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## Conferences focus on women in leadership

By Tiffany Brown  
Staff Writer

Two conferences embracing female networking and mentoring in the workplace are set to take place this week in the James Union Building.

The Women's Leadership Conference is a conference geared toward female students at colleges and universities, while the Women in Higher Education in Tennessee Conference is a meeting of female collegiate professionals. Both are sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center and

begin at 5:45 p.m. Thursday.

The two conferences are being held simultaneously this year for the first time ever, and both groups chose to share a theme — "Collaborative Leadership: Networking, Mentoring and Modeling."

"The board really liked the idea of having the combination, and being able to have students and faculty administrators from around the state being able to talk and collaborate and network," said Candace Rosovsky, the president of WHET.

This is the fifth WLC conference, according to Charisse

Wooding of the June Anderson Women's Center.

WHET has met annually since 1979, when the first conference was held at MTSU, Rosovsky said.

The joint venture is expected to be a success. Two conferences at once allow a sharing of resources and a larger crowd. According to Rosovsky, the meetings are expected to draw more than 225 people.

"This is a good opportunity for the students to be here and interact and learn about the various sessions that are going on," Wooding said. "You have

sessions dealing with everything from ethical issues to women in power."

One of the most interesting things about the conference is the variety of topics that will be discussed, Rosovsky said.

"I am excited about the breadth of things being covered," she said. "I love the global focus and I am pleased that we have two things on issues of safety on campus for women. We are doing issues of safety, business ethics, career choice, communication styles, issues of diversity and the focus on the balancing act for adult learn-

ers." The two conferences will converge for the sessions shared keynote speaker, Shirley R. Pippens, and at the awards luncheon.

Pippens, the president of Thomas Nelson Community College, in Hampton, Va., will speak at the opening session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

The meal will be held at 11:45 a.m. Friday.

One of the things brought from WLC into the WHET conference is the Women of Achievement Awards, Rosovsky said. These awards acknowledge

two people in higher education — one student and one WHET member — who will receive the June Anderson Award, she added.

The conferences will then have their own individual keynote speakers on Friday morning. The opening session for the students at WLC will have Marsha Guenzler-Stevens as keynote speaker. Stevens will be presenting a session called "Stand up, Speak Out: Finding Your Own Voice."

The attendees of the WHET

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## AIDS quilt visits MTSU with message

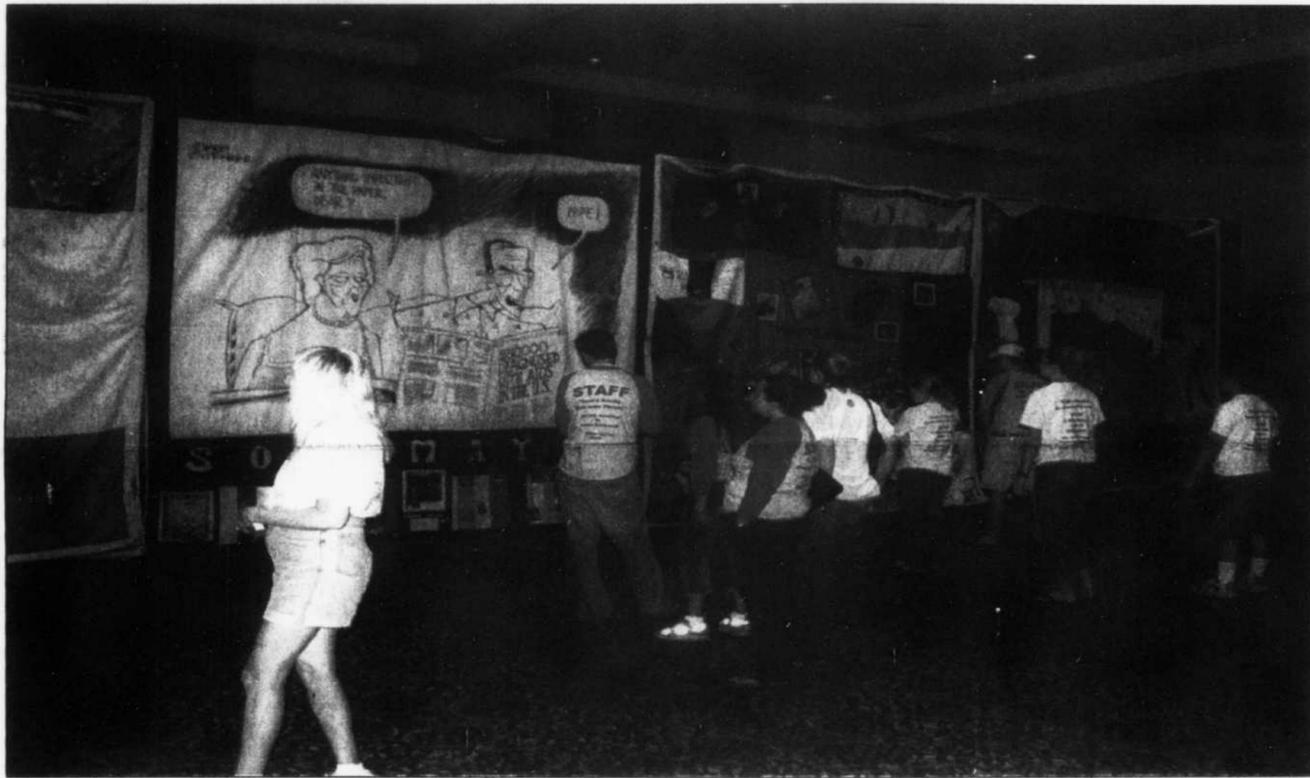


Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Students and quilt staff view the AIDS quilt in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The quilt made its debut Saturday night after students and guests marched from the Keathley University Center Knoll to the JUB in remembrance of AIDS victims.

By Lindsay Palmer  
Staff Writer

The memories of AIDS victims visited campus this weekend and were displayed on portions of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Several panels of the quilt, created by Cleve Jones of San Francisco in 1985, were on display Saturday. The quilt was first displayed in Washington, D.C., on the Memorial Lawn on Oct. 11, 1987.

One of the panels open for viewing on campus was dedicated to Marvin Feldman — the first panel to have been made for the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt.

Tim Johnson, a public relations committee member, said the purpose in bringing the quilt to the MTSU campus was to get students to be more aware.

"The point of it is just to kind of hit home with MTSU students," Johnson said. "It's just opened my eyes to how big of a deal it is."

Mark Hubbert, an HIV-positive AIDS activist from Nashville, echoed Johnson's statement.

Hubbert has been HIV-positive for 16 years.

"It's really about choices," Hubbert said. "And people realizing the consequences of their choices."

"This is a disease where ignorance, stigmatization, and loneliness and isolation kills them [AIDS victims] too," Hubbert noted.

Hubbert said many AIDS patients can't deal with the stigma, and refuse to get the help they need. He said most patients die prematurely and unnecessarily.

Since the quilt's debut in 1987, it has grown to have more than 44,000 panels, each one representing a person who has died of AIDS. Over the years, the quilt has been divided into various sections that have toured different parts of the United States.

Beginning at noon Saturday, a number of speakers and musicians assembled on the Keathley University Center Knoll to kick off the celebration, surrounding the quilt's visit to MTSU.

Among the speakers for the day was LaDonna Halfacre, a noted AIDS activist. Bands such as Rosewater Foundation and Moneypenny provided entertainment between speeches as students strolled across the Knoll and partook of the free

barbecue being provided by the AIDS Committee in charge of the festivities.

Throughout the course of the day, a number of campus organizations participated in relay races to help raise money for AIDS patients.

The participating organizations were Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Omicron Pi, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta and Pi Kappa Phi. The winners of the games received the Hope and Faith Award.

While the activities were going on, members of Nashville Cares, a local AIDS awareness group, were giving free AIDS testing in the KUC. Counseling was also provided.

At 6 p.m., a candlelight vigil was held on the Knoll in memory of those whose lives have been lost to the AIDS virus.

The group then proceeded to the James Union Building, where at 7 p.m., the AIDS quilt was open for viewing.

For more information on the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, contact Amanda Newman, Student Government Association speaker of the Senate, at 898-2871. ♦

## CLUE may change class size

By Michael Haynes  
Staff Writer

Increased enrollment at MTSU has created a greater strain on classroom space and, as a result, MTSU has developed a way to try and manage its existing space more effectively.

In the fall of 2001, President Sidney McPhee created the Classroom and Laboratory Utilization and Effectiveness Committee to study this issue.

CLUE is an ad hoc committee as of now but will become a standing committee in June 2003.

"The ultimate goal is to best utilize the academic space we already have available and to help plan for new space as needs are identified," said Connie Pimentel, assistant director of the Scheduling Center.

The president should establish the university classroom utilization target at the existing Tennessee Higher Education Commission guideline, according to the CLUE report.

The THEC guideline is for 30 hours per week and 67 percent of stations occupied for general classrooms, and 24 hours per week and 80 percent utilization for classrooms with laboratory equipment. The guideline is established for the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An analysis sent to the Tennessee Board of Regents indicated that MTSU station utilization was 60.4 percent during the fall semester 2000 and the Scheduling Center reported that 35 classrooms did not have classes scheduled during fall 2001.

Also, almost two-thirds of all classrooms are restricted in use to a specific department, according to the report. This may add to the problem.

"It is reasonable to conclude that a large room should not be underutilized when a demand for classroom space and are experiencing growth with our student enrollment," Pimentel said.

Many of the restrictions were based on the master classroom equipment. This meant that individual departments originally funded the master classrooms and argued that the space be limited to that department. However, the technology access fee funds approximately 75 percent of all instructional equipment.

"Restricted classrooms are

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## Gore criticizes lack of media coverage on current economic issues

By Angelica Journagin  
Staff Reporter

Former Vice President Al Gore lamented the lack of thorough economic media coverage Thursday at the second lecture in his five part series.

Gore used the example of the media not covering the involvement of Thomas White, now Secretary of the Army at the Pentagon. White served as Enron Operations Corporation's chair and chief executive officer and owned up to \$100 million in company

stock which he sold in 2001 as required by federal ethics rules. Democrats are currently seeking information on whether White had any contact with Enron executives after becoming Army Secretary.

White wrote a memorandum, which has recently been made public, to hide the loss of value of Enron stock.

"It would seem that this is a news story," Gore said. "This involves economic news that was hoarded and kept from the public, but then as it became public it became imbedded in a

complicated story. If it is complicated and you are an economic news reporter it is going to take time to report this story."

Gore used the idea that, because the news media are seen more as businesses than reporters, they are not given the time to cover complicated stories, making the public less informed.

The lecture on the economy was on the same vein of his past criticism of the President George W. Bush's economic

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Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Gail Ruhl and Shannon Williams chat with Former Vice President Al Gore after his talk Thursday.

# Hay Daze comes to an end with presentation of winners

By Wendy Caldwell  
Staff Writer

Alpha Gamma Rho's first Hay Daze charity, fund-raiser ended after Thursday's mechanical bull riding competition.

Both Greeks and non-Greeks packed into Faces Restaurant and Lounge Thursday evening for the competition, which gave each participant one chance at a 12-second ride on a mechanical bull.

"I'm really pumped about tonight," Alpha Delta Pi member Sarah Elder said prior to the competition.

The night also featured an open division competition, as well as a buck-off between the coaches of each sorority.

Wednesday night's featured event was the Sweetheart Pageant. Each sorority entered one contestant to showcase her talent, wardrobe and knowledge of AGR trivia.

Chi Omega took the title of AGR Sweetheart.

Delta Zeta was awarded first runner-up, and Phi Chi won second runner-up.

Tuesday's Sports Night winners were announced at the week's end.

Sigma Alpha claimed victory, with Chi Omega in second and Alpha Chi Omega in third.

Winners for the entire week were announced Friday evening.

Chi Omega won the first-place trophy.

Zeta Tau Alpha placed second, and Sigma Alpha received third place.

Proceeds from Hay Daze will be donated to Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, a non-profit organization whose focus is preventing farm-related death and injury to children.

The various competitions throughout the week also gave sororities the opportunity to socialize and participate in events with each other.

"We really appreciate all their help," said Steven Helton, who organized and hosted Monday's Cowgirl Olympics.

"It has gone so well," added Michael Shirley, public relations chair for Alpha Gamma Rho. ♦

# Thornton shares life story



Rae Lewis Thornton speaks to students about living with AIDS in the State Farm Lecture Hall as part of last week's AIDS quilt presentation and events.

# Women: Leaders aim for diverse crowd

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conference will have a presentation by a presidential panel. The panel is made up of university presidents, Rosovsky said.

"It is actually a really diverse group. They are all women presidents, and Tennessee is blessed to have a number of women presidents," Rosovsky said.

"We have public, private, religious, independent, large and small colleges and universities being represented."

Rosovsky noted that one of

the goals of the conference was to be as inclusive as possible, and that her group strives to meet the needs of any student of any background who wants to attend the conference.

"We are really trying to meet the needs of as many students who come from both traditional and nontraditional, ethnic and racial backgrounds. So we aim for diversity and we aim for breadth," Rosovsky said.

The cost for professionals interested in attending the WHET conference is \$100, plus

\$25 for the required membership in WHET.

Students interested in attending the WLC can go to the June Anderson Women's Center in JUB, Room 206, to register.

The cost is \$25; however, there is no guarantee on pre-register if students do not pre-register by Wednesday.

For more information, visit the CLUE Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~jawc/](http://www.mtsu.edu/~jawc/) or call 898-2193. ♦

# Gore: Media now tool of large corporations

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plans. In an editorial that was published in the *New York Times* Aug. 4, Gore criticized the economic policies of Bush and of major corporations.

"Their economic purpose was and is ideological: to provide \$1.6 trillion in tax giveaways for the few while pretending they were for the many, and manipulating the numbers to make it appear that the budget surplus would be preserved," Gore said in the editorial.

Pulling from his last lecture, Gore pointed to the dismantling of media ownership regulations to the fear of economic cover-

age. "If a news organization is now a small subsidiary of a larger company and that news subsidiary comes across some information that has economic value to the parent company, is it unethical for the new organization to hoard it rather than reporting it?" Gore asked the room.

He pointed that, though it would be unethical to not divulge the economic information, it is legal.

"For the first time in American history, most news organizations are now part of large companies that are not primarily focused on the busi-

ness of collecting and distributing news," Gore said. "As information becomes valuable in and of itself, in the economy and it is valuable as the substance of what the news media is reporting about the economy, those two things can cross over and become confused."

The Federal Communications Commission is currently investigating the possibility of eliminating restrictions on owners of several media outlets.

These lectures are part of the Seigenthaler Lectures Series on Media and Democracy.

The next lecture will take place in the evening on Oct. 22. ♦

# Classroom: Process set to begin fall 2004

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not utilized at THEC guidelines, resulting in our best classrooms and technology being underutilized."

Another recommendation includes establishing a team that would annually walk through classrooms. This would allow better coordination between the five departments that currently keep data on utilization of space.

Currently, these departments do not communicate or share resources.

The study also recommends the consolidation of computer lab space.

There are 99 instructional

spaces across campus with which the equipment was purchased with technology access funds. These resources are not shared across departments, and as a result, students from various majors are denied access.

Other problems are lack of trained staff and infrequent upgrades of software and hardware.

The report recommends consolidation of space, resources and if possible a lab open 24 hours a day. It also recommends that there be training for lab workers so that students' questions can be answered.

The report suggested a three-tiered system for lab organization including university com-

puter labs, college and departmental computer labs and computer labs that are very discipline specific and are restricted in access to departmental majors.

The current committee will serve until June 2003. After that time the university president will appoint representatives from various departments. There will be a space for "an additional representative from the student body" on that committee.

For more information about the CLUE committee, visit <http://www.mtsu.edu/~clue/> or by e-mail at [clue@mtsu.edu](mailto:clue@mtsu.edu). ♦

# Wheelmobile makes stop



Photo By Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Applications were accepted and auditions were held in Murphy Center yesterday for *Wheel of Fortune*. The show will tape episodes in the Grand Ole Opry in January.

Loves her kitten Ruby.

Sings like an angel.

Hopes to be a teacher someday.

Sheila Young.

Goes hungry again tonight.

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Oct 10-11 at Middle Tennessee State University

Summary of Events:

**October 10 -**  
6:30 Reception and Keynote Speaker Dr. Shirley Pippins, President, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA

**October 11 -**  
7:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast  
8:30 Featured Speaker Dr. Marsha Guenzler-Stevens, "Stand Up & Speak Out!" Director of Activities, Stamp Union-Campus Programs, University of Maryland, College Park

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# OPINIONS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board CLUE class proposal clueless in suggestion

On the eve of record high enrollment, MTSU has conjured up a plan that will impose classroom enrollment guidelines. The new Classroom and Laboratory Utilization and Effectiveness Committee has recommended that the president install classroom utilization guidelines.

The guidelines suggest that each classroom must meet at least 67 percent utilization standards. If a classroom does not meet those standards, the class must to move to another, possibly less effective, classroom.

These standards would also apply to master classrooms that have technology needed for in-depth study and learning.

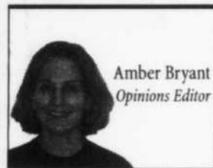
Through the CLUE proposal, many classrooms in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building will be forced to reorganize because journalism classes usually have lower enrollment. For example, Room 151 will have to have at least 27 students in the room to meet the utilization standards. Most of the classes in that room have only 15 to 20 students enrolled.

Classroom utilization should not be solely based on the amount of bodies that will fill up a room. A combination of technological needs, class content and available space should mandate what classrooms are used for certain classes.

If the new process is implemented, some students and teachers will be forced to compromise their learning environment simply because the class is not overcrowded. Instead of rearranging classrooms we should think about creating new classrooms to house those classes that may not need technology or a large room.

Don't punish students because we choose to come to this university. Reward us with more classrooms because we came here to learn. ◆

## From the Opinions Editor Keep that scalpel away from Kermit's carcass



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

Across the country, students are just saying no to animal dissection, proving there is hope for youth yet.

The Humane Society of the United States claims eight states have policies allowing students to choose not to participate in the disgusting tradition required by many science classes. They guess that 6 million animals, including cats, are cut open for instructional purposes each year.

When I was a wee lass, my friend and I took great pleasure in demolishing animals on dissection days. Now that I'm older, more educated and slightly less maniacal, I realize how unnecessary it was. Barring guilt, I gained nothing from those experiences. I imagine the same is true for everyone who doesn't

become a veterinarian.

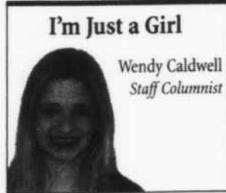
Using simple technology or good old-fashioned plastic models would eliminate the need for students to mutilate the carcasses of Earth's little ones. We use models for human beings, so the same rules should apply for all levels of life.

Lesley King, the Humane Society's director for education and animal welfare, told CNN that "school districts can save money by purchasing reusable dissection software rather than buying dead animals that can only be dissected once."

In an age of vastly expanding technology, schools shouldn't still be forking over scalpels and dead baby pigs to young students.

I admire kids who are willing to stand up for animal rights. College students majoring in veterinary medicine are the only ones who gain anything from cutting animals open. The rest of the world would do just fine with a less realistic tutorial. ◆

## Pushing religion too forward



I'm Just a Girl

Wendy Caldwell  
Staff Columnist

While strolling to the Keathley University Center to get my mail (which, by the way, informed me that I owe the university \$6.02), I was greeted and thrust a small green Bible.

I was instantly disturbed.

For starters, I'm used to seeing these Bibles in the traditional red shade. I wasn't prepared for the green.

I was left holding a small green book because I feel bad refusing a Bible. So I take it and put it with the Gideon Bibles I accumulated in high school, which are now collecting a lovely layer of dust somewhere in my bedroom.

The strangest thing is, it's not even the whole Bible. The Gideon Bibles consist of the New Testament, followed by Psalms and Proverbs (which actually come before the New Testament).

This makes no sense. You wouldn't give someone half of a phone book with A and L tacked on to the end of the yellow

pages, would you?

Besides, who needs a Bible? It's a safe assumption that Christians already have one. No one else wants one.

Imagine you're walking through the mall and someone forces a physics book, or better yet, half a physics book, into your hands.

What would you do with it?

It's a perfectly good book, so you don't feel right throwing it away. You just sort of thank them and make a mental note to avoid eye contact next time.

There may be one or two people (and that's

being optimistic) who have a genuine interest in physics and haven't yet purchased any books of their own. They may even be so intrigued as to buy the entire book.

But probably not. If someone wants a Bible, he or she will buy one or read one in a hotel room.

They could just steal it.

The Bible is the most frequently stolen book. I guess nobody gets to the "Thou shalt not steal" part.

Who steals Bibles?

Do they strip them for parts?

"Hey, Sam, here's that New Testament we've been looking for!"

"Great! Let's send it to the Gideons!"

Trying to force anything, especially religion, whether intentional or not, is doomed from the beginning.

If they want to be helpful, the Gideons could just put a bucket of Bibles out with a sign that says, "Free! Take One."

That way, no one's left feeling sinful for refusing a Bible.

Of course, this would only open the door for thieves. ◆

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## Hip-hop talk in news – flava doesn't ring true



American Bacon

Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

Holla, my homies and honeys. This is mix-master Patty Chin-chin bringing you the 4-1-1 from the *Sidelines* work crib.

That's going to be my intro when I audition for CNN Headline News.

In case you haven't heard by now, an internal memo was circulated by a mid-level executive to graphics designers, instructing them to select words more likely to attract viewers in the 18-49-year-old demographic.

The *New York Daily News* first reported on the offending memo, quoting from it:

"In an effort to be sure we are as cutting-edge as possible with our on-screen persona, please refer to this slang dictionary when looking for just the right phrase."

So far, it's not too bad. Networks are always looking for ways to be innovative and the leader in their field. Look at what's next.

"Please use this guide to help all you homeys and honeys add a new flava to your tickers and dekors," the memo says.

I can remember the days when Headline News was the place to catch up

on the day's events a half-hour before going to bed. Now I watch it, and they've got magicians, cellists and clowns between 30-second sound bites.

News is not meant to be hip, jive or jiggy. It's meant to either be serious, just as Headline News once was and MSNBC is, or comprehensible satire, like *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. There is no workable middle ground for people who want to stay informed.

The strategy's purpose itself is flawed. Most of the 18-to-49-year-olds who follow current events are not likely to appreciate words like "bling-bling," "flava" and "freak" – all words suggested in the memo's provided glossary.

News junkies want just the facts. They (and I include myself in this category) care more about the five Ws than about the dope-freshest hip-hop lingo.

There's no way my 47-year-old father could define "jimmy hat" (another of the memo's suggestions). Heck, most of the people in this office couldn't define "jimmy hat." Yet, it's words like those that are supposed to attract their demographic.

That particular audience is so important to many networks, because it is the target of the majority of advertising dollars. If the network can't deliver, then it loses money.

Throwing incomprehensible words to an unmused audience is the most sure-fire way to have a channel flipped by. People like safe words.

That means networks should use words that can be found in Merriam-Webster's 10th Collegiate Dictionary and are less than four syllables long. At much as I would love to see it, there's no way that networks are going to raise the bar and start speaking and writing on something higher than a sixth-grade level.

There's no reason, though, to bring things down to the point where third graders who possess basic vocabularies think they're reading gobbledegook.

Headline News general manager Rolando Santos said in an Associated Press interview, "I want the language used in our tickers and dekors to be real, current and relevant to the people that watch us."

I have no idea what audience Santos is basing his statement on. Any marketing major can tell you that the Gen-X crowd knows when someone's faking the funk. It's the understood credo: Don't be that guy.

That's just ill. ◆

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

*Sidelines'*  
occasional  
watch for  
mutton-heads.



We all hate people who talk on cell phones while driving. However, it takes a special someone to run a person off the road because of it.

On Sept. 27, 77-year-old David W. Knight of Stratford, Conn., did just that.

According to the 19-year-old victim, both cars were stopped at a traffic light. She was about to make a call when the light changed; she drove forward with the phone in hand.

The old codger, driving a Ford Explorer on the woman's left, swerved toward her, forcing her off the road.

The woman followed the batty old man to his house, where he told her, "I'm against the use of cell phones while driving, and that's why I did it."

When the innocent girl pointed out that she could have been hurt, he allegedly told her, "That's what I intended."

The man admitted to police that he was prejudiced against cell phone use while driving, but denied telling the woman that he swerved on purpose.

This is an example of two things.

First, cell phones don't cause accidents.

People doing dumb things – like swerving toward other cars – cause accidents.

Here's an apocalyptic vision of the future: crotchety old men, driving SUVs, trying to kill people talking on cell phones.

That brings us to our next point.

Why is a 77-year-old man, who's demonstrated that he's no longer fit to make rational judgments, still allowed on the road? While people have a right to drive, when you use your vehicle as a 2-ton weapon, you're saying, "I'm completely nuts and should be put in a home."

We wouldn't trust Knight in a wheelchair, let alone a motorized vehicle.

Give the coot a walker. The worst he could do with that is bear down on a toddler using a Speak 'n' Spell.

We know not all the elderly are as crazy as Knight, but he and the ones who are need to get off the road. ◆

## Letters to the Editor

### Nixing general studies smarter President doesn't deserve criticism

To the Editor:

When I read the headline about the proposal to reduce the amount of credit hours required to graduate, I thought, "It's about time they reduced the hours" ("School to reduce number of required hours," Sept. 23). As I read further, I was disappointed. Why would you want to take fewer classes in your career field?

The TBR should leave the major courses untouched and reduce the required amount of general studies classes. We can easily knock off a semester's worth of hours that way. The TBR would argue that Tennessee college graduates need to have a good grasp of English, history and science. I agree. As college students we should know these things because we should have learned them in high school.

When I entered college, I believed I'd learn about the career I wished to pursue. Instead, I had to rehash everything I learned in high school for a couple of years. Finally I got to the classes that brought new and interesting topics that had actual worth for me.

Rob Cooper

To the Editor:

It's important for Callie Butler to realize that there are a few of us who have lived through several wars ("Bush has ulterior motive for war," Oct 2). Anyone with an ounce of sense doesn't wait for another inevitable, devastating strike against us.

There is far more suspicion of Saddam. The problem with Butler and some U.S. senators and representatives lies in the thinking that everything our intelligence agencies have gathered should be shared with the rank and file – thus telling the enemy exactly what we know.

When my children were at MTSU, they came home and told me the misinformation professors were preaching regarding the Russians not supplying the North Vietnamese.

Things never change and never will until we get people in the teaching profession who can leave their own beliefs at home.

May I suggest Butler become more informed before writing unsubstantiated attacks on our president.

J.M. Harding

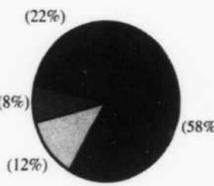
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Next weekend, when we play Vanderbilt. (12%)

The last game, against Utah State. (8%)



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Monday, October 7, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Strutting their stuff

Pooches compete for the crown in campus dog show



Photos by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

(Clockwise from top left) Rosemarie Williamson, of LaGrange, Ky., grins at her pride and joy, George, at Saturday's All Breed Dogs Show in the Tennessee Livestock Center on campus.

George was part of the toy group.

Mileah Kay and her rottweiler, Blu, traveled from Ocala, Fla.,

to Saturday's competition. Blu was part of the working group.

Cullman, Ala., native Pat Roach tries to get the attention of

Gypsy, left, and Willie, right - Chinese shar-peis.

A group of competitors forms behind Aaron Sorenson, from

Murfreesboro, and his Saint Bernard, Smooth Operator.

Randy McAteer traveled from Culleoka, Tenn., with his

Cavalier King Charles spaniel, Chino, who was placed in the

toy group.

Saturday's competition featured more than 1,000 dogs.

# Power of love shines through in 'Fiddler'

Production features students, faculty; director has directed more than 80 plays

By **Stephanie Hughes**  
Staff Writer

The saying, "Love covers over a multitude of wrongs," still rings true.

It can cut through the deepest hurts and can tear down the strongest walls.

"Love crosses over all barriers," says Dale McGilliard, director of the MTSU production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

And that's of the fiddle of what the play feeds its audience. *Fiddler on the Roof*, performed by faculty and students this past week, is a play about overcoming the obstacles and changes in one's life that are seemingly unbearable to confront.

"The whole show, to me, is about acceptance of others," says McGilliard, who has directed more than 80 plays. "Love transcends culture."

It's not only about love; it's about loss as well. It's about the loss of tradition and

a newfound appreciation for change. This transition, however, is not easy for the poor Jewish community of Anatevka, a small Russian village where they live.

The play is set in the early 1900s and mostly centers around a poor milkman, Tevye, his wife, Golde, and their three oldest daughters, Tzeitel, Hodel and Chava. Yente, the town matchmaker, is searching for suitable, preferably rich, suitors for the three girls.

The play begins with the music of the fiddler resounding from the roof of Tevye's house. Immediately following that short, but powerful, scene that will be reintroduced at the end of the play is the song "Tradition," performed by Tevye and the cast. The song gives the audience a glimpse of the beliefs and traditions that the Jewish community is trying so hard to hold on to, but realize later that they cannot.

Tevye, played by Crosby Hunt, sings brief verses from this song throughout the play reiterating that, "without tradition our lives would be as dim as a fiddler on a roof." He's not giving up his traditions

without a fight. Even though he eventually loses the fight, he gains invaluable lessons.

By the time the second daughter, Hodel (Megan Bowers) chooses a husband Perichik (Shawn A. Lewis), a poor student who comes to the village as an outsider and is the principal character who tells the community that "great changes are about to happen," Tevye begins to understand that "it's a new world, a new world ... love." He's starting to grasp what true love really is.

Even though his daughters are choosing poor suitors, they are happy. When Perichik tells Hodel that love is "something I can die for," he's proving that money isn't the only source of happiness.

One of the most memorable scenes in the play is the song "Do You Love Me?" between Tevye and Golde, a favorite for some of the cast members.

"Love crosses over all barriers."

— Dale McGilliard,  
director

After 25 years of marriage, Tevye sings the question to Golde. "Do you love me?" She replies by saying that washing his clothes, cleaning, cooking, and having his children are

signs of love. But he knows if she loves him for who he is. "It's a really honest scene between Tevye and Golde," says Deborah Anderson, a theatre professor at MTSU who played the part of Golde.

The scene was of special significance to Hunt and Deborah Anderson because they really are married.

"He did the show 22 years ago where we met in graduate school, so it's been nice to do the play again," Anderson says reminiscently.

Another memorable scene is "The Sabbath Prayer," where Tevye and his family gather hand-in-hand around a candlelit table and sing a prayer to God as they are lifting their hands toward heaven, which signifies the importance of the Sabbath and God in their lives.

This scene is choreographed beautifully, as are the others, with the hand



File Photo

*Fiddler on the Roof*, produced by MTSU students and faculty, chronicles lessons in love.

motions and expressions, dancing, and music all mixed together to give the audience a memorable experience.

The colors, scenery of the sets, and lighting also have a dramatic effect on the moods of the individual scenes. The cast did an unbelievable job of conforming to each scene's mood.

The final scene, where the cast is singing good-bye to Anatevka after they have been evicted from their homes, is also moving.

When Tevye leaves to leave his home to go to America, you have the assurance that everything is going to be OK because the fiddler is playing his tune on the roof as Tevye waves to him and walks away. Watching the play, one can't help but realize that the hardships and changes the village dealt with are much like our own society today.

We accept others, but not without an inner fight. We love, but not without condition. And we deal with change, but not without complaining at times. *Fiddler on the Roof* may have a lesson or two for us to learn as well. ♦

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# SPORTS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Blue Raiders lose first Sun Belt game

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team started poorly this season. From Alabama to Tennessee to Kentucky to SEMO, things went from promising to bad, from bad to really bad and from really bad to just plain embarrassing. On Saturday, things didn't change. It was just the same old story.

After handing the Indians a 54-6 humiliation on the Floyd Stadium turf last season, the Blue Raiders could muster only seven points in a 13-7 loss to Arkansas State in Jonesboro, Ark.

After getting torched for 44 and

24 points in their previous two games, the Blue Raider defense finally had the strong performance that fans and coaches have been waiting for. Unfortunately, the offense couldn't make it stand up, with the difference in the game being a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown by Jonathan Burke.

On ASU's second play from scrimmage, running back Danny Smith burst through the defense for a 64-yard gain to the Blue Raider 6-yard line, but the defense was able to hold the Indians to a field goal.

On MTSU's second play of the ensuing drive, Maurice Joyner

recovered Tyrone Calico's fumble at the ASU 31 returning it 14 yards to the 45. Eight plays and 45 yards later ASU was on the board again after Eric Neihouse's second field goal of the day, this one from 27 yards out.

After trading punts and a 27 yard drive, the Blue Raiders had a chance to cut the lead in half, but Brian Kelly's 42 yard field goal attempt was wide left. With Kelly's second straight field-goal miss, the Indians maintained their 6-0 lead going into halftime.

After playing abysmally in the first half, the MT offense came out

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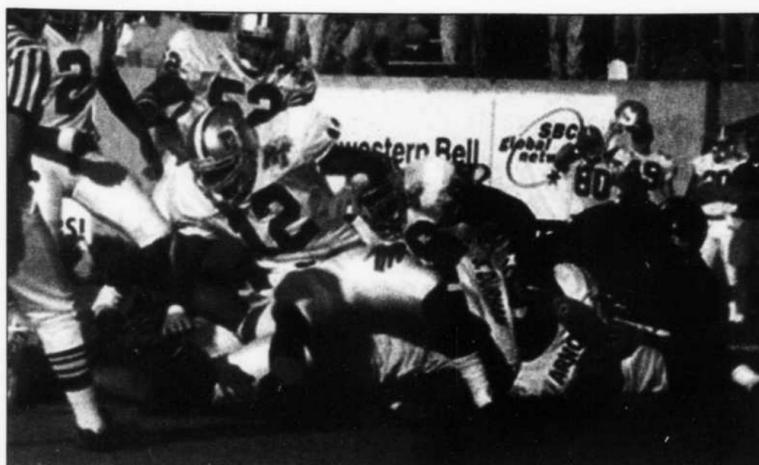


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Middle Tennessee tries to recover an Arkansas State fumble at Saturday's loss.



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Lindsey Bopp (above) fights through two of Arkansas State University's defensive players yesterday to get the ball. J'Keta Wilford (right) tries to contain ASU's midfielder. ASU's goalkeeper Adrienne Mann (bottom right) had six saves to let a shot by Laura Miguez through to make the score 1-0.

## Soccer team has successful weekend in Sun Belt play

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee soccer team had two Sun Belt Conference wins this weekend to further their 3-1 SBC record.

MT's soccer team beat the University of Arkansas-Little Rock 3-1 late Friday afternoon.

The Trojans (4-7, 0-3 SBC) took the lead early in the match when Jessica Burke hit the upper corner of the net off an assist from Heather Tarar. UALR had the lead.

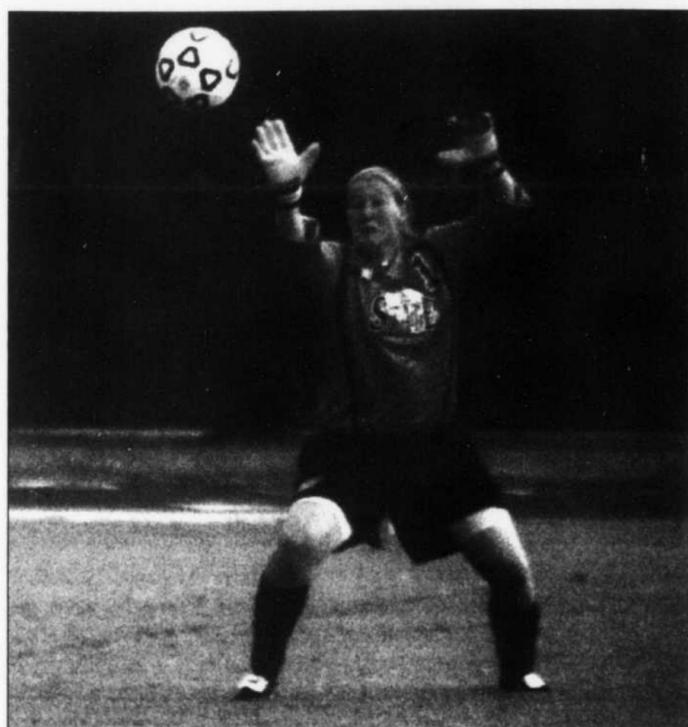
However, in the 32nd minute, Blue Raider Danielle LaDuke passed the ball to Laura Miguez. Miguez and UALR goalkeeper Marsha Stewart went head to head. Miguez went far post and beat Stewart to tie the game at 1-1.

The second half was dominated by the Blue Raiders with UALR being forced to chase after the ball. MT took 20 shots in the second half compared to the four shots taken by UALR. None of the four shots taken by UALR were on goal.

In the 66th minute LaDuke had a chance to take Stewart on when she received a pass from Jessica Northcutt. This time LaDuke beat her near post to make the score 2-1. In the 89th minute Lindsey Bopp took a shot from 25 yards that skidded past the keeper.

"At first, the intensity was not there for a conference game," said Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden. "Once we put points on the board we calmed down some and played much better. The most positive aspect to the whole match for us was that no one else got hurt."

Sunday, the Blue Raiders maintained their forward momentum with a 1-0 victory over Arkansas State University. In the 68th minute, Laura Miguez redirected a deflected ball about 25 yards out to get the game's lone goal. ◆



## Football team grad rate lower than half

By Brandon Morrison  
Assistant Sports Editor

According to a recent study, Middle Tennessee is only graduating 43 percent of its football team.

The study, conducted by the NCAA, examined the number of graduates from the freshman class of 1995-96 who played on the football team.

The football program is way behind programs such as Vanderbilt and Tennessee State, with graduation rates of 100 percent and 55 percent, respectively.

Vanderbilt Chancellor Gordon Gee wasn't surprised by the results of the study.

"Because I have been very vocal on this subject, it was very important to me for us to do well because we need to have our own house in order and this shows that we clearly do," Gee said.

Tennessee State President James Hefner said he felt that results of the study reflect his goals for the athletic program.

"There are too many institutions that want to win at any cost," Hefner said. "That's not my style. I emphasize academics; I always have. It's not a contradiction between sound academics and strong athletics."

"I'm exhilarated to know that what we've done the past few years have paid off."

"We're very serious about our guys coming in and getting a degree, being able to get out and get jobs and be productive in the community, being solid guys all around," TSU head coach James Reese said.

However, MT is way ahead of the University of Tennessee's graduation rate, which stands at a low 8 percent.

UT's program has faced three consecutive reports that state that the graduation rates have dropped. Two years ago, the study showed a graduation rate of 65 percent, while last year's rate was down to 35 percent.

"The NCAA statistics can often be very misleading, which is the case here," Vols Coach Phillip Fulmer said. "Of the 12 young men they are actually counting, six are playing pro football of some type, one graduated, one finished his eligibility and did not graduate but has plans to return to school, and four either left the program voluntarily or were dismissed."

"I believe to get a true picture, you need to track all of the people who come in that class. For example, Larry in Binion has his master's from Tennessee and Leonard Little is playing in the NFL now, and he graduated."

According to MT Athletic Director Boots Donnelly, the study has its flaws. It counts any athlete who enters into the school as a freshman, regardless of whether or not he or she transfers to another school.

"We don't have any control over a kid transferring," Donnelly said. "If a kid is not

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# SEMO makes short work of Tennessee State

Associated Press

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — Jack Tomco threw for 300 yards and four touchdowns, pacing Southeast Missouri State to a 49-25 victory Saturday over Tennessee State in the Ohio Valley Conference play.

Willie Ponder caught eight passes for 121 yards, with two TD grabs covering 44 and 15 yards, for the Indians (4-2, 1-0 OVC).

Tariq Simpson added eight catches for 103 yards for SEMO, including a 39-yard TD grab.

Dwayne Buchanan had 290 yards on 20-of-34 passing and threw for two touchdowns for the Tigers (1-5, 0-1), who trailed 28-0 at halftime.

Tennessee State's Charles Anthony ran for two touchdowns, 1 and 18 yards,



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and caught a 44-yard scoring pass from Buchanan. Carlos Wright caught six passes for 116 yards, including an 82-yard TD grab.

SEMO struck early, scoring on Chris Nessmith's 44-yard punt return with 9:12 left in the first quarter.

The Indians reeled off 21 unanswered points in the second quarter with Keiki Misipeka's 1-yard TD run followed by Tomco's scoring tosses to Simpson and Ponder.

SEMO outrushed the Tigers 183-92. ♦

# Grad Rates: Schools' numbers hurt by transfers

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playing as much as he thinks he should play, then he can transfer and go to another university and play. I think the kid has a right to do that. Why are we penalized because the kid did not graduate from Middle Tennessee?

"And why are we penalized if a kid is drafted and leaves school early? That graduation rates after the sophomore year. Most of the time if a kid stays in school through his sophomore year, then you can pretty well get him to graduate unless it's pro ball." ♦

# Football: Calico catch ruled out, destroys chance

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firing in the second half and took the lead on Hines' 6-yard touchdown run. Reshard Lee, who finished with 104 yards on 16 carries, keyed the drive with 45 yards on just three carries.

That would be it for the Raider offense. After forcing an Arkansas State punt, Andrico Hines pass was intercepted by Jonathan Burke and returned 33 yards for a touchdown for the final score.

Middle Tennessee had one more chance, but Hines' pass to

Calico was ruled out of bounds at the Indian 1-yard line. Arkansas State gained the only first down they needed and ran out the clock.

The win pushes Arkansas State over the .500 mark to 4-3 while they also remain undefeated in conference play at 2-0. For the Blue Raiders, it was their fifth consecutive loss. They drop to 0-5 overall, 0-1 in Sun Belt Conference play.

The Blue Raiders' next game is against Vanderbilt next Saturday at Dudley Field. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. ♦

# X-Country team have high finishers

Staff Reports

In one of their best personal finishes of the season, MT's Geoffrey Lagat and Levi Sybert both finished in the top 20 at the Cardinal XC Classic in Louisville, Ky.

The men finished ninth, led by Lagat who ran 25 minutes and 46 seconds in the 8,000 meter to finish in 14th place. Sybert finished 17th in the race with a time of 25:52.

Anthony McGary was 40th for the Blue Raiders in at 26:35, Edwin Koeh finished in 71st place with a time of 27:41 and Josh Carroll had a time 27:41 to make it to the 74th quarter. Sean Rabe finished last for the Blue Raiders with a time of 31:28.

"Geoffrey is getting better each race, and Levi set a personal record and that was fantastic," said head coach Dean Hayes. Anthony ran well, and so did Edwin, and Josh ran a very good race and continues to get better."

The Lady Raiders were hindered by Trisha DeValcourt's injury that did not allow her to run. However, Erin Russell paced the team with a finish of 22:19.30 to finish in the 94th spot. Chelsea Taylor came in right after her with a time of 22:20.90. Following Taylor was Fran Haas with her time of 23:41, Kishara George came in at 25:39.30, Laura Smith had a time of 25:58.20, Kerry Barrow had a finish of 28:50.50. The team finished 16th overall.

"Both squads ran very well, and the women got a boost from Erin being back and also the addition of Fran," Hayes said.

The Cross Country teams compete again Oct. 19. ♦

## Cardinal XC Classic Results

Name	Time
Geoffrey Lagat	25:46
Levi Sybert	25:52
Anthony McGary	26:35
Edwin Koeh	27:32
Josh Carroll	27:41
Sean Rabe	31:28
Erin Russell	22:19
Chelsea Taylor	22:20
Fran Haas	23:41
Kishara George	25:39
Laura Smith	25:58
Kerry Barrow	27:49



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Anthony McGary finished in third place this weekend.

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<b>Volleyball</b>		University of Alabama Birmingham at MT in Murfreesboro, 7 p.m.					
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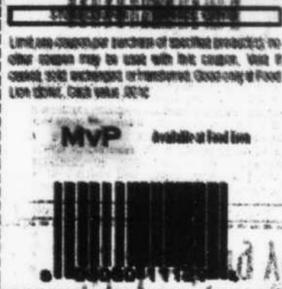
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