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Heartwalk to aid in cardiovascular cure

Organizations from campus will participate

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

About 13 student organizations will team up this weekend to raise money for the American Heart Association in the annual Rutherford County Heartwalk. The Heartwalk, which will be

held on MTSU's intramural fields, is a function that raises money for the research and care distributed by the AHA.

Different organizations will assemble at the field at 1 p.m. Sunday to register, and participate in the walk at 2 p.m.

Participants will be able to wear a sticker and walk in honor of someone who has suffered from heart disease. People who have had a relative die of heart disease will wear red caps as they walk.

"We have about 13 student

organizations that are participating," said Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Glenn.

Glenn also said the Interfraternity Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and Panhellenic Council are sponsoring teams.

Associate Dean of Student Life Gene Fitch added that Lambda Sigma is also participating.

"Each team is given the freedom to raise money any way that makes sense to them," Glenn said.

Glenn said that each team has 10 members and each is slated to raise \$1,000.

According to Glenn, traditionally the sponsors get together and walk at the Heartwalk, but also work on raising money on their own time. The teams and sponsors are to turn in their money at the walk, but there is an early turn-in if they can't attend the event.

"The idea is you come and engage in a heart-healthy exercise," Glenn said.

He noted that there will be a

great deal of literature available at the Heartwalk concerning heart disease.

According to Tom Tozer of News and Public Affairs, last year MTSU raised \$12,000 for the AHA. This year he hopes to double that.

"We'd like to go \$20,000 or above \$20,000 if possible," Tozer said.

Tozer said MTSU has several sponsors throughout the county.

"MTSU, over the years, has always been the top money rais-

er and had the most walkers," Tozer said.

According to Tozer, this year the AHA is offering prizes to any individual walker who can raise \$1,000 to \$2,000.

The association is offering a free cruise for two to anyone who raises at least \$1,000.

All proceeds go to heart research.

For more information about the Heartwalk, contact Tozer at 898-2919, or Glenn at 898-5112. ♦

Chili for the heart



Photos by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

(Top) Steaming bowls of chili were offered up by Continuing Studies yesterday in the Bell Aire Building to benefit the Rutherford County Heartwalk.

(Above) Janet Bogle, Carol Cowen and Cindy Cooper gather supplies.

Impeachment process begun for absent Mass Comm senator

SGA tries to improve efficiency with enforcement of existing bylaw

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

A newly enforced Student Government Association requirement has led to the impeachment of a senator.

The charges come against College of Mass Communication Senator Aaron Tannenbaum, who missed the first few SGA meetings of this semester, according to Amanda Newman, speaker of the Senate.

The requirement, which specifies that senators are not allowed to miss more than two consecutive meetings without being excused, has been in the SGA constitution in the past, but it has rarely been enforced.

When Tannenbaum was contacted about his absences, he was surprised to learn that he had been elected to the Senate,

Newman said.

No one had informed him after the elections last year that he had been elected to office, she said.

Although the excuse seemed a little odd, according to Newman, the committee investigating his case was willing to hear him out. But, at the Senate meeting after contacting Aaron, he did not appear and was not able to defend himself, she said.

He was impeached and the Internal Affairs Committee was assigned to further investigate his case. Tannenbaum must meet with the committee to discuss the charges.

"We already know what happened, so it's not a big deal," Newman said. "But we need to follow the rules in the constitution and follow all of the procedures."

At the next Senate meeting, the Internal Affairs Committee will present what evidence they have and recommend that Tannenbaum either be reinstated to his position or be asked to resign as a senator.

A vote will then be taken from all of the present senators, but they are likely to follow the committee's recommendation.

Tannenbaum was unable to be reached for comment.

The reason the executive officers of the SGA have decided to begin enforcing many of the laws in the SGA constitution is to become more effective, Newman said. When trying to pass legislation in recent years, the Senate has been unable to do so because only half of the required number of senators would be present at the meeting.

One of the problems with enforcing this particular part of the constitution is that many of the officers didn't want to tell their peers that they weren't being responsible senators, Newman said.

The officers have also made it mandatory that senators must serve at least one hour each week either in the office or in some form of community service. ♦

Speaker warns of alcohol use

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

A former alcoholic warned a Murphy Center crowd of the dangers of alcohol addiction Tuesday.

Guest speaker Carolyn E. Cornelison presented a lecture titled, "Courage to Care," which focused on educating students on responsible drinking and the signs of addiction.

Cornelison told stories of her own high school and college experiences to illustrate the effects of alcohol abuse and the importance of helping others realize they have a problem. She talked about how, at the age of 17, she was introduced to her first drinking experience and, from that point on, she was addicted to alcohol as well as smoking.

As a result of her addiction, she was arrested for three DUIs in a span of 11 months. Cornelison said she disgraced her family's name each time they bailed her out of jail.

Along with her personal stories, she told the students in attendance some startling statistics. Cornelison cited a poll, in which, out of more than 1 million college students surveyed, 75 percent are moderate, infrequent or non-drinkers, whereas 25 percent are high drinkers; 86 percent of college students use a designated driver and the overall number of students drinking is declining.

As encouraging as those numbers are, last year, 21 college students drank themselves to death.

"If you are out and someone you know has had too much to

drink, do not leave them alone. The 21 students who drank themselves to death were left and found alone," she said.

She added that she hit bottom, realizing she had a serious problem when she received a phone call from one of her Delta Zeta sorority sisters telling her that one of their sisters was in a serious car wreck and would not make it through the night.

"I picked up the phone to call one of my other sorority sisters to tell her the tragic news. The first thing she said to me was, 'We always thought it would be you,'" Cornelison said. "That made me realize that my friends in college knew I had a problem, but no one ever confronted me about it. It was then

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Conference urges smarter consumption

By Wendy Caldwell
Staff Writer

Shop Til You Stop - stop creating more waste, that is.

That was the subject of a satellite video conference on Oct. 15.

Produced by professor Connie Schmidt, the program featured Kim Cleary Sadler of MTSU's Environmental Education Center and Suma Clark of Recycle Rutherford.

Shop Til You Stop emphasized green shopping - buying products that are friendly to the environment and create minimal waste.

Sadler offered five tips on green shopping.

• Don't buy products that harm the envi-

ronment.

• Look for products made from recycled materials. The packaging will generally indicate whether or not recycled materials were used.

• Buy products that use smaller amounts of packaging. Packaging creates much more garbage than most people realize.

• Buy products that can either be recycled or are biodegradable.

• Buy products that come in containers that are either refillable or recyclable.

Suma Clark focused on the excessive amounts of trash created from extra packaging. She said that at least \$1 of every 10 that we spend is actually spent on packaging.

Aside from cost factors, packaging cre-

ates waste and takes up space, Clark said.

She demonstrated this by using three brown grocery bags with strips cut from the center so the insides could be seen.

The first bag was filled with common groceries. The second bag contained only the packaging from the products in the first bag. The third bag contained only the products themselves once they had been removed from the packages.

The second bag was nearly full of packaging, while the actual products filled less than one half of the third grocery bag.

"You can't avoid all garbage," Clark said. "However, there are ways to reduce the amount of waste. One suggestion is to buy

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Profs utilize e-mail

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

E-mail has made it easier for many teachers and students to connect.

Many students have class during their teachers' office hours, making it difficult for them to ask questions outside of class. Using WebMail and PipelineMT through MTSU's Web site, students and teachers are able to communicate outside the classroom. Students who have questions about an assignment can e-mail their teachers and will usually receive

a prompt answer.

"The world is becoming more and more connected through e-mail and the Internet," said Sharon Smith, associate professor of organizational communication at MTSU.

Using e-mail to connect with each other allows students and teachers to interact at their own convenience. Many students come up with questions while completing assignments that are due the next day, and e-mail makes it simple and often pain-

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Satellite link opens MTSU to state, country

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

MTSU Uplink, a joint project between the Instructional Technology Support Center and the News and Public Affairs Office, is connecting the university to the entire Middle Tennessee area, as well as the country, through satellite uplink involving four Nashville television stations.

The venture had its first transmission Aug. 21 and has had eight successful ones since being broadcast on local stations WKRN, WSMV, WTVF and WZTV.

This is a weekly project, sent to all four stations at 10 a.m. every Wednesday, that runs 15 minutes long, providing video clips of MTSU experts and campus events to the television news departments, providing potential content for the stations' television newscasts.

"Uplink is part of MTSU's ongoing media relations effort

to highlight our many outstanding professors, students, programs and events," said John Lynch, producer of the program.

This allows the Nashville stations to receive additional MTSU coverage at no extra cost, because of limited resources and tight budgets at the local stations, while also providing more opportunities for MTSU to broadcast to a national audience.

This project has many goals, including "a visually, interesting look at campus, events and ongoing projects," according to News and Public Affairs. "MTSU experts who will share new and interesting ideas, and comments from MTSU experts on breaking news and events."

Some topics included on recent broadcasts are "Hate on the Internet," "Tennessee's Economic Outlook," "Halloween Candy," "Girls, Science and Math," and "Tennessee lottery - yes or no?"

Additionally, the segments from former Vice President Al Gore's classes, which have been broadcast around the nation, have been popular.

"Each week we shoot at least two stories," Lynch said. "The video is loosely edited so that each station can customize the story for its own newscast. The MTSU Soapbox is used as a third story each week."

The Soapbox segment allows students to express their opinions on the major issues of the day. A television camera, microphone, and a "soapbox" is set up on a different part of campus throughout the semester encouraging everyone who wishes to sound off on various topics from the day's headlines.

"This is an excellent opportunity to highlight the expertise of the MTSU faculty and also the many significant things happening on our campus," Lynch said. ♦

E-mail: New software offers added security

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less to acquire the answers they need.

Smith gives students the option of turning in assignments by e-mail. Students can still turn in a hard copy, but there are many advantages for her students that turn in assignments electronically.

Assignments e-mailed to Smith are graded quickly and immediately returned to the student; those students who turn in a hard copy of the assignment must wait until the next class period to learn their

grades.

Smith said she believes electronic submission is more efficient than turning a hard copy in during class or tracking down an elusive teacher. Students can even contact their teachers during the weekend.

Students can also contact their academic advisers through e-mail to schedule appointments or ask questions.

The e-mail system on campus is fairly secure, and the anti-virus software installed recently adds to the security, according to Connie Fensky of the Information Technology

Division.

The biggest problem faced by WebMail accounts, Fensky said, isn't viruses or hacker overloads on the system, but spam, or unsolicited e-mail.

E-mailed traffic has tripled, even quadrupled since last year, but most of it is spam, she said. Spam has become a large problem with e-mail accounts.

Students can request that the e-mails not be sent to them anymore, but that approach rarely works. They can also buy programs that block spam, but the programs are usually too expensive for most students. ♦

Alcohol: Three keys offer more knowledge

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that I decided to educate college students about the warning signs of out-of-control drinking and to help those with alcohol problems."

Cornelison also outlined her three keys to preventing alcohol-related incidents, which are: understanding the signs of out-of-control behaviors, sensitivity or becoming aware of these behaviors in yourself and those around you and courage to take steps to help someone who has a

problem with alcohol or drugs.

Cornelison's lecture was free to the university and she did not charge a fee to address the campus. More than 800 students were in attendance and topics were chosen based on the needs of the university.

The lecture was sponsored by Greek Life, MTSU Athletics, Kappa Delta, Chi Omega and the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

For more information on future speakers, contact Greek Life at 898-5996. ♦

Shop: Paper, cloth bags better

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bigger sizes to get more product and less packaging."

Clark also suggests purchasing materials that can be recycled. Finally, she suggests evaluating the need for the convenience of pre-packaged goods such as Lunchables.

"Once we create this garbage, we have to do something with it," Sadler said. "Unfortunately, most of this garbage goes to

landfills, occupying valuable space on earth."

"When you shop, you're actually casting a vote for the environment. This is why green shopping is so important," Clark said.

Another green shopping tip is to avoid plastic grocery bags, which use petroleum - a nonrenewable resource - and instead using the brown paper bags, or bringing cloth grocery bags from home.

Green shopping extends beyond grocery stores. Old clothing can be donated to organizations such as Goodwill or the Salvation Army.

When buying clothing, look for environmentally friendly materials, such as organic cotton.

For more information on green shopping, contact Jenny Marsh at vmoxley@mtsu.edu. ♦

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Police chief issues warning for D.C.-area children

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The old Chief Charles Moore was reassigning, urging people to carry on with their routines despite the sniper roaming the Washington area.

The new Moore offers no such comfort: "Your children are not safe, anywhere at any time," the Montgomery County police chief said Tuesday, quoting a note apparently written by the sniper as part of an increasingly public dialogue with a man suspected of killing at least nine people and wounding three.

The chilling words were left at the scene of Saturday night's shooting in Ashland, Va.

The chief, leader of the multi-agency task force investigating the shootings, repeated them 11 hours after bus driver Conrad E. Johnson, 35, was shot to death in Aspen Hill, Md. while preparing to begin his morning route.

Authorities suspect Johnson is the sniper's 13th victim, although confirmation awaits ballistics tests. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms was examining the bullet at its lab in Rockville.

Moore also issued a plea to the killer, urging him to continue a dialogue that began after Saturday's shooting.

"It is important that we do this without anyone else getting hurt," Moore told reporters Tuesday evening in comments directed at the sniper.

Police learn caliber of sniper's bullets

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microscopic clues on bullets and fragments have allowed investigators to link shootings carried out by a deadly sniper terrorizing the Washington area, but authorities are still trying to pinpoint the gun used.

Ballistics evidence in 10 of the cases revealed that a .223 caliber bullet was fired from the same rifle, said Joseph Green, spokesman for the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Bullets were too damaged to be helpful in two cases, and results are still pending from an attack Tuesday morning.

U.S. faces opposition from over new Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States faces stiff opposition to its tough new Iraq resolution, and the State Department predicted that negotiations will be "complicated" and "messy."

The United States and Britain have been at odds with

France, Russia and China over just how tough a new resolution should be — and Tuesday's reactions to the new U.S. draft showed no sign that the two camps were moving closer.

Washington, backed by London, is pushing a single resolution that it says will allow the use of force if Iraq doesn't meet its U.N. disarmament obligations.

Paris, Moscow and Beijing want a two-stage approach that would give Iraq another chance to comply with U.N. weapons inspectors and only authorize force in a second resolution if Baghdad obstructed inspections.

Diplomats said Russia was most vocal in its opposition, and more difficult than France.

U.S. envoy arrives for talks with Israelis, Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel and the Palestinians expressed reservations Wednesday about a new U.S. peace plan, as Washington launched its most ambitious mediation mission in months with the arrival of a senior envoy in the region.

The mediator, Assistant U.S. Secretary of State William Burns, was to hold talks with Israelis and Palestinians on Wednesday and Thursday about the three-stage plan, a blueprint for Palestinian statehood by 2005.

Both sides said the plan, which also has the backing of the United Nations, Russia and the European Union, is too vague on crucial points. The plan has not been made public, though officials have revealed some details.

Israel said it would be required to withdraw troops from parts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the first stage, without guarantees that the Palestinian security forces would do more to prevent attacks on Israelis.

Suspect admits training in Bin Laden camp

HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — An alleged member of the Hamburg al-Qaida cell testified in his trial that he trained at one of Osama bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan, but said he didn't know of the plot to attack the United States.

Mounir el Motassadeq denied charges that he provided logistical support to the hijackers who had lived undetected in this north German town.

He is the first of the Sept. 11 suspects to go to trial.

Judge Albrecht Mentsz told the 28-year-old Moroccan he wanted to hear more on Wednesday about the camp near Kandahar and why he

decided to go there. "Maybe there is an explanation for you doing this after all," Mentsz said as he closed the first day of the trial in the Hamburg state court.

El Motassadeq has been in custody since his arrest in Hamburg two months after the attacks.

He faces a possible life sentence if convicted of membership in a terrorist organization and more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder.

In about four hours of testimony Tuesday, El Motassadeq told the court of his contacts with Mohamed Atta, the central figure in the Hamburg cell, which included two of the other hijackers.

Pacific Rim officials talk terrorism, technology

CABO SAN LUCAS, Mexico (AP) — Delegates to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum set an agenda of terrorism, trade and technology for foreign and economic ministers who begin meetings Wednesday.

Wrapping up a two-day conference Tuesday, delegates from the 21 APEC members completed their recommendations to their ministers, who will meet Wednesday and Thursday. Heads of state from the member economies are holding a summit over the weekend.

The meetings were all held behind closed doors, but Japanese government officials said the delegates agreed that the agenda would focus on fighting terrorism, cooperation among APEC members' customs officials to halt the flow of terrorists' supplies and preparations for the World Trade Organization conference in Mexico in September 2003.

Internet computer servers hit by attack this week

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nine of the 13 computer servers that manage global Internet traffic were crippled by a powerful electronic attack this week, officials said.

But most Internet users didn't notice because the attack only lasted an hour.

Its origin was not known, and the FBI and White House were investigating.

One official described Monday's attack as the most sophisticated and large-scale assault against these crucial computers in the history of the Internet.

Seven of the 13 servers failed to respond to legitimate network traffic and two others failed intermittently during the attack, officials confirmed.

Indonesia tightens security amid fears of more attacks

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Security was heightened Wednesday throughout Indonesia due to fears of more bombings, and the United States said it would list Jemaah Islamiyah.

Officials say that President Megawati Sukarnoputri, who was leaving Wednesday for Mexico to attend the annual

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, would ask President Bush and Prime Minister John Howard of Australia for help in the fight against terrorism.

The APEC meetings, launched a decade ago for Pacific Rim leaders to discuss economic issues, was likely to be dominated by terrorism concerns.

Last year in Shanghai, China — a month after the Sept. 11

attacks — the leaders vowed they would do all they could to stop terrorism.

Angels take Game three of World Series over Giants

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — With Pacific Bell Park all set for a party, the Angels trampled San Francisco 10-4 Tuesday night to take a 2-1 edge in the World Series.

IS MORALITY POSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD?

A Dialogue between **Tom Flynn**, editor of **FREE INQUIRY Magazine**, a publication of the Council for Secular Humanism, and **Dr. Randall Bush**, Professor of Philosophy and Christian Studies at Union University.

The discussion will be moderated by Dr. John Vile, Chair of MTSU's Political Science Department. A time for questions from the audience will follow the dialogue.

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Combined	0.1	-
Progesterone only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progesterone	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Vaginal sponge	1.9	18
Periodic abstinence	1.3	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge used before childbirth	4	18
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What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your normal period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

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

3.Cancer Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4.Unexpected Pregnancy Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

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

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

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

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

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? 1.Weight Gain You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.9 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2.Other Side Effects In a clinical study of over 3,000 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding; amenorrhea; headache; nervousness; abdominal cramps; dizziness; weakness or fatigue; decreased sexual desire; leg cramps; nausea; vaginal discharge or irritation; breast swelling and tenderness; bloating; swelling of the hands or feet; backache; depression; insomnia; acne; pelvic pain; no hair growth or excessive hair loss; rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include: convulsions; jaundice; urinary tract infections; allergic reactions; fainting; paralysis; osteoporosis; lack of return to fertility; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolus; breast cancer; or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection? 1.Missed Periods During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have been missing your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

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

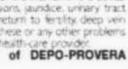
3.Drug Interactions Cytidine (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

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

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

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From the Editorial Board 'Open Line' should tackle real questions

In an attempt to become more involved with MTSU, university President Sidney McPhee opened up last night to questions from the student body and campus community.

(We won't mention that many of the questions were pre-approved before reaching the president, and that the only audience members in the studio seemed to be members of the Student Government Association or Greek organizations.)

Exactly what kind of open forum is this? An open forum is usually highlighted by discussion on controversial issues.

We all know that parking is a pain, and it's about time we let it go. It might be a rip off, but it's really not that bad, when compared with many other campuses.

Let's talk about more important issues other than whether or not we have to drive around for 30 minutes to park 40 miles away from campus.

Let's talk about more funding for our struggling science department or more quality office space for professors. And how about all those sticky issues entangled in the enrollment-growth debate?

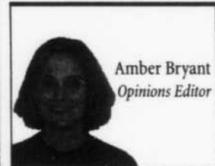
It might also be important (not to mention slightly amusing) to address that the crack in the \$1.4 million Quadrangle still hasn't been replaced. We'd think something that cost that much wouldn't break so easily.

We need to ask questions about the status of Rutledge, Abernathy and Ezell halls. Students needed to be able to ask the questions that directly affect them, not the ones that were "OK" for President McPhee to answer.

On a positive note, however, *Open Line* broadened its scope of information sources. Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Glenn was a guest on the show to answer student questions. From what we understand, upcoming shows will feature more university officials in the hot seat, which will afford students a valuable opportunity.

For future *Open Line* shows, we entrust our student body and surrounding community to push the envelope and ask tough and controversial questions, even if they don't end up being broadcast. ◆

From the Opinions Editor GPS wristwatch could be security parents need



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

heavily on such devices to care and be responsible for their kids. Any item that lessens the threat of a missing child permanently disappearing is certainly a wise investment. However, parents who find it necessary to use it more than once in a blue moon should seriously reexamine their parenting methods.

It's unfortunate enough that our country is such a dangerous place that anyone would need to strap a satellite locator on a child's wrist in the first place. Using it to haphazardly parent would only defeat the overall purpose, the well-being of our kids.

Of course, there are uncertainties. I wonder how the gadget holds up under water, and what happens once an assailant gets it off. According to ABCnews.com, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children representative David Shapiro asks potential buyers to "understand that nothing is fail-safe."

Relying on both technology and careful monitoring of a child's environment, the risk of kidnapping is dramatically reduced, finally giving parents the advantage over the knife-wielding mimes of the world. ◆

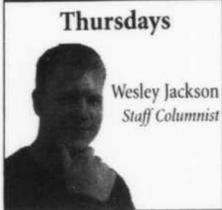
After months of an increased amount of child abductions across the country, Wherefy Wireless has deployed a marketing project meant to put worried parents' minds more at ease.

For a monthly fee of about \$25, Wherefy has developed a \$400 children's wristwatch containing a tiny Global Positioning System locator allowing a wearer to be found anywhere in the world within yards via the Internet.

According to the commercial I saw at least a dozen times last weekend, the watch also houses a removal alarm that notifies police if the watch is interfered with, and a panic button that, when pressed, also alerts authorities if the child feels threatened. Heck, I even wanted one for myself. It would sure come in handy when the knife-wielding mime finally comes for me.

As with any remarkable technological development emphasizing the safety of children, the benefits are great as long as parents don't rely

Road trips crux of college life



Thursdays
Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

There's something about traveling the interstate with a destination in mind, friends in the back seat, time to kill and miles of uncharted road ahead. Life on the road is even better late at night with a liter of Mountain Dew close by and a little Dave Matthews in the back-ground.

I love to travel. I love going places I've never been before, especially with friends.

Going foreign places with folks seems to make those relationships stronger.

Last summer, I took a road trip with several people to see a friend's wedding in Laurel, Miss. It's a small town. We got to

know all the natives within the first half hour of our visit, but the trip was worth it.

I learned some expensive but valuable lessons.

The first lesson I learned was that a road trip caravan is good for many reasons, not least of all to have friends on the road ahead who can check for speed traps.

The second lesson I learned was that you should always keep an eye on your gauges.

You know that thermometer-looking temperature gauge on your dashboard?

You would think that, even if you don't know much about cars, anyone could tell you that it's the gauge that measures your engine temperature. As it turned out, no one in my car really knew what it was while we were driving down to Laurel.

Then that little arrow started to climb up the gauge and into the red zone.

One of my friends suggested that it meant we were supposed to slow down. But my Jeep Cherokee managed to do that on its own, despite the fact that I was flooring the gas pedal.

Thankfully, some of our caravan friends behind us noticed that we were having problems (probably the fluid spraying out the front hood or the weird cranking noises the car was making gave it away).

The Jeep came to a dead halt on an exit ramp in Mississippi. Our friends pulled over and we all gathered around the open hood of my car. We tried everything. We checked the oil (though I'm not sure how relevant this was), totally recycled the coolant fluid, repaired an engine hose and threw a few ice cubes in the radiator for grins.

We didn't really accomplish much with the car. But it was good to know that the guys who pulled over were there for us.

They made us laugh and kept me from total despair by at least acting like they knew what they were doing.

That kind of encouragement is important when you're literally spending hours on the side of the road.

We eventually got the Jeep started again and were able to take a few wrong turns, do a lot more driving and find a dealership where we could park the car.

After I got back from Mississippi, the dealership called and told us what the problem was.

When that little arrow on the gauge starts climbing anywhere near the red zone, it doesn't mean you need to slow down, or that you need to change the oil or the coolant fluid.

It means your engine is melting and that you should've pulled over hours ago.

That was a \$4,000 lesson to learn. So be thankful you're getting this bit of

advice free: watch the gauges.

But I wouldn't trade that road trip for the world.

I learned a lot about cars and got to build some great friendships with the people that helped me out. It was an adventure.

The third, and best, lesson I tapped into was that road trips are great for relationships.

Broken down cars are even better for relationships. You can talk about a lot of things while you're stranded for hours on the side of the road.

So while you're in school, take some time off and head out with some friends into the wild blue yonder.

You never know what you'll find.

Road trips: don't leave school without 'em. ◆

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Protesting sing-alongs

Banging On My Drum



Cody DeVos
Staff Columnist

November 1999: outside a Rage Against the Machine concert, two hundred members of the Fraternal Order of Police hold professionally-printed picket signs protesting the band's presence in the Nashville Municipal Auditorium. Across the street, a ragtag cluster of hippies, college students and career left-wing activists shout chants and wave homemade banners. Almost indistinguishable among them is a scrawny, hyperactive 16-year-old clutching his cardboard sign and screaming as though his life depended on it.

That was me. Fists in the air, staring down the FOPs and thinking that my presence alone surely tipped the scale in our favor. I was having fun. It was almost as though all the archetypal authority figures I had ever known had lined up for me to denounce and spit upon.

Two hundred cop union members, hundreds of passing cars and not one of them heard a single word I shouted. Even the concertgoers

simply stared cow-eyed at our signs, occasionally screaming "Wooooo!!! Rage Against the Machine!!!"

Reflecting back on my protest experience, it seemed like little more than some silly re-enactment of the glory days of the '60s. Nobody was listening. We were hard-pressed to gain sympathy, even from the high school kids in anarchy T-shirts. Perhaps that was the point when protesting began to seem like a ridiculous waste of time.

Every so often, a couple thousand protesters converge in some important city to protest some important meeting, and CNN and FOX News give us 30 seconds of footage before returning to coverage of the latest hurricane or press conference. The protesters, however earnest and passionate, almost always look like buffoons.

And nobody listens to them.

Animal rights activists in turtle suits, socialist teenagers dressed up like Che Guevara and stoner pacifists are cartoon characters in the national spectrum. How can you deliver your message to the mainstream when you look to them like a rambling, unkempt Rasputin?

In 1968, the hippies

had the good sense to go "Clean for Gene" McCarthy. They shaved their beards, cut their hair, showered and donned suits in an attempt to win the public's sympathies. For one flash in the timeline of the demonstrating counterculture movement, they had it. Then they dropped the ball, and didn't bother to try to rebound.

They soon degenerated into a loathsome war on the face of America — a self-satisfied and arrogant mob who occasionally lashes out against the decent public, then returns to their lairs to bemoan the ignorance of everyone who crossed the street to avoid their belligerence.

A war absurd enough to be authored by Kafka is fermenting, and, as much as I hate to think of it, my political leanings may soon obligate me to protest.

But if I do, I'm going to comb my hair and wear a clean shirt — and I'm not going to participate in anything resembling a childish hippie summer camp sing-along. ◆

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Lamenting Bush's reign

Wit and Wonder



Callie Elizabeth Butler
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Dear President Bush, As I think about the direction I see our country moving in, I'm filled with feelings of sorrow, disapproval and fear. This is my country, the place I'm told I should claim as my own with pride and joy. Yet, I find myself lacking pride and wishing I could transfer to a distant university in Canada.

So many of these feelings are only strengthened when I see your face on television and hear your words of madness. All I can ask is "Why?" I believe I should ask why because I'm a voter. I'm an American, and no act is more American than questioning those in power. My voice, while only that of one young and angry woman, should matter to you.

Why did you strip Planned Parenthood of international funding, locking women into poverty with no ability to control pregnancy?

Tell me why you've exploited the Sept. 11 tragedy to glorify yourself and not allowed or helped to achieve the normalcy that you spoke of so frequently?

Why, President Bush, did you concoct a plan you call "Homeland Security," sending fear into even the most remote homes and furthering racism across the country?

Why have you used recent events within this country as an excuse to attempt to strip away our Constitutional freedoms?

Why don't you conduct weapons inspections within the United States while pushing for inspections in other countries? With the number of anthrax scares, internal examination might be wise, don't you think?

George, tell me why the United States is so hated, especially in recent months, and why you've done nothing to help further positive relationships with other countries.

Why don't you listen to the worldwide opposition to your plans for an invasion of Iraq?

Why do you thirst for war?

A president is supposed to further the nation, not plunge it into turmoil. Some would disagree with me on this, but no one can deny the terror that has engulfed this country, terror that you have helped to further. Yes, that's right — you're furthering terror, not good.

I won't vote for you in the next election should you choose to seek a second term. The economy is plummeting as unemployment is on the rise. You've created a climate that has invoked hatred and fear towards Americans of Asian and Middle Eastern descent. You've weakened our ties with various nations and made negative relationships far worse.

I fear that you aren't even listening to the voices of the people you were elected to represent. You're far too wrapped in your own agenda to listen to the voices of those who are speaking to you, those you claim to represent, those you say you care for — the American people. ◆

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Blue Raider head football coach looks forward, ahead



Photo provided

Football head coach Andy McCollum was impressed by the performance of MT quarterback Andrico Hines.

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee head football coach Andy McCollum focused on many things in his press conference Monday, ranging from the Idaho offense to his quarterback Andrico Hines.

"Defensively we had some guys that did some good things," McCollum said. "Kenny Edwards really stepped up and played great. Kareem Bland made some plays for us. We feel like we need to get more pressure up front and do some things to get to the quarterback."

After last week's 45-38 win over the Ragin Cajuns, the Blue Raiders play the University of Idaho this week. Last year UI and MT set an NCAA record for most points in a single game with 128. The Blue Raiders won that game 70-58.

"It was good because we won," McCollum said. "It was a game that was a big win for us, but this is two very different teams."

"They're very explosive on offense and they are very improved on defense. We hope we're getting things turned around on both sides of the ball, so we can go and meet the challenge," he said.

This week's game is expected to be no different.

"They have a big play offense with a good quarterback who moves the ball around and they have some good wide receivers," said Blue Raider defensive back Will Martin. "I believe Orlando Winston is their big play receiver. It will be a good challenge for our secondary."

Hines provided explosiveness for MT last week, passing for a career-high 347 yards on 17-of-24 passing. He also accounted for four Blue Raider touchdowns.

"Andrico's job is to get the ball to players and let them make plays and not feel like he has to win the game," McCollum said. "You go from Alabama to Tennessee to Kentucky and right on

"You have to press forward and get better every day. It doesn't seem as fast as it did from my first two or three starts. I'm in my sixth or seventh game of of the season, and now things are just starting to come to me."

— Andrico Hines,
MT quarterback

through our schedule, and it's tough but he is learning to make better decisions and that comes with playing."

"You have to press forward and get better every day. It doesn't seem as fast as it did from my first two or three starts," Hines said. "I'm in my sixth or seventh game of the season, and now things are just starting to come to me. I think that just comes from playing. We're just trying to turn this thing around and get better day by day."

A loss this week will all but eliminate the Blue Raiders from a chance at the Sun Belt Conference championship. A win will keep MT in the race.

"We play one of the most competitive conferences in the country, and one loss puts a lot of pressure on yourself for the rest of the season not to lose another game. If you lose another game, it's going to be tough, if not impossible, to win the conference." ♦

Tennis player basks in top national spot



File Photos

Daniel Klemetz clinched the No. 1 national position at the ITA/Icy Hot Tournament in early October.

By Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team is steeped in ways of winning. During the Dale Short era, which began 13 years ago, MT has become a proverbial powerhouse.

The Blue Raiders have reached the NCAA tournament five times in the past seven years, five Blue Raiders achieved All-American status and in 1997 Short led the Blue Raiders to the No. 4 national ranking.

For those and a plethora of other successes, the MT tennis program has become internationally known among the collegiate tennis world. However, the program has never had a player ranked No. 1 in the world in men's singles until now.

Daniel Klemetz, a senior from Vanersborg, Sweden, began the 2002 Icy Hot/ITA All-American Championships as the No. 10 college player and after beating six ranked players in a row, he won the tournament. He left the tournament and returned to Murfreesboro as the No. 1 ranked college tennis player in the world.

Klemetz has taken his most recent achievement in stride even though being No. 1 has been a dream of his ever since he started playing college tennis.

"It feels kind of weird to hear people say it," Klemetz said. "I guess I've been up there. I was ranked No. 10 going into this fall, so I had it sort of as a goal but it was sort of far away."

Klemetz didn't believe he would become No. 1 this quickly, and it's still difficult for to grasp. However, he tries not to think about his feat too much because he wants to avoid it going to his head.

"I'm the same person I was before, no better, no worse," he said. "I'm enjoying it, but I'm hoping that

See Klemetz, 8

BCS is poor excuse for bowl system

Sports commentary



David Hunter
Staff Writer

The time has come for the NCAA to come up with a system that will crown a national champion on the field instead of with numbers and computers.

The first Bowl Championship Series poll came out this past weekend. Of course most people, including myself, think this poll is BS.

The poll has the University of Oklahoma at No. 1 and the University of Miami at No. 2.

However, the Associated Press and Coaches polls have the two teams flip-flopped with UM first and the Sooners second. Some of the computer polls that are used in the BCS must be watching a different team playing than what the fans are seeing. The highest position that the computers give the Hurricanes is second by Richard Billingsley. Three of the polls put UM in sixth place.

Hello! These are the defending national champions and they have a 28-game winning streak. Maybe *Sidelines* could put out our own poll, and we could be a part of the BS, oops, BCS.

I think college football needs to get rid of the BCS and have a playoff like all the other divisions in NCAA football. However, I do not like the idea of the top eight or 16 teams in the country being a part of the tournament.

Instead, all the conference champions should be invited to the football version of the "Big Dance." It should not matter if the team wins the Big 12 title, or the Mountain West title. Currently there are 11 conferences in Division 1-A football, so that still leaves five at-large berths to the tournament.

The BCS poll only includes six conferences (Big 10, Big 12, Pac-10, Big East, Atlantic Coast Conference and the Southeastern Conference) plus Notre Dame if they win nine games and finish in the top six in the nation. The Fighting Irish most likely will finish there this season.

The BCS poll is a joke. It does not reward teams like Bowling Green who might finish undefeated in the Mid-American conference, but will not be a part of the BCS. That is because they would probably select a second place team from one of the six conferences that are included in the BCS. Most of the time they pick a team that should not be included, like Nebraska last season.

This idea works well in the

Blue Raiders to face the University of Idaho Vandals

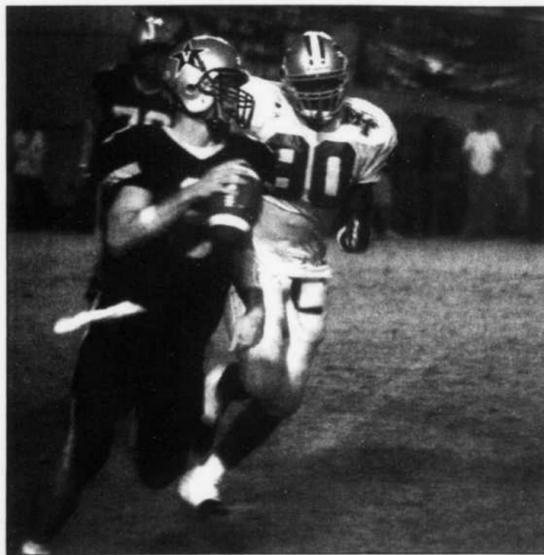


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Defensive end Samuel Smith will have to show the same tenacity this weekend as he did in Saturday's game.

By Jared Hastings
Staff Writer

If the trend from last year's Middle Tennessee-Idaho game continues it will take a snowstorm to slow down these two offenses.

That's if the game were played outdoors. But both offenses will find themselves safely inside the climate-controlled confines of the University of Idaho's Kibbie Dome, which could mean a long day for both defenses.

The Vandals and Blue Raiders torched the turf at Floyd Stadium last year for more than 1,400 yards of total offense and a combined 128 points, the most in NCAA Division-I A history. After squandering a 42-10 halftime lead, MT held on for a 70-58 victory.

"It was good because we won," MT head coach Andy

McCollum said at his press conference on Monday. "I think everything about football is being one point better than the other team, and that's what we want to do. It was a game that was a big win for us but these are two different teams."

The Blue Raiders come into Saturday's game on a two-game winning streak after defeating the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, 48-35, last week at Floyd Stadium. The win over Lafayette was MT's quarterback Andrico Hines' coming out party.

Riding momentum from the team's game winning drive against Vanderbilt, the junior from Riverdale, Ga., had the best game of his young career passing for 347 yards and a touchdown while adding 75 yards and three more touchdowns on the ground.

"Since the first game he's made great plays and it's just

been a matter of everyone clicking together. He's grown up tremendously," senior wide receiver David Youell said of Hines.

One question mark for the offense will be leading receiver Tyrone Calico. The senior wide out, who gained 106 yards in the first half of last Saturday's game, suffered a knee injury in the first half of the ULL game and his status remains uncertain. But McCollum said his team still has big play capability without its leading receiver.

"This offense isn't about one receiver," McCollum said. "It never has been. We had a lot guys make plays [last week]."

On defense, the key will be stopping the Sun Belt Conference's leading passer, Idaho junior Brian Lindgren. After torching the Blue Raiders for 637 yards last year in his first

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Sports Briefs

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Angels romp on San Fran

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Liners into the gaps. Bloopers up the middle. Shots into the corners.

Relentless at the plate, a blur on the bases. And now Darin Erstad, Scott Spiezio and the Anaheim Angels have the San Francisco Giants on the run.

With Pacific Bell Park all set for a party, the Angels trampled San Francisco 10-4 to take a 2-1 edge in the World Series.

Pitcher blemishes record

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Livan Hernandez will do no more boasting about his post-season perfection.

Hernandez's sterling playoff record got its first blemish in Game 3 of the World Series. The San Francisco Giants' big-game stopper gave up five hits, five walks and six runs while getting chased in the fourth inning of a 10-4 loss — the first of Hernandez's career after six victories over three trips to the postseason.

Chiefs coach calls it quits

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Coach Dick Vermeil will not extend his three-year contract with the Kansas City Chiefs beyond 2003.

Piniella turns down job

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Lou Piniella was offered the job as manager of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and now must decide if he wants to work at home or merely be closer to it.

Coach attacker released

CHICAGO (AP) — The 15-year-old boy who ran on the field with his father to attack a Kansas City Royals coach pleaded guilty and was released to his family.

Assistant Public Defender Vincent Akers said the boy pleaded guilty to one charge of aggravated battery and two counts of mob action for striking coach Tom Gamboa and an off-duty state trooper who was working security at the game. At his sentencing Nov. 7 he could face probation or incarceration until he is 21, Akers said.

Clemente Award given

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Indians first baseman Jim Thome has won the 2002 Roberto Clemente Award, given annually to the player who combines outstanding playing ability with work in the community.

Sprewell to play for Knicks

NEW YORK (AP) — Latrell Sprewell will "absolutely" play for the New York Knicks this

season, despite a strained relationship that took an ugly turn with a series of bizarre events on Monday.

When asked whether Sprewell would play again for New York this season, general manager Scott Layden responded, "Oh, absolutely."

Nets guard fails physical

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Guard Chris Childs was suspended indefinitely by the New Jersey Nets for failure to be in playing condition.

Rookie undergoes surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cleveland Cavaliers rookie guard Dajuan Wagner had surgery to remove a blood clot from the tube connecting his left kidney and bladder.

The team was to provide an update on his condition Wednesday.

Lawyer drops NFL case

NEW YORK (AP) — A lawyer pressing the NFL to hire more black coaches is satisfied league officials will do their best to push the cause.

Cyrus Mehri met for 2 1/2 hours with league executives and said the NFL agreed to put the issue on the agenda for the league meetings in New York next week.

In Indianapolis, meanwhile, the Black Coaches Association said it will publicize the hiring practices of various universities for recruits to use when they decide to make a college choice.

Lineman released from jail

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Buccaneers offensive lineman Cosey Coleman was released from jail after being charged with beating the mother of his eight-month-old son outside a day care center Monday.

Coach returns to job

CINCINNATI (AP) — Bob Huggins is putting in 12-hour days coaching basketball at Cincinnati, making few concessions to a massive heart attack he had less than a month ago.

Sharks player end holdout

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Evgeni Nabokov agreed to a two-year, \$7.15 million contract with San Jose, ending his holdout after five games when the Sharks met his demands for a short-term contract containing a huge raise from the \$575,000 he earned last season.

Kings keep vice president

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Kings extended the contract of general manager

and senior vice president Dave Taylor through the 2005-2006 season, following the best three-year period in the team's 36-year history.

Hewitt reaches round two

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Lleyton Hewitt reached the second round of the Stockholm Open when three-time champion Thomas Enqvist withdrew with a shoulder injury a few hours before their match.

Safin scrapes by Saulnier

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) — Defending champion Marat Safin struggled to get past French qualifier Cyril Saulnier 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 6-3 in the St. Petersburg Open.

Stevenson beats champion

LINZ, Austria (AP) — Alexandra Stevenson reached the Generali Open second round by eliminating 1994 Wimbledon champion Conchita Martinez 6-1, 6-2.

Heuberger wins first round

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Eighth-seeded Alex Corretja was upset by wild-card entry Ivo Heuberger 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 in the Swiss Indoors opening round.

Becker defends charges

MUNICH, Germany (AP) — Boris Becker goes on trial in a German court for tax evasion Wednesday, accused of owing \$1.5 million.

Trainer prepares for cup

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. (AP) — Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien has a powerful group of horses for the Breeders' Cup World Thoroughbred Championships at Arlington Park on Saturday.

O'Brien, who trains for the Ireland-based Coolmore Group headed by John Magnier and Michael Tabor, plans to enter eight horses led by three-year-old star Rock of Gibraltar, in four of the eight Breeders' Cup races — the most by any trainer.

Title IX under fire again

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — U.S. Olympic leaders testified before a special commission of the U.S. secretary of education that Title IX has hindered some men's athletic programs.

They said the programs suffer because the law requiring gender equity in school sports forces colleges to cut some men's sports to make room in the budget for female athletic programs to meet quotas. ♦

Idaho: Last year's game set scoring records

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extensive action of his career, Lindgren has carried that success over to this season and is averaging more than 300 passing yards a game to go along with his 15 touchdown passes.

"He will keep us on our toes," said free safety Will Martin. "Breaking up passes and getting pressure on him is our biggest challenge. He's a big guy who can see over the line and he gets rid of the ball quickly."

Getting pressure on Lindgren could be the biggest challenge of all. In 71 Idaho pass attempts in last year's game, the Blue Raiders were unable to record a single sack.

Idaho comes into the game with a 1-6 record, 0-1 in Sun Belt play. But McCollum says the Vandals' record, much like Middle Tennessee's, is a bit mis-

leading.

"They've had a tough schedule, but they've had some success against people," he said. "We know that when we go on the road in the Sun Belt it's going to be a tough environ-

ment. We know that to reach our goals we have to be mentally tough enough to take care of our business."

Kickoff is set for Saturday at 2:07 CDT from the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Id. ♦

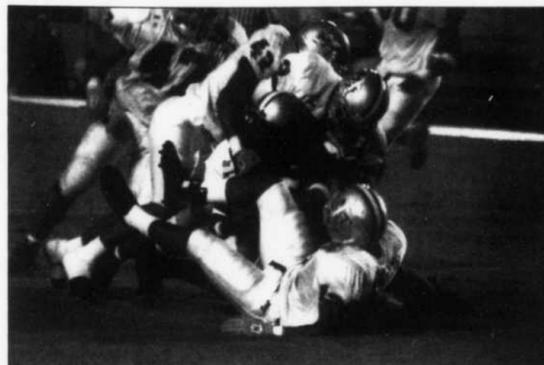


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BCS: Tournament future of college football

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NCAA Basketball Tournament with all the conference championships being invited to play. The system will not hurt the Bowls, because they could use the Bowl games as part of the tournament.

The TV rankings would go through the roof and networks will be fighting for the chance to broadcast the tournament. The games could be played during the month of December, except for final exams, and finish in early January. The tournament will bring in lots of

money to the colleges, conferences and networks. It is now time for 1-A football to go the same route as all the other NCAA sports to determine a true national champion on the field, instead on a laptop computer. ♦

Klemetz: Player keeps head on shoulders

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it's going to last for a little bit at least, I'm going to do everything I can to stay up there as long as possible."

For Klemetz, becoming the No. 1 ranked player was not a fluke. He attributes his recent feat to his improved work ethic, and he hopes that what got him there will keep him there.

"I try to be really disciplined in practice and outside practice," Klemetz said. "I've worked harder this semester than I ever have before, and I think that's been the big thing, that I have been even more focused on tennis this semester than I've been before. I'm just going to try to keep on doing what got me there."

The biggest change is the improved quality of his practice.

Each time he takes the court he is trying to improve and make every shot count.

Prior to the change, his mind would wander during practice. He is focused now and feels that the improved quality in his practices has made a huge difference.

Dance Short's coaching techniques have also helped Klemetz in his ascension to No. 1.

"He brings a side to the game that I've never really emphasized before ... like the mental aspect of the game, for me that's been a huge difference," Klemetz said. "To outthink your opponents, you use your mind

to win the matches, to believe in yourself, to believe that you can make the shots, to stay focused throughout matches and not let things get to you."

David McNamara, the team manager, aided Klemetz with his off-season conditioning that eventually helped in the championships, where he was on the court 13-14 hours over several days.

During the first few matches of the tournament, McNamara was the only coach present for certain reasons.

"After I did all right with Coach [Short] said. 'I think you, Coach [Short] got a little superstitious and didn't want to jinx me, he decided to stay away.'"

McNamara had prior experience in the Icy Hot/All-American Championships. In 1997, he and Julius Roberts won the doubles title in Austin, Texas.

The first day he had one single and two doubles matches. The second day was harder. He had singles matches, and on the third day he again had two singles matches, the second being the semifinals.

"In the second set [of the semifinals], I started gagging; I almost puked on court, because I was that exhausted," Klemetz said. "Ludkily my opponent [Alex Valdskic, Washington] was even worse. He was cramping big time ... that helped me not worry too much about my own pain."

Although it was his most rewarding victory, his finals

match opposite No. 6 Amer Delic of Illinois 7-5, 6-3 wasn't his hardest match of the tournament.

"The round of 16 lost the first set 6-1 and I was totally blown off court by this guy from Texas, Gene Simon," Klemetz said. "After that first set I have to admit, that I kind of doubted myself and my chances of winning the match."

"Coach McNamara told me to just hang in there, do whatever I could. I managed to hold serve, a few times in a row. I got a break, and I broke his serve once that seemed to be enough for him to sort of unravel. That was a big, big match for me to be able to come back after such a big first set loss."

As fate would have it, Klemetz also considered attending several other well known tennis programs such as Baylor, Stanford and Tulane.

"None of them really gave me an offer," Klemetz said. "They say they were thinking about it. I actually talked to the Tulane coach this weekend; we played a tournament at Tulane. And he says that he regrets that he never gave me a real offer, I guess that it's his fault."

"Now I'm happy that he never did give me an offer because I'm happy here at MTSU." ♦

Flag football leads charge in MT-hosted weekend tourney

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

What most people think of when they think about Middle Tennessee football is seeing players like Dwone Hicks, Andrico Hines, and Brandon Lynch running around Floyd Stadium.

However, there is another football team on campus making some noise, and they do not have to tackle.

The flag football team, named the Mean Machine, is regarded as one of the best in the nation. Coming into this weekend's MTSU/TIRSA Shootout Regional tournament, the men's team is undefeated with a 14-0 record that includes winning the MT preseason tournament.

The Co-Rec team, made up of the men's team and six women, are currently 8-1 on the season. Last weekend both teams traveled to Ohio State to compete in the OSU Regional tournament. Both teams came back to Murfreesboro with a couple of championships under their belt.

The men's team went (5-0) in the tournament, including wins over Canisius, 51-0, and Toledo, 49-28, in pool play. In the Single Elimination Tournament, the Mean Machine beat host Ohio State, 42-12, in the quarterfinals.

In the next round they sent Wake Forest packing with a 21-6 victory in the semi-finals. Then in the rematch of last year's finals of the OSU tournament, The Mean Machine did it again, beating Ball State, 33-28, to successfully defend their OSU regional title.

On the other side, in the Co-Rec division, which is their first year competing nationally, had to defeat a final four team from last year to win the OSU Regional. In pool play MT was beaten by OSU, 19-17. However, the team bounced back to pick up

a victory over Toledo, 42-10.

The Mean Machine repeated that performance in the semifinals again, defeating Toledo this time by a score of 48-6. In the finals MT got their payback against Ohio University by a score of 31-10 to take home the championship.

This weekend the men's team will be looking for some revenge in the home regional. After winning the tournament the three previous years, the Mean Machine was defeated by the University of Alabama Hotboyz.

"This year we feel we need to reclaim that title and defend our home turf," Captain Warren Isenhour said.

The 24th annual National Collegiate Flag Football Championships will take place Dec. 27-Jan. 1 at the University of New Orleans. Last season, MT came into the tournament ranked No. 1 in the nation, but were shocked in the quarterfinals by Northern Iowa.

The flag football teams will also compete against the best of the world on Dec. 14-15 at St. Louis in a World Cup qualifier. The fourth-annual World Cup of Flag Football will take place Feb. 20-24 in Freeport, Bahamas.

The teams gave credit for most of their success to Campus Recreation.

"We have been very fortunate to get support from the MTSU Campus Recreation Department to assist us in traveling and competing in these events," Isenhour said.

"Our participating and competing as MTSU shows Campus Recreation staff members of other universities the strength of the MTSU CR program."

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