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Turnbow named new golf coach

By Clarence Plank
Sports Editor

The search for a new golf coach ended earlier this month with Whit Turnbow, assistant golf coach, receiving a promotion for the vacant position.

Turnbow is replacing Johnny Moore, who retired in June after spending 18 years leading the squad. Promoted by Chris Massaro, director of athletics, Turnbow will become the sixth golf coach since the program began in 1939.

"I think I paid my dues and I think I've been able to help the program as an assistant," Turnbow said. "I'm excited about getting the opportunity to lead as a head coach."

From 1996 to 2000, Turnbow was a member of the Blue Raiders golf team while attending MT. In 2000, he played with the team in their first Division I-A competition. In addition to winning the Division I-A Ohio Valley Conference title, the team appeared in the NCAA Regionals.

"I spent 10 years here pretty much playing or coaching," Turnbow said. "When you put your heart and soul into a place for 10 years, it's special to you. People go looking for their dream job. This is my dream job."

Before returning to MT, Turnbow competed on the professional, playing on the Hooter's Tour, Hurricane Tour and Development Players Tour from 2000-2002.

Since fall 2002, Turnbow served as assistant coach under Moore and has become intricately familiar the program and students. During his first year, Moore gave Turnbow the responsibility of recruiting the players.

His efforts led to the recruitment of Craig Smith and Chas Narramore. All have made lasting impressions at the Sun Belt Conference, including Smith who earned a medal and "Freshman of the Year" honors during Sun Belt Conference. The team in its entirety was honored with "First-Team All-Conference."

Earlier this year, Narramore became the first Blue Raider to receive an invite to the NCAA National Championships. During the 2007 Sun Belt Championships, Narramore was apart of the team that lost a sudden-death playoff.

The team finished the season ranked 47 in the nation, marking the second time the Blue Raiders have been ranked in the Top 50 golf programs in the nation.

"I'm only losing one person to this coming year's team," Turnbow said. "I'm excited about getting started with the schedule, including the Brickyard, which we just added. There's no reason why can't crack the Top 25 by the time fall is done."

Turnbow and the Blue Raiders recently received an to play in the inaugural Brickyard Collegiate Golf Championship in Macon, Ga. Oct. 7-9.

"It was a huge day for our program to get invited to the Brickyard," Turnbow said. "With Georgia, Georgia Tech and Clemson in that event, you're talking about three of the most prolific golf programs ever."

The Blue Raiders will be facing the 2007 runner-up Georgia and the 2007 Team of the Year Georgia Tech. Tech finished fourth in the NCAA Championships. MT will compete with the East Regional loser Clemson, who lost a chance for a NCAA Championships berth.

The rest of the field will include

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MT hosts drum competition



The Santa Clara Vanguard (above, left and below, right) and the Blue Devils (above, right) compete during the "Masters of Summer Music Games" held last week at Floyd Stadium.

Drum Corps International performs at Floyd Stadium

Staff Reports

Last week, MTSU hosted the Drum Corps International "Masters of the Summer Music Games" at Floyd Stadium.

According to the official Web site, DCI is a 30-year-old national organization that bolsters "excellence in performance and in life" for drum and bugle corps across the country.

The event this past weekend featured eight bands from six different states including Pennsylvania, Illinois and California.

The winners of the event were the Blue Devils from Concord, Calif. Second place was taken by The Cadets from Allentown, Pa. and third was won by The Cavaliers from Rosemont, Ill.

The "Masters Games" is one of 35 plus competitions in the "Summer Music Games Tour" sponsored by DCI.

DCI will hold three more events in Tennessee this summer, including Sevierville on July 16, Memphis on July 17 and Jacksonville on July 26.



Renowned ethicist leaves MTSU

Cooper returns to Emerson College after a year as a Blue Raider

By Christin Pepple

Assistant News Editor

Tom Cooper, a nationally recognized media scholar, who filled the position of ethicist in residence, ended his year-long appointment this July.

Cooper is an author, playwright and composer and has been influential in the study of media ethics for 30 years.

MTSU created a new and one-time administrative position in the College of Mass Communications entitled "Ethicist in Residence" in the fall semester of 2006 and the spring semester of 2007. MTSU was awarded a grant from the Ethics and Excellence in Journalism Foundation in the amount of \$120,000 to bring in Cooper.

"We wanted to elevate the intellectual caliber of the Mass Communications program on this campus and

through a combined effort, we developed a proposal for the EEJF to aid in finding an ethicist to reside on our campus," said Anantha S. Babbili, the dean of the College of Mass Communications. "We searched nationally for an ethicist and we landed the big fish, Dr. Tom Cooper."

Cooper is the Professor of Visual and Media Arts at Emerson College, Boston, MA. Cooper is the co-publisher and editor of "Media Ethics" for 15 years. Cooper has been a teacher for over 25 years and has taught at colleges such as Harvard University, Temple University, University of Maryland, and the University of Hawaii.

Cooper is the author of over a hundred works on media, ethics is journalism and mass communications and his works have been published in such forums ranging from "Journal of Mass Media Ethics," "Critical Studies in Mass Communication," "Business and

Professional Ethics."

"The first thing I am interested in is the education of media ethics issues. When I teach students, I am very interested in how they can bring new ideas and fresh perspectives to the ethical issues that media has been involved with for a long time," Cooper said.

While he was the ethicist in residence, Cooper taught a class and opened a campus wide dialogue concerning ethics for any field studied at MTSU, according to Babbili.

"I knew Dean Babbili back when he was a professor and he has always been an outstanding leader in ethics. I also felt that the people here were excellent from the administrations to the faculty to the programs," Cooper said.

"I believe that ethics is such a major part of journalism

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Tom Cooper (right) stands with FCC Commissioner Michael Copps (left) and FCC Commissioner Deborah Tate (center) in Tate's office in Washington D.C. Tate is an alumnus of MTSU.

College of Mass Communications reflect on contributions of Cooper

By Christin Pepple

Assistant News Editor

Tom Cooper, the ethicist in residence at MTSU for the past year, has made innumerable contributions to the world of media ethics in his 30 year career.

Most memorably, while Cooper was at MTSU, was his contribution to arranging the Media Ethics Summit in May along with the College of Mass Communications administration.

40 leaders of various national press congregated in Murfreesboro for three days to hold a conference on ethical media issues and discuss what could be done about these issues on the national level.

"Some of the greatest ethical brains in the country convened in Murfreesboro to discuss these issues," said Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communications. "Things like this put MTSU on the world map by going beyond our missions to

educate just our students. This better serves the democracy in which we live."

One of the many things that Cooper did while at MTSU the past year was to look at the last 20 years of research in media ethics concerning public opinion polls. He said that most people were concerned with honesty in the media and the sensationalism and distortion of the facts that has happened as a result of media bias.

"The first concern people have is privacy," Cooper said. "There are a lot of major privacy issues especially on the internet and when you walk out your front door, satellites can read the headline from the newspaper you are reading and people do not like that."

"Excess is the second concern people have. Excess in violence, sexuality, foul language, advertisement, news coverage, crime sensa-

See Cooper, 4

OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board: Harry Potter: it's a kind of magic

It's the end of an era. We're not being facetious. As the decade of Harry Potter comes to a close, it is impossible not to acknowledge the huge impact the series has had on pop culture and "children's" literature.

The books are almost excruciatingly popular, spawning film series and merchandise, and, more importantly, inspiring millions, children and adults alike, to engage in reading and participate in the rediscovery of the imagination. It's no coincidence that the number of fantasy novels aimed at children and young adults has exploded in the past decade, as well as the number of films containing fantastic elements and magical worlds. As corny as it sounds, Harry Potter almost single-handedly revived the magic that had been lacking in youth-targeted media.

Children are inspired by Harry Potter, not to study witchcraft and the occult like some decriers of the Potter machine have claimed, but to think of a magical, wonderful place where it matters more what choices you make, good or bad, than where you were born or what you can do. It shows children that heroes have knobby knees, buck teeth or bad eyesight, and that strength is not how much you can lift but how much you can care.

All this sounds sort of childish and more than a little hokey, but adults eat up the Potter novels just as voraciously, if not more so, than the target audience. J.K. Rowling's writing is less than extraordinary, but it is her complex, interesting characters that make the books hard to ignore and even harder to put down.

In honor of the end of the Boy Who Lived, we've put together a few things we would really like to see happen with our favorite characters in this final chapter of the Potter saga:

1. Ron and Hermione will finally do something about all of that hexagend. Seriously. Get married. Get a room. Anything.
2. Hagrid will finally be important. Really. Anything. Rowling spent a lot of time making us like him, and it would be nice to see the other characters recognize him as more than a loveable buffoon.
3. We hope that Draco will prove himself to not be a good guy or a bad guy, but just come to terms with being the unpleasantly biased jerk that he is, but that he'll do something noble while he's at it—like doing away with his horrible father, for instance.
4. We want Sirius to come back, some way, somehow, in some capacity. Seriously.
5. There must be some moment where Harry and Snape will face off and be about to finish the grudge match between them once and for all, but just before they can really go at it, something insane suddenly happens that changes everything.
6. Whatever happens, we don't want it all to end predictably. After all, we expect more from Harry Potter.

Move over, racial divide; class is the new debate

As time passes and the country becomes more diverse with races from all over the world, the United States has been facing new dilemmas about the future of the citizens of this land. For decades, the big debate has always been between the races. Who are the true citizens, who should receive premium benefits as American citizens and who are last on the ladder of life in the country? This powerful debate has charged up to a level that forced it into new directions. For too long, it has been focused on race, which in history has seem to be the leading cause to much of the ills many face in the country. That direction has changed into a fight to not just level out the lives between races but into the creation of equal social classes.

When thinking about social class, many may picture the caste system known in many Middle Eastern countries. For all the wars the United States has fought to end injustice for others in countries around the world, it seems we have not fought as hard against what hinders us and creates many struggles for citizens in our own country. Yes, a fight to bring an end to social injustice and the cure of many of the problems of the wide middle class is one that has to be put into the light. Years of fighting to make sure countries like Iraq have a free, democratic society fails to do the same for the very land we live in. Has this happen for a reason or is this just a misguided view that some face? This debate only leads to more important issues.

The middle class in the United States has spread so wide that many do not know if they are members of this social class or not. The American Dream, a life said to be a three-bedroom house,



He's a Serious Dude
Rodney Henry
Staff Columnist

two bathrooms, a garage and two-and-a-half children has forever been dreamed of by many but only seldom reached. As time passes, many have changed that dream to fit whatever life they wish to live. The founding of the United States was based on the premise of being able to enjoy free life, liberty and justice while working towards these goals with your own hands. Although many may never live to enjoy this crystal ball life, others fight and believe that the day will come when they will enjoy the finer things.

Therefore, where should our fight be in the years to come for America, the land of the free, to be what many dream it to be? The debate in regards to race has led to this point, where some find their lives better off than years before the while others still have to face the fact that they will always have to fight off this struggle of being of a different race. It leads to the future, where debating social class will be where the lines divide. It never fails when something of meaning is at the focal point, there will always be a party on both sides of the fence. The difference will come with which party will be the one to say, "you are correct now; let's work together to make this thing we call life work, not just for me but for us both?"

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Media ignores hate crime

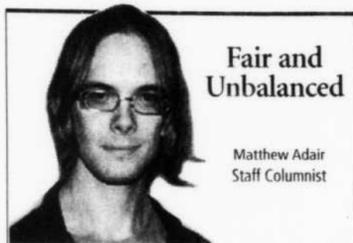
When somebody does us wrong, we expect that, when people hear our story, they will speak for us, sometimes whether they know or not. This expectation grows as the wrong committed becomes more serious, to the point where, when we are physically assaulted or even killed, it would stand to reason that even complete strangers would raise an uproar over our treatment.

That said, why is it that the only people talking about the killing of Aaron Hall of Crothersville, Ind. are a group of outraged bloggers and a handful of local newspapers?

Hall's death, as described in the affidavit of Coleman King, Garrett Gray and Robert Hendricks, the three men accused of the attack, was brutal beyond words. Gray and King beat Hall until his eyes swelled shut and he began spitting up blood. The two then dragged Hall downstairs, letting his head strike each step, out Gray's truck. There, Hendricks helped load Hall into the bed of the truck as the other two men continuing to beat him the entire time.

The three drove Hall down a dirt road, where he was thrown into a ditch and beaten a few more times before the three left in by the side of the road to die. Later, King and Gray returned with a shotgun to "finish the job," but Hall was no longer in the ditch. They found him dead in the field the next day, then wrapped Hall's body in a tarp and hid the corpse in Gray's garage.

On the day of Hall's death, April 12, John Hodge, a friend of King and Gray, received a picture on his cell phone showing the two men propping up Hall's bloody and beaten body. At 6:45 that evening, he received a phone call from Hendricks, who told him "they're beating the hell out of that guy." When Hodge went with King and Gray to where they dumped the body, he was the one who located the body and identified that Hall had died. Knowing all of this, Hodge knew exactly what to do.



Fair and Unbalanced

Matthew Adair
Staff Columnist

Sometime after April 13, when Hall's body was recovered and hidden by King and Gray, Hodge called the police. Ten days after Hall's death, the police found his body, and two days after that, everyone involved except Hodge was charged.

When asked to give a reason for the attack, the men's explanation was that they thought Hall was coming on to them. Specifically, they claim that Hall grabbed King's crotch, telling him to give him oral sex. They claim the ensuing six-hour beating was their response to Hall's apparent sexual gesture. Gay panic, it's called—men suddenly becoming violent when discovering that someone is gay.

The kicker in all of this is that, according to Hall's brother Thomas, he wasn't even gay. The men had been drinking, leading one to imagine that there was an argument at some point, culminating in Hall's taunt concerning King's genitalia.

There is no way to know what exactly happened, but the circumstances are irrelevant to the fact Hall was killed because his attackers thought he was gay.

All of this has happened, and only a scattered few people are talking about it. King, Gray and Hendricks go to trial in October, where they will certainly try the 'gay panic' defense in front of a jury of 12 of their peers. I can only hope that most of the people of Crothersville feel as similarly about Hall's death as a local teen who told one blogger that

"Nobody deserves to have that happen to them."

This could happen to anyone, and has. While more and more judges are realizing that murder is a disproportionate response to an unwanted sexual advance, perceived or actual, cases continue to go through where the defendant was acquitted or found guilty on a lesser charge with gay panic as the justification.

It perpetuates the idea that violence against not only gays or lesbians, but anyone whose identity we disapprove of, or anyone who we think might be different than us, is excusable. This undermines the founding principle of this country that all people have the unquestionable, natural right to simply be themselves, so long as in doing so, they do not deny anyone else this right.

By refusing to report on Hall's death, by not talking about an act that is so clearly and horrifically wrong, the media in Indiana and throughout the country permit the paper-thin explanation of 'gay panic' to persist in our legal system as an excuse for behavior that, in any other situation, we would outright condemn. By allowing people to perpetuate this excuse, we silently give our approval to a culture that demands social conformity and punishes innocent people on the arbitrary basis that someone didn't like what someone else said, how they looked or the way they moved.

No one should have to die like Hall, but as long as no one speaks up, people like King, Gray and Hendricks will continue to think they can get away with murder. If we want the killing to stop, and anyone with a shred of sense or empathy should, then the editors of our newspapers should let this and similar stories go to print, before another hate crime hits us, close to home.

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Letters to the Editor

Multicultural Affairs has duty to all minorities

To the Editor:

I recently received the news about the firing of Ralph Metcalf at MTSU. ["Multicultural director fired, position open." June 13] I am a 1997 graduate of MTSU. I will not shed a tear over Metcalf's firing and I do not care to know the details surrounding his dismissal.

I came to MTSU in 1992, a non-traditional student, with a family, and a farm to operate. I called Metcalf, at the then Minority Affairs Office, to inquire about minority scholarships or work study. He suggested that we meet for lunch at James Union the next day and I met him on the steps of the building at the agreed time.

Up until that very moment, he was under the impression that I was African-American. When he realized that I was Native American (Cherokee) he said the following:

1. I thought you all were dead.
2. I can tell you are Indian by your cheek bones.
3. We have nothing to offer you and there are no scholarships for Native American students.
4. If you'd like to come by sometime you can borrow our computers to write your papers.
4. By the way, I have a few pamphlets on Native Americans in my bookcase. I was going to throw them out, but if you'd like to have them, you can.

At that point, Metcalf turned around and left me standing in the rain on the steps of the James Union building. No lunch.

I went by and collected the government pamphlets and never entered his office again.

Sometime later, when an interim was filling in for Metcalf, the climate towards Native American students was friendlier with three of us representing MTSU at a cultural conference at Vanderbilt, however the attitude of First Nation people being dead was still prevalent. While attempting to discover how many Native American students were attending MTSU, Multicultural Affairs provided, what they said was, a fairly accurate list of these students. When it was brought to their attention, that the majority on this list had Asian last names, the office responded that they didn't think it mattered and admitted to lumping these relatively low in number minorities together.

When I graduated [at age 44] it was recommended that women wear dark stockings and black shoes [it looked better for the photo and respectful]. I inquired whether I could wear tribal dress. My family, in anticipation of this great event, had made me new regalia. I was told that the only way I could, would be to wear a gown that was for a woman 5'6". I agreed to wearing that size over my 5' frame. At graduation, I sat between two students who talked on their cell phones, one wearing flip-flops, the other shorts. When I walked across stage to receive my degree, my hair, out of respect, was tied in buns with hair wraps. As I shook hands, had my photo taken, and accepted my diploma, I was told, "Nice pigtails."

While making my first visit to the graduate office in 1998, I reached in the box labeled "Minority Scholarships." The assistant waiting on me yelled, "Put that back." When I asked why. She responded,

"Because you're not Black."

That, my alma mater, was only nine years ago.

Since that event nine years ago, I have gone on to be the Director of Diversity at Lenoir-Rhyne College, the Executive Officer of the Multicultural Center of Western North Carolina, and attended the United Nations Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa.

I have had the privilege of dialog with many diverse people—most having more limited education than those employed in diversity positions at MTSU. However, they are blessed with cultural wisdom.

I hope that as MTSU searches for a new director, they will consider their responsibility to all students and the new director that is selected, truly understands and represents multiculturalism.

Remember, the second name of this university is a Cherokee word—perhaps that needs to be on the qualification test for new hires, whether it is the president, multicultural director or graduate office assistants. And yes, there are scholarships available for Native American students.

The Cherokee believe you are not an adult until the age of 50 because you have not lived long enough to render an opinion. I am now past 50 and I have rendered my opinion on this subject.

Pamela Courtney
Greeneville, Tennessee
Alumna, 1997

Bad policies, not piracy, closed Cat's doors

To the Editor:

After reading the article today on Cat's closing, ["Cat's closes, piracy blamed," July 11] I was quite surprised as to their reasoning. There was no mention as to why Cat's ultimately failed.

Piracy is not to blame for Cat's failure; Cat's business model and the shift from buying CDs in stores to buying them online is the biggest contributor. If piracy were to blame, there would be more than five RIAA complaints a month.

The real reason Cat's struggled in my opinion comes from anecdotal evidence from the last time I was in Cat's browsing for CDs. While browsing, I noticed that they were typically charging \$2-10 more than other retailers in town. I'm sure this pricing structure had nothing to do with their declining sales! Why would I spend \$17.99 for a new CD when I can download it from iTunes for \$9.99 or go to a big box retailer and buy it for \$12.99? It would seem to me that if you want to stay competitive in today's market place you would charge competitive prices instead of overcharging for a widely available product, then blame everyone but yourself for the failure of your business.

There is no reason why Cat's should have closed. They had access to a huge client base for nine months out of the year, access to unlimited cheap labor and the ability to use its multi-store buying power to get product at a competitive price. No, piracy is not to blame.

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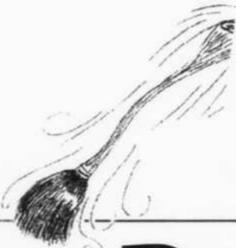
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FEATURES



The Potter era comes to an end Will the Boy Who Lived stay that way?

By Sarah Lavery
Features Editor

It's the end of an era. On July 21, Harry Potter will lay down his proverbial wand, and trillions of Muggles everywhere will say goodbye to their literary hero.

The first six Harry Potter books have sold over 325 million copies worldwide, and through the sale of corresponding toys, movies and companion books, it's spawned an economy of its own. With J.K. Rowling's final book slated for a July 21 release, she's already beaten all of her previous presale records.

If pre-sales at Hastings Entertainment on Northfield Boulevard are any indication, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" is already in high demand: more than 500 copies have been reserved. The night before the highly-anticipated release date, the store will host a Potter-party, inviting fans to show up dressed as Harries, Hermionies and Dumbledores to receive their copy of the book at 12:01 a.m.

Even though the Potter series has long been regarded as children's literature, MTSU students are among the most anxious.

"It's quite good fun to see everyone dressed up," senior business management major Jennie Smith says of the release party. "Plus, to see the same happiness you have mirrored in everyone else's faces is truly magical."

As every true fan knows, Rowling's seventh and final Potter novel will resolve the cold-blooded prophecy that either Harry or the nefarious Lord Voldemort must die – for neither can live while the other survives. The books have become increasingly dark with each passing year at Hogwarts, and readers everywhere are coming to the realization that their deepest fears just might come true.

Potter could, indeed, be obliterated with the flick of a wand and a single "Avada Kedavra," and Rowling could once and for all prove that her series doesn't belong in the realm of bedtime stories.

"I think Voldemort will die. That just seems to be a given," Smith says. "But Harry will live. Because that's what he does."

Ever since Rowling revealed in 2006 that

fans will have to say goodbye to two major characters, predictions have been flying. Will the Boy Who Lived end up as the Boy Who Died to save his magical kingdom? [See Sidebar for other hints and ideas Rowling has confirmed and nixed about the last book.]

"From what I've heard, this will be the darkest book of the series plot-wise," senior criminal justice major Julie Deardoff says. "It's a common rumor that two important characters will be killed off, but with J.K. Rowling, you never know. She loves surprising her readers. Hopefully, it will have an ending with decent closure that can satisfy so many fans."

Some have concocted much wilder theories, hoping that the final book won't rely so much on solely redeeming the good guys and killing off the bad ones.

"I think Hagrid will die," senior sociology major Rachel Bagby says. "And of course, hopefully, Voldemort. And I think [Draco] Malfoy will end up helping the Order and possibly die for [the good guys]."

Even if Harry does survive the Deathly Hallows, the release of the final book

is undeniably disheartening to most fans. After July 21, there will be no more excitement over a new book release, no more opportunities to make predictions about the magical gang's fate, no more is-he-or-isn't he speculation about Snape's intent and Dumbledore's death.

"[These books have] given me a place to go," Smith says. "I mean, who doesn't want to imagine they are a part of a world where Chemistry lectures become Potions lectures? Where football could never be as exciting as a good Quidditch match? And where a hex or two against that enemy will only get you a week or so of detention? It sounds a little more intriguing than my everyday life, don't you think?"

Aside from the remaining two movies – which are, arguably, nowhere near as affecting as the books to most – Hogwarts is going to close its doors for good.

But then Rowling had to come back and tease us all – posing the irritatingly tempting possibility that Harry Potter's world may not end as promised with the seventh book.

Through a statement from her publisher, Bloomsbury, Rowling claimed she would "never say never" about writing more Potter-themed books.

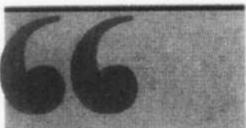
"I think that Harry's story comes to quite a clear end, sadly," Rowling says. "But I've always said that I wouldn't say never. I can't say I'll never write another book about that world just because I think, what do I know in 10 years' time? But I think it's unlikely."

It sounds like a dream come true – a world where Harry Potter never ceases to exist, where well into most college-aged fan's 30s and 40s they are still anticipating a new release. But would that really be in Potter's best interest? As good as it sounds, the series has off been applauded for its concision – since book one, we've known this day would come.

Millions of copies of the books have already been printed and are under lock and key. J.K. Rowling has made the fates of the Hogwart's gang official.

Harry is going to live or die. Severus Snape is either good or evil – or perhaps readers will still be left pondering his true intentions. Dumbledore might come back to save the day, or he might just stay dead. Ginny might stick with Harry, and Ron might (fingers crossed) finally seal the deal with Hermione.

Readers still have to wait four days for the answers to these questions; questions that have plagued them since the first time they heard mention of "He Who Must Not Be Named." ♦



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—Jennie Smith

Confirmed and Nixed

- ◆ In an interview with the BBC, Rowling claimed to have drafted the last chapter of the book several years ago to give herself an ending to work towards. "[In the last chapter,] I basically say what happens to everyone after they leave school – those who survive – because there are deaths – more deaths coming," Rowling told the BBC. "It was a way of saying to myself, 'Well, you will get it, you will get to book seven one day. And then you'll need this!'"
- ◆ Rowling told *The Boston Globe* and since repeated in several outlets that the fact that Harry has "his mother's eyes" is "very important."
- ◆ At the Edinburgh Book Festival, Rowling mentioned that something more would be revealed about Petunia Dursley. Nothing of note occurred in book six, so this remains to be discovered.
- ◆ The infamous "gleam of triumph" in Dumbledore's eyes when told that Voldemort had restored his body using Harry's blood at the end of "Goblet of Fire" has never been explained. Rowling has confirmed that this is "still enormously significant" in an interview with MuggleNet.com and *The Leaky Cauldron*.
- ◆ An MTV news story revealed that Kreacher, the house elf who passed to Harry with the death of Sirius Black, may make an appearance. Rowling told the filmmakers of "Order of the Phoenix" to include the character in the film, because he is "very important," after they had omitted him in a draft of the script.
- ◆ In a June 2006 interview with TLC about the previously-written ending, Rowling stated that "one character got a reprieve, but I have to say two die that I didn't intend to die ... A price has to be paid. We are dealing with pure evil. They go for the main characters; well, I do."
- ◆ Rowling clarified that "Dumbledore is definitely dead," when asked by Sir Salman Rushdie and others at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. However, on the set of the *Order of the Phoenix* film, she remarked, "Dumbledore's giving me a lot of trouble." When asked, "But isn't he dead?" by Daniel Radcliffe, she explained; "Well, yeah, but it's more complex," according to a Radcliffe interview from the *Leaky Cauldron*.
- ◆ On September 13, 2006, Rowling updated her Web site saying that when asked what question fans should ask, her mind went blank. Since she couldn't make amends, she created a special section of her site in tribute to the questions fans should be asking. One of the included questions is, "Why did Dumbledore have James' invisibility cloak at the time of James' death, given that Dumbledore could make himself invisible without a cloak?"

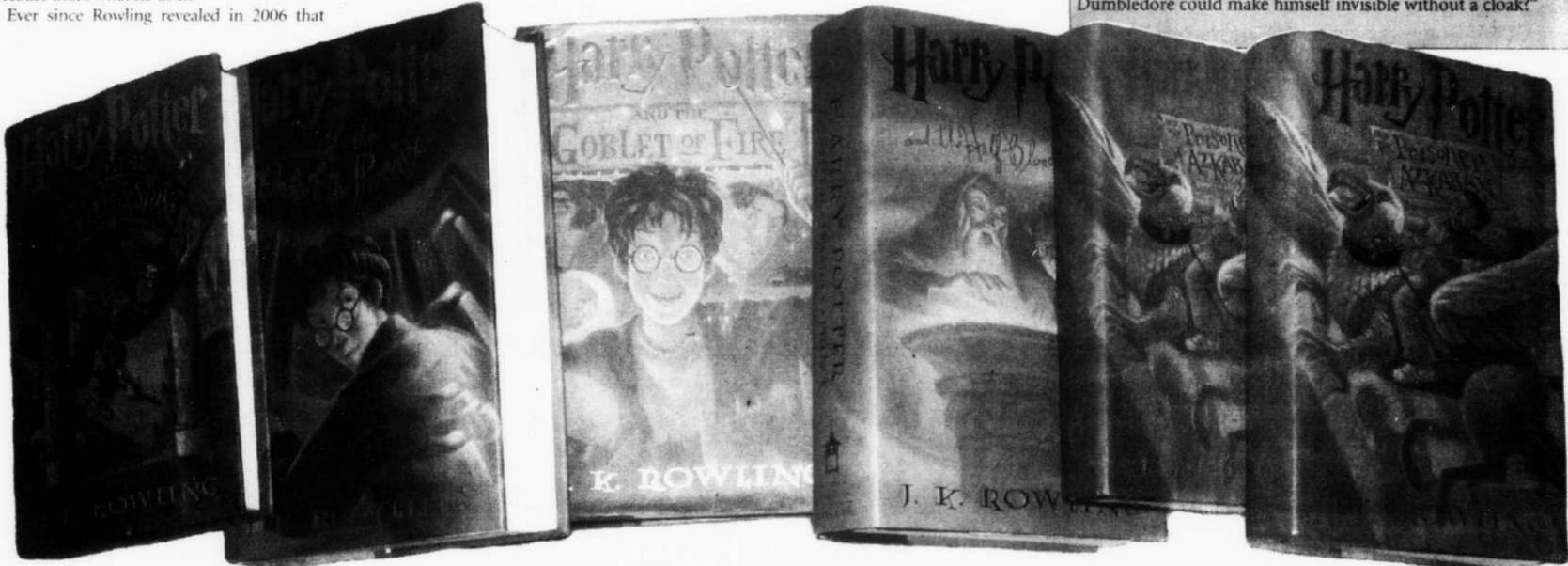


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Nearly horoscopes (Harry Potter edition)

Aries
March 21 - April 19

You know the creaky noise you heard when you were trying to go to sleep late last night? It wasn't just the house settling. It was Voldemort. And you've really pissed him off.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20

Money's going to be tight this next week. Jupiter has aligned with Saturn to put a strain on your wallet and your ability to not spend money on butterbeer, pumpkin cakes and shopping sprees at Zonko's Joke Shop. Here's a thought – get a job, stop spending so much on magic stuff, and maybe Jupiter and Saturn will stop taking all your cash.

Gemini
May 21 - June 21

Your lifelong dream will be crushed this week when you realize it's just not plausible to read every single Harry Potter book without getting up to eat, drink or use the restroom. Tragic.

Cancer
June 22 - July 22

Happy Birthday! Don't be surprised this week if your eyes fill with tears when you're blowing out your birthday candles, because Saturn has aligned with Neptune to put your pessimism into overdrive. Turns out it's not such a "happy" birthday, after all. Avada Kedavra!

Leo
July 23 - Aug. 22

Summertime is here, and the unbelievable heat is causing everyone's hemlines to rise and sleeves to shrink. But don't be tempted to follow suit, 'cuz that itchy, rash you're getting isn't a sunburn. Should have paid more attention to flesh-eating curses in Defense Against the Dark Arts.

Virgo
Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

You know how your best friend's significant other has been gazing into your eyes just a little bit too long recently; his/her comments are becoming more and more flirty, and you just don't know what to do? Here's a thought – step away from the love potions.

Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

The great Buddhist teacher Thich Nhat Hanh, also born under the Libra sign, was once described as "a cross between a cloud, a snail and a piece of heavy machinery – a true religious presence." Likewise, you can also be described as a cross between a cloud, a snail and a piece of heavy machinery, but it has more to do with your psychotic mood swings than any sort of religious influence. Crucio!

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

This week, someone will make you an unbelievable offer. If you never pick up a Harry Potter book or indulge in another one of the movies again, they will give you \$10,000. Take the offer – Harry Potter hates you anyway. Avada Kedavra!!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You've been feeling boggled down by work-related stress recently. It's been getting so out of control, you might even be getting an ulcer and losing your magical abilities. But who are you fooling, you nasty little Squib. You were just pretending to be a wizard, anyway.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You know how you're unexplainably terrified of dirty dishwater, the smell of gasoline and naked women? This week, a spell will go horribly wrong and you will be forced to face all three of these fears at once. Brace yourself.

Aquarius
Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

During the upcoming week, the song "Age of Aquarius" will become so indelibly stuck in your head that you will probably end up going insane. Might as well and get used to it. This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius, age of Aquariuuus. Aq-uar-i-uussss...

Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

Water signs feel more at home in the water than anywhere else. This week, though, Mars will be aligning with Neptune, and that makes for one helluva tide in the ocean. And on top of that, that Gillyweed you just showed in your mouth is really just some green-tinted mud. Sorry.

CRIME BRIEFS

June 25, 3:47 a.m.
Vandalism over \$500
Scarlett Commons Club House
Vandalism to a vehicle at Scarlett Commons Building 3.

June 25, 2:38 p.m.
Theft \$500
Old Main Circle
Subject called and requested an officer in reference to a stolen drill from job site.

June 25, 10:18 p.m.
Assistance/Medical Help
Felder Hall
Subject reported breathing problems.

June 26, 3:55 p.m.
Littering
Blue Raider Drive
Rahma S. Mohamed littered.

June 26, 6:55 p.m.
Traffic
Scarlett Commons Apt. 3
Jason L. Craig driving on suspended license.

June 28, 2:34 p.m.
Theft \$500
Smith Hall
Subject called and advised that someone had stolen an MP3 player and requested an officer.

June 29, 12:05 p.m.
DUI
Greenland Drive
Jose Roman arrested for DUI, violation of open container law and driving without a license.

July 1, 12:50 p.m.
Miscellaneous criminal impersonation
Middle Tennessee Boulevard

Kenyata Lyles arrested for driving on suspended license fifth offense, criminal impersonation and outstanding warrants.

July 3, 8:07 a.m.
Traffic
MTSU campus
Student advised that his vehicle was hit on campus.

July 4, 12:01 p.m.
Vandalism \$500
Scarlett Commons Apt. 7
108 advised that subjects were shooting fireworks off near one of the buildings and there was smoke clouding the parking lot.

July 4, 8:50 p.m.
Assault
Tennessee Livestock Center Lot
Officer advised subject pulled knife on another subject.

July 8, 1:40 a.m.
Traffic
East Main Street
Quinton Deon Hiles issued state citation for driving on a suspended license.

July 9, 7:14 p.m.
Traffic
Greenland Drive Lot B
Subject's vehicle hit while he was in class.

July 9, 11:48 p.m.
DUI
Greek Row
Thomas Eric Senemounnarath arrested for DUI.

July 11, 9:03 p.m.
Traffic
East Main Street
Jennifer M. Malone driving on suspended license.

July 12, 9:19 a.m.
False Fire Alarm
Boutwell Dramatic Arts.

July 12, 10:54 a.m.
Theft over \$500
Murphy Center
Subject called advising a portable projector was taken from locker room.

July 12, 12:19 a.m.
Voorhies Industrial Studies
A faculty member from concrete industry management called advising there had been some skateboarders that had vandalized some thing in the past few months and a canoe was destroyed.

July 12, 4:52 p.m.
Theft over \$500
James E Walker Library.

July 14, 3:23 a.m.
Underage Consumption of Alcohol
Middle Tennessee Boulevard
Dylan Rowe issued state citation for failure to yield right way at intersection and consumption of alcohol under 21
Jamie White issued state citation for consumption of alcohol under 21.

July 16, 2:28 p.m.
Vandalism \$500
Mass Communications Building
Faculty member advised there was graffiti on one of the bathrooms and the TV truck at the Mass Communications Building.

July 17, 1:46 a.m.
Traffic
Middle Tennessee Boulevard
State citation issued for driving on suspended license.



Photo by J. Owen Shipley | Assistant Sports Editor
Suzanne Slayton (left) and Sara Stockstill (right) during a tackling drill. During the exercise, Sara prepares to tackle Slayton.



I Am Sportacus

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Women who love football and men who insult them

The most annoyingly pervasive rule of American culture is that football is the Just for Men of TV entertainment. Football is a sport so physical and aggressive that masculinity is often gauged by a man's interest in it. Robin Williams' character in "The Birdcage" couldn't pretend to be a straight man in Miami unless he knew the Dolphins inside and out.

Yeah, football is tough but I have still always thought that it was silly to stereotype a sport or a gender based solely upon relative toughness. At its core, football has more strategy, better storylines and tighter pants than any other American sport. It's tailor-made for a unisex audience and yet the attitude still exists that women would rather watch "Days of Our Lives" than the Tostito Bowl.

Despite occasionally sexist attitudes towards female fans, football seems to be the sport of choice for most women. You don't meet many women who talk about Roger Clemens the way they can about Tom Brady and Peyton Manning. Unfortunately female fans are still looked down on as being less knowledgeable of the game.

Which is why I was so pleased to hear about Rick Stockstill's Ladies Football Camp.

The basic premise of the camp was that many women are just as dedicated fans of football as any man but they never got a chance to learn the nuances of the game by playing. Through drills, QA sessions and group exercises the MT coaches ran the women through the basics only to find out that most of the women were there for advanced learning.

Some of them had been coming to MT games for 40-50 years. They thought of highly specific questions about things like the role of the center in calling out blocking assignments, the subtleties of pass interference rules, and importance of weak side v. strong side formations. They already knew enough about football to enjoy watching it but they wanted to know more than their husbands. I'm convinced many of them already did.

I talked to Stockstill during a lunch break and he gave Middle Tennessee's female fans all the credit in the world.

They really know their stuff. Those questions we got asked out there are a ton better than any we ever heard at Clemson," he said.

"The first time we did [a ladies camp] at Clemson we were too generic. We didn't give them enough credit. We assumed they didn't know anything and I didn't like that. It left a bad taste in my mouth," said Stockstill.

Using that experience as motivation the MT coaching staff came up with a fun, hands-on program to help reverse that stereotype that women don't know anything about football.

What I witnessed there was the most serious discussion of football I've ever seen. Over 100 women listening intently as Manny Diaz discussed proper tackling posture, or as G.A. Mangus coached a group of volunteers to run plays straight from MT's playbook.

I was sick of hearing it before I went to the camp but now I flat out refuse to listen to any sexist depiction of female fans as clueless. So remember guys, if you're starting an office fantasy football league don't underestimate that quiet girl from accounting. She knows more than you think.

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Ethicist: Faculty loses member

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and Dr. Cooper provided leadership and awareness on its behalf on this campus. Secondly, he assisted raising the profile of MTSU on the national level," said J. Steven Barnes, development director for the College of Mass Communications.

"I would describe Dr. Cooper as a brilliant, energetic intellectual who cares passionately about

ethics in media and how society can become better if we pay attention to these ethical and moral issues. I have found it very rewarding to work with him," said John Omachonu, the associate dean of the College of Mass Communications.

Cooper's year-long appointment ended July 13, 2007. Next year, he will resume teaching at Emerson College, Boston, Mass. ♦

Cooper: Doctor researches ethics

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tion and celebrity worship," Cooper said.

Cooper's research hit its climax in May when all the members of the national press gathered to discuss what could be done about ethical problems and Cooper went to Washington D.C. to meet with representatives from such groups as the FCC who make laws that govern the media.

"One of my purposes is to increase education," Cooper said. "There are no courses in high school and grade school that teach children about the media. You think there would be courses that would help them understand considering that the average household consumes eight hours of television a day and four years of advertising in a lifetime. We have to think how this contaminates their lifestyles." ♦

Golf: Assistant promoted

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2007 American East Champions Hartford as well Mercer, Troy and Furman.

"I think it's important if we're going to take the next step to get into the Top 25," Turnbow said. "Those are the folks you have to

go through, you don't go anywhere without going through those folks."

MT golf team opens their season at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. More tournament dates will follow once the Blue Raiders release their new golf schedule in August. ♦

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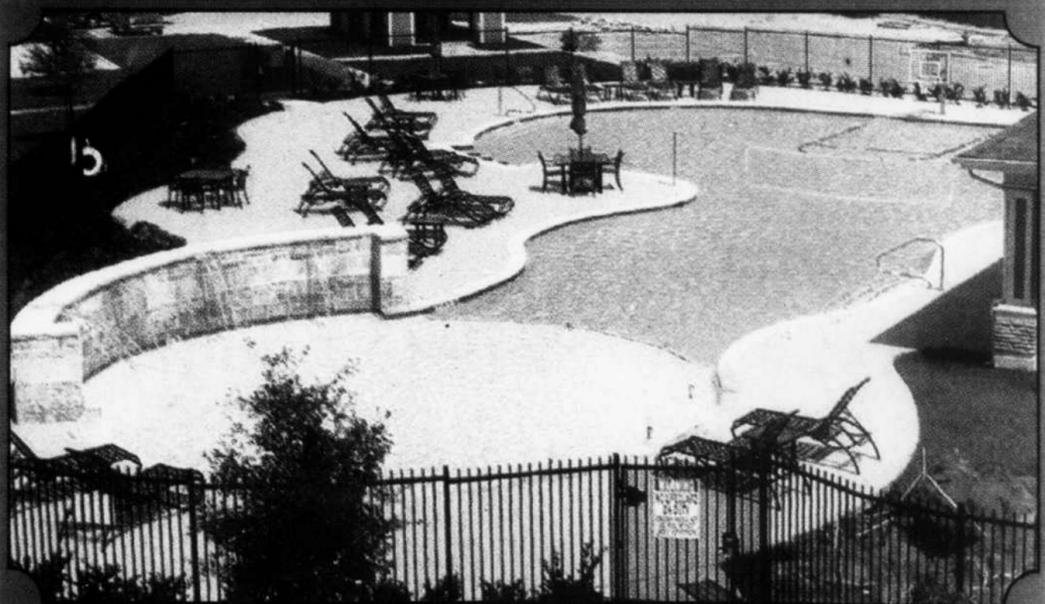
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