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Freshman falls 3 stories, breaks back and ribs

Injuries prevent student from returning for fall semester

By Jenny Cordle
Staff Writer

An MTSU student remains at Middle Tennessee Medical Center after falling three floors from the balcony of his University Courtyard apartment.

Witnesses said 18-year-old freshman Christopher Wall lost his balance while he was spitting sunflower seeds off the balcony around 10:30 p.m. Thursday.

"Chris was spitting sunflower seeds, and when he went back to get his distance, the majority of his body weight was over the railing," said junior Travis

Lowery, Wall's roommate who was on the balcony when the accident happened.

"When he hit the railing, his body weight carried him over," said Lowery.

Sophomore and neighbor Tiffany Green rushed over with sophomore Courtney Stinson and called 911 at the request of Lowery while Wall lay on the ground spitting up blood.

Lowery and friend Justin Smith, who was also on the balcony, tried to keep Wall still while the paramedics rushed to the scene.

"He was conscious when the paramedics came," said Green.

Wall, whose blood alcohol level was .1097, which is .029 percent above the legal intoxication limit, underwent surgery Saturday to repair his neck and will remain at MTMC for a week to 10 days.

Wall suffers from three broken vertebrae in his neck, three broken vertebrae in his back, two cracked ribs, a small contusion on the back of his brain and fluid in his lungs, said Lowery.

"He's not paralyzed," he said. "But he's pretty bad off."

Wall will not be returning to MTSU this semester, said Lowery.◆

Spreading 'the art of living'

Guest monk teaches students fundamentals of Buddhism, origins of ancient religion

By Turner Hutchens
Assistant News Editor

The Venerable Sitagu Nyanissara, spoke on Buddha and Buddhism Friday afternoon to an overflow crowd in James Union Building Hazelwood Dining Room.

Nyanissara is an esteemed Buddhist monk from Burma. He is head of Sitagu Vihara Monastery and is the author of seven books, including *Buddhist Meditation* and *The Mangala Sutta*. Nyanissara was brought to MTSU by the Philosophy department as part of its "Philosophy Colloquium".

"The Buddha is a knower — an awakened or enlightened one," Nyanissara explained. "There are many translations from many scholars, but the Buddha was born a human being, not any son of any kind of god—but the supreme human being."

Nyanissara explained how Buddha had lived before Christ and tried to teach people to help reduce suffering the world.

"When he was alive, Buddha did not teach Buddhism," said Nyanissara. "He taught Dharma. Dharma is an art of living."

Buddha taught that all suffering in the world was caused by desire, and that to end suffering, desire must be controlled.

"We believe there are three kinds of actions that can occur: the verbal actions, the physical actions and the mental actions," said Nyanissara. "These three actions are called Karma."

According to Buddhist teaching, when these actions are motivated by greed, pride, anger, hatred, and by evil, bad will result. If these actions are motivated by compassion, joy, love and wisdom, we have good results. Therefore we are the creators of our own lives.

Nyanissara said that to achieve good in our lives, we must master control.

He told how Dharma has three main divisions, Siha, or discipline, Samadhi, or concentration, and Panna or insight. Siha is to control

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Photo by Courtney Huckabee | Staff photographer

Buddhist monk Sitagu Nyanissara jots notes on a chalkboard as he speaks to students about Buddhism.

SGA sets day for senators to meet students, community one-on-one

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Beat Reporter

The Student Government Association met last week to make decisions concerning plans for upcoming events.

The date for Constituency Day has been set for October 18.

"Constituency Day is a day where senators go out on campus and meet as many students as we possibly can," Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders said. "It's an easy way to get feedback from what students are really concerned about."

A Constitutional Review Committee meeting will take place on October 4 to discuss necessary changes to the Constitution and whether the SGA should remain a bicameral

al governing system or convert to a unicameral system.

Senators approved the appointment of Jason Stoneback as a Senate representative for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

The next Raider Rally will take place on October 6 at 6 p.m. on the knoll in front of the Keathley University Center.

"This time around we have a live band who will be playing as well as free food," Pounders said. "Ararmark is serving up Cajun hotdogs."

Pounders also announced sign-ups for the next Student Road Rally to Mississippi State University.

Students can pay \$25 and get a chartered bus ride to the game, game tickets and a Blue Raider T-shirt. Sign-ups begin on October 9 in the SGA office.◆

On Wednesday, a slide-show lecture in the Business and Aerospace State Farm Lecture Hall showed the importance of protecting "The Last Great Wilderness" from culturally and ecologically damaging oil developments.

Sponsored by the MTSU Green Party, ex-photojournalist Lenny Kohm spoke of the problems associated with

oil drilling in Alaska.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, located in the northeastern sector of Alaska and converging into Canada, is under attack by multinational oil companies who say that even though there is an 81 percent chance that no oil will be found, the slim chance exists that up to 3.2 billion barrels could be recovered.

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GAP response mixed

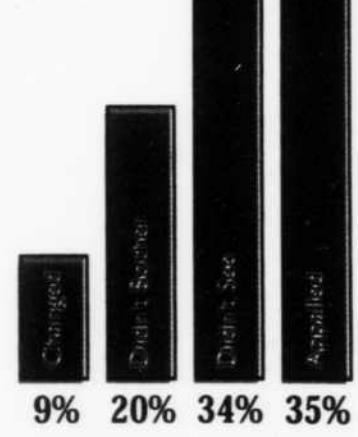
Sidelines Online asked students last week what their impression of the Genocide Awareness Project was.

Of those that responded, 35 percent said that they were totally appalled.

20 percent said the display didn't bother them and 9 percent said it changed their stance on abortion.

34 percent of respondents did not see the display.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

Rx for lifelong learning

"My dream is for all of the children in Middle Tennessee to have books," says Dr. Rebekah Alexander, who, as coordinator of "Reach Out and Read," is working to bring reading and books to children in the waiting rooms of area pediatricians. Volunteers read to children in waiting rooms, modeling an example for parents and engaging the children. When the office visit is complete, the pediatrician gives new patients a new book and a prescription to the parents to read to their children. Alexander says that early reading to children is linked to success in school. ♦

Golf to benefit MTSU students

This year's Danner Invitational Golf Tournament, which supports student scholarships at MTSU, will be held Oct. 4 at Hermitage Golf Course. The annual golf outing helps fund the Neill Sandler Scholars at MTSU and has provided more than \$250,000 in scholarships for students in local school systems in Middle Tennessee. Each scholarship award is for \$5,000 over a four-year period. Of these awards, one also receives the Ray Danner Scholarship, with a total award of \$10,000, while another also garnered the James E. Walker Scholarship, which totals \$7,500. Final scholarship selections are made by a panel of community leaders appointed by the Neill Sandler Foundation and the Neill Sandler Automotive Group. ♦

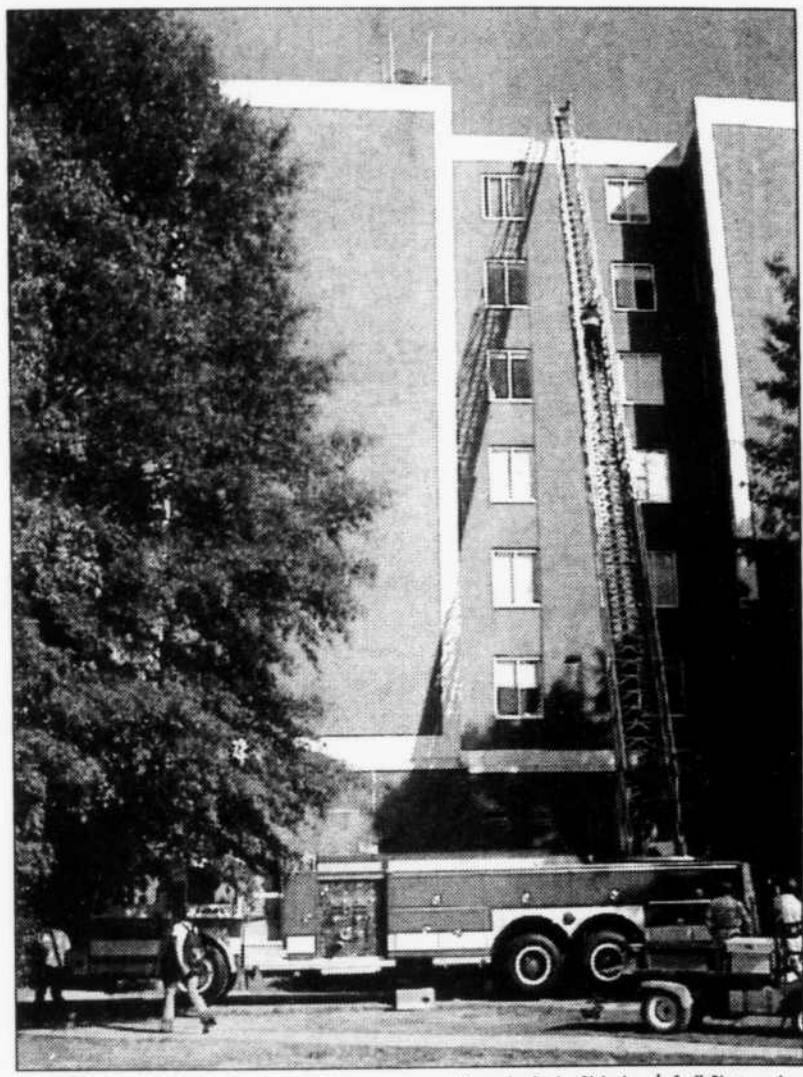


Photo by Becky Pickering | Staff Photographer

A member of the Murfreesboro Fire Department climbs a ladder to the top of Corlew Hall. The department was testing new equipment.

MTSU jazz composer to showcase new works

Nationally recognized jazz saxophonist and MTSU music professor Don Aliquo will showcase his most recent jazz compositions during a performance by the Aliquo/Landry Quartet at 8 p.m. Thursday, October 5, in Wright Music Hall. The Aliquo/Landry Quartet is made up by Dana Landry (piano), Aliquo (saxophone) and Erik Applegate (bass), as well as Nashville-based guest performer Chris Brown (drums). For more information, call the MTSU School of Music at 898-2493. ♦

Free concert to be given

A free concert will be given at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 3 in the Wright Music. The music performed will be performed entirely by American composers and MTSU professors Todd Waldecker (clarinet), Polly Brecht (piano) and Erik Applefate (double bass). For more information, call the MTSU School of Music at 898-2493. ♦

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Buddhism: Ancient path to enlightenment taught in campus lecture

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the vocal and the physical.

"That's the easy one," he joked.

Samadhis to control the actions of the mind.

"We are always thinking, thinking, thinking," he said.

He explained that we think too much about unimportant things, all the things around us.

In order to penetrate the truth, we must concentrate on the inside.

"And that is what Panna is," he said, "insight, knowledge, not of the outside, but of yourself." There are eight kinds of material qualities in our selves, 89 kinds of consciousness qualities and 52 kinds of mental states.

"You must know yourself from foot to head. And if we can penetrate the mental truth, we can eliminate mental evils."

Nyanissara explained. "That this is how enlightenment is reached."

And when you have reached enlightenment, you become the Buddha.

"Of course, most people who are Buddhist are not very good Buddhist," Nyanissara explained. "Just like most people who are Christians do not follow all of their teacher's lessons, so most Buddhist do not follow the lessons of the Buddha."

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"Just like most people who are Christians do not follow all of their teacher's lessons, so most Buddhist do not follow the lessons of the Buddha."

Photo: Ex-photojournalist devotes lifetime pursuits to preserving nature in frames

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"This amount of oil would only fuel America's energy demands for a mere 180 days," said Lucy Beach, a native of the ANWR. Her people, the Gwich'in, have survived there for thousands of years, living off the land and its wildlife. If the industrial city is built in heart of the ANWR, that land and wildlife may be devastated by the subsequent pollution.

The ANWR is the last complete ecosystem and the largest wildlife refuge in North America, with an area of 19.5 million acres. Here, herds of caribou numbering up to 165,000 walk in miles-long

straight lines searching for food, water and vegetation, from centuries-old trees and poignant flowers, which grow free of disturbance from pesticides.

Kohm, who gave up his career as a photojournalist to devote his life to saving this land, has been working on the project for 13 years and has delivered his lecture 1,683 times.

"Now it has come down to the wire," said Kohm "and the decision of whether or not to save this 'Last Great Wilderness' is at the hands of your local government officials."

For information on the ANWR, contact the MTSU Green Party.

WASHINGTON (AP) - At their best, this month's presidential debates could showcase Al Gore's mastery of detail and George W. Bush's engaging personality. At worst, they could play out more like a battle of sanctimony vs. peevishness.

The trio of debates - 4 1/2 hours in all beginning Tuesday - will give millions of voters their last best chance to take the measure of the men who would be president.

"I don't think they're looking for a person who will win a college debate series," said Stanley Renshon, a City University of New York political scientist and psychoanalyst. "They're looking for a person who's in command of their views. ... They're looking for a person who is not afraid to state what they think."

Each candidate has strengths to play up and weaknesses to overcome.

Gore, by far the more experienced debater, is well known for his command of policy details. He can turn people off, though, when he pushes too hard.

"There's a kind of sanctimonious aggressiveness to Al Gore that I would call his principal weakness when he gets mobilized in an attack mode in a debate," said Bruce Buchanan, a University of Texas political scientist. "If he seems to be bullying, his talents don't do him any good."

And Gore can get into trouble for overreaching when he's spewing out all those facts - for example, his recent claim that his mother-in-law had to pay more than his dog for the same arthritis medicine. It turned out the figures came from a study, not Gore's family.

There's also the old rap about Gore's plodding rhetoric, which feeds into the perception

that he's lecturing.

"He adopts a singsong voice, which is the rhetorical equivalent of 'Look, you fool,'" said Renshon. "It'll be interesting to hear how George Bush handles Mr. Gore's tendency to climb up on a soap box and lecture."

During his primary-campaign debates with Bill Bradley, Gore often sounded as if he were talking down to the former senator, as when he contended that Bradley "gets a little out of sorts ... when I talk about the substance" of his policies.

Bush's strengths and weaknesses are almost the flip side of Gore's: His best weapons are his chatty affability and ability to connect with voters one-on-one; his soft spots are a perceived lack of depth on issues and a smirky defensiveness.

Steve Forbes, who went up against Bush in the GOP primary debates, said that while the Texas governor "didn't do well at the beginning, he showed he could re-gear. ... Even though it's a formal setting, I think he'll be relaxed enough to show some of that easygoing charm."

Some of Bush's best moments in the primary debates came when he was able to chat up his audience with easy self assurance. For example, he got roars of approval for his lighthearted answer to a question about his biggest mistake, confessing that as a baseball team owner, he had "signed off on that wonderful transaction: Sammy Sosa for Harold Baines."

But at other times, Bush gave rambling answers that did nothing to quell reservations about his credentials as a world leader. Asked if he would meet with the Russian president as the GOP presidential nominee,

Date **Event**
Oct. 3 What: presidential debate
Where: University of Massachusetts, Boston
Format: traditional, two-lectern format
Moderator: Jim Lehrer, PBS

Oct. 5 What: vice presidential debate
Where: Centre College, Danville, Ky.
Format: talk-show-style format
Moderator: Bernard Shaw, CNN

Oct. 11 What: Presidential debate
Where: Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Format: talk-show-style format, seated around a table
Moderator: Jim Lehrer, PBS

Oct. 17 What: Presidential debate
Where: Washington University, St. Louis
Format: town hall debate, similar to ones held in 1992 and 1996 elections
Moderator: Jim Lehrer, PBS

Participants
Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Vice President Al Gore

Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, Conn. Sen. Joe Lieberman

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Bush said, "I don't know. I don't know. Probably not. Maybe."

Robin Lakoff, a professor of linguistics at the University of California at Berkeley, said Bush's difficulty sometimes in getting out an articulate, grammatical sentence is "forgivable in one-on-one talk," but Americans could see it differently in a more formal debate format.

Especially if the awkward elocution winds up being replayed over and over as a TV soundbite. That's just what happened after Bush recently botched his pronunciation of subliminal - repeatedly saying "subliminable."

Another debating danger for Bush, observers say, is that he can turn peevish when put on the defensive.

"There's a kind of shortness,

a dismissive tone that slips in," says Wayne Fields, an expert on presidential rhetoric from Washington University in St. Louis. "He's got to avoid projecting anything ... to suggest that he's arrogant."

In the primary debates, Bush was sometimes snappish with his opponents, dismissively telling one rival, "You don't know my record," and on several occasions complaining, "Let me finish! Let me finish!"

If Gore has the experience edge at the debate lectern, Bush has the advantage of low expectations. But Bill Miller, a Texas political consultant who has represented candidates from both parties, says Bush shouldn't be underestimated.

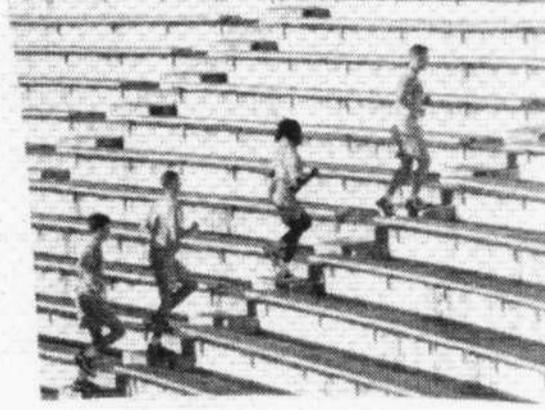
"He's got a strong competitive streak in him," Miller said. "He's going to rise to the level of the competition."

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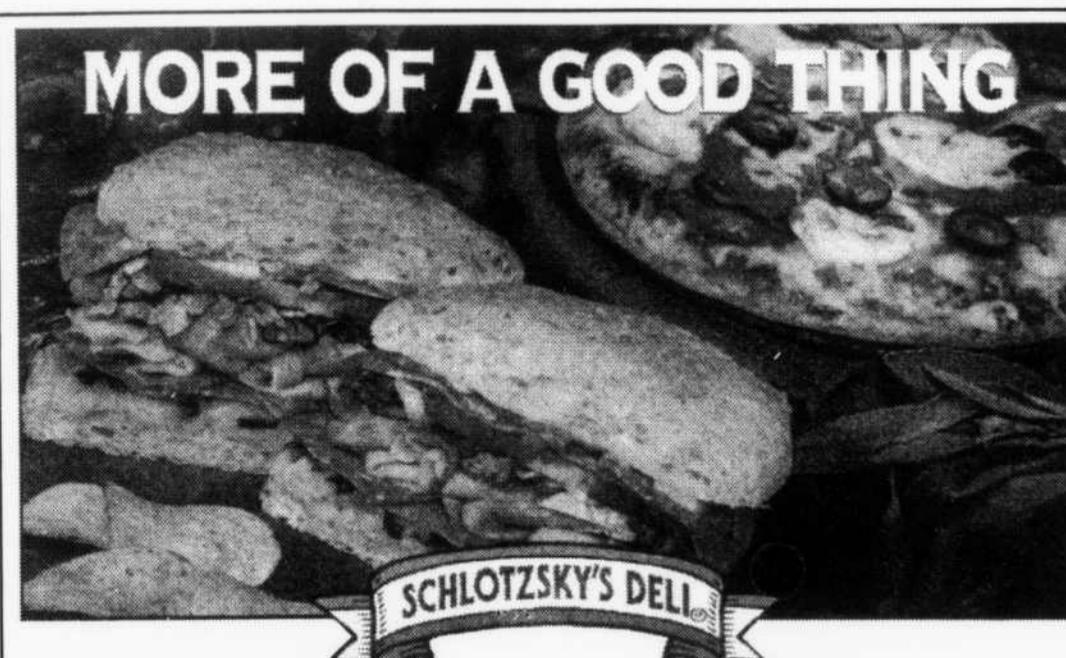
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Abortion pill's approval overdue

Atypical Woman



Angela White
Managing Editor

Last Thursday women's rights took a step forward. After 12 years, the Food and Drug Administration finally approved RU-486, the controversial abortion pill that has been available in Europe since 1988. The pill, formally known as mifepristone and to be sold under the brand name Mifeprex, should be available within the month.

Naturally, anti-choicers are in an uproar. Bush Jr., whose father banned the importation of the pill during his presidency, has denounced the pill, saying that it "will make abortions more and more common." This is in spite of the fact that the pill's presence in Europe caused no increase in the amount of

abortions performed. They have decreased in France. Republican members of Congress have vowed to pass legislation limiting access to the pill. Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan called it "a human pesticide."

Some "pro-lifers" are already violently replying to the decision. Last Saturday, a priest drove his car into an Illinois abortion clinic and proceeded to chop the building with an ax. Fortunately the owner, who defended himself with a 12-gauge shotgun, was the only one in the building at the time. He, as well as many other abortion clinics and providers, are usually on alert after a major victory such as this has been made.

Abortion foes claim that mifepristone is harmful to women's health and never should have been approved. The FDA took four years to pass the drug, held back partially by interest groups and other anti-choice influences, and after careful scrutiny decided that it was safe.

Anti-choicers point out one possible compli-

cation, severe bleeding that may in extremely rare cases require surgery, as the reason that the drug is a danger to women. This side effect happens in only one percent of cases and is nominal when compared to the side effects of some other prescription drugs available in this country, including liver damage and heart complications.

Here are the facts. This drug is just as safe as any other form of abortion. It is not going to make abortion any easier to obtain than it already has been — a drug form of abortion has been available for awhile now. Methotrexate, a drug approved for certain types of cancer, psoriasis and rheumatoid arthritis, is also used for early-term abortions as an "off-label" drug. Mifepristone offers a less intrusive option to surgical abortion, and it is slightly more effective than methotrexate, a difference from 90 to 95 percent.

A woman is not going to be more inclined to get an abortion because of the existence of mifepristone, although they may opt to get it ear-

lier since mifepristone can only be used in the first seven weeks of pregnancy. This can only benefit their health, contrary to what the anti-choice propagandists want people to believe. This will also allow women to get what they need from their own doctor rather than from a clinic, finally allowing for the privacy that the Supreme Court ruled was a Constitutional right in Roe vs. Wade.

A drug abortion is no more a hasty decision than a surgical abortion. Women must make three visits to the doctor's office — one to get the mifepristone as well as counseling and pamphlets, one to get misoprostol, a necessary step that causes the uterus to contract and empty and a follow-up visit to check for complications.

Abortion has never been easy mentally or physically, and this pill won't change that. But it is a scientific advance that will benefit the health of women who choose to have abortions, and no moral high ground or political influence can change that.♦

BSU director offers GAP explanation

By Charles Nored
Baptist Student Union Director

In the past few days, many people have asked some very legitimate questions regarding the participation of the Baptist Student Union in the Genocide Awareness Project. I would like to take this opportunity to answer some of the most frequently asked questions and explain our rationale and purposes.

"Where did you get those horrible photographs, and why are you displaying them in such a public place?"

The historic photos are available from companies that license their use. Most of the abortion photos were purchased directly from abortionists who are more than willing to sell evidence of their grisly work for the right price. We showed them here because the university is the ultimate marketplace of ideas and opinions, and we believe people have been lied to by the abortion industry. What you saw was not a mass of tissue but the undeniable form of an unborn child. Remember those photos with a quarter in them for size comparison?

Those fetuses had beating hearts, brainwave activity and nearly complete nervous systems. Newspapers are not just print, and television news broadcasts are not just anchors reading their scripts to you. Both use photographic images because they visually communicate in a powerful way. Long after this paper has been recycled or put in a landfill, you will still remember those photos. Some of them you will never forget.

"Why are you comparing genocide with abortion?"

Native Americans, European Jews, Cambodians and, most recently, ethnic minorities in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia have all experienced levels of genocide because they were viewed by their killers as less than human, unwanted and were basically unable to defend themselves in large numbers. The systematic slaughter of 30 million unborn children since 1973 surely fits that basic description. Note: AIDS and animal rights activists routinely use the word "genocide" in their arguments.

"What about the feelings of the women who have had an abortion?"

For me, this was the most difficult consequence of the display. Contrary to some opinions, we were not there to pour out condemnation or judgement on those women. In a very real way, they are truly the second victims of abortion. Most women simply are not provided the proper fetal development information (verbal, printed or visual) or information about abortion alternatives to make a knowledgeable decision. Some of our female staffers were told by a few women that had seen these pictures before their abortions, they would not have had them. For those women who are dealing with depression, grief or guilt over their abortions, I urge them to take advantage of the compassionate, confidential counseling that is available locally at no cost at the Pregnancy Support Center (893-0228, 106 East College Street). Many MTSU campus ministers have women staff members who are also quite

willing to listen and provide counsel.

"Who will take care of all these babies if abortion is not available?"

There are hundreds of adoption agencies in this country. Most of them, like the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Brentwood, have a five to six year waiting list of couples willing to adopt children of any race, mixed race and even children with disabilities. That's why you see so many couples paying thousands of dollars to travel overseas just to adopt children.

"How do you know when life begins?"

For many people this has always been an arguable point with opinions ranging from conception to when the child draws its first breath of air. Also being discussed is the question, when does an unborn child achieve "personhood," and how is that concept defined? Since no one knows for sure, and it seems unlikely that scientists, medical ethicists and others will be able to come to an agreeable definition anytime soon, we ask pregnant women to give their unborn children the benefit of the doubt and choose not to abort.

There are many other questions that space considerations will not allow me to address. I will be more than happy to discuss these issues in person, by mail (MTSU Box 597), by phone (893-5035) or by email (bsu@mtsu.edu). I would also encourage you to visit the Web site of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (www.CBRinfo.org) for more information.

I would like to thank the six other campus

organizations who joined the Baptist Student Union in inviting the GAP display to MTSU: Alpha Omega Campus Ministries, the Catholic Center, Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, the Episcopal Campus Ministry, MTSU Right To Life and Vicious Cycle Campus Ministries. It is important to note that not all campus ministries chose to participate in the project. Even within these groups that did, there were a few pro-choice members and some pro-life members who felt uncomfortable with the graphic nature of the display. We welcome this diversity of opinion and the healthy discussion it generated.

We are thankful for the absolutely overwhelming support we have received from students, faculty, administration and staff. Many went out of their way to say "thank you" for sponsoring the display.

The *Sidelines* staff, especially Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum, did an outstanding job of balanced reporting and expressing their support for our display being a First Amendment issue. Thank you.

Those who chose to protest the display did so with reason and with respect for our right to express our opinion. We are grateful.

In short, there were two main reasons for the display. First, we wanted to create an atmosphere where the issue of abortion could be intelligently discussed on this campus. I believe we have accomplished that goal. Second, we wanted to provide enough factual visual and printed information so that in the event of an unplanned pregnancy the choice of life will finally have an equal chance. We can only hope.♦

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From the staff

Renew housing contracts semester by semester

While filling out your housing application for the 2000-01 academic year, some of you may have noticed that there is only one option for the amount of time you can live on campus: one year.

The only other option is to live on campus during the spring only, which only applies to students who start school in the spring.

However, the students who live on campus in the fall have no choice but to remain on campus until the academic year is complete.

For students who want to move into an off-campus apartment after the fall semester, this could definitely put a strain on their plans.

Residents can move after the fall semester, but if they're still enrolled in classes here at MTSU, they are still bound by the housing contract and are obligated to pay for the spring semester as well, even if they never set foot inside their dorm room after the fall.

Living on campus doesn't work for everyone, and usually

for those adversely affected, it doesn't even take a semester to realize it, much less a year. Students should not be locked into a year-long contract when they are young and still learning where they belong.

If the student wants to live in a dorm for one semester, then they should be obligated to pay for one semester, nothing more.

Now, there is nothing wrong with having students sign a contract so that Housing knows exactly how many residents they will have. This keeps people from pulling out at the very last minute and possibly wrecking roommate assignments, secured funds to be used toward the residence halls, etc.

However, residents should still be given the option to live in the residence halls for the fall only.

Then during the middle of the fall semester, these residents should have the option to extend their contract to the spring or move out in December.

"Just a good ol' boy, never meaning no harm...beats all you ever saw, been in trouble with the law since the day he was born."

Your alarm clock jolts you awake with this classic TV theme. You change the station, but it's on every one! The cold beads of sweat trickle down your face as you realize:

Today is Bush's inauguration!

As you get out of bed and get dressed, you notice an awful stench, and yes, you did take out the trash. Why, it's the tire factory a few miles away! Seems that the factory owners see no need to spend all that money on keeping their waste clean anymore since that tree-hugging hippie Gore didn't win.

Oh well, guess you'll get used to it.

The mail today contains a letter from your mom. Your kid brother's best friend (whose last name happens to be Rodriguez), who speaks excellent English, will be pushed out of the mainstream classes into bilingual classes, where he will be given basic English classes while his math, science and social studies classes are taught en espanol.

Even though the statistics point to mainstreamed

children consistently performing better and having lower dropout rates, the child will be educated bilingually against his parents' will.

Oh well, I guess Texas knows best.

Meanwhile, at a Washington hotel:

Elder Bush: I'm so proud of ya, boy! You're gonna go over like gangbusters!

Younger Bush: Gee Daddy, there sure are a lot of people out there. I hope they like me.

GHWB: Sure they will. Just keep your promises, keep 'em reading your lips and all that....come here. You got something under your nose.

GWB: Uh....I've been eating some doughnuts.

GHWB: The powdered kind?

GWB: Yeah.

Well, it's about time for the inauguration. Your heart sinks as he puts his hand on the Bible (which you can damn well bet will run even with the Constitution for the next four years).

As the wind blows through the Beltway, something horn-like starts to show through Bush's mussed hair...maybe you're just seeing things.

As he completes his oath of office and the rootinest, tootinest bureaucrats of Texas empty their six-shooters into the Washington sky, of all the emotions running through your mind, one prevails:

You should have stayed in bed.◆

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Letters to the Editor

Abortion isn't fair to the unborn

Dear Editor and fellow students,

First of all, I would like to thank the MTSU Right to Life Group for their presentation on campus September 20-21. Their pictures, for the first time in many of our lives, put a human face on an issue that has polarized this country for years. Much like the 1950s and 60s, when African Americans were seen as a "southern problem," many people for the first time what those in the pro-choice movement would call "inconveniences."

Were the pictures horrifying? Absolutely. President John F. Kennedy referred to these kinds of graphic imagery when he introduced the outline of what would become the most comprehensive, wide-ranging array of civil rights legislation in American history in September of 1963. A proverb I once heard years ago said, "a picture is worth 1000 words."

Unfortunately, again the answer is yes. We saw the image of a black man hanging from a tree. How many times has this occurred, America? Some scholars estimate 10-20 million people have died in this manner. In fact, anti-lynching legislation wasn't ratified until 1967.

The Holocaust? Some would argue those pictures weren't real. They say no one died at Auschwitz, Bergen Belsen, Dachau, Treblinka or others. We know better.

We saw the bodies. We know the families. The Hutus and Tutsis are still fighting, with more mass graves uncovered almost daily. We see this on the nightly news. Abortion is just as real. The children, who lose their one chance at life, are real. And, the painful, masochistic manner in which they meet their deaths are real.

As for the protesters at the presentation, God bless them. I counted 14, at their peak (I've seen more people at a golf tournament). Not one of the people I asked had ever been pregnant, nor could they explain any of these brutal proce-

dures.

In fact, I have never heard anyone say how having an abortion was a positive experience. Never have I heard them say, "WOW, I'm glad I had an abortion." In fact, 90 percent of the would-be-mothers report feeling a deep sense of regret five years later. Suicide rates among this group are highly disproportionate when compared to the general population and for good reasons. Finally, I would like to share with you all one of the happiest moments of my life.

Me and my now ex-wife were at the OB/GYN office and the doctor asked if we would like to see our baby. He then put jelly on her belly and started the machine. In moments, I saw my son. The doctor was careful to point everything out (ladies, sometimes us fellas are kinda slow, ha-ha): two arms, two legs, feet, a head, eyes, mouth, tummy. They were all there.

Today he is five years old and I promise you, he sleeps in exactly the same position as he did that day at 20 weeks old. He truly is the most beautiful boy in the world.

I guess, in a way, I feel sad for people of the pro-choice movement. They'll never know my joy, my happiness, my peace. Then again, I'll never feel their hurt, their regrets, their shame or their guilt. The issue of abortion has little to do with catchwords like "choices, bodies and inconveniences."

By the way, a recent study shows 99.6 percent of all abortions are due to inconvenience.

Rape, incest or the mother's health account for 0.4 percent. That's it!

It has to do with responsibility, opportunity and love. If you don't want to get pregnant, there are appropriate manners to prevent this.

It isn't fair an innocent child must lose his/her one chance at life, to feel love, to enjoy opportunities and to be forever free to exist because someone didn't like the feel of condoms. Or, because someone doesn't want to lose their girlish figure. Or, because the father is a jerk. You only get one chance.

Kevin Fisher

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Japan invades MTSU!

Japan-U.S. Program brings two students to campus

By Sara Vaughn
Staff Writer

Kon-ni-chiwa! Murfreesboro, Tenn. is a long way from Fukushima, Japan. But for Mr. Masanori Tanaka and Ms. Natsuko Tatsuta, a chance to study in America is a chance to travel and accumulate the wisdom of exciting life experiences.

The two students arrived on Aug. 13, after a problem-free 13-hour trip. They are here thanks to Dr. Kiyoshi Kawahito, director of the Japan-U.S. Program.

The program was formally established in January 2000 by integrating the Japan Center of Tennessee and the U.S.-Japan Economic and Educational Partnership Project.

The program is responsible for many public educational opportunities for students here at MTSU.

"I believe that all the things we do [are] the best in the Southeast. There is much pride here," said Dr. Kawahito.

Other than the lack of quality Japanese cuisine, Tanaka and Tatsuta agree with Dr. Kawahito. But, because there is no meal-plan for them, they need to cook more often and they have had a few problems being able to do this.

"I was very surprised that these dormitories have only one kitchen. The dormitories in Japan have one on every floor or every room," said Tanaka, who was forced to walk down to the female floor of Corlew Hall on a regular basis. But things are okay now. "They moved me to Smith Hall," said Tanaka.

And because Tatsuta will be here for two years, she hopes to move from Beasley Hall into Family Housing "as soon as possible," she said.

Tanaka felt good about coming to MTSU because he "heard people in the university had good hospitality from previous friends in Japan who had attended before."

And these friends are good sources because only the most talented students come to America through the program, which the government of Japan pays for through scholarships.

During his one-year stay in Tennessee, Tanaka will study education "as well as a variety of classes, including other foreign languages," he said.

Tatsuta is a graduate student at Fukushima University. During her two-year stay, she will study experimental psychology and will work as a graduate student in the Japan-U.S. Program.

Tatsuta, who got her undergraduate degree in English education, is here on recommendation of her professor in Japan.

"I am very interested in international relations," she said. "And as part of the program, I will be teaching Japanese culture to elementary students while I am here."

So far, the two agree that in general, American students and pop culture are the same as in Japan. Although Tatsuta is quick to point out that there are more tests given here. And both Tanaka and Tatsuta are in agreement that "everything is bigger and much cheaper than in Japan!"

They both also had to get adjusted to sharing living space.

"It has been very interesting to live with another person," said Tanaka. "We can discuss many things and different cultures."

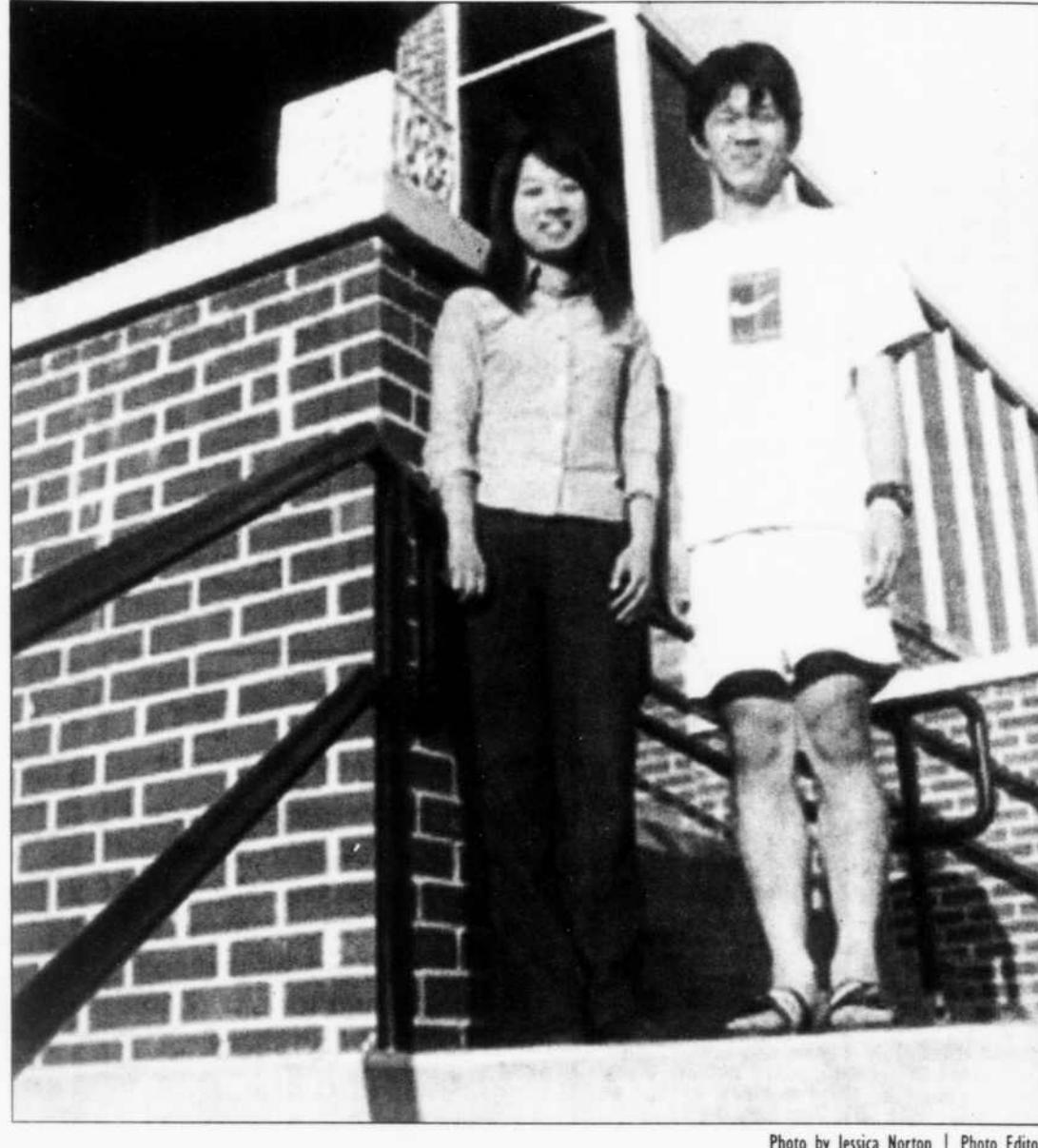
This is the first time for them to visit the United States, and they have many plans to travel on holiday breaks.

Although they miss home, email makes it easy for them to contact family and friends on the other side of the world. Their sponsor from Japan came the week before classes started and gave them a warm reception, which allowed them to begin the semester a little more at ease. Following the reception, several students attended a niji-kai (second or follow-up party) at the home of Dr. Kawahito.

"This is not an exchange program," points out Dr. Kawahito, "and this program is open to any student studying Japanese-related topics."

"As part of the program we send students to Fukushima University, MTSU's sister institution, for 15 days in either May or June," said Dr. Kawahito. "While we are there, we have parties, discussions and students will do a home stay for a couple of days."

"Students who are a part of this will receive three hours college credit and the only requirement is that students must keep a detailed daily journal of their experience or make a list of customs that they would like to see transplanted



Natsuko Tatsuta and Masanori Tanaka are happy to be staying at MTSU, their home away from home. Both students are here from Japan to continue their education in a new place. The Japan-U.S. Program brought them here from MTSU's sister school in Japan.

into American culture," said Dr. Kawahito.

"Private contributions help fund the trip, which help lower costs to students," said Dr. Kawahito, "and each day is packed with events from morning to evening."

Some of the upcoming events on this side of the globe include The Hiroshima-Nagasaki A-Bomb Exhibition will be held at MTSU, Oct. 7 through 28. And the Hiroshima Boy's Choir will perform at Wright Music Hall on Oct. 12.

For any other information regarding the pro-

gram contact the following Web site: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~japan> The Japan-U.S. Program of MTSU has given the students of this university a special gift, two fellow students from Japan, who have many things to offer.

So, if you happen to run into Mr. Masanori Tanaka or Ms. Natsuko Tatsuta, take the opportunity and chat with them. They are willing to share what knowledge they have and in return they are willing to learn from you as well.

Until then, Sayounara!♦

'Men in Black' attack again ... on DVD

By Phillip Duncan
Staff Writer

Two weeks ago, three separate editions of "Men In Black" were released to DVD. Two are identical, except for a Dolby Digital or DTS soundtrack, and the third version is a limited edition. What are the differences between all of them and which one should you drop your hard-earned money on? I will try to answer these questions for you.

I am not a huge fan of director Barry Sonnenfeld, but I think all of the necessary elements came together to make "Men In Black" a good film. The script, cast and special effects all blend together to create an entertaining two hours.

For those unfamiliar with the story, Will Smith plays Agent J, a new recruit into the Men In Black. This group acts as the FBI of alien affairs in America. It seems that aliens have been living in hiding among us for several decades and the MIB keep them in check. Tommy Lee Jones is Agent K. It is Agent K's job to stop a major threat to the world and train Agent J at the same time.

I assume most will be familiar with the film because DVD fans have been waiting a long time for this disc. Originally announced the first year DVD was available, producer Steven Spielberg halted production at the last minute due to the copyright issues DVD had yet to address. His increasing support of the format has finally allowed this film to be released.

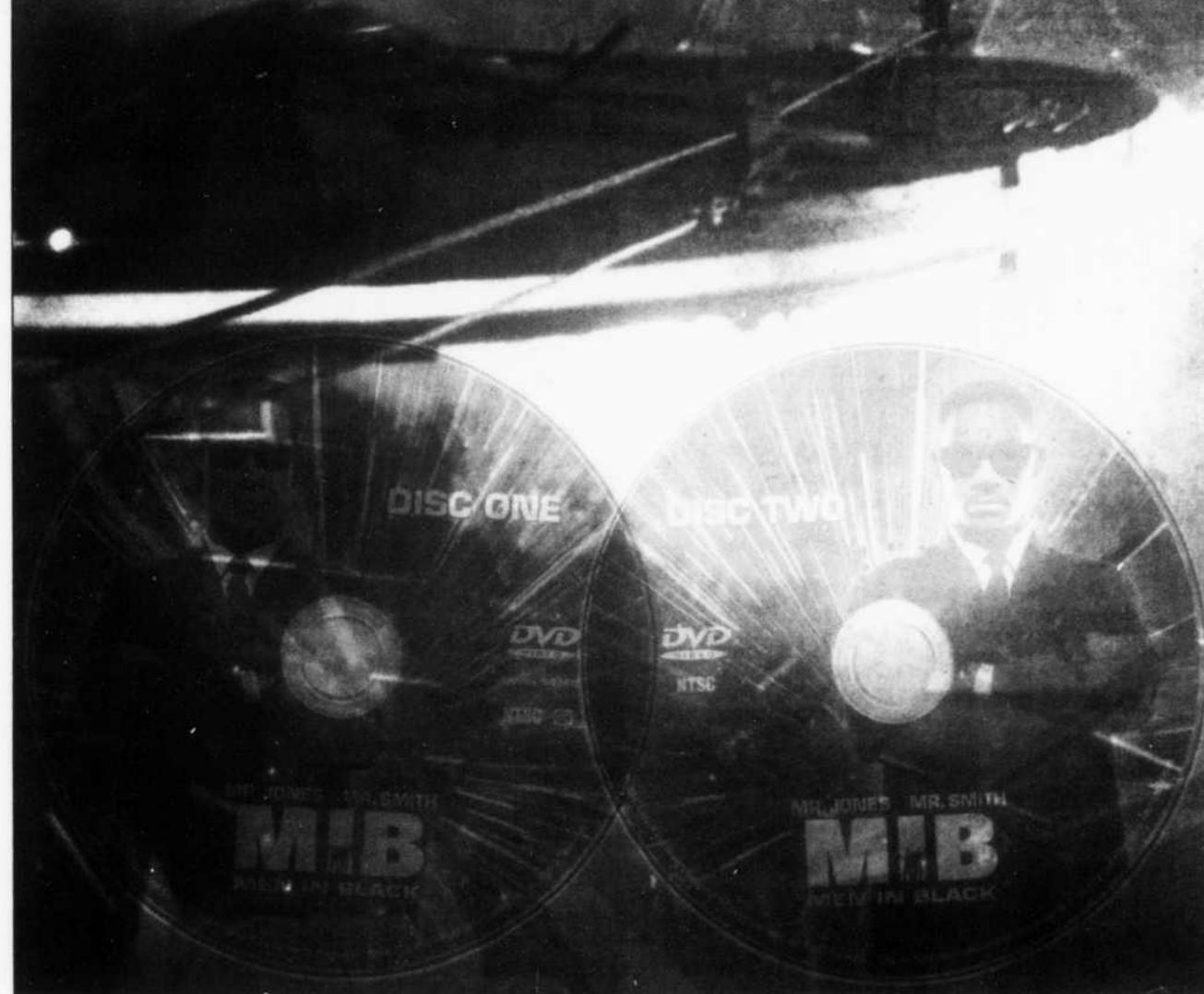
Evidently, the delay time was spent inventing and producing extras to cram onto the disc. The standard editions of the disc (both DTS and Dolby Digital) are packed with extra features.

Both editions feature a beautiful video transfer that does not falter in the least.

There is a constant level of sharpness throughout and the little details are never lost or muddled. The bright, multi-colored locations and aliens are saturated perfectly with nothing appearing too bright or dull. Preserving the original 1.85:1 aspect ratio, this anamorphic presentation gets no complaints.

The sound receives equal treatment as well. The Dolby Digital version contained a clean and crisp sound with a full-low end and constant rear signal. Another often-overlooked element is the wonderful score by the ever-excellent Danny Elfman.

The menus of the film also receive the special treatment. They mimic the MIB headquarter perfectly and many of the alien employees are featured in individual sections. These menus lead



directly to the special features available on the disc. There are a few features available on the limited edition discs that are not available on this and I will discuss those at the end of the article.

There is the standard commentary track but, unlike most DVDs, you can watch this one. Director Barry Sonnenfeld and Tommy Lee Jones participate in a "Mystery Science Theater" style commentary track where their silhouettes are visible the whole time. Another new innovative process available in the commentary are the visual aids.

When referencing certain features or elements, Sonnenfeld draws upon the screen the way a football announcer does. This propels the already interesting commentary above other DVDs.

There are four deleted scenes and one extended sequence included on the disc, as well as several informative documentaries. The two included documentaries include a short feature made at the time of release and a longer 23-minute feature that describes the process of translating "Men in Black" from comic book to screen.

Also included are the original trailers and a teaser trailer for "Men In Black 2." Several other film trailers are included as well. While unnecessary, they sound extremely good.

These extras are enough for any normal disc, but the limited edition doubles the amount included.

The limited edition is aimed at film geeks and special effects aficionados. The amount of detail provided on this set of extras is unbelievable, but some of the extras included are puzzling as well.

The most interesting aspect on the limited edition disc is the scene-editing workshop. In this feature, the viewer can rearrange three separate scenes from the film. After choosing which of the three scenes you want to work with, you are presented with three choices for each editing point. The dialog and sound stay the same, but you can select from three different angles or points-of-view.

This may sound confusing, but it's extremely simple to work through. While an interesting idea, it does lack little in the execution. When selecting the new editing points, the best ones

were included in the film already. Creating a version different from what is in the film means selecting the less interesting angles.

Another minor gripe with this feature is the audio does not sync up perfectly all the time. At the editing points, there are sometimes awkward pauses or overlaps in the sound. This was a great idea and an interesting feature, but it needs a little work.

The best feature of the second disc would have to be the scene breakdowns. In this feature, several key special effects sequences from the film are broken down into three or four parts accessible by the multi-angle button on your remote.

The scene where Jones and Smith cruise through the underground tunnel at extreme speeds is taken from storyboard drawing to the finished product. It is simply amazing to see the amount of work it takes to complete such short sequences.

To emphasize this point, there is also a second commentary included on the limited edition version that features Sonnenfeld with several members of

the special effects crew. The effects editors describe key sequences with simple terms that provide a greater understanding of what it takes to complete a movie of such scope and size.

One strange feature included on the Limited Edition is a Pan and Scan, full-screen version. Why this is included at all, especially on the limited edition, is beyond me. If it needed to be included, the basic edition would have been more appropriate. I would have rather had more extras instead of a full screen version any day.

So which one should you buy? It depends on how much you want to know about the movie. If you are a general fan of the film, then pick up the special edition. If you must know it all and want to spend days watching the extras, then the limited edition is for you.

As always, send your comments and requests to "mailto:riuid001@mtsu.edu" and let me know what you think.♦

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(Criterion)
Cannonball Run
Jurassic Park/The Lost World
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Shanghai Noon
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October 17
American Pimp
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James Bond Collection 3
Toy Story/Toy Story 2
(2 or 3 DVD Set)

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American Beauty
Batman Beyond: Return of the Joker
The Patriot
Pitch Black
U-571

October 31
Anna and the King
Frequency
Touch of Evil
(Collector's Edition)

The Calling Ground: Worth a thousand words

By April Jacobs
Staff Writer

Students are always barking that MTSU needs more culture, more diversity and more exposure to art. Yet any time I stroll down the warmly lit corridor of LRC, affectionately known as the Baldwin Photographic Gallery, I am alone. I have to wonder, do students even know about this place?

Occasionally, someone will walk by briskly, using the gallery as a shortcut to get to the other side of the building. Yeah, I saw you. It seems like the only time the gallery receives visitors is when there's a bunch of hoopla about photos of naked people mysteriously appearing and disappearing like censored ghosts in the wind.

While it seems as if there just isn't enough time in the day, these are some roses you may want to stop and smell. The current exhibit, featuring photographs from Wendy Erickson, is a must see.

The exhibit, "The Calling Ground, American Camp Meeting," features 53 color prints (in medium format color negative film) that serve as a documentary of history and culture of camp meetings.

Being a big black and white fan, I figured I'd stay long enough to graze over the photos and get the best of her work. But an amazing thing happened. The colors popped out at me like a Skittles commercial, provoking me to stop at each photo in wonder.

While all the photos were



Photo Provided

This photo is one of many featured in Wendy Erickson's exhibit, located in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the LRC. "The Calling Ground, American Camp Meeting" will be on display until Oct. 26.

intriguing, some really stood out. Erickson seems to have a real knack for capturing texture in her photos. For instance, she shot a telephone pole that was riddled with rusty nails. Shadows from the sun gave the photo a 3-D effect. Another photo shows a strand of Christmas lights, in the shape of a cross, that are hanging on a chicken wire fence. You feel as if you can reach in and touch the fence.

What impressed me most about Erickson's work was how each print seemed to tell a story—some about poverty, some about rejoicing, some about

both. Photos include smalltown people congregating, signs with hand-painted scriptures on them, homes serving as shrines for religion, among others. Old people, sitting out in their lawn chairs, laughing...young people, sitting on their knees, repenting—they all have a common bond.

Erickson, who is a teacher, writer and photographer, prefers working on projects that are full of rich history and tradition. She is currently working on a book titled "The Calling Ground, American Camp Meeting."

"She's an excellent docu-

mentary photographer," said Tom Jimison, director of the gallery and MTSU photography instructor. "She's also very tenacious in her investigation and research; she'll go wherever she needs to go to get the images that she wants."

Indeed, she does. Shots taken in Canada all the way to Texas can be seen in the gallery. This exhibit runs through Oct. 26.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday; 8-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays and 6-9:45 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is free. For more information, please call Jimison at 898-2085.♦

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Murfreesboro, TN

Welcome to the two minute drill, this column will help you keep up with MTSU athletics, as well as other Mid-state sporting events.

Football

Wide Receiver standout Kendall Newson set another Raiders football record on September 23 against Maryland when he recorded his eighth 100-yard receiving game.

He has caught a pass in 25 consecutive games, which is the 11th longest streak in the NCAA..

Wes Counts continued his own consecutive streak, starting in his 24th straight game.

Soccer

The Lady Raiders soccer team has fallen on hard times, losing five in a row.

The Lady Raiders, now 3-7, lost against Georgia State in Atlanta, Ga. on Wednesday.

Allison Schulz scored the only goal for the Blue Raiders, who lost 2-1. During the current five game winless streak, the Raiders have scored only two goals.

The Raiders were outshot 23-10.

The Raiders faced Denver yesterday. The game was still ongoing at press time. A full recap will be in Wednesday's edition.

Women's Volleyball

The Women's Volleyball team was picked to finish dead last in the pre-season coaches poll conducted by the Sun Belt Conference.

Currently, the team is second in the Eastern Division behind Western Kentucky.

The MTSU volleyball team had their six game win streak snapped by Western Kentucky Tuesday night. Western Kentucky beat the Lady Raiders 3-0 (15-4, 15-12, 15-6). The loss was the first for the Lady Raiders in the Sun Belt Conference.

Erin Hillstrom and Jennifer Hignite led the Lady Raider attack. Each player had seven kills and were the only two with two or more blocks. Hignite also led the team with a 77.8 attack percentage. - Colleen Cox

Television

The Andy McCollum Show can be seen every Monday night at 11:30 p.m. on News Channel 5 plus (Intermedia 50). The 30 minute show will highlight the previous week's game and highlight what to watch for in the coming week.

Radio

Each Thursday night between 7 and 8 p.m. tune in and listen to the Boots Donnelly Raider Roundup with head football coach Andy McCollum, Channel 5 sports anchor Mark Howard and radio personality Chip Walters of the Blue Raiders' network.

The one-hour show can be heard throughout the middle Tennessee region. It will feature comments from head coach Andy McCollum on the week's upcoming game as well as the previous game.

The number to call in to ask questions is: 1-888-408-2278. To listen in Murfreesboro, tune into WBOZ 104.9 FM or WGNS 1450 AM. If you're in Nashville, you can catch it on WAMB 1160 AM or 106.7 FM.

Game Day

All Blue Raiders' football games will be heard on WBOZ 104.9 FM. You can also catch the games on the university radio station, WMOT 89.5 FM.

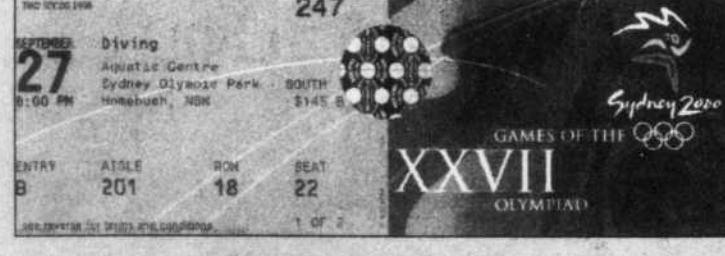
Dick Palmer and Preston O'Neal will be the voices of the Blue Raiders as well as reports from Chip Walters. Palmer will provide the play-by-play while former Middle Tennessee assistant coach O'Neal will be the color analyst.◆

The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

G'day Mate!

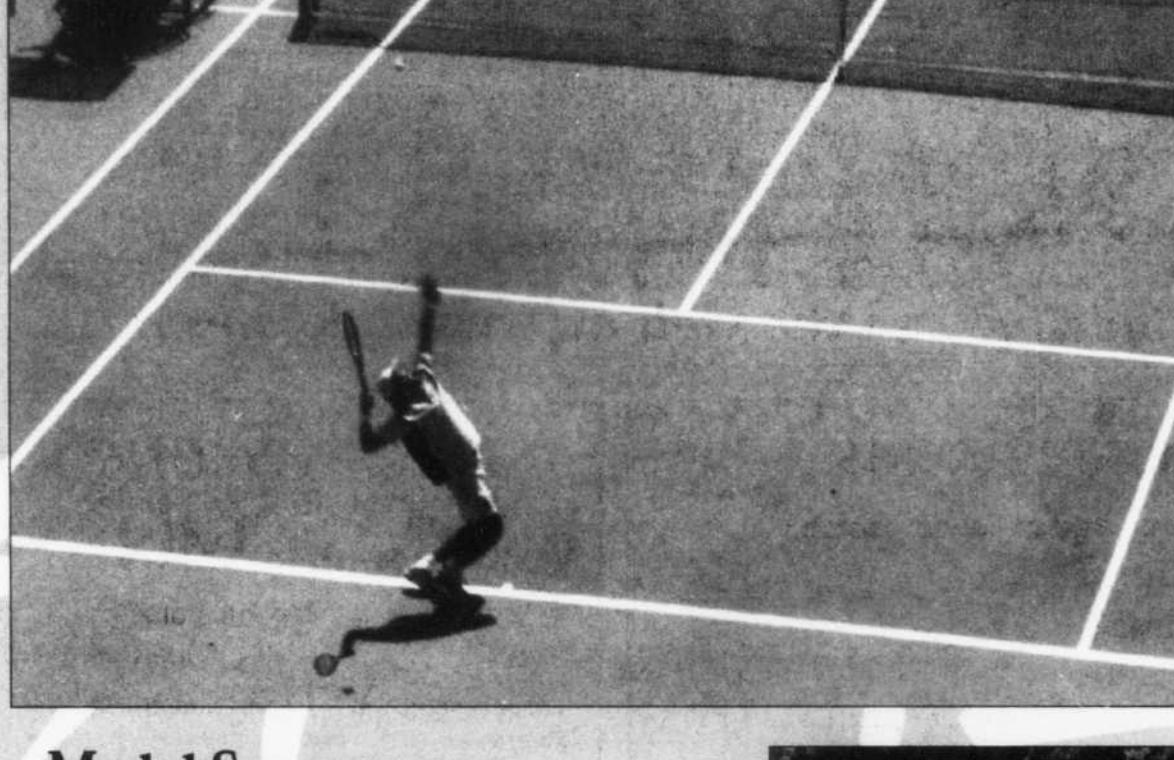
Sydney says goodbye to Olympic games, America brings home pot full of gold



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(Above) A view of the Sydney Opera House, a trademark in Sydney harbor, from the Sydney Bridge, which Australians affectionately call the "coat hanger."



(Left) Australian tennis star Patrick Rafter serves against American Vince Spadea in first round action. Rafter was eliminated in his second match of the tournament.

Medal Summary

Top Five:

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
USA	39	25	33	97
RUS	32	28	28	88
CHN	28	16	15	59
AUS	16	25	17	58
GER	14	17	26	57



Fowler's Future

Below is a comparison of MTSU and North Carolina State.

	MTSU	NCST
Founded	1911	1889
Enrollment	17,037	28,011
Nickname	Blue Raiders	Wolfpack
Location	Murfreesboro	Raleigh, NC
Sports	14	18
Players in NFL	6	21
Players in NBA	0	4

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Fowler says farewell

Staff Reports

Lee Fowler entered the Murphy Center for the final time Friday after six years of service to the MTSU community.

Lee and Carol Fowler were presented with numerous gifts from coaches and administrators in a ceremony on Friday.

Among Fowler's "prizes" were a jersey from head football coach Andy

McCollum, an autographed basketball from men's basketball coach Randy Wiel and women's basketball coach Stephany Smith. Steve Peterson, baseball coach, presented Fowler with a plaque that will be hung in the baseball clubhouse. Softball coach Karen Green awarded Fowler an autographed softball and tennis coach Dale Short gave him a shirt. Fowler was also presented flowers by soccer coach Scott Ginn, the Blue Raider Athletic Association and the other staff members in the sports department.

Fowler left for Raleigh on Saturday and officially began his duties as athletic director on Sunday.◆

Family ties help push Bilyeu-Sears

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

For Goldie Bilyeu-Sears volleyball has always been in the family.

Bilyeu-Sears has grown up around volleyball, her Aunt Lisa Kissee is the coach here at MTSU.

Goldie remembers her aunt taking her to camps when she was only in the fourth grade. "I've always wanted to play for her [Kissee] ever since I was a little kid."

"It's been a dream of mine," says Bilyeu-Sears. "I never thought that I could play for her, but I worked really hard. When she asked I was very honored and thrilled."

A close knit team and having family close by help Bilyeu-Sears from the homesick feeling many freshmen feel. It also makes her experience here at MTSU a pleasurable one.

"We are very, very close. We're like sisters. We are just very close like a family," she explains. "This is my new home. I think Tennessee is just like Missouri so this is a home away from home. Plus I have family and friends here."

The goals that Bilyeu-Sears has reflect the unity of the team. Her goals are not all about herself, but about the

team as a whole and improving her skills to help the team. She would like to see the team go further than the SunBelt. Personally she strives to grow as a setter, gain experience, and become a better ball handler.

Misty May from Long Beach State, Lori Endacott from Willard, and coach Kissee are three people Bilyeu-Sears looks up to.

"Endacott coached our team this year," she says. "I had the fortunate experience of working with her. She taught me a lot."

Bilyeu-Sears got married July 22 of this year. She still is able to juggle family, school, and volleyball. She says she does this by managing her time well.

Bilyeu-Sears is one of the more popular Lady Raiders. She has her own fan club.

The fan club is not an embarrassment at all to her. Instead she says, "It's just funny! I think it was really cool that the students came out, and especially when they picked me. I don't know why. I was really appreciative of that."

The future is uncertain for Bilyeu-Sears. "I would like to see the world first before I start a career," she says. "Whatever that [career] is, I'm undecided."◆



MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
■ Men's Golf Hillman Rogers Intercollegiate Memphis, Tenn. (54 holes)	■ Men's Golf Hillman Rogers Intercollegiate Memphis, Tenn. (54 holes)	■ Soccer Lady Raiders v. Eastern Illinois Murfreesboro, Tenn. 2 p.m.	■ Women's Tennis Indiana Fall Invitational Bloomington, Ind. All day	■ Women's Tennis Indiana Fall Invitational Bloomington, Ind. All day	■ Women's Tennis Indiana Fall Invitational Bloomington, Ind. All day
■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Belmont Nashville, Tenn. 7 p.m.	■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Belmont Nashville, Tenn. 7 p.m.	■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Arkansas Little Rock Little Rock, Ark. 7 p.m.	■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Arkansas State Jonesboro, Ark. 7 p.m.	■ Football Raiders v. Louisiana Tech Murfreesboro, Tenn. 6 p.m.	■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Arkansas State Jonesboro, Ark. 7 p.m.

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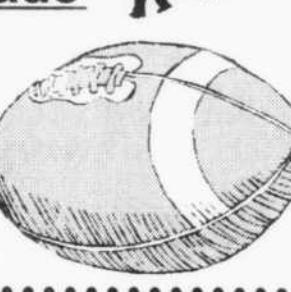
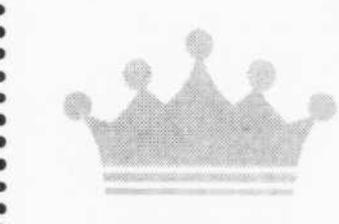
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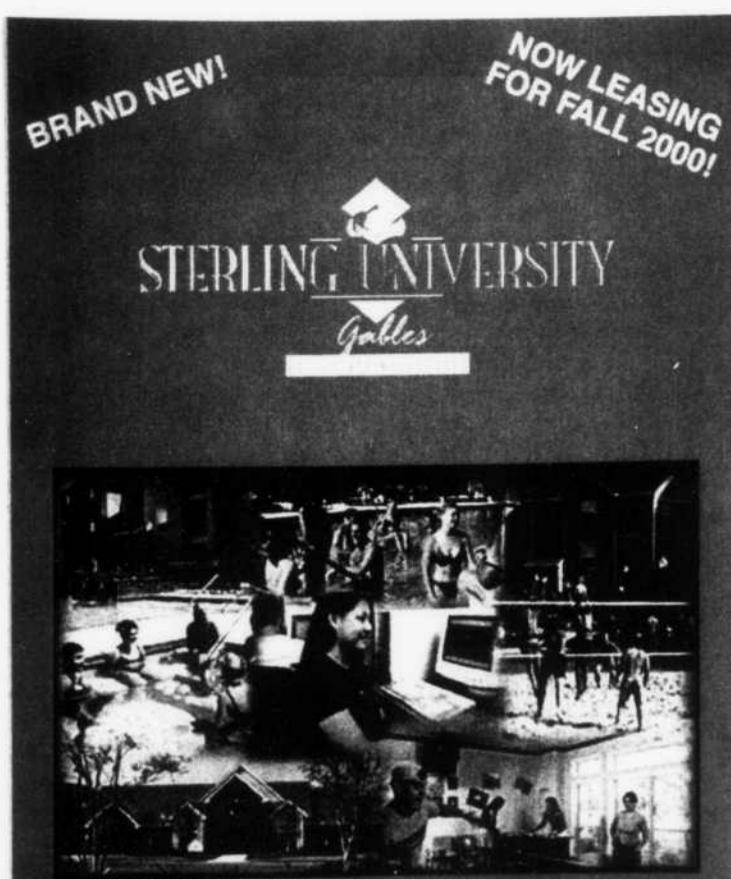
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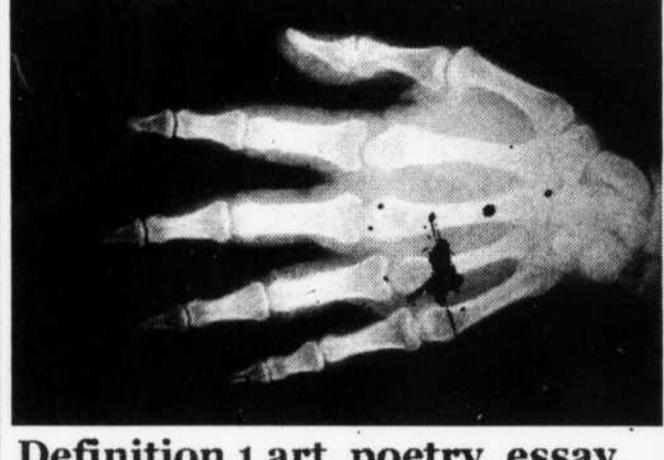
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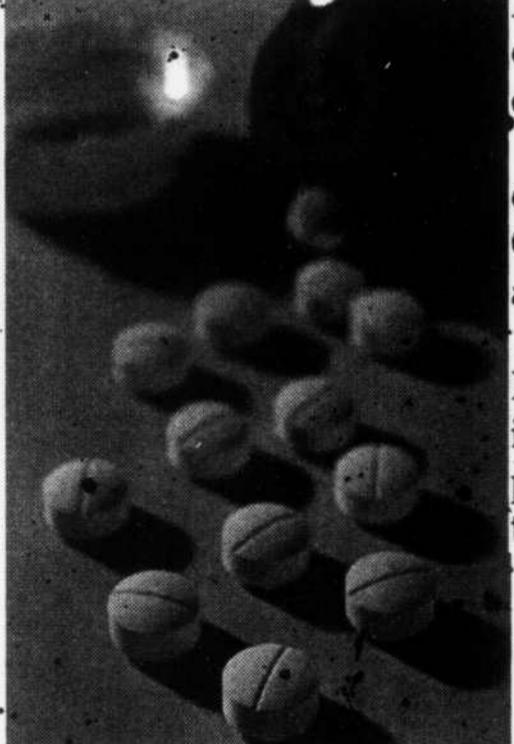
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Definition 3 to intend for a specific goal or purpose. Example a program designed to educate the public.

earmark (1), intend (2), target
Crossref. Syn. calculate
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desolation, annihilation {annihilate},
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Definition 2 the state of being destroyed; ruin.
devastation, havoc (1), wreckage (2),
ruin (1,2), waste (1)
Crossref. Syn. abolition, wreck, demolition, ravage,
decay, death, end, harm, desolation, damage