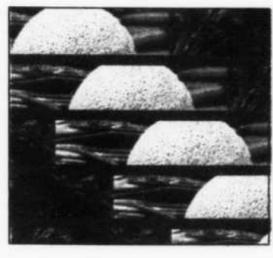


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Scholars program provides opportunity

Mentors offer students support in undergraduate research projects

By Amanda Maynard
 News Editor

A new scholarship program was the last thing on anyone's mind when the space shuttle Challenger exploded in midair in 1986.

Out of the ashes of the shuttle, however, arose just such a thing — the McNair Scholars program.

In dedication to Ronald E. McNair, who lost his life in the

Challenger explosion, the program was created and installed in universities across the country. McNair was a physicist and was selected in 1978 by NASA to enter the astronaut program, making him one of the first three African Americans selected to the program.

The post-baccalaureate program is designed to increase the number of financially disadvantaged, first-generation or under-represented college students who pursue and complete a doctoral degree.

The program offers students the chance to prepare for graduate school and earn the necessary skills to pass their graduate records exam to enroll in a graduate program at another

college. Students choose mentors that guide them through the research and presentation process that allows them to get the experience needed for graduate school.

"The program helps to prepare students that might otherwise lose faith and drop out," said McNair Scholars program coordinator Linda Brown. "It helps the student to keep a focus and it gives MTSU recognition throughout the nation."

Students who enter the program must be enrolled in a degree program at MTSU, participate in summer research internships and have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better.

Students participating in the program are given a monthly

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— Linda Brown
 McNair Scholars program coordinator

stipend to conduct research with professors and their mentors. They must also present their research findings in conferences around the country.

"The program gives you multiple opportunities to publish your work and present your work," said senior McNair scholar Sharon Caton.

Through the program Caton has been able to meet more than 35 graduate school representa-

tives, tour graduate schools in Washington, D.C., present her research at conferences in Knoxville, Tenn., and have her research published in professional journals. She has performed research studies related to her organizational communication major and has chosen Howard University to fulfill her graduate studies.

"It gives a real-time glimpse into graduate school circum-

stances and helps to establish a working relationship with mentors in your field," Caton said.

"Our goal and purpose is to do whatever it takes to get students into graduate school," said English professor and McNair mentor Jennifer Kates.

"Mentors do everything possible to help the student and make them shine above the rest," Brown added.

Although the program is federally funded, the amount of money needed to appropriate the program is based on a competitive scale. Every four years the program comes up for review by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission and

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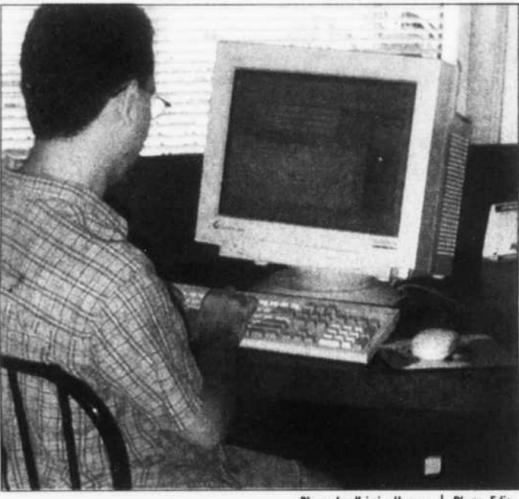


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Senior elementary education major Chris Grissom works on one of the two computers in Cyber Café.

By Lindsay Palmer
 Staff Writer

Despite having eight computer stations, the Cyber Café currently hosts just two working computers.

Students have been commenting on the cafeteria's lack of a technological efficiency. Both machines have mismatched hardware.

"How can it be called a Cyber Café without [computers]?" asked sophomore Krystal Tapia. "It sort of takes away from the whole point."

Director of Food Services Paul Stuart has a more optimistic outlook. He said Food Services is planning to upgrade the Woodmore Cyber Café to better meet student needs.

"People don't know how far we've come," Stuart said.

According to Stuart, the Cyber Café was originally a dining hall for athletes only. In the fall semester of 1999, it was reopened as the Cyber Café.

"The name for it came because we were trying to find something to draw folks down there," Stuart said.

Stuart noted that the whole idea was for students to have a late-night hangout where they can study while they eat. Dining Services wants the café to be a "multi-use facility."

According to Stuart, the problem with the computers is that they were purchased before Windows '95 was created. Therefore, it is difficult to run current programs in them.

Because of this, dining services is teaming up with auxiliary services to replace the computers altogether.

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Café no longer so cyber-savvy

Woodmore's technological inventory has been reduced to all but two computers that have incompatible hardware

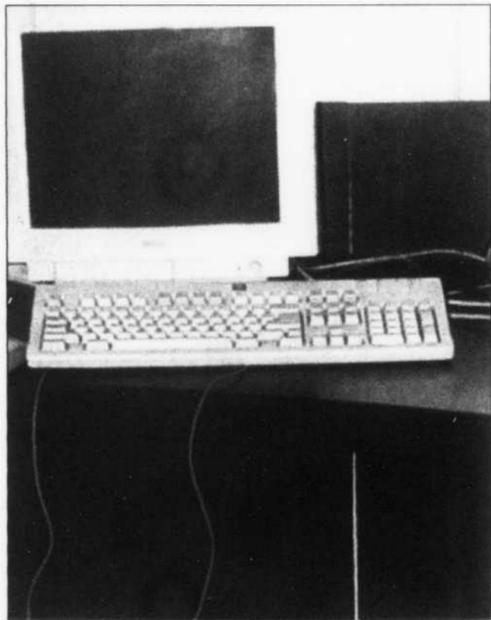


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The Cyber Cafe's eight computer stations house only two machines now, which will be replaced soon.

Pep rallies moved for convenience

By Patrick Chinnery
 Assistant News Editor

Students will have little reason to complain about pep rallies beginning next week.

Until the end of November, all pep rallies will be held on Friday nights in the Murphy Center, as opposed to the Thursday night rallies held the first two weeks of the football season.

The Thursday night rallies caused confusion and frustration amongst students, but Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Bob Glenn doesn't expect much negative feedback in the future.

"The majority of complaints that I've seen have been from students that have night classes and are used to going into the [Keathley University Center] Grill between classes," Glenn said. "I don't think that there will be the same issues when we have pep rallies on Friday nights, because we won't be conflicting with classes."

The pep rally for the Alabama game was held Aug. 29. The first rally of the year, it was held in the Murphy Center and attracted a crowd of 2,000 students.

The crowd size doubled the next week, with the Murphy Center hosting more than 4,000 students, according to Glenn's unofficial estimates.

Some students nonetheless were caught unaware of the cafeteria closings, and felt that their meal plan entitled them to eat wherever they chose. Glenn,

however, maintained that closing campus eateries for pep rallies is nothing unorthodox.

"Closing the cafeterias was something that we've always done," he said. "Ordinarily, we do pep rallies ... on the Knoll, so closing the cafeterias isn't really an issue because it's less than 100 yards from one spot to another. We did try to make arrangements so that the [Woodmore] Cyber Café would be open a certain amount of time, that the [Keathley University Center] Grill would be open a certain amount of time so that students that didn't want to come to the pep rally would have some other alternative."

There was a strategy in mind when the decision was made to move the pep rallies to Thursdays. The rallies were moved to the Murphy Center because amplified music is not allowed on the Knoll outside the KUC while classes are going on. With more students on campus on Thursdays than on Friday nights, the administration wanted to increase school spirit by getting more students involved in activities that they wouldn't ordinarily participate in.

"Students who would just be going to eat and wouldn't be encased in something else, we would take them out of the normal cycle by exposing them to pep rally and other activities at a time when they'd be doing something they'd ordinarily be doing," Glenn said.

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Tennessee department leaders discuss funding issues

K-12 teachers also promote increased higher education funding

By Kristy Adams
 Staff Writer

More privately raised funds and tuition increases may be in store for public education in Tennessee, thanks to an increasing need for funding.

According to William Ransom Jones, the chair of the

Tennessee Higher Education Commission and a resident of Murfreesboro, educational institutions have had to depend more on students themselves, as well as privately donated money, to compensate for a lack of sufficient state funding.

"They've seen the need to raise private money," Jones said about universities. "I think private dollars are going to be important."

The MTSU Foundation is a large contributor of private funds. Though not officially an entity of the university, the Foundation raises money

through non-governmental organizations. The money goes toward any campus area needing it, from the individual colleges to scholarships to building funds.

Last year, the Foundation raised more than \$14 million.

Tom Brannan, the Foundation's director of Operations and Administrations, said the amount raised is different every year.

"We obviously try to raise as much as possible," Brannan said.

As for students, the 21,000-

"We refer to our current tax system as being broken. We just want tax reform."

— Judy Beasley
 President of Tennessee Education Association

plus make a major contribution to the funds necessary for MTSU to function. Tuition increases almost every year to provide for these funds.

This year's tuition increased by 7.5 percent, making the year's in-state undergraduate tuition around \$3,300 and out-

of-state undergraduate tuition more than \$9,000.

In 2001, MTSU's budget was \$175,457,100.

Some believe the state's attitude toward funding education is not sufficient.

Judy Beasley, the president of Tennessee Education

Association and another resident of Murfreesboro, said she thinks schools need more money.

"We refer to our current tax system as being broken," Beasley said. "We just want tax reform. Something that would take care of the tax system and that would grow our revenue."

Although the TEA focuses primarily on K-12 education, their ideas are to help higher education as well.

In her opinion, the lack of money prevents Tennessee's

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Glenn said he has observed a noticeable change for the better regarding the level of campus spirit this semester, some of which he attributes to the new pep rally location and time.

"Any time you get 2- to 4,000 students together, and they seem to be having a good time, then that would seem to be a good strategy," Glenn said.

There will be no pep rally for this Saturday's game against Kentucky; the next rally will be next Friday night as part of Family Weekend activities. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Murphy Center. ♦

McNair:

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representatives for the program must compete for more funding. THEC also allocates the number of students that are allowed to enter the program; this year's cap was 20 students.

In 1999, E. Ray Phillips, associate dean for Research and Outreach for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences received funding for four years. He petitioned for 24 students to be allowed to enter the program but only received funding for 20.

For more information on the McNair Scholars program, contact Brown at 904-8462 or by e-mail at mcnair@mtsu.edu. ♦

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"If we don't put brand new ones in there, they will be top-of-the-line," Stuart said.

Stuart also said he plans to put computers in the other dining halls as well. Each facility was built to accommodate computer usage. If everything goes as planned, McCallie Dining Hall will be on a wireless system.

Besides purchasing computers, Stuart wants to open new snack bars on campus. He hopes to open one on the Peck Hall breezeway and on the sidewalk running outside the Murphy Center. The only thing stopping him is the Division of Academic Affairs.

"The academic affairs division controls academic buildings," Stuart said. "In order for me to put any service in there [I'll] have to go through them."

Despite this, Stuart is determined to get some accomplishments made.

"Every change we've made has been student-driven," Stuart said.

For more information, contact Stuart at 898-2675. ♦

Bushes to visit Nashville

Staff Reports

In support of U.S. Senate Republican candidate Lamar Alexander, President George W. Bush and his father will have scheduled stops in Nashville and Knoxville this week.

The president is scheduled to appear tomorrow at a luncheon at the Nashville Convention center. His father, former President Bush, will be featured at a luncheon in Knoxville Wednesday.

Vice President Dick Cheney will highlight the third event in the Alexander campaign, a luncheon in Memphis Sept. 26. Tickets are \$3,000

per event.

Few details of the presidential and vice presidential visits are being made available because of security considerations. The money raised from the three events is expected to fund a large portion of Alexander's campaign.

A spokeswoman for Bob Clement, Alexander's Democratic opponent, has said that the president has invited Clement to a speech Bush plans to give at East Literature Magnet School in



Bush

Nashville and to fly back to Washington, D.C., with him.

The race between Alexander and Clement is being watched closely because the outcome of this election could determine which party takes control of the U.S. Senate.

The president is scheduled to campaign again in Tennessee next month for Republican gubernatorial candidate Van Hilleary. ♦



Bush

Bush tells United Nations: Confront Iraq

By Ron Fournier
AP White House Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Raising the specter of war, President Bush told skeptical world leaders Thursday to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam Hussein's Iraq — or stand aside as the United States acts. Hesitant allies asked him not to go it alone.

From the United Nations' cavernous main hall, filled with wary friends and one bitter foe in Iraq's ambassador, Bush said the body must rid the world of Saddam's biological, chemical and nuclear arsenals or risk millions of lives in a "reckless gamble."

Behind the scenes, U.S. diplomats reported progress toward a U.N. resolution giving Iraq a firm deadline — just weeks away — to disarm or face dire, but thus far unspecified, consequences.

"If Iraq's regime defies us again, the world must move deliberately and decisively to hold Iraq to account," Bush said

in his 15-minute address. "The just demands of peace and security will be met or action will be unavoidable. And a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power."

The address was Bush's answer to deep reluctance among U.S. allies — and American lawmakers — to use force against Saddam despite Iraq's decade-old defiance of U.N. resolutions. By coming to the U.N., Bush rejected the advice of some senior administration officials who had urged him to confront Iraq alone and without delay.

Addressing the General Assembly before Bush, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan urged caution.

"When states decide to use force to deal with broader threats to international peace and security, there is no substitute for the unique legitimacy provided by the United Nations," he said.

But he also seemed to back Bush's charges against Saddam, suggesting time was running short for Iraq to admit weapons

inspectors.

"If Iraq's defiance continues, the Security Council must face its responsibilities," Annan said.

Defiant as ever, Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Al-Douri blasted Bush.

"He chooses to deceive the world and his own people by the longest series of fabrications that have ever been told by a leader of a nation," Al-Douri said.

Bush does not believe Saddam can avoid confrontation with the United States, advisers said as the president laid out his conditions.

"If the Iraqi regime wishes peace, it will immediately and unconditionally forswear, disclose and remove or destroy all weapons of mass destruction, long-range missiles, and all

related material," Bush said.

He also demanded that Hussein stop supporting terrorism, persecuting minorities, trading oil illegally for other goods and account for a U.S. pilot and soldiers from other nations missing since the Persian Gulf War.

Administration officials likened the demands to those Bush imposed on the Taliban in the run-up to war in Afghanistan.

Bush did not spell out the consequences of Saddam's refusal to comply, but senior administration officials pointed to language in the address that points to the potential for military action: "The purpose of the United States should not be doubted: The Security Council resolutions will be enforced."

There were doubts, however, from every corner of the world.

German Finance Minister Hans Eichel, for example, warned that an attack on Iraq could wreck Germany's economic recovery.

Bush countered the concerns with a damning account of Saddam's regime, including the attempted assassination of Bush's own father — former President George H.W. Bush.

He said Saddam has stockpiles of deadly chemical and biological agents, and could build a nuclear weapon within a year if he secured fissile material.

"The first time we may be completely certain he has nuclear weapons is when, God forbid, he uses one," Bush said. ♦



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Faculty research seminar to focus on regional growth

Staff Reports

In conjunction with the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Chair of Excellence in Urban and Regional planning, MTSU will sponsor a faculty research seminar this Friday.

The seminar will include explanations of topics such as environmental data, growth and development of a 10-county mid-state area served by the chair.

Participants will also discuss the demographic and population make-up of the 10-county region.

The Urban and Regional Planning Chair was established in 1997 and helps to produce information related to planning needs in the counties. The chair also distributes information to the public.

The chair is devoted to pro-

moting discussions on these issues among policy makers, opinion leaders and the community at large.

Earl Swensson holds the chair for Urban and Regional Planning.

Swensson is a renowned architect and founder of Earl Swensson and Associates, which is ranked in the top one percent of architectural firms nationwide.

The seminar is free of charge and open to faculty, students and the community. Registration is encouraged to ensure seating.

James Burton, dean of the Jennings A. Jones College of Business, will welcome attendees. Activities will get underway at 9 a.m. with an "Environmental Quality Survey" presentation from Ngee-Sing Chong, chemistry

assistant professor.

Mark Abolins, assistant professor of geosciences, will demonstrate how census data, aerial photography and satellite imagery depict the development of the area between 1990-2000.

Following these presentations, Tim Greer, assistant professor of computer informational systems will discuss the creation of an online repository of demographic and population data.

Friday's seminar will be held in the State Farm Auditorium of the Business and Aerospace Building.

A second seminar will be held Oct. 25 and will discuss the impact of globalization on Middle Tennessee.

For more information, contact Angie Ray at 898-2764 or Nancy Bragg at 904-8099. ♦

Chair: Teacher pay vulnerable to lack of state funding

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education from improving. One need for improvement, she said, is teacher education.

"Teachers need to have ongoing training available to them and unfortunately it's an item that has a cost associated with it," Beasley said.

She explained that teachers tend to get the short end of the stick where funding is concerned. When the budget is cut, teacher education is one of the first items on the list to go.

Because the state faces funding problems, school faculty members are paid little, and when raises are given, they're the minimum amount. Beasley said this causes the better teachers to move out of state, or out of poorer counties.

Beasley said she is for an income tax and a lower sales tax. She said those living near an income-tax state will drive there for groceries because it will have a lower sales tax. This takes away from Tennessee's revenue, and provides the government less money to give schools. The result causes things like an increase in tuition, she said.

"It can't be a Band-Aid over a gaping wound," Beasley said about the tax reform. "It has to be some real changes." ♦

Colleges struggling to meet INS deadline

By Elizabeth Dunbar
Minnesota Daily (U. Minnesota)

(U-WIRE) — Officials at the University of Minnesota and across the country are struggling to meet a federal deadline for implementing software that tracks international students.

The university will use the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System to send data about students to U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services in batches starting Jan. 30, 2003.

"Technologically it will happen," said Kay Thomas, director of International Student and Scholar Services, the office implementing SEVIS for the university.

"We have no choice," she said.

Implementing SEVIS involves linking data elements to the existing PeopleSoft database, a task that requires Thomas to work with a variety of university offices and the university Technology Center.

"It's been time-consuming on the part of many people — and therefore costly — to get a system like this up and running," Thomas said.

The University has joined other colleges across the country requesting an extension of the Jan. 30 INS deadline.

Thomas said the reason the INS won't extend the deadline is

because SEVIS is considered a national security issue.

"It's the beginning of a more thorough system to know who's here and who's not here," Thomas said.

The new system of keeping track of international students is different than the former system because information is sent through the system daily. Universities and colleges presently send specific information to the INS only when it is requested.

The updated daily batches of data will include information about students' status and any changes in that status. The INS hasn't told universities what specific information will be included, but Thomas said one element is maintaining a course of study.

"There are still things yet to be unfolded with the system. INS will be giving us more information," Thomas said.

Thomas said SEVIS won't affect students who maintain a full program of study. Those who don't, however, might face problems.

"The difference is going to be that we used to be able to help them here," Thomas said of students not fulfilling their course of study.

Thomas said she plans to meet with students, advisers, college deans and directors of graduate studies in October or November. ♦

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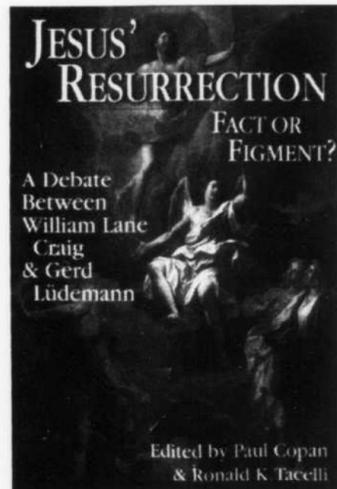
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Attack Iraq? Not without U.N. support

President Bush's speech to the United Nations Thursday raised both new points and new questions to be addressed by world leaders, Congress and the general public.

Bush, however, seemed done with the questioning phase as he directed an ultimatum to the U.N. similar to the "you're either with us or against us" statement to world nations. Should the U.N. not act on Iraq, he said, the United States will fight alone if need be against Saddam and the boys.

Taking a stance directly against the U.N. is both dangerous and disrespectful to an organization that the U.S. advocated to create. Some nations are going to take a firm stand against the United States in the case of an attack regardless of whether the U.N. approves or participates in the action. These numbers will rapidly multiply if the U.N. isn't involved in the decision or its implementation.

This isn't to say that Bush hasn't raised a valid point in justifying the attack. The U.N. hasn't been persistent with Hussein in requiring inspectors inside Iraq to monitor for chemical or nuclear weapon development, as sanctions dictate.

Of course, there's always the motivation for cheap oil. Since the federal government and the automotive industry don't seem to be making any significant strides toward reducing our dependence on foreign oil, keeping gas and oil prices low is a good bragging point during the next election.

We recognize that the United States must protect its borders and countrymen, but it seems premature to order an attack and preposterous for Bush to act without the consent and participation of the United Nations. Secretary-General of the U.N. Kofi Annan promised to hold Iraq to a deadline for readmitting inspectors; let's see how that plays out before we commit soldiers and resources to bringing down another government. ◆

Conflict with Iraq: back to the future

Canadian Bacon



President Bush told the United Nations Saturday "to show some backbone" and take action against Iraq.

Also on Saturday, I watched *Back to the Future, Part One*.

The two entertainment events were mirror images of each other.

Take, for example, the dire scene right after Marty McFly has arrived in the year 1955. After sitting down at the counter for a cup of coffee, Biff Sr. barges in with his gang of cronies and sees George with his humble face staring dejectedly into a bowl of cereal.

Biff yells, "McFly! I thought I told you never to

come in here."

Quick - picture the assembled United Nations sitting down, staring into cold bowls of international relations oatmeal.

In rushes Bush, with Cheney and company close behind, demanding to know why the United Nations is in the diner of world politics.

"Get out!" Bush exclaims. "The United States runs this show."

Back to the movie. Realizing he might be able to gain something out of the situation, Biff demands to know where his home-work is.

George says, "It isn't due 'til Monday, so I was going to get it to you then."

Irritated to the point of no return, Biff slaps George around a little, puts him in a headlock and delivers a heck of a noogie. Intimidated into submission, George says he'll get it done.

In real life, Bush real-

ized that he wouldn't be able to get his work in Iraq done unless the United Nations laid the groundwork and did a little work for him.

So our belligerent-in-chief says, "This is a chance for the United Nations to show some backbone and resolve."

Making this slightly less amusing, Bush decided not to give Kofi Annan an ego-deflating purple purple or Indian rub, but you could tell he wanted to.

We all know how the movie ends - Marty (let's make him the European Union) saves the day, George gets the girl and Biff and his hot rod end up covered in manure.

The European Union and the United Nations aren't about to overthrow the U.S. hegemony, but given enough time and opportunity, they certainly could.

The point is, when you're trying to cajole

someone into doing your bidding, trying to humiliate them into submission won't work.

It may work once, but there will be immediate resentment and an eventual plot to devise your demise.

It's not as if the United States has a moral sanction to lash out against Hussein's regime. Sure, no one likes the guy, and yes, he has defied U.N. sanctions (maybe even the 16 times that Bush alleged in the same Saturday press conference), but that doesn't give Bush the right to overthrow a sovereign nation.

Unlike the elder Bush's Gulf War, there is no international coalition assembled to carry out strikes. Canada's prime minister has said there's a lack of evidence that Iraq poses a threat.

The leaders of Germany, France and a slew of Arab nations say

the same thing. The closest thing the United States has to a sidekick in this fight is Italy, who, need I remind you, Winston Churchill referred to as the "weak underbelly of Europe."

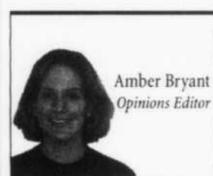
Of course, one needn't have a majority to have a moral cause, but Scott Ritter, former U.S. marine and chief U.N. weapons inspector, has said that Iraq simply does not have the capabilities to produce, let alone actually have, the weapons that the Bush administration accuses it of having.

Without evidence and real international support, the United States should stay away from Iraq. Otherwise, we'll find ourselves in a carload of crap.

As Biff would say, "I hate manure!" ◆

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From the Opinions Editor Letters, columns provide model for civil discussion



The past few weeks, the opinions section of our beloved publication has proven that, yes, people are capable of civilly conducting open discussion and debate.

From income taxes to Christianity to sex, we've seen an influx of letters and columns defending almost every possible side.

This is how life should be.

If humans were always open and willing to discuss their opinions and listen to those of others without collapsing into a conniption fit of hatred, the world (dare I say it?) would be a much better place.

For example, if Osama bin Laden had dealt with his personal opposition to America's western ways and been open to new ideas, he wouldn't be going

straight to hell. Granted, we often have to edit the blatant insults out of submissions, which means this magical forum of open debate can only exist if everyone learns to "edit" him- or herself.

Remember, folks - insults are fun, but not when they're serious.

This doesn't mean each person has to float undecided in a mass of possible viewpoints. It's possible to be passionate about a certain subject and vehemently disagree with the opposing side without yelling or, on a much larger scale, chucking a grenade or two at a person when they leave to take out the garbage.

Listening and independently thinking are underused virtues.

At the risk of sounding foolish, we should model our discussions with one another after the opinions page, especially while we're in college and prone to change our minds a million times anyway. ◆

Dating process overrated



Dating: the one word that strikes both fear and excitement in almost anyone. It is by far one of the most confusing stages of life. Being a woman, I can only accurately offer a woman's perspective.

Therefore, men will not have a voice in this column. Sorry, guys.

First is the initial meeting, usually followed by flirting and eye contact. This stage can last forever, because we (women) are constantly sending blatantly obvious signals that ricochet off of him like Mini-Me in a trampoline room. Now there's a fun visual!

After you've hit him over the head with a frying pan imprinted with your phone number, he gets the hint, and you exchange digits. While he tries to be cool by not calling you right away, you spend the next few days wondering what you could have possibly done wrong.

You determine he must have lost your number, so you take his down from

the bulletin board and call. A few nights later, you have a date!

The first date is an overall pleasant concept because neither person is really himself or herself and both have their best faces forward. The only downside to the first date is the awkwardness and lack of good conversation.

The first kiss is always awkward. I think the best kiss is the third or fourth, when you two are really learning how to work together. An added bonus is if he asks first.

The dating process continues. It is long and arduous, and an overall pain in the ass. There are too many little factors to worry about: what to wear, what your parents will think, what your "label" is.

You know what I think? Screw it! Dating is overrated. In the end, you're just going to get hurt or hurt someone else, except in that one rare instance when you do find the person you're supposed to spend the rest of your life with.

But there's only one of them, and 6.5 billion other people who are wrong for you.

I would not normally take such a hostile stance, but I am giving myself a little journalistic license

before examining the final stage of dating: the break-up.

There are two types of guys: the ones who expect you to fall apart and the ones who expect you to get over it and move on. This is, of course, assuming the break-up is not mutual. Mutual break-ups do not make good columns. Bitter, angry ones do.

The break-up is the worst second, minute or hour of any failed relationship.

There's nothing like having your still-beating heart torn from your chest, leaving an empty, bloody hole where you used to feel.

I would sugarcoat it, but no one has shown me that kind of courtesy, so I tend to favor the heart-ripping image.

I now realize how absurd this whole dating system is. This is it, folks - this is how we go about picking our mates. We choose our life companions based on a superficial system where you will get hurt every time but once. This is how we pick the parents of our children.

God help us. ◆

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

Do epileptics make you sick?

Do they disgust you with the faces they make during seizures?

Have you ever been tempted to take their money and run while they lay on the ground, twitching and convulsing?

If so, you should start a club with Yvonne Rennie of Perth, Scotland, you wretched excuse for a human being.

Four years ago, Rennie was driving along the same street as Edwin Young when Young suffered an epileptic seizure and crashed into Rennie's car at a stoplight. Passers-by helped the spasming man to the ground. The look on his face upset Rennie so much that she decided to sue him for emotional distress.

What shakes our faith in humanity even more is the fact that she won.

Sheriff Michael Fletcher, in Perth sheriff court, awarded Rennie a total of £6,000, £3,500 of which was for the psychological damage



Young caused Rennie with his warped facial expressions.

The sheriff provided no justification, so we'll have to make one up for him.

He was trying to teach Young a lesson - that his disease is a menace to society, and he should be punished for the rest of his life for something that he cannot help.

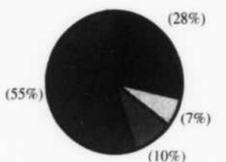
What wonderful way to teach compassion to the youth.

"Look, little Timmy, there's a crippled child wailing in agony because he just fell out of his wheelchair. I don't like his face. Let's go beat him with hickory sticks until he starts to bleed."

Just because Rennie has a legal sanction to plunder from the purse of a victim of genetics, doesn't mean she has the right to. ◆

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "How much money did you spend to watch the Middle Tennessee-Tennessee game?"



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Should the United States take military action against Iraq?"

All Due Respect



There is one thing that I have learned since I've been an MTSU student.

In order to succeed here you must have partied in high school. When a kid is in high school, he or she either has a lot of freedom, or none at all. I had friends in high school whose mom would never let them out

of the house. Meanwhile, we are hanging out having a good time doing what it is high school students do.

Now these friends are going to be very sheltered in the prime of their rebellious phase.

While parents would see this as a good thing, when their child gets the freedom they have craved for so long, they abuse it. Kids are spending the years they should be in college planning their future getting drunk and slowly becoming drug addicts.

To be honest, I believe that, aside from the kids that grow up to be perfect,

the only people who are serious are the ones who have "been there and done that." There is nothing appealing to me about sitting in a frat house and getting drunk with a bunch of obnoxious guys and cliquish girlfriends of frat boys. Because of this I have much more time to devote to school and find out what I want to do with my life.

I met this guy the other night and was amazed to hear he was a college student. He'd been hanging out in the lobby for a while playing pool and I thought he was visiting a friend. I

was shocked to find out he did, in fact, live there.

After talking to him for a while, I asked him how he passed his classes and kept his financial aid. All this kid did was party. I can't even conceive how he found time to study, ever. It turns out his mommy and daddy pay for his school and he's only been in college for three and some odd weeks now. I give him two months before he either gets alcohol poisoning or overdoses on some drug.

According to my theory, if this guy would have had a little more freedom to

experiment when he was under the protection of not only the law, but his parents as well, he wouldn't be behaving like this. If this kid doesn't wake up soon, he might flunk out of college his first year and truly put a speed bump in the road to success.

My advice to parents would not be to let their children run wild, but to consider this thought of mine for a second. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Comic has right to criticize

To the Editor:

This is in response to all who wrote to the editor in regard to Lucas Antoniak's comic strip ("Burnt Orange Peel," Sept 4).

Who's to say Antoniak had "no right" to criticize the artist? I always thought art was based from creativity. How can you say that the professor who called his vials full of urine and spotted with blood "creative and artistic" if it had already been done before? He must be quite the artist to have "thought" of such a creative idea himself. Kudos to Antoniak again and again.

"Burnt Orange Peel" is one of the main reasons I read every edition of *Sidelines*.

Sasha Allen

Campus box virtually useless

To the Editor:

I would gladly give up my rights to the P.O. box assigned to me ("No relief for P.O.'d freshmen," Sept. 9).

I have a nice, cedar-lined mailbox at the end of my driveway, of which the fees are included in a monthly mortgage payment. The amount of legitimate, readable and necessary mail received in my P.O. box per semester is approximately two pieces.

I don't want to join the Mu Kow Sow Fraternity, The Society for Brain-Children or The Gerbils are People, Too Organization. Yet all of them deem it necessary to place a flyer in my P.O. box.

I also don't need another credit card application, or the annual Playboy subscription notice, for which, if I subscribe now, I get the Women of Antarctica Special Edition FREE!

MTSU can continue to charge the \$8 and I will gladly pay. They can slap a stamp on the "necessary" mail (such as the administrative letter telling me when to enroll next semester) and still walk away with a \$7 surplus.

I would part with the \$7 just to keep from having to walk through the mail area for no apparent reason.

Keep in mind, in case something important has to be sent, I check my mailbox at home daily, which is considerably more than my monthly trek to the P.O. box.

It just seems that someone living in the dorm would get more use out of an on-campus P.O. box than those of us who live off campus and have a mailbox of our own.

Unless their desire is to receive that Women of Antarctica Special without their spouse knowing it.

Kevin Mayfield

Urine not aesthetically pleasing

To the Editor:

I would like to defend Lucas Antoniak's "Burnt Orange Peel" (Sept. 4).

My mother was an artist. Many of my mother's friends are still artists. I spent many of my waking hours as an adolescent in art museums and at various art functions. I listened to people talk about art from all different eras.

What I learned from years of this is that urine and blood are not art. I can see how, in this case, blood and urine make an excellent example of an idea science once held. However, I cannot say, without experiencing a vast amount of cognitive dissonance, that blood and urine are art.

I think Ms. Stack is also experiencing this dissonance. It seems to me her attempts to intellectualize it are merely attempts to make blood and urine OK in her own mind.

Furthermore, it seems to me that art should be aesthetically pleasing. I know that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. What I would suggest is that anyone who finds blood and urine to be pleasing to the eye run, don't walk, to Counseling Services.

Kristin Walker

State Fair has much to offer

To the Editor:

The editorial in the Sept. 9 *Sidelines* concerning the Tennessee State Fair saddened me.

It's obvious that the individual writing the editorial drew her conclusion based on what I consider a very small percent of what the State Fair is really about. The evening carnival is not the State Fair.

The State Fair is a wonderful place to take children, adults and seniors. I can't think of a more educational place to take someone. You can walk through the cattle barns and talk to those who spend their lives raising top quality livestock. How smart and wonderful are those who have the knowledge to produce our necessities of life.

Next, you can enter the buildings filled with exhibits of handmade quilts, clothing and crocheting, all of which are dying arts. To find exhibits of such talent is amazing in this day and time. As you continue walking through the buildings, you'll find antiques. You'll find leather making, cheese making and cotton being spun into thread. Continue walking and you'll find fruits and vegetables, hay, corn and beans – the largest and best in the state.

If you dare to expand your knowledge, stop by the barn with the milking machines and learn how milk is taken from the cow and then processed. There are horse shows, mule shows, cow shows, hog shows and tractor shows. There is pig racing, and a petting zoo with goats and other farm animals you can pet and feed. Take in one of the horse shows, or cattle shows, where the animals are judged for their quality and size. You can be a part of awarding a child whose hard work in raising the animal has now paid off.

I'm sure this sounds backwards to a lot of people but where else can you take a friend, a child or a visitor, to a place with so much talent, craftsmanship and knowledge? Most children will go a lifetime and never receive this kind of exposure unless someone takes the time to take them to our wonderful State Fair.

Becky Snow

CFA dabbling in propaganda

To the Editor:

I wanted to comment on Bret Hooper's letter to the editor ("Lecture proves alliance is freely thinking," Sept. 9).

I think Bret Hooper is exactly right that the Campus Freethought Alliance's name is "exactly descriptive of them." I do, however, disagree with the second part; that "they don't deceive people with a false name."

When you mention two words that give positive connotations and use them as a means to lure people into your own ideas, that is technically a part of propaganda.

Some may think this propaganda good, but this isn't reasonable if the only agenda of a "freethinker" is to debunk religious ideas.

Adolf Hitler used words of a positive connotation in his propaganda efforts to mislead the Germans. I'm sure words such as order and final solution don't conjure up positive images.

The fact is, if freethinkers are to live up to their name, then objectively looking at the ideas mentioned and defended by religious circles is thrown out the window, right along with notions of "open-mindedness," "fairness" and "objectivity." "Open-minded," in Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, means "receptive to arguments or ideas."

How can a freethinker maintain open-mindedness if they are unreceptive to ideas and arguments from religious perspectives? They can't.

Christians who are unwilling to hear the skeptic's ideas or arguments cannot also be considered fair, objective and open-minded.

It would be nice if everyone was willing to let the ideas and arguments stand for themselves, instead of hiding behind propaganda and playing unfair tactics to be heard over the other. I guess human nature hasn't changed one bit.

"Christian" is already a pretty descriptive word, but perhaps CFA can change their name to one more descriptive of themselves – skeptics – than try and play gaga with words.

Stephen Brace

Income tax unconstitutional

To the Editor:

This is in response to Brandon Morrison's column, "Tax protesters mighty quiet" (July 24).

There are several grounds on which the "anti-income tax" group stands. First, an examination of the state constitution clearly and explicitly denotes what the state can and cannot tax: Article II, Section 28: "... all property real, personal, or mixed shall be subject to taxation..." "The legislature shall have the power to tax merchants, peddlers, and privileges..."

Some income tax supporters site that "privileges" includes jobs. A job is not a privilege granted by the state. It's an obligation and duty of each able-bodied and able-minded individual to work and provide for a family.

Furthermore, regarding the constitution, the Tennessee Supreme Court has ruled on multiple occasions that an income tax is unconstitutional. Enough said for the legal aspects.

In regards to the "poor saps" who went to Capitol Hill to voice their concern for the state of the state, let me again refer to our state constitution, Article I, Section 23, which reads "... citizens have the right, in a peaceable manner, to assemble together for their common good, to instruct their representatives..."

What part of "instructing our representatives" does Mr. Morrison not understand? If he were keeping abreast of the budget situation, he would surely realize and concede that the majority of the citizens of the state of Tennessee opposed the income tax, yet it was still being proposed. Our representatives needed to hear our voices, and hear they did.

As for the issue of having the highest sales tax in the nation, let me remind everyone that we don't have an income tax as other states do.

We don't have personal property taxes and many other taxes that wean our money slowly but surely away from us and into the hands of our legislators. An income tax is not constitutional, it's not fair, and it's not going to happen in this state.

Mark Redferrin

Compassion part of Christianity

To the Editor:

Four years ago in Laramie, Wyo., a young man was kidnapped, beaten, tortured and died because he was gay.

We shudder to think such hate exists in the world today, but sadly we didn't learn from what happened.

This isn't to debate the morality of homosexuality. This isn't to address the validity of the Bible or the gay rights movement. After reflecting on what happened in 1998, I contacted some people from Laramie. The people I talked to have now changed their minds about Shepard. No longer is he considered a victim, but now he apparently was asking for it.

This made me wonder if the attitude has changed toward gays and lesbians in Laramie. One man answered me by saying, "For [homosexuals] are the sinners, and though I may not hate them, I can show them no love. If you want to love them, that is your choice. I will not be swayed to love the sinners. I do not believe in their movement, and I never will."

As a Christian, I'm taken aback by the lack of compassion I've found in some of my fellow believers. Where is the love of God? I'm not asking people to condone homosexuality, but I never thought the love of God toward anyone, gay or straight, was debatable.

Somehow we forget that we're not perfect. Regardless of what anyone has done, no one deserves to be hated. One might ask, "Well, what if they killed a member of my family? Don't I have a right to hate them?" Ask Matthew Shepard's father.

He lost his only son, but yet he still asked a jury to spare the life of one of his son's killers. That is the love of Christ.

Alan Coulter

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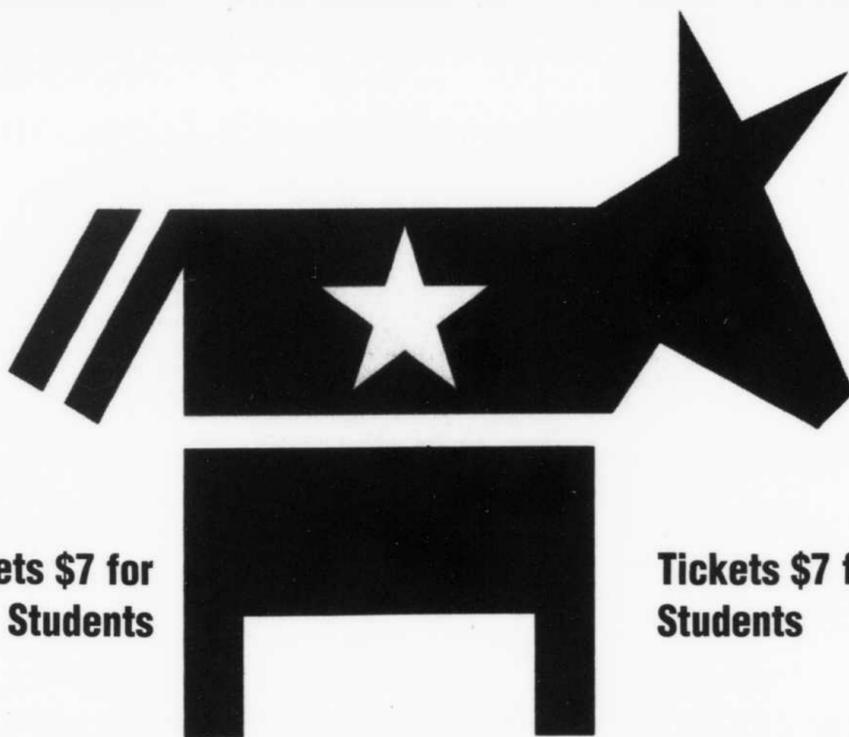
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FENDING FOR THEMSELVES

'BORO HAS LITTLE TO OFFER VEGANS AND VEGETARIANS

By Shane R. Gallo
Staff Writer

As Americans are becoming increasingly concerned with their health, veganism and vegetarianism are becoming popular alternatives to the fast-food lifestyle so many college students seem to practice.

Veganism and vegetarianism have been known to promote weight loss, increase energy and can lower cholesterol and blood pressure, said John Davis of the International Vegetarian Union.

Choosing these lifestyles, however, does not mean a diet consisting exclusively of fruits and vegetables.

Contrary to popular belief among the meat-eating community, they actually leave their followers with more options than some might believe.

Vegetarianism and veganism differ from one another in that dairy products are not allowed as part of a vegan diet.

"A vegan is a person who eats no animal products," says MTSU nutrition specialist Pam Marks. "That includes butter, milk, any dairy product and no eggs."

The term 'vegetarian' is used more loosely.

"There are lots of different levels of vegetarian," Marks explains. "Some people are what we call lacto-ovo vegetarians and that means that they don't eat any flesh, but they eat eggs and dairy products."

"There are people who call themselves vegetarians, but what they mean is that they don't eat red meat, but they'll eat fish and chicken," she says.

Either way, sticking to these diets is sometimes difficult in a town like Murfreesboro, one infested with fast food, steakhouses and burger joints.

"I can't eat out very often," said Kristen Gurganus, MTSU graduate and practicing vegetarian. "I can go to Don Pablo's and get corn tortillas, refried beans and a side of vegetables. There's nowhere really to eat around here."

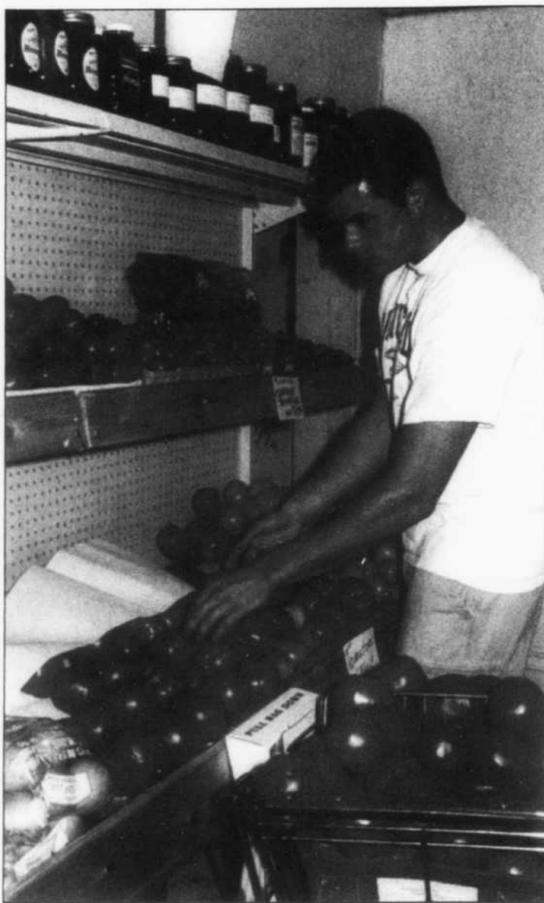


Photo by Shane Gallo | Staff Photographer
Steve Kutz, an exercise science major, stocks the shelves of the Vegetable Garden with fresh tomatoes. The Garden provides selections for vegetarian consumers.

And she's right. Murfreesboro has not one exclusively vegan or vegetarian restaurant.

Many restaurants around town, however, offer vegetarian menus. Bangkok Café, a Thai restaurant off the Square, offers a complete vegetarian menu, as does Kebab Cuisine, which specializes in Mediterranean dishes.

Ethnically specialized restaurants – for example, Indian restaurants – are the most vegetarian-friendly eateries, Marks says.

They offer "delicious" vege-

tarian dishes, bulkier meat-free menus and tasty alternatives to typically American cuisine, she says.

The more practical option is preparing food at home. Though this may prove to be more time consuming, there is no feeling like the one elicited after enjoying a home-cooked meal that is guaranteed safe eating.

"Eating out for vegetarians in Murfreesboro sucks," says recording industry major and vegetarian Ben Marcantel.

"I usually just cook at home," he says. "I think it's

healthier and safer that way and learning to cook for yourself is much more gratifying than having to eat food from a restaurant. You just never know."

Murfreesboro does, however, have a few stores that make shopping for a vegan or vegetarian diet easier.

The Vegetable Garden, an organically oriented store on Broad Street in Murfreesboro, offers many soy dairy products, organic fruits and vegetables, cereals, locally made products and mayonnaise alternatives.

"A lot of our food is grown in California," says Steve Kutz, Vegetable Garden employee and MTSU exercise science major.

The Oriental Food Market off the square also offers alternative foods for vegans and vegetarians or for anyone interested in trying something new.

Vegans and vegetarians choose to follow these lifestyles for different reasons – some for health reasons, some for ethical reasons. However, choosing to do so does not ensure good health.

Sure, cutting out the Quarter-Pounder at McDonald's does make a difference, but opting for French fries and a sundae instead is no good-health guarantee and not necessarily vegetarian, though seemingly meat-free.

"Murfreesboro has done a poor job of attending to the needs of the vegan and vegetarian community," Marcantel says.

"There was a vegan restaurant, The Shepard's Inn, but it didn't even stay open long enough for people to hear about it."

Vegans and vegetarians alike are somewhat limited in choice in the 'Boro, but opportunity exists more so in locally owned businesses such as the Vegetable Garden.

Non-chain restaurants also seem to better cater to the eating needs of vegetarians.

Porta Via Pizzeria on Tennessee Boulevard, for example, offers tasty vegetarian meals. ♦



Photos by Shane Gallo | Staff Photographer
(Above) Consumers sort through the wide array of vegetables at The Vegetable Garden, an organically oriented store on Broad Street in Murfreesboro.

(Below) The Vegetable Garden offers many alternatives for vegans and vegetarians, such as veggie chips.



Taken over by temptation

By Stephanie Hughes
Staff Writer

It's midnight and you're still up studying for that big test.

You grab a soda to keep you awake for another hour or two. It seems pretty harmless at first, until the next soda and the next and – you get the picture.

Oh, those foods we love that don't seem to love us back. They are too tempting to resist at times.

They're the typical doughnuts before class, the bag of chips during class and the ramen noodles when you can't find – much less afford – anything else to eat.

We depend on these foods to get us through the semester. But they certainly aren't making us any healthier.

Janet Colson, registered dietitian and professor of nutrition and foods in the human sciences department, said she believes there are five foods and drinks that college kids should avoid if possible.

The top five, Colson said, are beer, ramen noodles, soft drinks, doughnuts and the three big Cs: chips, cookies and candy.

Beer tops the list of unhealthy foods for college students. It does more than just give you a buzz; it also gives you a belly.

Foods we love to eat but shouldn't

"Soft drinks replace the nutrients in your body with excessive calories that lead to the freshman 15 – or 20 or 30."

– Janet Colson,
professor of nutrition

"It provides calories with no nutrients and is addictive to some," said Colson, who suggested a healthier and cheaper alternative to beer that won't give you a hangover.

"Try water with a twist of lime," she says. "It tastes much better than beer and is free at most eateries in town."

Ramen noodles are a typical dinner for many college students. It's almost cost-free and you can buy it in at Wal-Mart.

"College kids eat them because they are cheap, but they are also very high in sodium and low in fiber, vitamins and minerals," Colson said.

"Pasta and rice are much better for you."

No. 3 on the list, another drink, is the midnight caffeine and sugar rush.

"Soft drinks replace the nutrients in your body with excessive calories that lead to the freshman 15 –

or 20 or 30," Colson says.

"It's better to stick with plain water," Colson said.

Too many soft drinks and not enough water can lead to kidney problems as well as other health problems.

Better stick with the Dasani.

No. 4 on the list is one that we all go for when we are having a sweet attack – doughnuts. There are many varieties and you can eat them anytime of the day, but they certainly aren't the healthiest food to eat.

"I recommend replacing pastries and doughnuts with plain toast or bagels," Colson said.

Again, you could add some flavor to these with jelly or cream cheese.

The fifth item on the list is a combination of foods known as the three big Cs – chips, cookies and candy.

How much easier can it

be than to pop 55 cents in a vending machine and get a bag of Doritos before class?

But Colson advises students to choose better snacks.

"These should be replaced with the four Cs – carrots, cantaloupe, cucumbers and celery," she says.

"They are low in calories, packed with nutrients, and best of all, you don't have to cook them."

To add flavor to the three vegetables, try using a low-fat ranch or French onion dip.

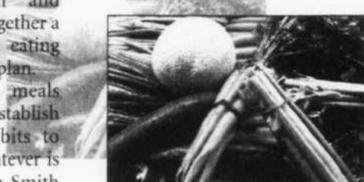
Some students might find it hard to throw away bad eating habits or get into a routine of eating healthier foods. But there is hope.

Lisa Sheehan-Smith, assistant professor and licensed dietitian and nutritionist, put together a plan for healthful eating called the E.A.S.Y. plan.

"Eating three meals each day helps to establish regular eating habits to prevent eating whatever is available," Sheehan-Smith said.

"The second step is to ask if there are healthier options in the campus cafeteria. The third step is to snack defensively, which means watch your

See Steps, 7



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Instead of ramen noodles, try pasta with marinara sauce; water instead of soft drinks; bagels instead of doughnuts; cantaloupe, carrots, celery and cucumbers instead of candy.



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Dietitian Janet Colson suggests a twist of lime as an alternative to beer, which is full of calories.



Photo by Lindsey Turner | Editor in Chief

Cookies are part of the three big Cs – chips, cookies and candy – that form much of an unhealthy student's diet. Experts say cookies should be replaced by vegetables.

Steps: Activity, defensive snacking key to health

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choices and the amount that you eat. The fourth step is to say yes to being active. Take advantage of recreational facilities on campus," she said.

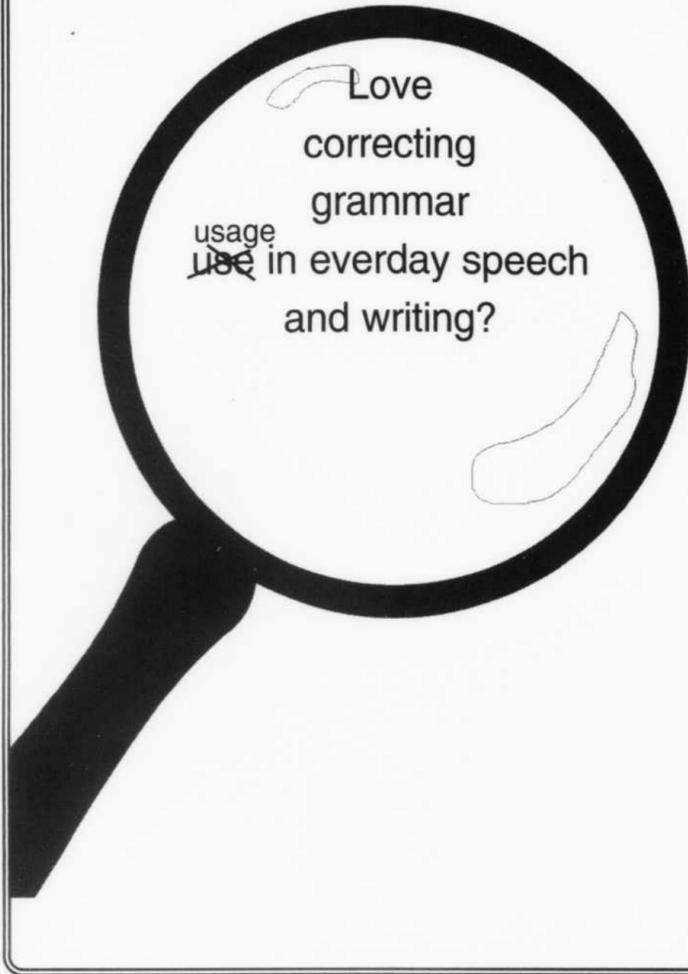
These steps require discipline, but eventually resisting temptation will become easier. Indulging in the more tempting

foods every once in a while is OK, but you shouldn't give in to the temptation every time.

Sometimes, you have to tune out the little voice inside that cries, "Eat me, eat me – I'm so good!"

Otherwise, the voice gets louder and louder and, well, you get the picture. ♦

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Cooking on campus

Dorm living doesn't mean fast food all the time

By Keosha Thomas
Staff Writer

For those not gifted in the cooking department, preparing meals on campus can be a daunting task that often results in frustration and fast-food litter strewn around the dorm room.

Here is a guide of fast recipes shared by college students living in dormitories as well as some of MTSU's on-campus cooks. All the listed ingredients can be found or bought on campus, either at the Mini Mart in the Keathley University Center or the Woodmore Cyber Cafe.

Many recipes can be prepared in a dorm room with a microwave, but others require a stove and/or oven, which are located in some on-campus housing facilities.



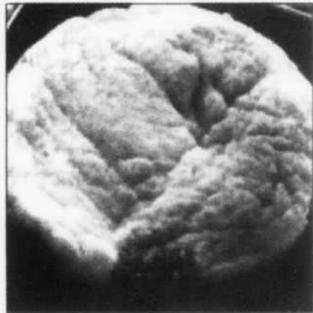
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Dining doesn't always have to be an expensive or time-consuming endeavor for students. There are countless recipes that can be utilized in common dorm rooms by using microwaves or other allowed appliances. Some campus housing facilities offer large appliances in kitchens, which allow for even more diverse cooking on campus.

For Breakfast

Egghead Omelettes

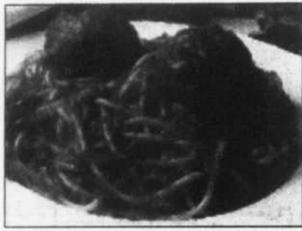
- Vegetable oil
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 cup water
 - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
 - 1 cup of mozzarella cheese
 - Slice of pepper jack
 - Cup of Parmesan
- Recipe by Dallas Carney, cook at Cyber Café



For brunch, lunch or dinner

Dirty Bird Chicken

- Get chicken breast
 - Season with campbell's
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 - Bake about 30 min.
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- Recipe by Quiana Green, freshman resident at Cummings Hall



lickin' good."

Kraft Mac Attack

- 2/3 cup water
 - Take noodles and pour into cereal bowl
 - Microwave on high 3 to 4 min. or until noodles are tender
 - Add cheese sauce mix; mix well (if cheese sauce appears thin, do not put back in microwave)
 - Cheese sauce will thicken upon standing
- Recipe by Abby Slyger who says Mac is "inexpensive and it comes in three flavors - extreme, original and nacho cheese."

SpaGhetto

- Boil water in pot
- Add noodles and boil until tender
- Rinse and drain noodles
- Take a pound or so of ground chuck/beef and season with season salt, diced onions, onion salt, and

- diced green peppers
 - Sprinkle black pepper sparingly according to taste
 - Cook meat and seasonings till it looks done
 - Pour Ragu Spaghetti Sauce evenly over meat
 - Mix sauce with noodles
- Recipe by Ebony Crenshaw who says, "My meal is quick and finger-

For dessert

MT Cookie

- Use pre-made sugar dough or self-bake dough
 - Let the dough cook for about 12 min. at 350 F
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 2 tablespoons milk
 - Mix together to make the glaze for the cookie
 - Take vanilla icing and mix it with blue food coloring to make the glaze after cooling dough
 - Take a spreader, butter knife or plastic ware to spread the icing over the cookie evenly
 - Stencil 'MT' over the top of icing or use pastry bag to make lettering
- Recipe by Michael "Murf" Brown, food production manager at McCallie Dining Hall
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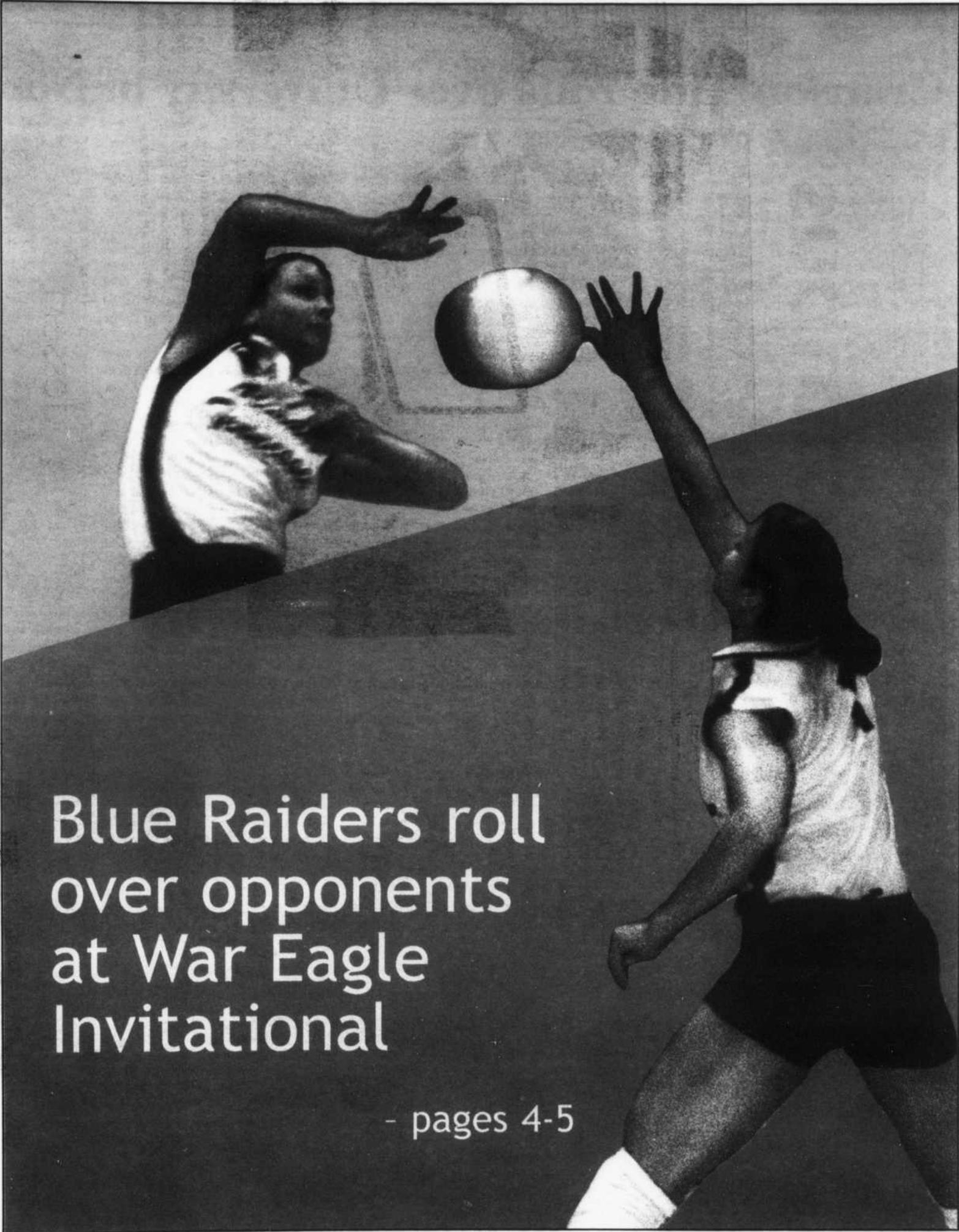
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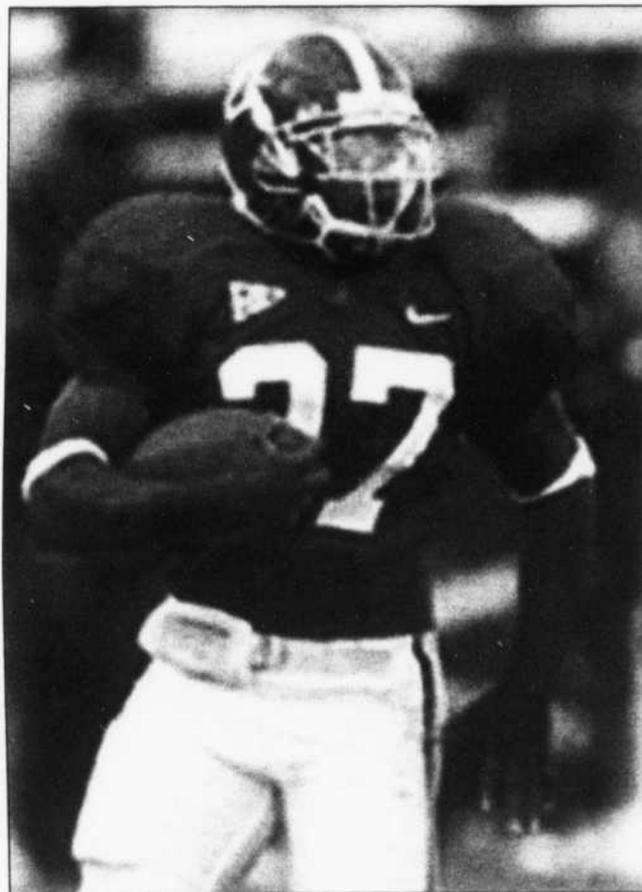
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Crimson Tide rolls over University of North Texas

By Angelica Journagin
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty for Middle Tennessee's Sun Belt Conference rival, the University of North Texas, Saturday.

As MT took a week off, UNT was overwhelmed by the University of Alabama 33-7 in their second loss of the season. MT played Alabama during the opening weekend and



Photos provided

Crimson Tide's Ray Hudson (above) was one of the 67 University of Alabama players to play against running back Kevin Galbreath (right) Saturday.

lost in a last-minute nail biter, 39-34.

UNT's matchup with the Crimson Tide was not a close game. Alabama compiled 336 rushing yards and 198 passing yards against the Mean Green, the third highest under Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione. UNT had 50 rushing yards and 91 passing yards.

"Anytime you play a good team on the road, you have to play extremely well," said UNT head coach Darell Dickey. "You've got to put yourself in a position that you have a chance to win and we did not do that tonight. At times we made some improvements, and we made some plays in some areas that we hadn't."

Alabama got on the score board first with a field goal attempt by Michael Ziifle from the 24-yard line with the clock at 10:52. This came after a drive from the Alabama 14-yard line.

The Mean Green had an opportunity with its first possession with a field goal attempt by Nick Bazaldua from the 22-yard line. The ball went wide left leaving 4:09 on the clock.

Starting on their own 24-yard line, it again looked as if Alabama was going to march down the field and score again, but quarterback Tyler Watts had his pass intercepted by Jonas Buckles at the UNT 4-yard line to end the first quarter. That was the first of three turnovers for the Crimson Tide.

"Offense hurt itself a little bit on the turnovers," Franchione said. "The three

turnovers were disappointing."

The start of the second quarter saw the beginning of the end for UNT as they were forced to punt the ball with 12:50 left on the clock. Alabama again worked on improving their yardage by taking the ball from North Texas's 45-yard line to their 10-yard line. With Ziifle's field goal, the score was Alabama 6, the Mean Green 0, with 10:11 left in the second half.

Things began to get really ugly for UNT when in their second possession in the second quarter, the Mean Green had the ball for 1:23 seconds and gained only 8 yards before UNT's Patrick Cobbs fumbled the ball on the UNT 24-yard line.

Alabama recovered the ball and made quick work of getting a touchdown. With the clock at 8:48, Watts completed a pass to Donald Clarke for 24 yards and an Alabama first down. Ahmaad Galloway carried the ball the 2 yards into the end zone to make the score 12-0 with 8:35 left on the clock.

"Offensively, after the first drive of the game, which we pretty much drove the length of the field, missing the field goal, we were very inconsistent," Dickey said. "We did try to do some things to be a little bit more aggressive offensively and at times we made some plays, but at times we were very inconsistent."

UNT was forced to punt on their next possession and Alabama had the ball on their own 9-yard line. This is when Bama made their second turnover of the game, which proved to be more costly than the first.

Watts fumbled the ball and it was recovered by North Texas on the Alabama 5-yard line. It took UNT three plays, but they managed to get the ball in the end zone and through the uprights to make the score 12-7.



North Texas would not see the Alabama end zone again. In their next possession, UA had seven plays to waltz into the UNT end zone.

The extra point made the game Alabama 19, UNT 7.

In Alabama's first possession in the second quarter they missed a field goal attempt. On Alabama's second possession they scored a touchdown. On UA's second possession in the fourth quarter, they scored another touchdown to make the score 33-7.

Alabama played a total of 67 players in the game, including six first-time participants.

"We got to play a lot of people," Franchione said. "We got a lot of yards offensively. Defense, other than the first drive, played well."

Alabama is now 2-0 all time against North Texas and 12-0 against SBC teams. ♦

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Former MT pitcher plays in MLB game

Dewon Brazelton starts in his first Major League Baseball outing

By Angelica Journagin
Sports Editor

In his first major league game, former Middle Tennessee pitcher Dewon Brazelton gave up five runs to aid in the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' 2-5 defeat of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Brazelton started off slow, giving Shannon Stewart a leadoff walk. He next struck out Eric Hinske, but things went downhill when Carlos Delgado came up to bat. Delgado homered a high pitch into the stands to make the score 2-0, Toronto.

The highlight of the night for Tampa Bay's 2001 No. 1 draft pick came when he played a part in the sixth triple play in this year's MLB season. With runners on first and second, Kan Huckaby stepped to the plate and lined to second baseman Andy Sheets, who then threw to shortstop Chris Gomez on sec-

ond. The throw was a relay to first baseman Aubrey Huff to make Sheets out.

"That was a great play," Brazelton told MLB.com. "I think I had luck on my side there, but I will take it any way that I can get it."

Defensively, luck was on Brazelton's side again when his teammates pulled out two double plays in the second and third innings. However, luck wasn't in store for Brazelton in the sixth inning when Hinske pulled out a three-run homer to make the score 5-1.

Again, Brazelton pitched the ball high, forcing Tampa Bay manager Hal McRae to visit the mound.

"Just keep the balls down. That's all," McRae told MLB.com. "That's basically what I told him when I went out. Finish it, and finish it good. Go after them, and he did. And he got three quick outs."

The Devil Rays managed to get one more run across home plate to end the game 5-2. Brazelton pitched in six innings, had three walks, and struck out three in his 71 pitches.

In the seventh inning, Brazelton was relieved by Lance Carter.

"I'm not real happy because I gave up five runs. But on the other hand, I am excited because I see that I can do it."

—Dewon Brazelton,
pitcher for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, MT alumnus

"Brazelton showed some poise on the mound," McRae said. "(He had) a low pitch count — 71 over six. He made some mistakes and didn't get away with the mistakes. He knew his way around out there and was able to decelerate some bats. They weren't jumping off the ground after him, and that was impressive."

"I'm not real happy because I gave up five runs and we lost," Brazelton said. "But on the other hand, I think that I am excited because I see that I can do it. It doesn't look like it when you give up five runs and two home runs, but I had nerves and other things I was battling out there. And I wasn't even thinking about pitching. I had so much stuff going on. I think eventually when I am not worried about that I'll be OK."

Brazelton attended MT for three years before foregoing his senior year to play professionally. At MT, he had 335 strikeouts and 154 batters fanned in a season.

Though drafted last season, Brazelton, 22, spent the year pitching in Double-A Orlando, compiling a 5-9 record with a 3.33 ERA. He spent one game in Triple-A Durham before being called up by the Devil Rays.

"I think it is great because I went there (to the minors), and I struggled," Brazelton said. "I struggled with everything — pitching, dealing with this and dealing with that and it's a whole different lifestyle."

Brazelton becomes the ninth pitcher to make his Major League debut in the 2002 season. ♦

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Baker uses experience to compete

By Justin Ward
Staff Reporter

Karisse Baker continued to show her skill with the volleyball last weekend in the War Eagle Tournament's final match against Memphis.

Baker first started playing volleyball in the seventh grade at Megg Magnet School in Nashville, Tenn. She continued the magnet school tradition when she went to Hume-Fogg High School and joined the volleyball team. In the 10th grade, Baker joined Clubs, the off-season volleyball league, similar to the Amateur Athletic Union basketball league.

"Everyone that wanted to be good played Clubs," Baker said. "Our coach didn't know anything, so everything we did was because we all played Clubs and we were all good players."

The Hume-Fogg volleyball team went to the state tournament and won against Summertown during Baker's junior year of high school. During her senior year, the team came in fourth in the state. She also attended the volleyball team camps during the summer at Middle Tennessee.

She received the honors of All-State Tournament Team, District Co-MVP, First Team All-Region and the State Tournament Team. She also played in the East-West All-Star game in Knoxville the summer after her senior year. Baker graduated from Hume-Fogg with honors.

"Hume-Fogg was an academic school," Baker said. "It was very challenging."

MT recruited Baker and offered her a full athletic scholarship. The University of Tennessee-Martin also recruited her, but she decided to go to MT. She signed for a full athletic scholarship, but when her ACT scores came in, she also received an academic scholarship.

She is currently on half athletic, half academic scholarship.

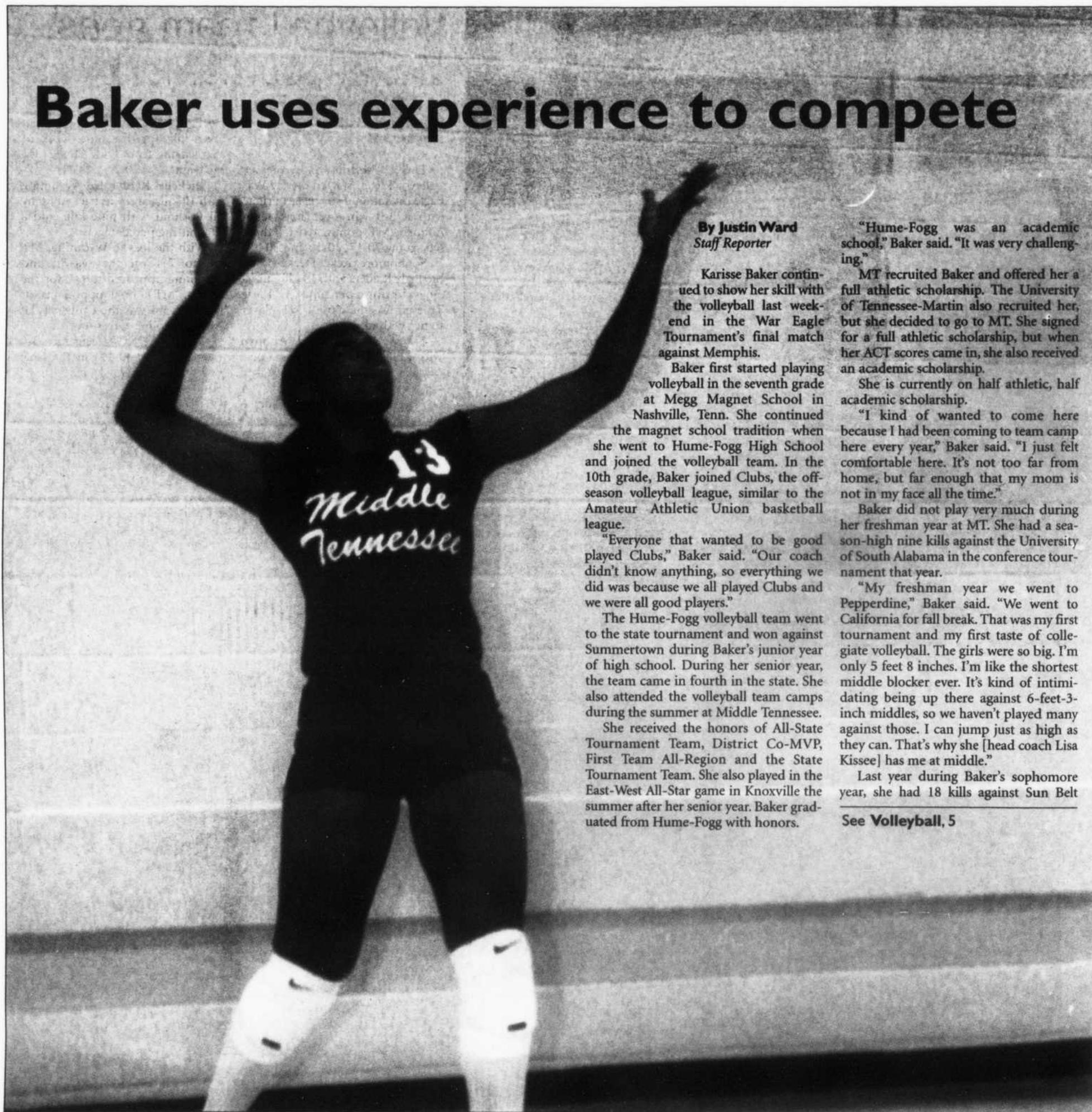
"I kind of wanted to come here because I had been coming to team camp here every year," Baker said. "I just felt comfortable here. It's not too far from home, but far enough that my mom is not in my face all the time."

Baker did not play very much during her freshman year at MT. She had a season-high nine kills against the University of South Alabama in the conference tournament that year.

"My freshman year we went to Pepperdine," Baker said. "We went to California for fall break. That was my first tournament and my first taste of collegiate volleyball. The girls were so big. I'm only 5 feet 8 inches. I'm like the shortest middle blocker ever. It's kind of intimidating being up there against 6-foot-3-inch middles, so we haven't played many against those. I can jump just as high as they can. That's why she [head coach Lisa Kisse] has me at middle."

Last year during Baker's sophomore year, she had 18 kills against Sun Belt

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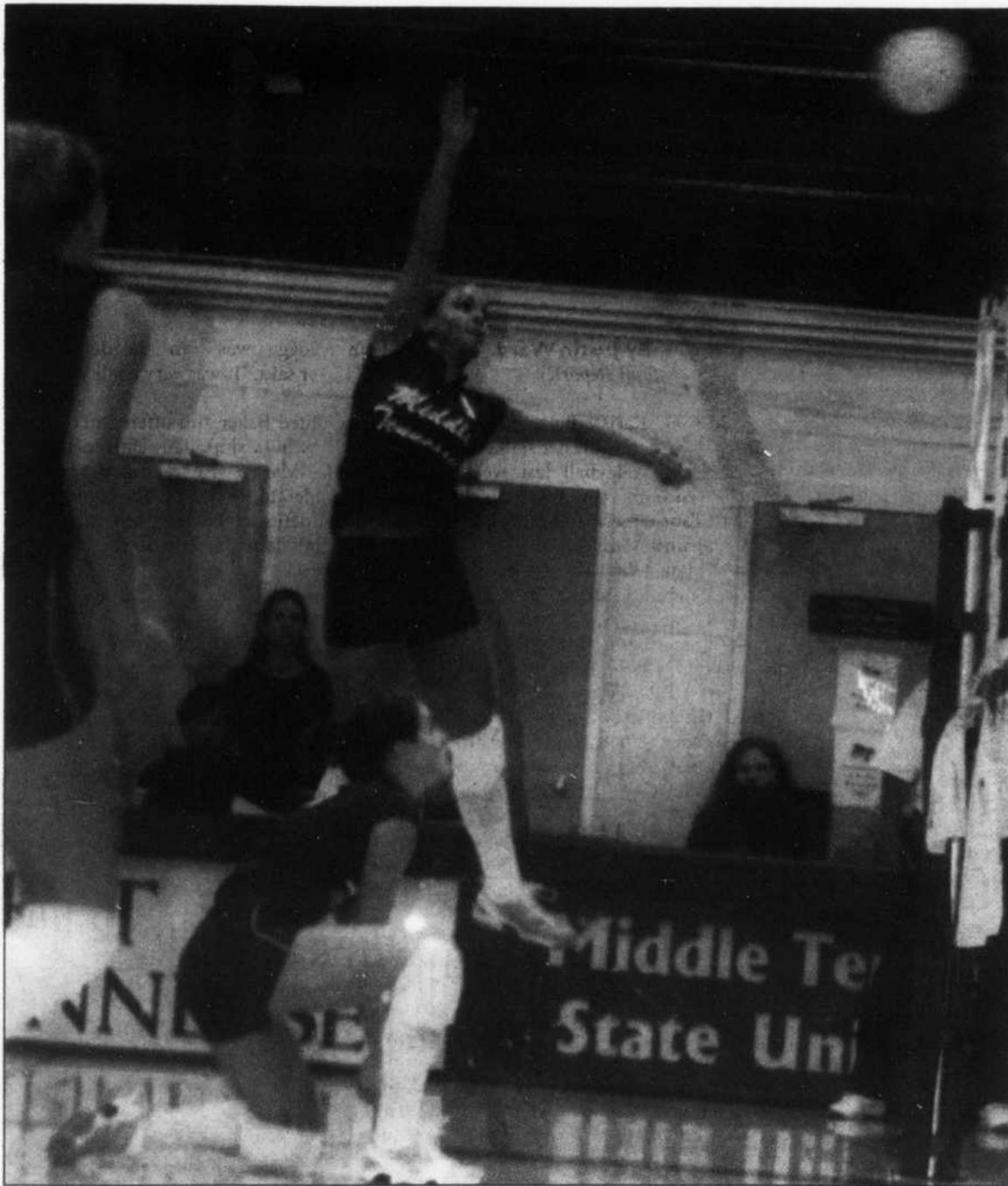


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Erin Hillstrom (above) goes up high to block the opposing team's shot. Karisse Baker (page 4) reaches far back to serve the ball. MT played in the Auburn tournament over the weekend.

Volleyball: Baker attempts life outside of sport

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Conference opponent the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, for her season high, and she also had three or four double-doubles in hitting and blocking.

Baker's junior year on the volleyball team has already had as many wins as the team had all last season.

Their record is 6-3 so far on the season. The team won a tournament last weekend in Memphis with three wins in a row and a

defeat of the University of Memphis to win the tournament. Baker had 15 kills.

Baker is majoring in psychology, and at one time was planning on a degree in criminal justice so that she could work for the FBI.

However, now she's not sure what field she wants to pursue when she gets out of college.

She is still thinking about entering the FBI as a criminal profiler, or she might get a job as a counselor. Baker is also currently engaged and is planning on getting married as

soon as she gets out of college. She plans on being a senior next semester as well.

When Baker isn't competing she likes to hang out and have fun.

"I try to get my mind off of volleyball when I'm not here," Baker said. "It's hard sometimes. I end up taking it home a lot with me when I should really leave it here."

Baker continues her collegiate career with the MT volleyball teams next match against at Austin Peay in Clarksville, Tenn. ♦

Volleyball team goes 2-1 at tournament

By Justin Ward
Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee Volleyball team started off the War Eagle Invitational strong last Friday with a 3-0 win over host team Auburn. MT dominated all three sets, going 30-17, 30-16 and 30-19.

Sophomore Keke Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 19 kills and a .567 hitting percentage. Katie Thiesen was the closest MT player to her with nine kills.

Negin Azarbehi led Auburn with 12 kills and a .611 hitting percentage and Brittney Diaz backed her up with nine kills.

The Lady Raiders dominated Auburn with a .370 hitting percentage to their .114. In game two, MT hit more than 50 percent with a .517 hitting percentage.

The Lady Raiders improved to 7-3 with their win over Auburn. Auburn fell to 1-6 on the season.

Saturday, MT came up against Wyoming but fell short. They lost in three sets, 30-26, 30-17, 30-24.

Junior Karisse Baker led the Lady Raiders in their effort with 10 kills and a .368 hitting percentage.

Deckard and Thiesen both had seven kills for the game. Deckard also led the team with 11 digs for the team.

Michelle Rauter led Wyoming with 10 kills, and was backed up by Jill Roslund with nine kills and a .500 hitting percentage.

With the loss to Wyoming, MT fell to 7-4 on the season and Wyoming improved to 6-2 for the season. MT's final opponent for the weekend was the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

MT beat UNC-Greensboro 3-0 (30-18, 30-18, 30-19) in the final day of the War Eagle Invitational Sunday.

Deckard, who was named to the War Eagle Invitational All-Tournament team tallied 12 kills for the Lady Raiders while teammate Hillstrom collected 10 kills. Baker was also named to the All-Tournament team.

MT finished the tournament 2-1.

The MT Volleyball team travels to Clarksville, Tenn., Wednesday for a match against Austin Peay at 7 p.m. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Middle Tennessee players at the Auburn Invitational beat Auburn Friday but lost to the University of Wyoming.

Women's rugby still looking for players for season

By Justin Ward
Staff Reporter

The women's rugby team continues to reach for NCAA Division I status as they recruit more players and try to improve their game.

On campus since 1997, the team offers women a year-round chance to compete with other schools in the region.

Several of the teams that they compete with are the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University, Western Kentucky University, the University of Georgia and the Nashville Women's Rugby Team.

Doug Wolf has been the coach of the team for the past five years and has been involved with rugby

for around 15 years.

He played for MT's rugby team for five years, and from there, played for Nashville.

The team goes year-round with the fall being a training period and the spring being more competitive.

Angie Denny is the president of the team and is recruiting heavily for the fall.

"The fall is more or less just training and getting the new people used to playing the game," Denny said.

"The spring is when it really counts more. It's much more competitive in the spring because the spring is when we can qualify for the Sweet 16 if we get that far."

The women's collegiate Division

I bracket, of which MT is a part, participates in national championships every spring.

The winners from the various regions in the country compete in the Sweet 16 in an attempt to make it to the elite eight, and eventually the finals.

Last year the team made it to the semi-finals of the South Championship, but was stopped in a 32-0 loss to the University of Central Florida. The team finished with a 7-5 record.

Right now there are 18 women on the team. Denny said if they can increase their numbers, then the team could move to NCAA Division I.

"We would like to go varsity, but

to do that we would have to have 30 girls consistently," Denny said. "It would take us up to Division I, so would the men's team. We could get a lot more money too and possibly get some scholarships, which is the main incentive."

Tony Neely, head coach for MT's men's rugby team, anticipates the women becoming sanctioned before the men.

"It is more likely the women will make it because of Title IX," Nelly said. "The women have been put on the list for emerging sports."

"Rugby has been put on a list for consideration for the 2008 Olympics and that would be a big plus for rugby in the United States."

Rugby for men and women is

currently not sanctioned by the NCAA.

The team practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. on the intramural fields and everyone is welcome to come.

"A typical practice is we'll usually start off with some ball handling and then we'll start working on teaching everybody how to pass right," Denny said.

"We're just working on the basics of the game, [like] working on tackling and rucking."

The team's first home game is Oct. 12 against Southern Mississippi on the soccer field next to Faces Restaurant and Lounge on Main St. ♦

Herring to compete for USA

By Angelica Journagin
Sports Editor

The International Association of Athletics Federations is hosting its ninth annual World Cup Sept. 20-21 with former Middle Tennessee runner Godfrey Herring competing.

The Pontiac, Mich., native will be spending this weekend in Madrid, Spain, at La Comunidad Stadium representing the United States in the 1,600-meter relay. The event finals have been set to take place Sept. 21 and USA Track and Field has indicated that Herring will be taking part.

"I want to establish myself with the U.S. team during this event so they will call again when there are other competitions in the future," Herring said.

Another member of the pool that Herring was selected from was two-time Olympian Alvin Harrison. Harrison competed in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics. He won a silver medal in the 400-meter dash in 1996 and a gold medal in the 1,600-meter relay in the 1996 and the 2000 Olympics.

He was the 1998 200-meter U.S. Indoor champion and the 2002 200-meter Outdoor champion.

Harrison will be running in the 400-meter dash in Spain and is currently ranked No. 2 in the world. His twin, Calvin Harrison, is also a member of the 1,600-meter relay pool.

Also in Herring's relay pool is another former Olympian, Antonio Pettigrew. Pettigrew ran the second leg on the 2000 Olympic 1,600-meter relay team. In his 12 years of competing professionally, Pettigrew has won the U.S. Outdoor championships five times in various events and is currently on the 1,600-meter relay world record holding team.

Angelo Taylor is one of the younger members of the relay team. However, he has accomplished a great deal since his college days three years ago. In the 2000 Olympics he won gold in the 400-meter hurdles and the 1,600-meter relay. He is also the 3-time U.S. champion in the 1,600-meter relay.

Leonard Byrd is another member of the team who has won the World Outdoor 1,600-meter relay gold medal. Finally, Mike Kenyon, like Herring, will also be competing for the USA team for the first time.

The IAAF World Cup is a points-based format of team competition. The United States will

compete against continental teams from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe and Oceania.

Other Olympians competing are gold medalists Marion Jones and Gail Deavers.

Jones became the first woman to win five medals in track and field at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. She won the 100-meter, 200-meter and 1,600-meter relay gold medals. In the long jump and the 400-meter relay, Jones had to settle for bronze. Jones will be competing in the 100-meter and the 400-meter relay at Madrid.

Deavers is the 2002 world leader in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 12.40 seconds. Deavers won Olympic gold in the 100-meter in 1992 and 1996 and participated on the 400-meter gold winning relay team in 1996.

The prize money for the event is \$3,022,500, with \$30,000 going to the winner of each individual event.

"They are giving me a chance to get my foot in the door, and I want to make the most of that opportunity," Herring said. "I'm looking forward to it, and I am excited about the competition."

The members of the Men's and Women's USA World Cup team qualified by winning their events at the 2002 USA Outdoor Championships June 21-23 in Palo Alto, Calif. Herring failed to qualify for the finals at the event, but the winner of his event allowed Herring to take his spot. ♦



Herring



Harrison



The deadline to apply for student activity fee funds is Thursday, September 19 at 4:00pm in KUC 126.

Applications for funds are available now in KUC 126.

In order to be eligible for funds you must have attended one of the orientation sessions presented during the Fall and be a registered organization.

For further information call 898-5812



No. 15 Auburn burns Middle Tennessee 5-0 at night match

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee soccer team suffered an 0-5 blow out loss to No.15 ranked Auburn Tigers Friday night.

The win was the fourth shutout for the Tigers this season, and kept the team undefeated at 5-0, the Blue Raiders' record fell to 1-4-1.

"It was good for us to get this win tonight," said Auburn head coach Karen Richter.

The match also saw the starting debut of MT freshman goalie Danielle Perreault. Auburn's offense had 19 shots on goal as compared to MT's seven. One of Auburn's shots was blocked by the defense, seven were off target, one smacked the post, five were keeper saves and five found the net.

Of MT's seven shots two were off target and five were goalie saves. Sophomore Laura Miguez led MT in shots with two.

The first score of the contest came in the 35th minute, when Auburn's Kristen Stewart found Chrissy Culver in the clear space of

the MT defense. Culver received the pass and went one-on-one with Perreault. Quick footwork had the MT down by one.

AU added another goal late in the first half. The Blue Raiders were called for a foul that gave Kellie Evans a free kick from 25 yards out. The shot ricocheted off a MT defender, and went into the net to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead at half-time.

Auburn started the second half with another goal. In the 48th minute, Evans took the ball down the right side, and sent the pass to the box. Careful of the offsides call, Sarah Steinmann waited until the ball bounced past a MT defender, and the goalie. Steinmann headed the ball into the net to give the Tigers a 3-0 lead.

The next score for AU was in the 57th minute when Jennifer Walters caught the inexperienced Perreault off her line and shot the ball into the upper far post of the net to 4-0.

The final score of the match came courtesy of a free kick off the foot of Kellie Evans in the 79th minute. The foul took place outside

the penalty box when an MT player fouled Jessie Allen. Evans added her second goal of the match with a shot that went through the MT wall, past the goalkeeper and into the net. The goal closed the scoring with a Tiger 5-0 victory over the Lady Raiders.

"Kellie Evans had an awesome game," Richter said. "She did a great job scoring on both of her chances."

The score had the potential to be higher with three Tiger shots making the net. However, the goals didn't count because of various offsides calls.

The hard-fought match had 24 fouls and four yellow cards called. Junior Melissa Funke and freshman Caroline McHugh were presented with yellow cards in the match for the Lady Raiders.

"This was a tough, physical game," Richter said.

The two-day trip in Alabama continued Sunday afternoon with a trip to Tuscaloosa to take on the University of Alabama. Results were not available by press time. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Danielle LaDuke was, along with her teammates, unable to capitalize on their seven shots at the game Friday.

Moosemen take down Tennessee Tech



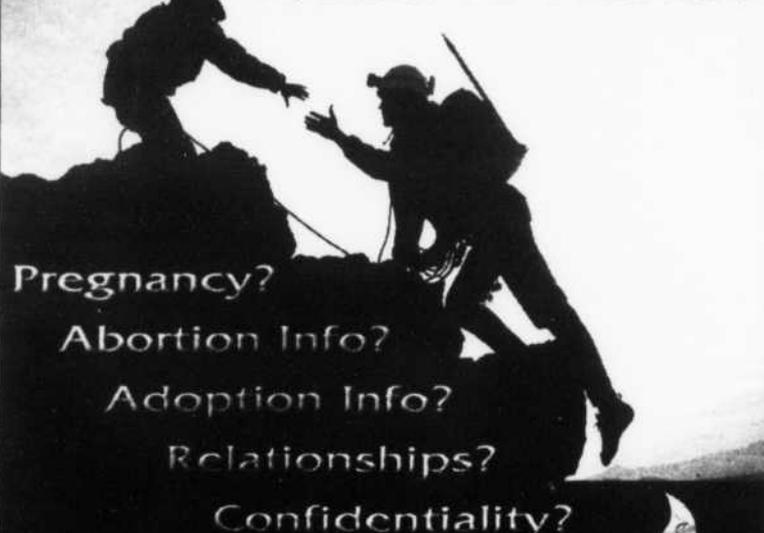
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The Middle Tennessee Moosemen beat Tennessee Tech University 80-3 Saturday afternoon. The Moosemen travel to Western Kentucky University this Saturday.

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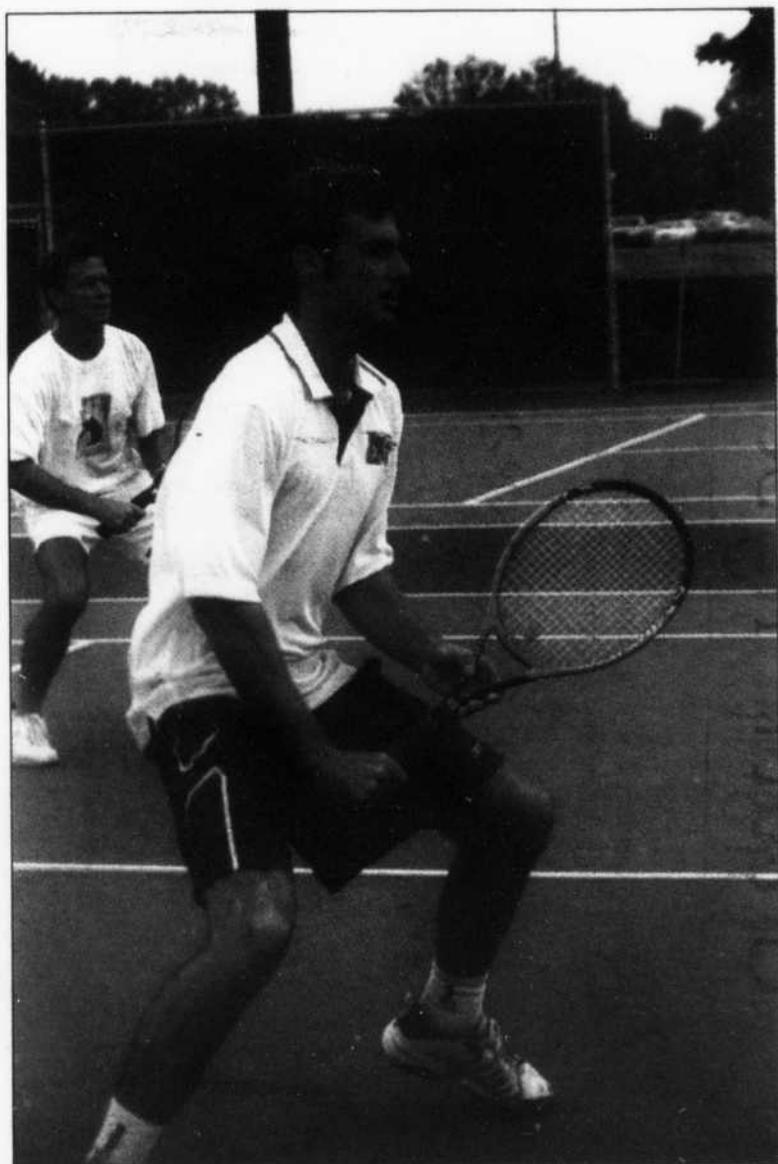
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Kirk Jackson (above) with his pairs double sets to return the ball. Lady Raider Emily Vest (right) hits a forehand at the 16th Annual Wally Tidwell Pro-Am Classic Saturday afternoon.

Tennis hosts annual fund-raiser

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men and women's tennis team kicked off their season with the 16th Annual Wally Tidwell Pro-Am classic Friday and Saturday.

This year the annual fundraiser was renamed after Wally Tidwell who helped in the past by securing sponsors for the event.

"We wanted to honor Wally for all he has done for the tournament," said men's head coach Dale Short.

"He is fighting a serious illness and we wanted to rename this tournament for him."

Friday's events included a welcome dinner and an exhibition match played by the mixed double pairing of former Blue Raider All-Americans David McNamara and Julius Roberts and No. 10 ranked double's team Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell.

The team of Kruse and Roberts defeated Varnell and McNamara in a tie-breaker set after each team took three games.

Saturday's tournament play featured 16 women's teams, 26 men's teams and an increase in sponsorship support.

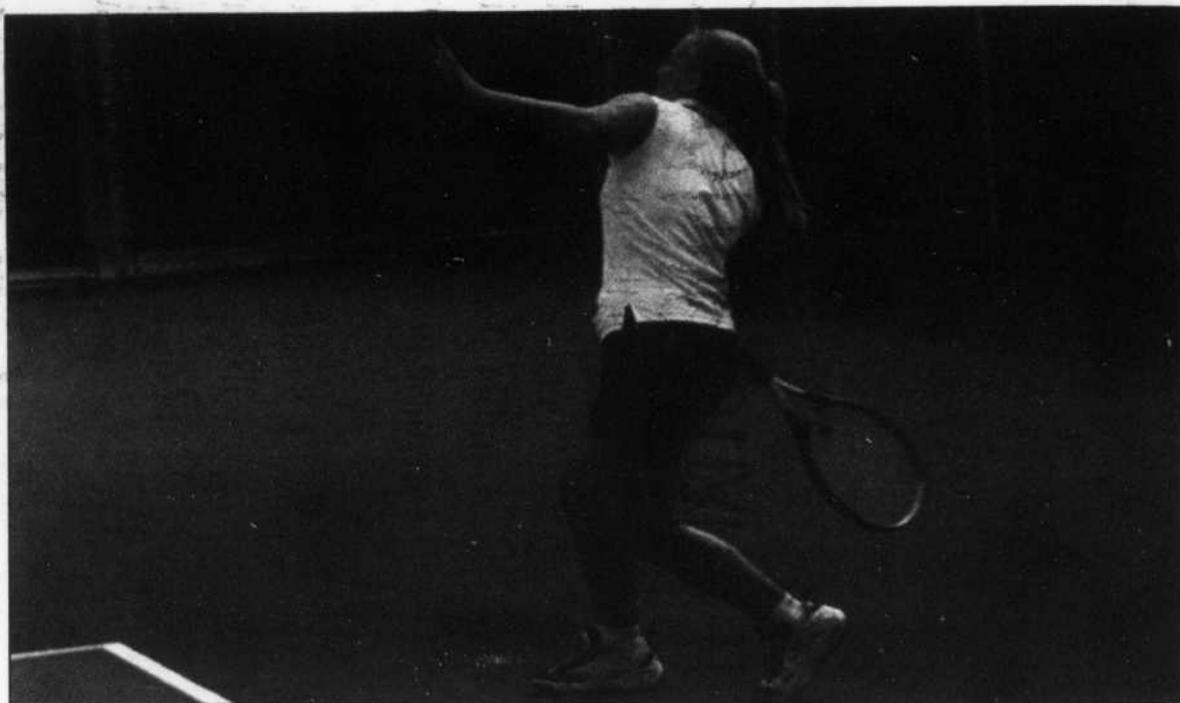
"The growth of this tournament is really exciting," Short said. "This

is the biggest turnout and year we have had in the history of the event."

In the women's division former Lady Raider Tanja Buchheim and Carol Dudintz took first place, with Kristina Poppovic and Jeanie Jarell taking second.

Cal Cook and Kevin Curlee won the men's division and Kirk Jackson and Andy Adams took second.

The event raised more than \$12,000 for the men's and women's teams, who play Friday at home for the men and in Wilmington, N.C., for the women. ♦



Klemetz in running for 2002 ITA All-American Championships

MT Media Relations

SKILLMAN, N.J. – The fields for the 2002 Icy Hot/Intercollegiate Tennis Association Men's All-American Championships have been set for the Oct. 4-13 event at The Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn., including 10th-ranked Middle Tennessee senior Daniel Klemetz.

Highlighting this year's event will be top-ranked Jesse Witten of Kentucky, along with 41 of the top 50 players in the preseason Omni Hotels/ITA Collegiate Tennis Rankings for the Oct. 10-13 main draw. Witten, last year's ITA National Rookie of the Year, reached the quarterfinals at this

event last fall and was also an NCAA singles finalist. Sixteen of the top 20 ranked doubles teams will also be competing.

Several schools from Tennessee will be competing next month. University of Tennessee-Chattanooga senior Jason Ontog received a wild card into the Oct. 8-9 qualifying singles tournament. Highlighting the main draw of singles will be Klemetz of Middle Tennessee, Wade Orr and Mark Dietrich of the University of Tennessee and ninth-ranked Bobby Reynolds of Vanderbilt.

East Tennessee State University, Lipscomb University, University of Memphis and Tennessee Tech will also have players competing in the

Oct. 4-7 prequalifying event (as will Middle Tennessee, UTC, Tennessee and Vanderbilt).

The Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championship is not only the largest single tournament of this season in collegiate tennis, with more than 350 competitors (including the qualifying tournaments), but is also the first of three national championship events at the Division I level during the 2002-03 collegiate tennis season (followed by the Omni Hotels/ITA National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in November and the season-ending NCAA Championships in May). The women's counterpart to the Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American

Championships, the Riviera Women's All-American Championships, is hosted by the Riviera Tennis Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The Icy Hot/ITA Men's All-American Championships feature 256 singles players and 128 doubles teams in prequalifying tournaments played Oct. 4-7, which feed into 64-player and 32-doubles teams qualifying tournaments Oct. 8-9. The 64-players, 32-doubles teams main draw takes place Oct. 10-13.

This event has been played annually since 1979.

A number of its past participants have enjoyed successful professional tennis careers, including

recent U.S. Open finalist Todd Martin, formerly of Northwestern, and up-and-coming pros like James Blake, Jack Brasington, Bob and Mike Bryan, Alex Kim, Jeff Morrison and Brian Vahaly.

Former Wimbledon and French Open finalists, MaliVai Washington and Mikael Pernfors, are also past champions. Four of this year's participants competed in the U.S. Open qualifying tournament last month.

Stanford's K.J. Hippensteel captured his second title in three years at last year's event in Stone Mountain, Ga., beating South Alabama's Kosta Zinchanka in the final. ♦