

Finals pressure fuels illegal Adderall use

By CALLAHAN D. MILLER
Staff Writer

Adam Warner*, a junior majoring in business administration, grabs a few No. 2 pencils, a large scantron sheet, a bottle of water and swallows 30mg of Adderall XR.

He is now prepared to begin his final exams for the day.

Adderall is an

amphetamine doctors prescribe to help people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Released in 1996, the drug inhibits a person's mesolimbic pathway, the part of the brain that controls people's feelings of motivation.

For people with ADHD, Adderall can help calm hyperactivity and help them concentrate on tasks.

Warner does not have ADHD, nor does he have a prescription for the drug. He bought the Adderall for a few dollars per pill from a classmate.

A trend becoming as common as buying a cup of coffee on college campuses, the Food and Drug Administration estimates nonprescription use to be almost 20 percent at four-year universities.

In a 2004 study on drug use by IMS America, 11 million prescriptions were written for amphetamine products in the United States. More than 7 million were for Adderall, leaving no shortage for availability to this habit-forming stimulant.

While college can be viewed as a time of experimentation and self-exploration, both students

and the FDA are not yet aware of the effects from long-term usage.

"It is something of concern," said Eric Clark, a doctor with Student Health Services. "When used appropriately, Adderall does not stimulate the way it does for someone who is ADD or ADHD."

Some of the short-term effects of Adderall include: addiction, anxiety,

insomnia, depression, high blood pressure, visual hallucinations, elevated pulse, elevated enzymes in blood signaling liver failure, and loss of appetite.

"Addiction is an issue that could happen, [as well as] emotional changes, hallucinations, and an irregular heartbeat," Clark said. "People who use

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MTSU to celebrate 100th spring graduation

STAFF REPORT

More than 2,420 degree candidates are expected to graduate during the university's 100th spring commencement ceremonies, according to a report from the Registrar's Office.

The ceremony will be broken into two segments, one beginning at 9 a.m. and one at 1 p.m. on May 7, in the Murphy Center.

Of the 2,420 set to graduate during the event, 1,974 are undergraduates and 446 are graduate students, including 365 master's candidates, 70 education-specialist recipients and nine doctoral candidates.

Two graduate students will also be receiving graduate certificates.

An annual job forecast report compiled by CareerRookie.com indicated that employers are steadily hiring more recent college graduates.

The April 27 report specifies that 46 percent of employers intend to hire new graduates, increasing 2 percent from 2009.

Candidates from the College of Graduate Studies, Jennings A. Jones College of Business, College of Education and the College of Mass Communication will receive their degrees in the morning ceremony.

That afternoon ceremony will present degrees in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, College of Liberal Arts, College of

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Photo by Drew Gardonia, staff photographer
Officers from the Murfreesboro Police Department direct traffic at the corner of John Rice Boulevard on April 27, after storms ripped through Tennessee. The storms caused widespread damage, and one woman was died after a tree fell on her trailer.

Storms rock state, campus

By AMANDA HAGGARD
Associate News Editor

Storms struck Tennessee on Wednesday, causing students to deal with constant interruptions by tornado warnings.

Some were also forced to wade through flooded areas of campus.

JoAnna Wilson, a sophomore majoring in criminal justice, said all of her classes were canceled.

"I walked through the [Business and Aerospace Building] earlier," Wilson said. "The courtyard was flooded, but I went through it."

Deputies from the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office were located throughout neighborhoods to help affected residents, according to a press release.

Lt. Candi McCluskey said the National Weather Service issued a tornado watch until 4 p.m.

However, storms continued through the evening, damaging parts of Rutherford County and surrounding areas.

One Murfreesboro resident suffered minor injuries when an uprooted tree crashed through a mobile home on Twin Oak Drive just off of East Main Street, slightly outside of city limits.



Photo by Bailey Ingram, photo editor
Andy Dement directs traffic on Bradyville Pike on April 28, after storms ripped through the region blowing down trees and powerlines.

"There have been multiple injury crashes throughout the city," said Kyle Evans, spokesman for the Murfreesboro Police Department. "Many of these crashes occurred at or near intersections without power."

Some students said they used the storms as an opportunity to catch up on rest or study for finals.

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Nonprofit seeks teach abroad applicants

STAFF REPORT

Greenheart Travel, a division of the nonprofit Center for Cultural Interchange that arranges a variety of cultural and "ecotrips" around the world, is seeking applicants for its teach abroad positions.

Greenheart Travel offers recent college graduates the opportunity to receive a salary while traveling and teaching English across the globe.

"In the current economy, [some] college graduates are struggling to find employment in their chosen professions," said Anna Kacyn, travel abroad manager for the company. "It is a prime time to expand cultural horizons while collecting a paycheck."

In the fall, chosen participants will teach English in one of four countries while earning a monthly stipend.

While Thailand is on the list of potential teach abroad sites, South Korea, Georgia, Taiwan and the Fujian Province of China are the only sites currently offered.

Beyond the personal and career-building benefits of teaching abroad, these free programs also include free housing, health insurance and flight reimbursement.

The company is accepting applications for fall start dates, and submission deadlines differ depending on the country.

The Republic of Georgia application should be

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Fraternity holds fundraiser

By APRIL BAILEY
Staff Writer

Kappa Sigma Fraternity held its annual fundraising event to support the Fisher House Foundation, which aids military troops and their families, Tuesday in front of the Keathley University Center.

John Paul, a senior majoring in nursing, said the fundraiser was

created eight years ago by national members of the fraternity because there are many Kappa Sigmas, including Paul, who are military veterans.

"Every year with this event, each chapter raises about \$1,500," Paul said, adding that the Fisher House is like a "Ronald McDonald House for veterans."

Members of Kappa Sigma sold hamburgers, hotdogs,

wristbands and baseballs for the dunk tank.

Blake Taylor, a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts, was the first to get dunked in the tank.

"It's cold," Taylor said, as he came out of the tank, adding that he did not mind getting soaked for a good cause.

According to the Fisher

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Photo by Alex Treneff, contributing photographer
Students gather on The Knoll on April 26 during a fundraiser for the Fisher House Foundation.

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Former cadet gives up fight against West Point decision

ALBANY, N.Y. — A former cadet rejected for re-admission to West Point because of the lingering federal “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy says she’s giving up on her dream of graduating from the military academy.

Katherine Miller said Wednesday that she is sad but respects West Point’s decision and still wants to pursue a military career. The 21-year-old Miller attends Yale University.

Miller left West Point last year because she said she couldn’t live a lie. But, she applied as the government moved to repeal a policy barring gays from serving openly.

West Point officials denied her re-entry and cited the fact that the repeal has yet to take effect.

Federal government issues guidelines for US waterways

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The Obama administration issued guidelines Wednesday designed to clarify which streams, wetlands and other waterways are protected from pollution under the Clean Water Act.

After the law was enacted in 1972, federal agencies interpreted it as allowing them to regulate virtually any waters. But two Supreme Court cases in the past decade limited the government’s reach, although the rulings were confusing.

Chief Lisa Jackson says it will bring more predictability for businesses considering whether to develop in wetlands or other sensitive areas while ensuring that polluters are held accountable. Jackson says the guidelines will take effect after a public comment period.

FDA panel backs approval of experimental hepatitis drug

WASHINGTON — Health experts are recommending approval for a highly anticipated drug from Merck to treat hepatitis C, based on studies showing it cures patients at a higher rate than drugs used for more than 20 years.

A Food and Drug Administration panel of experts voted unanimously, 18-0, in favor of Merck’s boceprevir tablet as an effective treatment for hepatitis C, which affects an estimated 3.2 million Americans.

A final decision is expected mid-May. On Thursday, the panel will review a similar drug from Vertex Pharmaceuticals. Both of the new drugs block the enzyme that helps the hepatitis virus reproduce.

Panelists said the drug is largely safe, but they noted side effects including anemia and lower blood cell counts.

LOCAL AP NEWS

Researchers working to build environmentally friendly car

KNOXVILLE — Researchers at the University of Tennessee are working on building a better, greener car.

The school has been chosen to join 15 other universities in the “EcoCar 2: Plugging into the Future Competition.”

EcoCAR 2 is a three-year collegiate engineering competition that challenges the next generation of automotive engineers to reduce the environmental impact of vehicles without compromising performance, safety and consumer acceptability.

The UT team includes graduate and undergraduate students. The design will be conducted on a Chevrolet Malibu donated by General Motors.

Lawsuit bill to limit damages advances through committee

NASHVILLE — Gov. Bill Haslam’s proposal to limit lawsuit damages is advancing through the Tennessee General Assembly.

The measure was approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee 6-3 on Tuesday and will now be scheduled for a vote on the Senate floor. The companion bill is awaiting a House floor vote.

The Republican governor originally sought to place a \$750,000 limit on non-economic damages such as pain and suffering.

But, the measure that advanced would raise the cap to \$1 million in cases involving serious spinal cord injuries, severe burns or the death of a parent of minor children.

Man arrested for tooting horn files suit against police officer

CHATTANOOGA — A man arrested after tooting his horn at a Chattanooga police officer has filed a nearly \$2 million federal lawsuit, claiming false arrest.

The lawsuit by 61-year-old Larry Ballanger states he was stopped in April 2010 behind Officer Cristina Henderson at a traffic signal when the light turned green and Henderson didn’t move.

The complaint stated Ballanger “tooted his horn” to get the officer’s attention because she continued to look down at the passenger seat, according to the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*.

Ballanger was cited for violating the noise ordinance and obstructing traffic. When he wouldn’t sign the citation, he says Henderson arrested him for disorderly conduct and took him to jail. The citations against Ballanger were dismissed in January.

Police spokeswoman Jerri Weary declined comment about a pending lawsuit.

Workshop on sheep shearing scheduled for this weekend

STAFF REPORT

The 2011 Tennessee Sheep Shearing School will be held Friday and Saturday at the Tennessee Livestock Center.

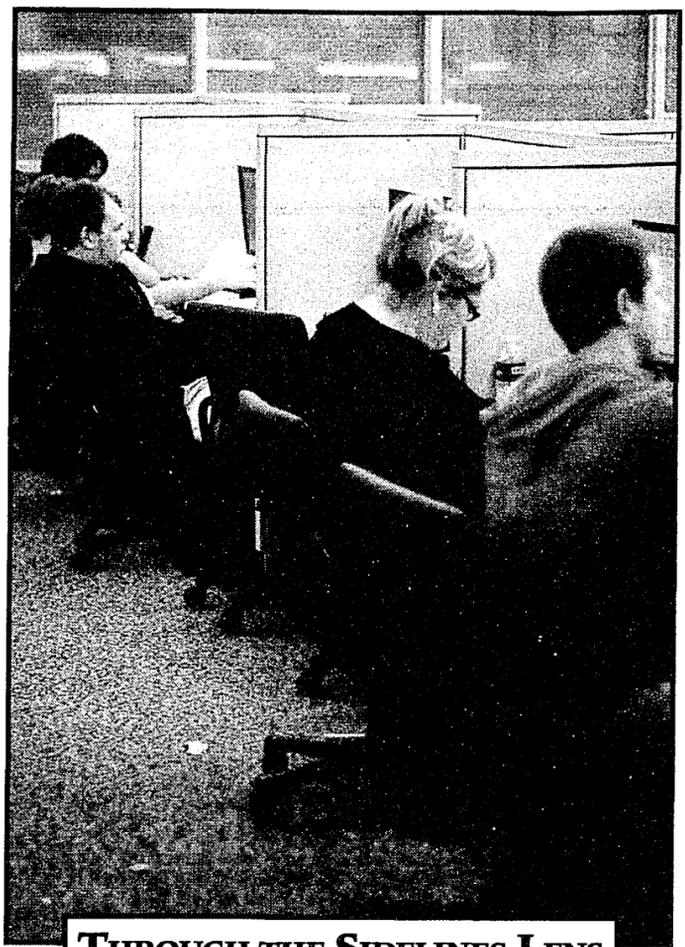
The school, which begins on Friday at 10 a.m. and continues Saturday at 8 a.m., is sponsored by the Tennessee Sheep Producers Association, the Tennessee Farmer’s Cooperative, the University of Tennessee Extension Service and the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

Seasoned shearer Doug Rathke of Hutchinson, Minn., will be teaching the classes, which are open to beginners and experienced sheep owners.

Rathke has been honing his shearing skills for more than 20 years. His techniques have been showcased throughout the country, and he has educated more than 1,500 students from Arkansas to Montana to Connecticut.

Assisting him will be Mark Powell of the Wilson Farmer’s Co-Op, Jim Neel of the UT Extension and Warren Gill, director of the School of Agribusiness and Agriscience.

The school is for adults and high school students, and there is a \$75 fee to participate.



THROUGH THE SIDELINES LENS

Photo by Bailey Ingram, photo editor
Students study for finals April 27 in the James E. Walker Library, only two days before exam week begins. In order to give students plenty of time to prepare for tests and finish research papers, the library will be open until 1 a.m. during the last week of school.

Student awarded Fulbright

STAFF REPORT

Kimberly Yarborough, a senior in the College of Liberal Arts, has been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to spend a year in Spain.



Yarborough

Yarborough, who is a May 7 graduate candidate, learned recently that she would be participating in the program as an English teaching assistant for the 2011-2012 academic year.

“I feel really honored,” said Yarborough, who is majoring in international relations and Spanish with a minor in economics. “I was really nervous about it. I feel fortunate to get the opportunity to go to Spain.”

According to the Undergraduate Fellowships Office, the purpose of the Fulbright program is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and of other countries through the exchange of knowledge and skills.

“My main goal is not just to teach English but build relationships and present a positive image of the U.S.,” Yarborough said.

The Fulbright Program is funded

by the U.S. Department of State and is the largest international student exchange program in the country. The scholarship was established by the U.S. Congress in 1946 and was named after Sen. J. William Fulbright.

More than 6,000 grants are awarded each year and 1,500 are granted to American students. Grant amounts for each of the 155 countries vary, but many often include enough for the cost of housing and food.

Interested students should apply in May of their junior year, said Laura Clippard, an adviser in the University Honors College, during an interview in November. She said students must apply while they are still attending school, but they are only accepted in the program when they graduate with a bachelor’s degree.

Yarborough said she has been assigned to the Cantabria region of Spain.

“The international relations program attracts exceptional students,” said Karen Peterson, an associate professor of political science. “Kim is a hard-working, intelligent student with a welcoming personality. We have traveled to Model UN tournaments, and she never fails to make friends. Her

experiences abroad are indicative of her energy and enthusiasm for all things international.”

Yarborough also received the Outstanding Student in Spanish award from the department of foreign languages and literatures during the College of Liberal Arts Awards Day.

In the spring of 2010, Yarborough spent a semester interning at the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C., where she worked on the White House initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

“I have had a lot of great opportunities,” Yarborough said, adding she hopes to work for a nongovernmental organization after she finishes graduate school.

For the past 10 years, MTSU has shown an almost 100 percent increase in student applications, with 10 applicants in 2010, according to university officials.

“One of the greatest goals of the [University] Honors College is to see that MTSU students compete for national scholarships,” Vile said. “The [university’s] increased emphasis on foreign languages, multiculturalism and study abroad programs all have made students more competitive for national and international awards.”

LOCAL EVENTS CRIME BRIEFS

ON CAMPUS

Intercultural Diversity and Affairs Center Year-End Cookout
April 28, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Recreation Center
Tickets: FREE

Outdoor Movies: “Inception”
April 28, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
KUC Knoll
Tickets: FREE

Andrea Dawson Recital
April 28, 7 p.m.
Wright Music Building
Tickets: FREE

Pajama Jam! Late Night Breakfast
April 28, 10 p.m. – 12 a.m.
McCallie Dining Hall
Tickets: FREE

Star Party: “Why Is Your Zodiac Sign Incorrect?”
April 29, 6:30 p.m.
Science Building Room 102
Tickets: FREE

Graduation Reception
May 3, 5 p.m.
Tom Jackson Building
Tickets: FREE

OFF CAMPUS

“Burn This”
April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Out Front on Main
Tickets: \$10

Razzle Dazzle Magic Show
April 29, 7 p.m.
Murfreesboro Center for the Arts
Tickets: \$10

EP3 with ThunderBear, The Incredible Heat Machine and Schtomp
April 29, 8 p.m.
Gilligans
Tickets: \$7

Tom Papa
April 30, 7 p.m.
Zanies
Tickets: \$20

Those Darlins’ with Trophy Wife and Heavy Cream
April 30, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge
Tickets: \$10

Southern Girls Rock & Roll Camp Benefit
May 5, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge
Tickets: \$5

- Vandalism**
April 22, 11:04 a.m.
Rutherford Parking Lot
A complainant reported that a vehicle had its window broken. Nothing appeared to have been removed from the vehicle.
- Alarm**
April 23, 1:17 a.m.
Floyd Stadium
Authorities responded to a fire alarm. No sign of a fire was found. Maintenance was contacted to fix a problem with the waterflow monitoring system.
- Alarm**
April 25, 10:41 a.m.
Ezell Hall
Police officers and the Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to a complaint of smoke coming from a dryer. It was found to be overloaded, and the items inside were smoldering. The dryer was rendered inoperable and the Fire Department cleared smoke from the room.
- Theft**
April 25, 11:15 a.m.
Baird Lane
A complainant reported his GPS system was stolen from his vehicle.
- Theft**
April 25, 1:43 p.m.
Phillips Bookstore
A complainant reported a book had been stolen.
- Theft**
April 25, 4:40 p.m.
James E. Walker Library
A complainant reported his Kindle had been stolen.
- Theft**
April 25, 5:02 p.m.
Womack Lane, Apartment C
A complainant reported his bicycle had been stolen.
- Theft**
April 25, 10:28 p.m.
James E. Walker Library
A complainant reported his wallet had been stolen.
- Traffic**
April 26, 3:04 p.m.
Greenland Drive
A complainant reported his vehicle had been damaged.
- Theft**
April 27, 7:42 a.m.
Business and Aerospace Building
A complainant reported her cell phone had been stolen.

CRIME STOPPERS

A \$1,000 cash reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who stole a Roubaix bicycle from the racks outside of the Business and Aerospace Building on April 6, sometime between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7:35 p.m.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact MTSU Crime Stoppers at 615-898-2424. All callers will remain anonymous.

EVENTS POLICY

Sidelines welcomes current campus and community events submitted by all readers. Please e-mail events@snews@mtsu.edu. Include the name, date, time and location of the event, as well as your name and contact information. We reserve the right to refuse events at our discretion as our space is limited.

SGA banquet highlights success, achievements

By TODD BARNES
News Editor

The Student Government Association celebrated its accomplishments Monday by presenting senators, students, faculty and various organizations with awards during its annual banquet.

"I really appreciate everyone's work this year," Vice President Samantha Cobb said.

More than 125 guests attended the three-hour event, including President Sidney McPhee, Senior Vice President John Cothorn and Vice President of Student Affairs Debra Sells.

The SGA faced many challenges this year, such as the controversial university name-change legislation, senate uproars, low election participation and possible disbandment from students on a mission for change.

However, the organization put its woes aside to remember its blessings.

The night's guest speaker, Ruth E. Johnson, mother of Sen. Ashley Manson of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, encouraged the student government and guests to follow three basic steps to achieve success: excel in all leadership positions, do not burn bridges and do not post indiscretions on social media sites.

"I really hope my peers were



Photo by Todd Barnes, news editor

The Student Government Association executive officers stand united April 25 with President Brandon Batts at the forefront during the organization's annual banquet.

listening to those words because I will apply it," SGA President Brandon Batts said.

The awards presentation began with Cobb awarding senators from each college with gavels, and some senators like At-Large Sen. Gavin Mosley won multiple awards.

Before students and honorees were presented with their awards, executive officers accepted individual awards from Batts, while thanking those who helped them over the

past year.

"I think we all grew this year metaphorically," Cobb said. "I'm so glad that we were all in it together."

Throughout the three-hour long banquet, the SGA awarded students, student organizations, faculty, staff and itself plaques, certificates and ornate awards.

The awards given were categorized and comprised of university, leadership and service, Greek affairs, intercultural and diversity affairs, women and

nontraditional students and student affairs staff recognition.

McPhee helped present the Robert C. LaLance award to Joseph M. Quarles, a senior of the College of Liberal Arts.

SGA advisor Danny Kelley presented the centers spotlight award to Megan Carter for her tireless effort for the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership.

Student organizations were awarded for leadership and service. The Saudi Student Association won the new

organization of the year award, Alpha Delta Pi and MT Lambda co-won the organization of the year award and Brandon Farrar, MT Lambda's president, won president of the year award.

Angela King presented Greek Affairs awards to Alpha Omicron Pi for chapter of the year, Sigma Pi won most improved chapter of the year award and Delta Sigma Theta won campus program of the year award.

Vincent Windrow presented various intercultural and diversity awards to students and faculty ranging from international athlete of the year award to impactful student of the year award that was awarded to Batts.

The SGA officers also honored Kelley, while each gave a testimony of how Kelley positively affected their cause.

After the SGA awards and testimonies ended, Attorney General Caitlin Orman inaugurated next year's executive officers by oath, and Jeremy Poynter, the next SGA president, spoke about his excitement to enter the university's centennial year as president.

"I will work tirelessly as SGA president to make sure MTSU wins," Poynter said.

In closing, Batts stressed the importance of carrying on the values learned at the university, while adding a simple phrase to live by.

"Be loud, be proud, be blue."

Flooding, high winds rip through Rutherford

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teacher shut the door, and we kept having class."

Wilson said when the alerts went off today she stayed in her dorm room.

"About the time I would leave, the alerts would be canceled again," Wilson said.

Tim Hooker, assistant director of the Rutherford County Emergency Management Agency, forecasted torrential rains up to 3 inches.

"The flash flood threat [was] very high," Hooker said.

About 5 p.m. last night, flooding caused officials to close off Memorial Boulevard.

The pre-dawn storm also uprooted trees with straight-line winds traveling at 60 mph.

"I had to get up at around 6 a.m. to

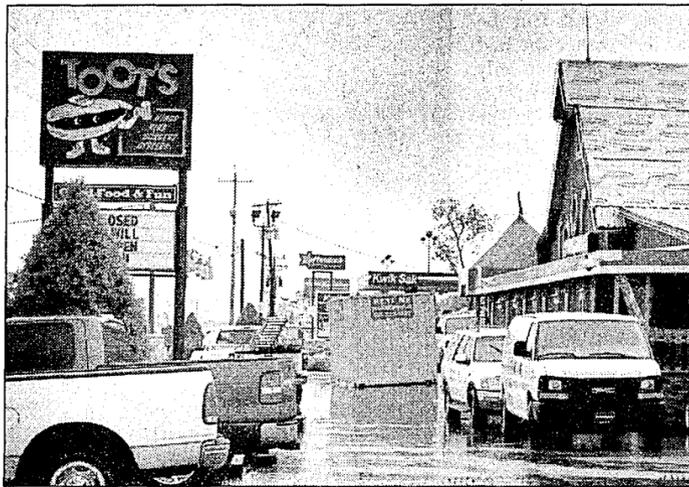


Photo by Bailey Ingram, photo editor

(Not pictured) A repair crew begins fixing the roof April 27 of Toot's, located on Broad Street in Murfreesboro, after storms pummeled the region.

get into the stairwell at Cummings Hall," said Paula Tran, a freshman majoring in biology. "If people are sleeping, though, they don't get up for the alerts."

The Toot's on the corner of Broad Street and Medical Center Parkway had its roof torn off early yesterday morning. Several other businesses like Taco Bell and Sir Pizza on Memorial Boulevard also sustained damage.

"There is no confirmation if it was a tornado or straight line winds because it was so sporadic," Hooker said. "We

assume it was straight line winds."

Rutherford County volunteer firefighters and Rutherford County Adult Detention Center maintenance employees and trustees cut and moved trees blocking the road.

While no deaths have been reported in Rutherford County, one fatality was reported in Chattanooga. A woman identified as 41-year-old Mai Crumley was killed when a tree fell on her trailer, according to The Associated Press.

Studies show illegal use of prescriptions up among students

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illegally may have underlying health problems."

Clark advises students who are having side effects, such as a racing heart or seizures, to seek medical treatment.

"I discourage students from [illegally] using Adderall," Clark said. "Your health is more important."

But, do the benefits outweigh the hazards of "Ivy-league crack"? Are more and more students willing to risk their health to boost their grade point average?

While it is difficult to estimate the usage of illegal substances, an independent survey conducted by Vanderbilt University in 2009 found 79 percent of students polled knew someone who has used the drug without a prescription.

"I don't think it is really that big of a deal because I don't use it all the time," Warner said. "I just know I can do a lot better on important assignments if I take it verses if I don't."

Some buyers will seek out contacts that are prescribed the drug. But, what happens to the students who sell their medication?

"My buddy skips his pills on the weekend when he doesn't need them, so he has extra left over each month to sell," Warner said. "He also has cut pills in half and sold them at a lower price for first-time users."

With the consequences seemingly absent and the pressures of the dwindling job market and academic world ever present, the non-medical consumption of

Adderall doesn't seem to be diminishing anytime soon.

Canadian officials pulled Adderall off the market in 2005 after 20 deaths and 12 strokes were linked to the usage of the drug. The FDA said it did not think the data warranted taking the drug off the U.S. market.

Unprescribed, Adderall is a Class II substance, which means it has a high potential for abuse and carries felony charges for those caught in possession of or selling.

Prescription drugs obtained and taken by people other than the patient are increasing in Rutherford County, a sheriff's Special Enforcement Bureau detective said. Medication is readily accessible and does not carry a social stigma like illegal drugs.

People abusing prescription drugs are taking the medicine from home, forging prescriptions, and visiting different doctors to get the drugs, said Sgt. Jeremy Weaver.

"It's estimated about 40 percent of our drug buys, arrests and enforcement activities are directly related to diverted pharmaceuticals," Weaver said. "It's become more and more popular to teenagers and young adults."

"Adderall is one of the things that gets kicked around between the DEA, NIMH, and National Institute on Drug Abuse," said Jules Asher, a spokesman for the National Institute of Mental Health. "It seems to have fallen through the cracks."

Marie Kempf, editor-in-chief, contributed to this report.

*The student's name has been changed to protect his identity.

Two ceremonies set for commencement

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Behavioral and Health Sciences and the University College.

MTSU alumnus Mark Gwyn, director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, will serve as the guest speaker for the 9 a.m. ceremony.

Gwyn is serving his second term as director. He was appointed to his first six-year term in 2004 and is the first African-American to lead the state's top law-enforcement agency.

He began as a patrolman

with the McMinnville Police Department, and then joined the TBI as a special agent in 1988. Since becoming director, Gwyn has expanded the TBI into a far-reaching law-enforcement agency overseeing the creation of the Technical Services Unit and Cyber Crimes Unit.

MTSU alumnus Hershel "Pat" Wall, special assistant to the president of the University of Tennessee since October 2009, will speak to the graduates at the 1 p.m. ceremony.

While he was chancellor of the UT

Health Science Center, he was responsible for planning and executing the strategic direction of the statewide academic healthcare system with campuses in Chattanooga, Knoxville and Memphis. He now devotes his labors full time to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.

After receiving his Bachelor of Science degree, Wall graduated in 1960 from the College of Medicine, completing his residency in pediatrics at the Memphis campus and serving as chief resident.

In September 2008, UT President John D. Petersen led the inaugural dinner of the Hershel P. Wall, M.D., and Legacy Society at UTHSC. The society was established to honor distinguished alumni and special friends who have made a commitment to the UT Health Science Center through planned gifting.

Graduates have been asked to remain at Murphy Center through the entire ceremony, adding that students should plan celebrations outside of the block of time for graduation.

Students urged to apply for international program

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submitted six weeks prior to requested departure date. Start dates are offered every month for this program.

South Korea applications will be accepted through May 15. To be eligible, applicants must have a bachelor's degree, an interest in learning about new cultures and be 20 years old or older.

Kacyn said no previous experience is required.

Greenheart Travel works directly with the Georgian

Ministry of Education. Teachers interested in going to Georgia will be enhancing cross-cultural understanding and English proficiency, Kacyn said.

Those sent to Georgia are expected to work 20 to 30 hours per week and are free to travel on the weekends.

Kacyn said teachers would find that South Korea boasts some of the best benefits packages in the world.

Greenheart Travel partners with the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Korean National Institute of International Education.

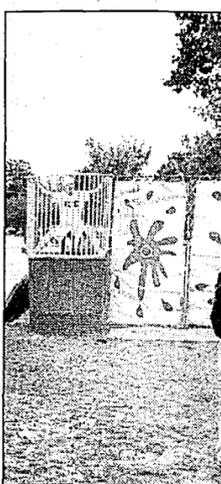


Photo by Alex Trenoff, contributing photographer
A member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity waits to be dunked April 26, during the Fisher House fundraiser.

Campus group supports military

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House Foundation's website, the foundation is a private and public partnership and families do not have to pay to stay one of the Fisher Houses.

Andrea Lawrence, president of the Tennessee Fisher House, and her husband Keith Lawrence, a board member, said they attended the event to show their support towards the fraternity's efforts.

Keith Lawrence said he admired the group's enthusiasm to help despite the weather conditions.

"I like to come to these events to show people that these are real people working to raise money," Andrea Lawrence said.

Andrea said the new Fisher House, which is planned to be built near the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Murfreesboro, will cost about \$6 million and the foundation is only about half way there.

"The houses are beautiful - [and] the cause is worth the time and effort to raise money for," Andrea said.

Also, foundation members sold individual bricks, which members said will be engraved with the contributor's name, and

be placed in a reflection garden outside of the new Fisher House.

Dan Ross, a sophomore in the College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, said he skipped class to help with the event, but only because it was for a good cause.

"I explained to my professor what we were fundraising for and she understood," Ross said.

Since the Fisher House Foundation was initiated in 1990, it has helped over 142,000 families and saved those families over \$165 million in lodging and transportation costs, according to the foundation's website.

FEATURES

Part Two: Made in China

For one student, the journey to the United States transformed into an odyssey of self-discovery through family secrets.

By BRANDI REVIS
Contributing Writer

From Part One: The "one child policy" was an unspoken law in China for decades. It was there to enforce population control, and people faced serious consequences if they broke it. For a family with three children, this could mean losing their income, imprisonment and having their children taken away.

This is why the Chen family lied about their daughter, claiming she was adopted. And there was an adopted daughter. She died, and in her place they had Cui Le. As with all lies, they eventually come out.

When the police in China found out about the woman with three children, Bi Hua, Cui Le's mother, had to flee. She went to the United States where she waited until the day her family could join her.

The Beautiful Country

Mei gau (may-gow) means the beautiful country, or, more specifically, the United States. Cui Le Chen was hoping for just this as she traveled across the world with her father. She was headed to a new country to reunite with a mother she hadn't seen in almost eight years. Would she like her? Would she be nice? Where would they live?

Anxiety fled as the girl caught her first glimpse of the beautiful country, and her friends were right — it was made of gold. The night skyline of Manhattan was lit up by thousands of twinkling lights the day Cui Le arrived in the United States from China. She was a small girl with shiny black hair wearing the clothes she was

most comfortable in: khaki pants and a long sleeve, blue sweater.

Cui Le was 12 years old when she came to the U.S. from China with her father. They made the long journey to reunite with Bi Hua and Song, the first-born child of Zi Qing.

She landed at the John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City at 11 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2001, the same day she left China. Time zones are funny things. She landed with no knowledge of the land, language or who would greet her arrival.

As she exited the terminal clutching her father, she was greeted by a sea of people unlike any she had ever seen before: tall, white people with yellow hair and blue eyes, and black people with curly hair. As they shoved their way through, all she saw in the dark, cold basement was an endless sea of people.

Finally, making their way through the airport to baggage claim, Cui Le was greeted by an older brother she had missed dearly and a woman she only remembered from old photographs. This woman rushed up to hug her as Cui Le stood quietly, not knowing if she should laugh, cry, hold onto her or run away. Cui Le wasn't the only one who was confused. Her father also had to greet the wife he hadn't seen in years and his oldest son, the only child he could acknowledge as his own.

After an awkward moment of shuffling baggage and hailing a cab, Cui Le and her almost completely reunited family departed for uncle's house in Chinatown. They were missing Peng, who would have to wait another year before his paperwork was approved.

Things should have been blissful, but



Photo courtesy of Cui Le Chen

Cui Le and members of the Chemistry Society pose with Goofy of the The Walt Disney Co., at the ACS National Meeting, held from March 27 through March 31 in Anaheim, Calif.

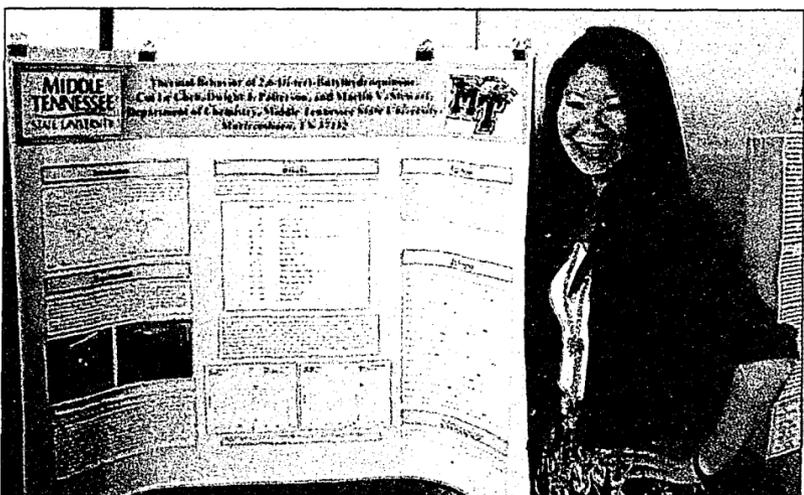


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Cui Le presents her research project on thermal behavior of certain chemical elements for the chemistry department during Scholars Week, held April 4 through April 8 on campus.

within a few hours, her beloved father and the strange woman she was told to call "mother" began to argue. Her father didn't bring an item that her mother wanted and she yelled at him. Cui Le, who had grown up daddy's little girl, became enraged.

She yelled, "Don't argue with her! Stop! Why did we come?"

Cui Le and her father went to bed on the floor that night, distancing themselves from her mother. She cried herself to sleep.

It was suppose to be bright like gold and full of promise, yet she just wanted to be back in China, sleeping in her old room in her grandmother's house. As she closed her eyes, she thought maybe she would wake up back home.

Not a Dream

The family lived in New York for a few months before moving to the South. By Christmas, Cui Le was registered into an American school, Forest Hills in Wilson, N.C. This is where she got her first true American experiences: cafeteria food, middle school and mean preteens.

"School in China is not a joke," Cui Le explains. "You don't goof off and you come to school with clean clothes or you get sent home. There are class competitions for highest grades and points. You had to wear a red tie for the Chinese flag and a button with the flag on it."

Things were very different here in the states.

On her first day of school, her parents went with her to get her registered. The school principal had to find a student who could translate for them. She thought she had found a friend in this Chinese boy. He was the only one who could understand her and what she was about to experience. She asked her parents to leave her there that first day so she could start working immediately. She trusted the boy to help her adjust. She shouldn't have.

He made fun of Cui Le. He told her what bus to get on but didn't tell her where her stop was. Cui Le just got off with him and he told her to stop following him and go away. Cui Le had to wander around her neighborhood for hours until she found her house. Other kids began to torment her as well.

She wore the clothes she had brought from China and wore them in the same manner she did there. In China, they had uniforms they had to keep perfectly clean. They wore them for a couple of days in a row, but here, she was made fun of for doing this.

"I could just tell they were making fun of me," Cui Le says, "even if I didn't speak English."

One kid broke her translator and picked on her constantly. He had the locker above her and one day dropped a thick book on her head. She rose up and kicked him. A teacher saw and sent Cui Le to in-school suspension for three days. She never told her parents she didn't want them

to worry.

She came home each day and said, "School is great."

"I tried to get candy and chocolate to give the kids, but they were only nice until they got the candy," she says.

She wrote letters to friends. They wrote back, saying, "Come home."

Eventually, as she was promoted from sixth to eighth grade within the year, Cui Le met Ashley, who introduced her to Nancy, and soon they were inseparable. Her English was still poor, but the girls could still communicate. Giggling and slumber parties are universal.

Cui Le spent her days in a special English as a second language program with mostly Hispanic students. They were taught English, math and science together, away from the other students. Zi Qing would help her with her homework every night in China. Here, she was on her own. Neither of them spoke English well. Maybe this is why art and computer classes were her favorite. English wasn't required.

Middle school was hard, but she still carries one good memory from those years. Her first American meal was in the school cafeteria the first day her parents dropped her off. She had gooey, cheesy triangle shaped bread: pizza. She also got her first taste of chocolate milk. It might have been an average school lunch for most Americans, but for Cui Le, it was all new. Cheese isn't used in China, and she had never heard of pizza.

School was school, no matter which language it's in.

Cui Le passed from middle to high school and was "Americanized." She went shopping, made the tennis team and applied to college her senior year. She wanted a school away from her parents. Her parents wanted her near family. They compromised — MTSU.

On Her Own

She leaves China Spring to go to her home away from home: the James E. Walker Library. Some students spend a few minutes a day in there — Cui Le spends hours. She is studying physical chemistry today, or "p-chem." It's a class she has to pass if she wants to graduate in May. Pre-med students are constantly studying, in lab or talking about studying in labs. She is no exception. She wants her parents to be proud of her.

Cui Le knows she was never adopted. She may be a replacement daughter, but there are more important things to worry about. She wants to one day become a doctor. She never asks her parents about the "found daughter" — the one who died. They don't bring up the past. She may never know that little girl's name or where she is buried. It doesn't matter right now.

"I'm just meant to be here," says Cui Le, as she lays across her bed reading from her p-chem book.

She goes back to studying, done talking about herself.



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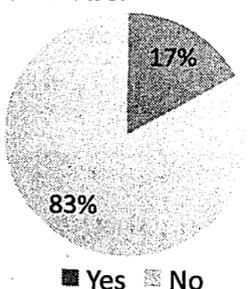
One era ends, while another begins

It's the end of another semester. Finally. Typically, we would endorse our lessons learned from another term running your student newspaper, but we think *Sidelines* has left us a little dazed and confused. Fewer than 20 people produce this twice-weekly newspaper, and running a website for almost 26,000 students can be a tad bit exhausting. However, we absolutely love it. But, we still have enough energy to wonder what will become of our paper. Change is coming. We are left to contemplate what will happen in its wake. Plans to build a media convergence center are in the works. Honestly, it's about time the newspaper, television station and radio station are forced to work with each other in the same small, confined space. Professional media outlets operate on a similar format – why shouldn't we? But still, the potential loss of our identity is overwhelming. *Sidelines* is not disappearing from campus, but the capacity and mode of our communication abilities will change. For example, in addition to *Sidelines* not publishing a print edition this summer, we will not be updating the

website weekly. MTSU's editorially independent, student-run newspaper will no longer be published in any capacity for more than two months. When we return for the fall semester, we will drop from two issues a week to a once-weekly publication. We don't want to drop our frequency down. However, just like the budget cut stories we've been running for the past year, we simply can't afford to publish more than once a week. While the emotional investments are priceless, the math is not. But, change isn't always negative. The livelihood of your student newspaper depends upon how much you put into it. Part of convergence is not just cooperation between media, but stronger ties with the community we serve. Talk to us. Write for us. Let us know what you think. Without student participation, *Sidelines* can't be a successful, student-produced media outlet. Good luck on your finals. Don't take illegal prescriptions. And remember, shooting someone in the hand outside of the Keathley University Center is never a good way to "blow off" stress during the week of finals.

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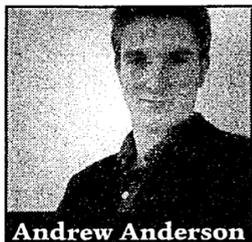
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Democrats' jobs bill will increase debt

We are now beginning to see ideas for economic recovery coming from Tennessee politicians. While Republicans pass their idea of recovery as separate bills, the Democratic Party of Tennessee has decided to pass its idea of recovery in one full measure. That's right! S.B. 1177 is the Democrats one cure-all, entitled Tennessee High Growth Sustainable Jobs Act. This magical bill will create a Sustainable Jobs Fund and will focus on areas hit with 15 percent unemployment. It will create public jobs in green technology that promote a clean environment for one and all. Sounds good enough for a hallelujah, doesn't it? As a conservative member of society, I still have to ask two questions: What's the price tag? Who benefits? The price tag, as indicated by the Fiscal Review Committee, will decrease state revenue with a net impact of \$5.3 million to the general funds, increase state expenditures, which will exceed \$500,000 in the Sustainable Jobs Fund, and decrease local revenue by \$2.2 million. In total, this bill will cost upward of



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Columnist

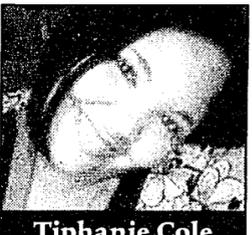
\$8.1 million to the state of Tennessee. There must be a reason someone would be willing to support this as "the jobs bill of Tennessee" as one Democrat has said. Here's the other half of the coin: This bill will increase state revenue, which will exceed \$500,000 for the Sustainable Jobs Fund. The Democrats are counting on this bill making up a huge, very possible, new debt for Tennessee in excess of \$7.6 million. So, in terms of who benefits, any areas like Murfreesboro will get no assistance, help, or handout, in the form of government jobs, unless the area has 15 percent unemployment. I

guess the rest of us will have to make our own economic recovery idea if this blunder becomes law. Fortunately, state Republicans have a better solution for this crisis. It calls for more emphasis on small businesses and eliminating issues that may hinder someone from finding a job, such as illegal immigration. Unless this is a game of Russian roulette – in which we stand to lose a lot – I suggest we stop playing games with the taxpayers' money, keep the Democrats out of power, and focus on job growth in the private sector by keeping Tennessee a business-friendly state. This will encourage job development and recruit jobs from all over the country. So, get our economy moving again and tell Democrats to go play their games and shoot their dice at the unemployment office – not on Capitol Hill on your watch. It's about time Democrats understood that what we want is a hand up and not a handout. *Andrew Anderson is a freshman majoring in economics. He can be reached at awa2f@mtsu.edu.*

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- “The “all clear” MTSU sirens sound like the death machine noises in “War of the Worlds.” “It's ok to come out.” – Zap... dust.” – Kenneth Sanford, professor of economics

Leave politics out of educational decisions

On Jan. 16, *The Populist Examiner* published an article by Bruce Maiman about the Tea Party activists' desire to remove any mentions of slavery from school textbooks that might reflect badly on the Founding Fathers. The Tea Party of Tennessee met with legislators and issued a set of five demands or “priorities for action.” Among these demands for textbook criteria was that “No portrayal of minority experience in the history, which actually occurred, shall obscure the experience or contributions of the Founding Fathers, or the majority of citizens, including those who reached positions of leadership.” Their reasons speak of the desire to have the Founding Fathers' achievements highlighted, instead of tarnished by mention of some of the more unsavory facts of their lives, chiefly slavery. Understand, history is not meant to highlight or illuminate someone's achievements while neglecting what may have been his or her follies or bad judgments. History is simply meant to educate and inform using facts, not glossed-over representations of what some conservatives wish the facts to be. Know this: Should the Tea Party of Tennessee succeed in its endeavors, we will have taken 10 steps back into that



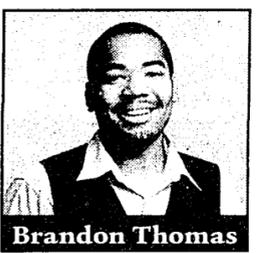
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Guest Columnist

past, which they had hoped to escape. Of course, these are merely conjectures, oddly supported by facts, though not expressly proven. Some may argue that people may read about slavery or things related to slavery at the library or in any of the innumerable books published about the subject, during and after the time, but why should this be the only option? Furthermore, why should the Tea Party, granted this slight success, stop at editing school textbooks? Leaving out a significant part of history to satisfy a bias might call into question if it is history or fiction. It does seem to have a few of the hallmarks of fiction. While we are talking about the removal of a fundamental chunk of American history, we are also talking about the removal of a particular race and culture. What defines the development of a culture? It is defined by the events that established a rich and diverse heritage of a culture – made by generations of African descendants. Perhaps this removal from the textbooks will create a small ripple in the minds and consciousness of society that seems to be of no consequence. But a generation from now, it could be quite different. *Tiphonie Cole is a senior majoring in psychology. She can be reached at tjc2x@mtmail.mtsu.edu.*

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To my lovely writers: Thank you for it all.

I would like to thank all those who wrote an opinion article this semester. From those who only wrote once, to those who were regular columnists, in the words of Janet Jackson, “I thank you much.” It may be easy to have an opinion, but it is another thing to actually write one. It can be intimidating to write an opinion if you haven't written one before, and especially if you are not one to be open to criticism. We should not be close-minded when it comes to constructive criticism. Sure, there will be those people that will be critical in all the negative ways, but these individuals aside, good constructive criticism may help you grow as a writer. Writing can be a powerful tool. It can be used to express



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one's self or even propose a new idea to the masses. Looking toward the fall semester, I encourage anyone that wants to write an opinion to do so. Once you start writing you will not want to stop. *Brandon Thomas is a junior majoring in political science. He can be reached at muckrakerthomas@gmail.com.*



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I'm just sayin'

Lohan will never learn

I'm beginning to think that Lindsay Lohan might really be above the law. I know the actress definitely does. She was sentenced to 120 days in jail Friday and only ended up serving about five hours. The actress is due back in court in May, but according to perezhilton.com, she still may only serve a couple of hours due to overcrowding.

I don't get this overcrowding thing, especially when Lohan has been in jail previously before. Shouldn't someone who has been there longer be released early? Why is it that the celebrities only serve a couple of hours? Often times, their crimes are worse than some other inmates behind bars. If she keeps getting special treatment, she will never learn her lesson.

If something bad happens to her, the judge should be held responsible. Just like the doctors were responsible with the deaths of Michael Jackson and Anna Nicole Smith. These judges keep letting her off time and time again.

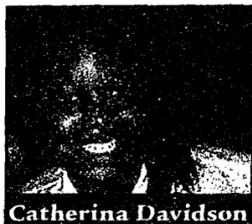
What will it take for this girl to learn?

Royal Rumors

The Royal Wedding is tomorrow and there are more rumors than ever before.

Let's recap, shall we?

The couple has chosen



Catherina Davidson

the London Chamber Orchestra to perform at the ceremony, but it's still up in the air whether or not Beyonce and Jay-Z will perform at the reception. Does that seem odd to anyone else but me?

The wedding dress is still completely top secret. Sadly, we won't know anything about it until we see it. But, we do know that Sarah Burton, creative director of Alexander McQueen, is at the top of the list of those rumored to be designing the dress.

There has been a \$118,000 bet made that Kate will wear the queen's diamond tiara that was originally made in 1919 for Queen Mary.

The first super fan was spotted camping out as early as Tuesday to get a chance to see the newlyweds in person.

So, will you be staying up late to see the nuptials? Or will you set the DVR and watch it the next day? Just in case you're not around a TV, ABC News is giving you several options to watch - ABCNews.com, the ABC Facebook page, on your phone or on the ABC app for your iPad. Coverage starts at 3 a.m.

Magic abound for Bonnaroo's 10th anniversary

By SARAH SHARP
Staff Writer

This will be the 10th year that Bonnaroo brings its cult of music and chaos chasers that make up the 90,000 festivalgoers annually to Manchester from June 9 until June 12.

Ask any Bonnaroo veteran why they keep coming back. It's not just for the music, and it's not just for the party - it's for the experience. All the magical, downright strange and borderline insane things are what make it so worthwhile. Not to mention, the consistently stacked lineup is always evolving, bringing in a diverse and unique group of artists.

That doesn't go without saying that the camaraderie that's exchanged among patrons - minus those weirdos who just come to sell cut up computer paper as acid - is an understanding, a common denominator, nay, a brotherhood, that keeps people coming back to the 700-acre farm in Manchester.

What to do in Centeroo?

Silent Disco:

It's Saturday night and you're still in awe of the gloriously epic shows you just saw, but you're not done. Not even close. You've still got a long night of dancing in you. OK, sounds good. Check the time. It's approximately 4:35 a.m. Ouch. Where can you go? Well, as Lady Gaga says it, "just dance" your way into the silent disco.

When you approach the glowing pink psychedelic tent, it will appear a bit awkward: a crowd of people getting down silently to a DJ who is playing live through everyone's headphones.

The best part: When you take off the headphones, you can hear everyone breathing, grunting and shouting randomly as they stack one by one in a group dance train.

Ferris Wheel Fun:

When you're frolicking through Centeroo, bouncing from show to show, stop and change it up with a ride on the Ferris wheel. I never gave it a chance until this past year, and seeing the whole festival from higher up was a beautiful sight, taking it in with one big breath of dusty air.

It's cool to take a moment to watch all the fun that's being had and appreciate a place that's a combination of Candyland and Neverland for adults - a place where we can lose all inhibitions and be "one" with nature. We can ignore common laws of the normal, non-Bonnaroo real world.

The Importance of Hydration:

It is absolutely a full-time job staying hydrated in the ridiculously humid and brutally hot summer in Tennessee, especially for four days straight. Do not take this matter lightly. A camelback is one of the best investments you can make to ensure better



Photo by Sarah Sharp, staff writer

People from the crowd storm the stage - with permission, of course - to dance during Thievery Corporation's 2010 performance.

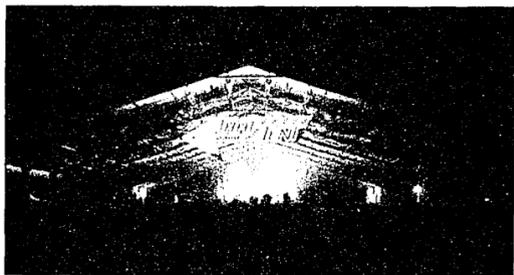


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That Tent, which is around the corner from This Tent and The Other Tent, all strategically named to confuse you, has been known as a popular spot for epic late night performances.

hydration, but bring lots of water. Bring too much water because it's never a bad idea.

The Music:

It's the amazing lineup of classic, underground knowns and unknowns from a wide range of musical styles that makes this festival so appealing to its patrons. From old rockabilly like Loretta Lynn to one of Atlanta's finest, Big Boi, from jam band, Widespread Panic, to the crunchy blues of the Black Keys, this 10th anniversary lineup will satisfy diverse and eclectic tastes.

Don't worry, I didn't forget about the impressive electronic sector of the lineup. Ratatat, Scissor Sisters, Beirut, Pretty Lights and Shpongle are a few.

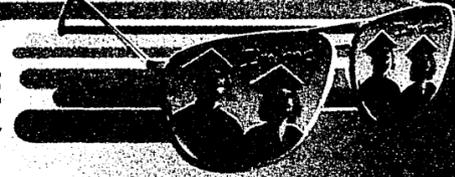
A show that will undoubtedly be worth your while:

My Morning Jacket, which has been a part of the Bonnaroo experience four times, dating back to 2003. Its sound is larger than life, and its members express a loyalty to Bonnaroo in their energy and dedication to putting on a good show.

Soon enough, the schedule will be unleashed to Bonnaroo patrons, as they are waiting anxiously to plan their four-day, dirty hobo get down in Manchester.

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