super sweet. Dewormed, female spayed. Call 867-9409.

**FREE CATS!** 2 indoor cats free to good home. Take one or both! One is a beautiful multicolor fat cat. Other is frisky white cat with orange and black spots. Please call by end of Sept. 587-1154.

**FREE!** Two Kittens-brother and sister, go together. Female is gray, orange, white, male is blk. and white. Our Daddy ran off and Mommy was killed in car accident. Our foster Mom can't keep us. Do you have room in your home and heart for us? Call Holli at 615-443-3259.

## For Rent

3 BR 2 1/2 BA Duplex near I-24. All appliances. Vaulted ceilings, garage, garden tub, laundry room, lawn care included. Pets okay. \$880/ month. Call 907-8060, 423-6272.

Available today 3 BR 2 BA, Brand new house, for rent. \$875 month, deposit. Pets welcome. Please call 238-4045.

Female Supleaser needed ASAP for 1 bedroom in 4 BR/2 BA apartment at Sterling University Gables. Three great roommates! Rent \$335 including utilities. Call Llz 907-7336.

2 BR 1.5 BA duplex. Near I-24. All appl., vaulted ceilings, garage, lawn care, garden tub, laundry room. Pets okay. \$880/month. Call 907-8060, 423-6272.

1 BR apt. for rent, \$450 per month, \$450 deposit. Call Jim 202-3050.

3 BD 1BA for rent; washer/dryer hookup. \$700 per month, \$700 deposit. 745 E Vine Street. Call Jim 202-3050.

Sublease needed immediately. 1BR/1BA in a spacious 3 BR Apt. Own bathroom with a huge walk in closet. 2 Friendly, clean, male roommates. Set rate of \$425 per month which covers everything. Sept. rent free and Oct. only if you act now. Call Jeremy at 615-631-3822.

## Wanted

Nude model needed for artistic, tasteful album cover. Female 18-26. Call Teri (art director) @ 615-975-6604.

Cash loans on valuables. Buy gold jewelry, weapons, coins. Come in 896-7167. 1803 N.W. Broad St. Murfreesboro. GOLD-N-PAWN.

Wanted! CLEP Study Guides for history. Please call 703-753-0248 or email arc3a@mtsu.edu.

Wanted A.S.A.P.! A roommate to share a 4 BR 2 BA furnished apt. @ Sterling University Gables. \$330 a month. If you sign up by Oct.

33, \$50, by Oct. 15th, \$25. Male or female. Call 931-398-0881.

Needed: Room or apt. for rent close to campus. \$300-\$350 by October 20th. Email courtney @ cam3a@mtsu.edu.

General Chemistry tutor needed Sunday nights. \$10/hr. Usually 1-2 hrs. a week, sometimes more. Call 703-753-0248 or email arc3a@mtsu.edu.

## Lost and Found

Watch found on grass tside library. If you can describe it, it's yours. Call 848-3555.

## Musicians Wanted

Wanted: Modern Rock band is seeking 2nd guitar player and vocalist to complete our group. Our influences: Nickleback, Creed, Trapt, Fuel, etc. Looking for talented musicians interested in playing originals. Must have great talent, pro gear, and a positive attitude. No drugs, slackers, or non-dedicated people! Contact Paul (615) 494-8663, musician4life68@yahoo.com

**ATTENTION BANDS!** Want to play Betastock 2003? Beta Theta Pi is hosting this rock concert charity event to benefit the MTSU Day Care. We are looking for 4-5 bands to play this event on October 30, 2003. For more information, contact Paul at: 494-8663, musician4life68@yahoo.com

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