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## Campus Briefs

### Mock-trial tournament to be held on campus

MTSU will play host to the nation's largest invitational mock-trial tournament Friday and Saturday.

Local attorneys will judge the four rounds of the contest - two on Friday and two on Saturday.

Schools from as far away as Maryland and California will converge on campus to compete in the tournament.

Six to eight MTSU teams will compete in the tournament.

For more information, contact political science assistant professor Clyde Willis at 898-5457.

### Campus group to host informational meeting

Women for Women, the campus feminist group, will hold a meeting for everyone who is interested in joining the club.

The gathering will take place today at 5 p.m. in the James Union Building, Room 206.

### Student organization to collect canned goods

The United Student Coalition will host a concert to gather canned goods for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"Big Fella Presents: Hip-hop for the Hungry" will take place Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theater.

Admission is free, but donations of all sizes are encouraged.

"Bring one [can] or bring a hundred, whatever you feel," Big Fella said.

### Greek organizations will perform step show

Members of the National Pan-Hellenic Council will host their annual Homecoming step show Saturday.

It will be held in the Murphy Center at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They can be purchased between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Keathley University Center outside the Grill, the Office of Greek Life and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

For more information, contact James Mason in the Office of Greek Life at 898-5996.

### Local group to perform second 'Boro show

The Stones River Chamber Players, an ensemble composed of professors of the School of Music, will perform their second Murfreesboro show Sunday.

The Wright Music Building will house the 7:30 p.m. concert.

Works to be performed include "Trio for Flute, Oboe and Piano," "Concierto de Samba," "Miniatures for Flute, Oboe and Piano," "Trio for Violin, Clarinet and Piano" and "From Ganges' Beautiful Stands."

The group has performed concerts in Brownsville, Tenn., and Mt. Vernon, Ga., to help prepare for the campus show. For more information, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

## MT partnership helps African squatters

### HIV prevention goal of project

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

MTSU participated in a partnership to improve conditions in three squatter communities in South Africa, from September 1999 to September 2002.

The partnership was originally proposed by research director Hari Garbharran, a South African native and associate professor of geography and geology.

"I won a faculty grant in

1995 to check out research possibilities in South Africa and went over in August 1995 and made contacts with the University of Durban-Westville, as well as other research organizations and non-governmental organizations," Garbharran said.

The grant was received from the Association of Liaison Office for University Cooperation and Development, the U.S. Agency for International Development and the White House Education for Democracy and Development

Initiative.

Funding agencies evaluate proposals submitted in selecting the partnerships.

One goal of the project was the development of outreach activities targeted at improving water, sanitation, health practices and HIV/AIDS prevention. The team also hoped to apply water-modeling techniques to foster an equitable distribution of water resources in squatter communities, in keeping with sustainable urban development plans in Durban.

They also hope to add a provision to the policy of ongoing

research findings, which will assist in policy development issues such as urban environmental management in the Durban metropolitan area.

"The team's mission was to improve conditions in Durban and KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa by targeting water, sanitation, hygiene and HIV/AIDS education, most of which was focused on in Zulu," Garbharran said.

Thirty-three percent of the total South American population lives in informal or squatter communities in the province of KwaZulu-Natal.

The partnership didn't establish a student exchange program with the UDW, although it did allow for student and faculty training.

Three members from the UDW visited the United States from 2000-2002 for water modeling training and to participate in an annual conference held in Washington, D.C.

Garbharran took some of his students on a study abroad trip to South Africa and Swaziland during the summers of 1997 and 1998. The trips helped him complete pilot surveys of squatter communities in Durban.

## Banners welcome Homecoming



Photo by Blake Pearson | Staff Photographer

Homecoming banners hang in the halls of the Keathley University Center for judging Monday. The winning organizations, which will be announced at Saturday's game, receive points that contribute to their overall scores. Other contest events this week include the parade float competition and fight song contest.

## Professor examines silence, sex



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

MTSU alumna Debra Jackson tells students about the consequences of silence during or before intercourse.

By Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Staff Writer

Debra Jackson, an MTSU alumna and philosophy professor at California State University at Bakersfield, spoke Monday on the philosophical implications of silence as related to nonconsensual sex.

The lecture centered on the question of what the nature of consent really is and how silence is interpreted as either lack of consent to intercourse or a silent act of consenting. Jackson also focused on the importance of communication within sexual relationships and during sexual intercourse.

"Communicative sexuality provides a better model of sexual intimacy because it recognizes the mutuality of sexual encounters - what we can now call the dialectics of desire," Jackson said.

"Communicative sexuality would require that one engage in open communication with their sexual partner or partners."

Jackson noted that silence

cannot always be interpreted as a willingness or desire to engage in intercourse but could instead simply be a woman taking on a passive role and failing to communicate her feelings about the sexual act.

"If one fails to engage in communicative sex, one becomes liable for negligence or notable ignorance of whether one's partner actually consents to the sexual encounter or in fact enjoys it at all," Jackson said. "In this case, anything less than an affirmative expression of willingness should be regarded as nonconsent."

Legally, Jackson noted, silence is often regarded as consent, and many women who are victims of rape but remain silent throughout the act fail to be legally recognized as victims of rape. Her example of such a situation included a woman who had been assaulted by her husband with a knife and then forced to engage in intercourse. The court's ruling stated that the act was consensual because

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## Fact book illuminates university's history

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

A new trivia and fact book is starting to show up around campus, giving students an inside look at campus history, alumni, athletics, community, faculty, staff and students.

MTSU Miscellany: Trivia and Facts About Middle Tennessee State University, was compiled by Kenneth W. Hollman, holder of the Martin Chair of Insurance, insurance program alumni James Clyde McClaran Jr., Igor Zhislina and all current members of the Omega Chapter of the Gamma Iota Sigma insurance fraternity.

The project took two years of extensive research to develop questions and verify the accuracy of the answers found.

Hollman first came up with the idea to write the trivia book in early this year.

"The idea for such a book came from a similar book that I ran across for the University of North Alabama in a Books-A-Million store," he said. "I immediately sensed the appeal that the book would have for alumni and friends of UNA. I wondered if such a book had been written for MTSU. After looking around, I determined that one had not."

Hollman recruited McClaran and Zhislina as co-authors and started researching.

"I could not have chosen better fellows. They are extremely bright, both love MTSU and are trivia devotees. They proved to be tireless in their search for questions, and relentless in their effort to verify the accuracy of answers," Hollman said.

The authors began to collect information in the fall of 2000 and continued until this fall when the book was published. The authors gathered information from many sources, but Homer Pittard's book, *The First Fifty Years*, written in 1951, was the single greatest source available.

Faculty and staff, whether active members or retired, also submitted questions and answers as well as gathering information from student publications, yearbooks, the athletic department, Institutional Effectiveness Office, Graduate School Office and all of the academic departments and colleges.

The book, sold for \$10, is being marketed through Phillips Bookstore, Blue Raider

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# Honors lecture examines American cultural imperialism

By Christopher Magan  
Staff Writer

A mass communication professor claimed Monday that American music and television create a power over other countries that many Americans fail to realize.

Jan Quarles, professor of mass communication and electronic media, spoke Monday concerning American cultural imperialism and transnational corporate culture as part of the Honors Lecture Series.

She discussed the expansion of corporate giants like AOL-Time Warner and Rupert Murdoch's News Corp and how they spread Western ideology around the world.

"The export of cultural products, primarily film, is our second largest export after aero-

space products," Quarles said. American products and influence saturate the globe, Quarles said. From *Baywatch* to Mickey Mouse, American goods dominate the world, especially film and television.

Cultural imperialism emerged during the Cold War when media attention focused primarily on the United States and the former Soviet Union.

News coverage of the rest of the world became limited and smaller countries began to fear that Western culture would shape and change the societies in which it was introduced.

Today, as companies seek global markets for their products, countries become saturated in American products and influences, Quarles said.

She said there is an argument over whether the spread of

Western ideology is destroying culture or bettering the world.

"Regardless of whether you think the theory is too simplistic, too dated or not applicable at all in a globalized world, many aspects of the flow of cultural industry products around the world should be examined, understood and questioned," Quarles said.

Quarles said she became fascinated by culture flow and how Western cultural products affect other societies while living and teaching around the globe.

Quarles said today's Western cultural influence is better described by what scholar Herbert Schiller calls a "transnational corporate culture." Western, primarily American, influence is spread through products and multimedia entertainment.

Quarles cited three specific trends that have helped create a global corporate culture: concentration of media ownership, the emergence of an information economy and the deregulation and privatization of media.

She said this proliferation of media and products creates a type of "soft power" of American ideology that many people do not realize.

"To look at where cultural products come from, where they go and what kind of views of our lives and our country others around the world are getting," Quarles urged.

"Does the flow of cultural products mean we'll have an Americanized, or Westernized world, a world of hybrid culture or another kind of global culture?" Quarles asked. ♦



Photo by Blake Pearson | Staff Photographer

Mass communication professor Jan Quarles talks about corporate expansion and the spread of Western ideology.

# Used cell phones assist domestic violence victims

By Wendy Caldwell  
Staff Writer

This year, more than 1 million women will be treated for domestic violence. How many could have been saved with a phone call?

From now until Thanksgiving, the sociology and anthropology department will be collecting cellular phones for victims of domestic violence.

The program is run through Verizon Wireless' HopeLines. Phones are collected, repaired if necessary and pre-programmed for emergency calls. The phones are then given to individuals in domestic violence situations.

More than 7,200 phones have been donated through HopeLines in the past two years. Though the program itself is

not new, it is new to MTSU. When Pat Nation's victimology class did a unit on domestic violence and spouse abuse, they decided to take action.

"The students came up with the idea," Nation said. "It's a very socially aware group."

When the program was mentioned in class, the students were interested and adopted it as a class project.

"I think it's a great idea," student Katrina Hartsell said.

Roger Bates, another student in the class, commented on the class's interest in the subject.

"It started with the lack of funding and resources for battered women, and they had very few options," Bates said.

The class is hoping that the rest of the student body will take an interest as well.

"I think it's very appropriate

a victimology came up with this," Nation said. "I'm very impressed they would want to take a proactive approach to victims."

Nation said it could be a year or more before the class is offered again, so no plans of continuing the program have been made.

To donate a cellular phone, bring the phone and any accessories (batteries, chargers, etc.) to the sociology and anthropology department before Thanksgiving.

A box will be available for phone donations in Peck Hall, Room 316.

Donations are tax deductible. A copy of the tax donation receipt and additional information on HopeLines can be found at [www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline](http://www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline). ♦

# Jackson: Different views presented

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the defendant was the woman's husband and due to failure to verbally declare a lack of consent.

Citing other theorists related to the topic, Jackson discussed perspectives of other philosophical scholars on the topic.

"Just as a conversationalist's prime concern is for the mutuality of the discussion, a person engaged in communicative sexuality will be most concerned with the mutuality of desire," Jackson said, quoting Lois Pineau's work on rape.

Jackson shared dissenting views of this theory as well, relating to ideas of male and female communication differences and social expectations of women and their roles.

She graduated from MTSU in 1996 and earned her doctorate from Purdue University in 2002.

Paideia, MTSU's philosophy club, hosted the lecture. Audie Sheridan, president of Paideia, was responsible for inviting Jackson to speak on this topic and introduced the lecture.

"Sex is of monumental importance to all of us,"

Sheridan said. "Yet, as a society, we are largely ignorant of just how important it is."

"By raising a deceptively simple question about sexual consent, Dr. Jackson got those who attended asking themselves important questions about sex. This is important, because any open discussion is always preferable to a nervous silence—even if that discussion makes us uncomfortable," Sheridan said.

For further information on future philosophy lectures or to inquire about joining Paideia, e-mail Audie Sheridan at [als3g@mtsu.edu](mailto:als3g@mtsu.edu). ♦

# Fact book: Profits for scholarships

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Bookstore, Lightning's Locker Room, the Alumni Office and Hollman's office in the Business and Aerospace Building, Room N330.

Faculty and students alike can order books over the phone at 898-2673 or by e-mail at

[khollman@mtsu.edu](mailto:khollman@mtsu.edu). All profits will flow into a scholarship account in the Development Office.

The earnings will be used for annual scholarships for students enrolled in the insurance program at MTSU.

"As the holiday season approaches, readers may wish to

keep the book in mind as a great gift idea," Hollman said.

"Alumni and friends of MTSU would likely enjoy receiving a copy of the book. And even experts on MTSU will likely find something in the book they did not know about the university," he said. ♦

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# OPINIONS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board Fight the lameness, go to Homecoming

In 1911, the University of Missouri hosted the first-ever Homecoming in an attempt to attract fans and alumni to the big game.

It was a gimmick – an event contrived to generate revenue for a school that had switched stadiums and needed to make sure people would still show up to the game. It worked – more than 9,000 fans showed up.

Hopefully, the tradition of using a gimmick to convince fans to show up to a game will prevail for the Blue Raiders as they head into Homecoming weekend with a losing record.

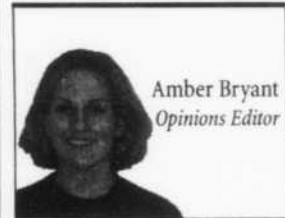
It would really suck if the students at MTSU let this grand tradition fail by not showing up to the game. Come on, almost everything else that happens on this campus is incredibly lame. Don't let this event fall to the same level of mediocrity that everything else on campus does.

Let this event equal the fun of other Homecoming games. The University of Tennessee was demolished by Miami last weekend, but they still managed to have fun. A little closer to home, Tennessee State University's Homecoming has become legendary, whether the football team is having a winning season or not.

Just because the University of Louisiana-Monroe has a better chance of beating MT than thought when this game was scheduled is no reason for the students not to get rowdy.

So here's our advice: round up your friends, round up some props and go out and have fun. Just because the game might be lame doesn't mean Homecoming has to be. ◆

## From the Opinions Editor Reality television proves we're animals after all



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

If I've learned anything from watching reality television shows, such as *Survivor*, it's that petty backbiting is worth millions, women can live without razors and humans are just animals after all.

Think about it – the producer's role is only slightly different from that of an animal breeder. He or she knows that, if you put two attractive heterosexual (or homosexual) persons in a closed environment, copulation is likely to occur. Thanks to modern contraceptive devices, the couple's end result won't be the same as a pair of giraffes' or lemurs' would, but the biology remains the same. Humans are also more selective, of course. Whereas animals pay little attention to physical appearances. Remember that next time you cringe at the thought of mating with Roseanne Barr or Marlon Brando.

Just as the animal kingdom operates on certain evolutionary principles (mainly survival of the fittest), real-

ty shows often reward the fastest and fittest player with basic needs like food, shelter and cold, hard cash. However, the absence of such amenities, barring the latter, can eliminate an entire species, while a cast member can just purposely piss off his or her companions until rejection is imminent.

"Hey, psycho," you might be thinking right about now. "Humans are far mentally and emotionally superior to animals, therefore your point is moot."

Which brings me to my intended conclusion. Last week, one of my professors said that, while watching television, human brain activity is lower than it is during sleep. In other words, while I'm watching *The Real World*, my cat has a better chance at solving an algebraic equation than I do. This is even more true when it comes to reality television because viewers are attempting to "experience" quasi-realistic physical adventures.

Quit watching reality television and go have some excursions of your own. Treasure your superior mammal brain by exercising it. If anything, you'll be more apt to beat your pet ferret at a game of chess. ◆

## Nevada voters ignored drug facts



Wit and Wonder

Callie Elizabeth Butler  
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Recently, the state of Nevada voted on an initiative to remove the threat of arrest for the use of marijuana.

If passed, it would have eliminated the threat of arrest for responsible using adults possessing three ounces or less of marijuana, called for regulations for usage related to driving and other such activities, created a legally regulated

market for adults to obtain marijuana from a non-criminal source and allowed those who have medical needs to obtain the substance at a reduced and regulated rate.

Unfortunately, question nine on the Nevada ballot was answered with only 39 percent voting "yes."

This is an unfortunate result for a number of reasons.

Perhaps the most logical reason for marijuana legalization is that with regulation of sales and distribution would come a dramatic reduction – perhaps even the elimination – of crime related to marijuana trafficking. In addition,

police forces could begin focusing their energies on other more significant crime. Law enforcement should be focused on sexual assault that leaves women encased in fear or race-related murder instead of ransacking the home of a medical marijuana user or following a teenager coming from a party.

Alcohol and cigarettes have both shown to be more addictive and cause more bodily damage than marijuana consumption, yet still remain legal and regulated.

There are more deaths in the United States related to alcohol and cigarettes

than marijuana, but these substances still are legal. This fact makes any argument used to deem marijuana usage an illegal act flawed. Marijuana has also been shown to have medical benefits and provide pain relief for medical patients in dire need of treatment and relief, a fact that many states are beginning to recognize and consider.

Legalization of marijuana would have no greater an effect on society than the end of prohibition or the adoption of regulation on cigarette purchasing and usage. It wouldn't create a society of apathetic potheads – don't

forget that the end of prohibition didn't create a society of primarily alcoholics.

Not only that, but legalization would also eliminate one branch of the drug war, a movement that has only served to further drug-related crime and has promoted very little significant change.

Voters in Nevada should have voted "yes" on question nine and legalized marijuana.

When you examine the facts, it just makes sense. ◆

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## Bush ready for action Cavemen provide human insight



Yesterday's Tomorrow

John Miller  
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Being an American in France, I'm often asked the same question: "What do you think of Bush and Iraq?"

As any of my friends can tell you, I'm not a fan of Bush. However, at the same time, I'm 100 percent American. I also know what I say here will affect people's perception of America, so I choose my words carefully.

Every European I've spoken with holds one thing in common: they don't like Bush. He's seen as having a short fuse and being potentially dangerous.

Should the United States go to war with Iraq? Let's look into a brief history of the relationship between the two countries. Just as with the Taliban in Afghanistan, in the early 1980s the U.S. government gave aid and sold weapons to Saddam Hussein to fight a common enemy, Iran. The CIA in turn sold weapons to Iran during Reagan's administration to finance guerrillas in South America.

The U.S. government

did nothing to stop the eight-year war between Iraq and Iran, nor did the United Nations intervene when Iraq began developing chemical and biological weapons that Saddam used on his own people. France was even allowed to sell Hussein a nuclear reactor without much protest, except from Israel.

It wasn't until Hussein invaded oil-rich Kuwait that the U.N., spear-headed by the United States and England, took action. Then, only a couple of hundred miles from Baghdad, the most powerful army in the world under the elder Bush was called home, leaving Hussein in power. Why go, if not to finish the job? Which brings us to the present dilemma.

The big selling point behind a war with Iraq is that Saddam Hussein isn't complying with U.N. resolutions in regard to weapon inspectors.

I don't believe Iraq should be allowed to develop weapons of mass destruction. However, I do believe that the threat Hussein poses is being over-exaggerated, especially in regards to the United States.

If the U.S. government were worried about a potential terrorist attack being launched from the

Middle East, it would be better to look south of Baghdad at Saudi Arabia. The overwhelming majority of the terrorists from Sept. 11 were from Saudi Arabia. Why, then, does the United States not condemn Saudi Arabia? Because they possess the world's largest oil reserves, more than Iran, Iraq and Kuwait combined.

The United States spends millions of dollars on Saudi Arabian oil. They, in turn, spend millions of dollars on terrorism against the United States and Israel. As long as we're buying and they're selling, everything is friendly on the surface.

I'm pleased that Bush resubmitted a plan of action to the U.N. Security Council and not independently attack Iraq.

I believe Saddam Hussein is one of the most deplorable dictators to ever live. He should've been removed during the first Gulf War.

If Hussein had half the intelligence of a chimpanzee, he would comply with all the U.N. resolutions because Bush is finished talking and ready to take action. ◆

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Cosmo's Corner

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During a recent excavation in the Montana Badlands, an archaeologist working for the Smithsonian Natural History Museum made an unprecedented discovery: evidence of an ancient caveman battle.

However, that's not the most extraordinary thing. More relevant is that the occurrence of the battle provides insight into human behavior.

Richard Leaky, overseer of the excavation, claims, "What we have found proves the true essence and nature of man hasn't really changed in thousands of years."

After several months of research, the archaeologists came to a consensus. The battle involved two family clans, Trog and Thorak.

Trog was apparently very diligent and prosperous. Thorak, on the other hand, wasn't as ambitious.

The Trog clan had at least seven to eight caves to dwell in. It had a great variety of weapons, from efficient spears and clubs to slings and bolos. It made elaborate tools and pottery and had little trouble retrieving the best food to eat. Archaeologists attribute its prosperity to its superior skills and weaponry.

The Thorak clan wasn't as well off. It's believed that it had only one or two caves. Thorak's weapons also left a lot to be desired. Tools and pottery were virtually nonexistent.

Leaky theorizes that Trog and Thorak were peaceable with one another until the Trog clan started improving its spears. It experimented with new materials to make them lighter and stronger. Eventually, Trog was successful and had the most efficient spears possible.

With the improved spears, the Trog clan prospered. Members had ample food and were able to expand in the area. The

new spears reduced the manpower needed on hunts and were extremely effective.

All this didn't sit well with the Thoraks. They began to feel inadequate. Their spears were nothing like Trogs.

Anger arose in the Thorak clan. Disgusted with its own shortcomings, the Thorak clan hated the Trogs for what they had.

A decision was made to attack the Trog clan and take their spears and caves for themselves. The Thoraks grabbed their weapons and set out to take the first Trog cave they came to.

Their first attempt was a success. They came upon a Trog cave and attacked. Because the Trogs had spread to other caves, the limited number of people made resistance futile.

Luckily for Trog, someone escaped and brought word of the attack to the others.

They quickly organized the rest of the clan and set out to stop Thorak's rampage.

The next day, after the Thorak clan had savored its victory, he gathered his men and set out to find the next cave. Shortly after leaving the cave, it came upon the second cave where the Trog men were waiting for them. A short and decisive battle quickly ensued.

Thorak and his men fell quickly under Trog's men and their superior spears. The Trog clan lost only a few men of their own.

With the victory secured, the Trog returned to their caves where they continued to prosper and expand.

Leaky concluded, "This goes to show that man has always tried to overcome one another. That jealousy, envy and the acquisition of material objects as status symbols are a part of our nature. The things we argue and fight over have changed, but our reasons have not." ◆

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## Letter to the Editor Marriage built on love, not sexuality

To the Editor:

*Sidelines* columnist Wesley Jackson, joins an elite group ("Nevada right to defend family," Nov. 7).

He, like that model of fidelity, former President Clinton, feels that marriage must be defended from same sex couples. The Defense of Marriage Act was strongly supported by numerous conservative Republican legislators, among them Congressmen Henry Hyde of Illinois, Dan Burton of Indiana and Bob Barr of Georgia. These illustrious gentlemen have each married/divorced one or more times and/or admitted to instances of infidelity. With their support, DOMA passed and was signed into law by former President Clinton.

To paraphrase Jackson, heterosexual marriages don't make families any more than a horror movie makes a romance film. How many students come from single heterosexual parent homes? How many have endured the conflict of a heterosexual marriage which came to a contentious end? How many have the scars to prove it?

Love, not sexuality, makes a family. Heterosexuals, however hypocritical, don't have a monopoly on love.

Perhaps Jackson ought to broaden his currently narrow world view. Perhaps then he'd be aware of the numerous studies that indicate that children raised by same sex couples are no less well adjusted than any other kids.

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## Starving for attention

One woman's battle with eating disorders

By Laura Sentell  
Staff Writer

Vivian Larson weighed 80 pounds when she went to the hospital with the eating disorders anorexia and bulimia nervosa.

She decided to lose weight at 13 years old when she was 5 feet 8 inches and 115 pounds, which was already under the average weight range for her height.

"Losing weight is what I put my life toward," said Larson, who lives in Antioch, Tenn. "I enjoyed the negative attention my parents gave me. After a while, I would even use my eating habits to manipulate my parents. I would get my way if I ate for them."

At first she allowed herself 500 total calories per day. An average girl her age and size needed around 2,500 total calories per day to develop and grow.

During this time, her meals consisted of one serving of meat and one fruit. Larson ate mostly vegetables.

She thought that the more weight she lost, the more she would like her body. She began consuming no more than 150 calories per day —

about as much as half a bowl of cereal and skim milk. When she ate more than her limit, she would vomit to get rid of the "excess" food.

She was not getting the necessary vitamins and minerals an adolescent female body demands.



"When eating insufficiently, it actually slows down the process so you don't develop a womanly figure," she explained, "like you're a year behind. As long as you've had [an eating disorder], it is as far behind as you are in development."

"I knew it was ridiculous," Larson admitted. "It controlled me."

Few of her friends knew about her eating habits and her parents thought it was simply a phase. But

when Vivian was only 80 pounds and her heart rate reached 40 over 60, Vivian's mom took her to the hospital.

After a week in the hospital on a feeding tube, she was released. She saw a psychiatrist once and was prescribed an anti-depressant to boost her self image and appetite. A nutritionist and doctor guided her eating habits for the next six months.

Anorexia and bulimia attack more than 8 million innocent males and females across the United States. The majority of these victims succumbed to the media's image of the "perfect body type." Both of these eating disorders affect the victim psychologically so that they are not able to maintain healthy eating patterns and portions.

People who may be susceptible to eating disorders are wrestlers, dancers, models and crash dieters, but everyone is at risk.

Eating disorders, however, strike more adolescents and young adults than any other age group.

While Vivian conquered her eating habits within a year, one-third of anorexic or bulimic persons struggle against the disorder for six to 10 years. If not treated in time, eating disorders can break down the immune system, drain energy supply, slow development and possibly become fatal.

Symptoms of anorexia can include eating very little, compulsively exercising, abusing laxatives, diuretics or emetics, "knowing" one is fat even when far below average weight, feeling dizzy, appearing moody and reclusive and having sallow or yellow skin.

Women can experience uneven or no menstrual periods and an increase in facial and body hair, while men may become impotent.

Symptoms of bulimia can include vast differences in caloric intake followed by purging, a sore throat, compulsive exercising, puffy cheeks, swollen glands and depression.

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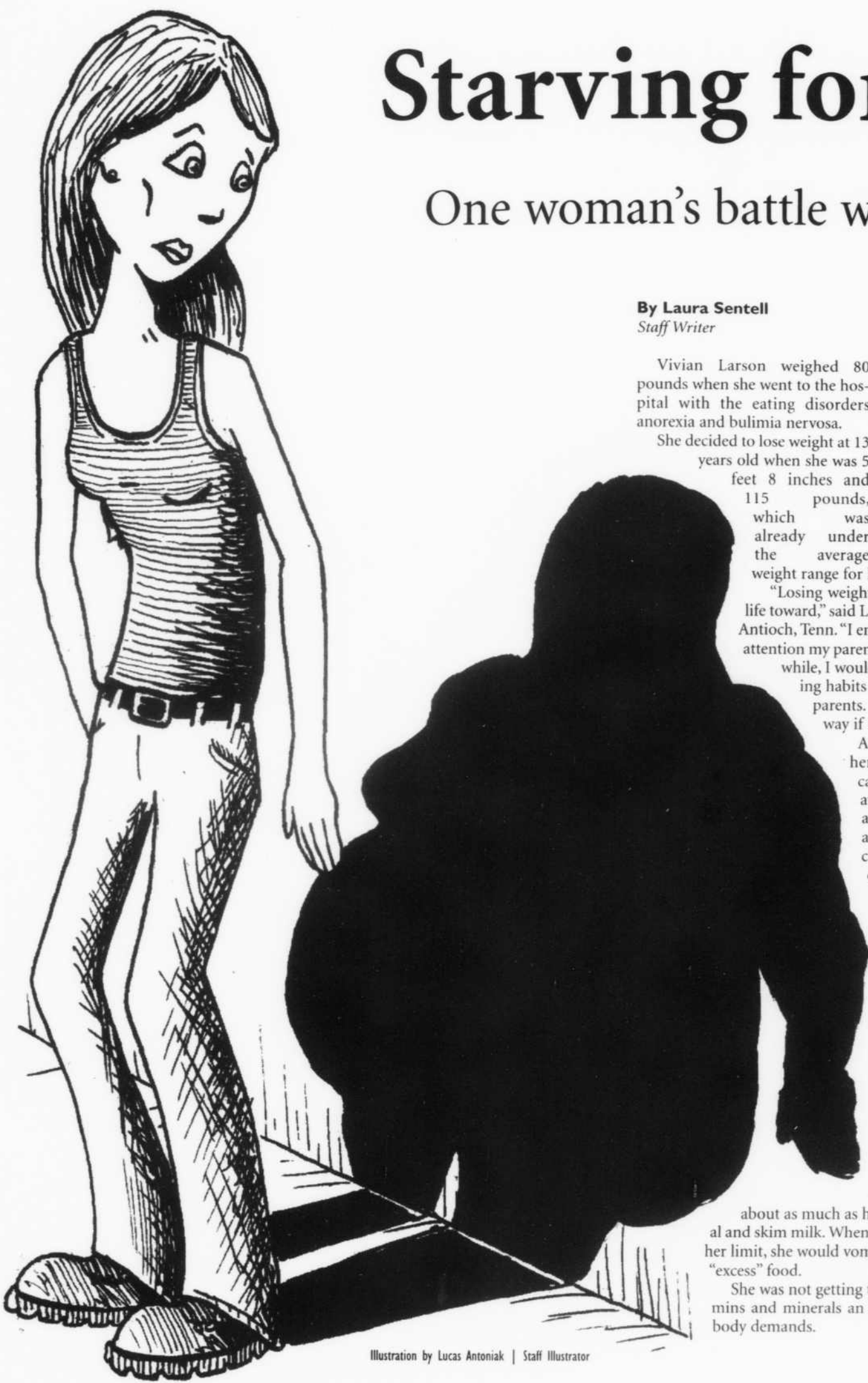


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## Finding fellowship

Religious organizations meet student needs

By Stephanie Hughes  
Staff Writer

With the pressures of school and the burdens of everyday life, it's reassuring to some students know there are places off campus to turn.

MTSU offers a wide variety of religious organizations for students.

Each organization or ministry is unique in its own way, which allows students to attend the one best suited for them.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry, formerly known as the Baptist Student Union, is just one of the many organizations on campus that gives students the opportunity to have fellowship with others, attend worship and various studies, and meet new people.

Sandra Fisher, secretary of BCM, says their mission on campus is simple.

"We want to provide a place for MTSU college students to come and meet other Christian students and provide encouragement to serve Christ through different conferences, mission trips and by getting involved in local churches and evangelistic opportunities," Fisher says.

The BCM is a ministry that reaches out to students to help meet their spiritual and emotional needs.

"The BCM has been a life-changing experience for me," says Travis Langley, president of BCM and physical education major at MTSU. "I felt God's presence in a new way when I came here."

Langley describes their ministry as "a collaboration of all the ideas of the people that come to the BCM."

The BCM is open to students every week to provide activities and events for them. Tuesday Night Together begins at 7 p.m. and is a night of food, fun and fellowship. Students gather for a time of worship, prayer, and Bible study.

On Wednesdays, local churches associated with BCM sponsor a "Noonday" to provide

home-cooked meals for students. The meal is served at 12:15 p.m. after prayer and a short devotional. The cost for lunch is \$3, which serves as a fund-raiser for missions. On Thursdays at 7 p.m., Tommy Taylor leads worship and a guest speaker leads a Bible study for students.

The BCM is not just for Baptist students. "We're open to all MTSU students of all denominations," Fisher says.

Contact BCM director Charles Nored at 893-5035 or by e-mail at BSU@mtsu.edu for more information.

Catholic students on campus have the opportunity to become involved with the Catholic Center. Like other campus ministries, the Catholic Center provides students with the chance to attend Bible studies, worship and various activities.

Every Monday, the group hangs out together for a movie night at 7:30 p.m. to give students a break from studying or work. Every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., students are invited to join a student-led Bible study. The group comes together for prayer, meditation, and the rosary on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Students also attend Mass together on Sunday mornings at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

The center offers retreats, ski trips, camping trips and other yearly events for their students. Their annual spring retreat, "Search," is designed to help students take time out of their busy schedules to seek after God and the Holy Spirit in their lives.

For more information on the Catholic Center, call the co-directors, Jason Bradford and Jennifer Schafer, by contacting their office at 896-6074.

Other organizations are also available to students who may not wish to join a Protestant, Catholic or other organization.

The Muslim Student Association is an

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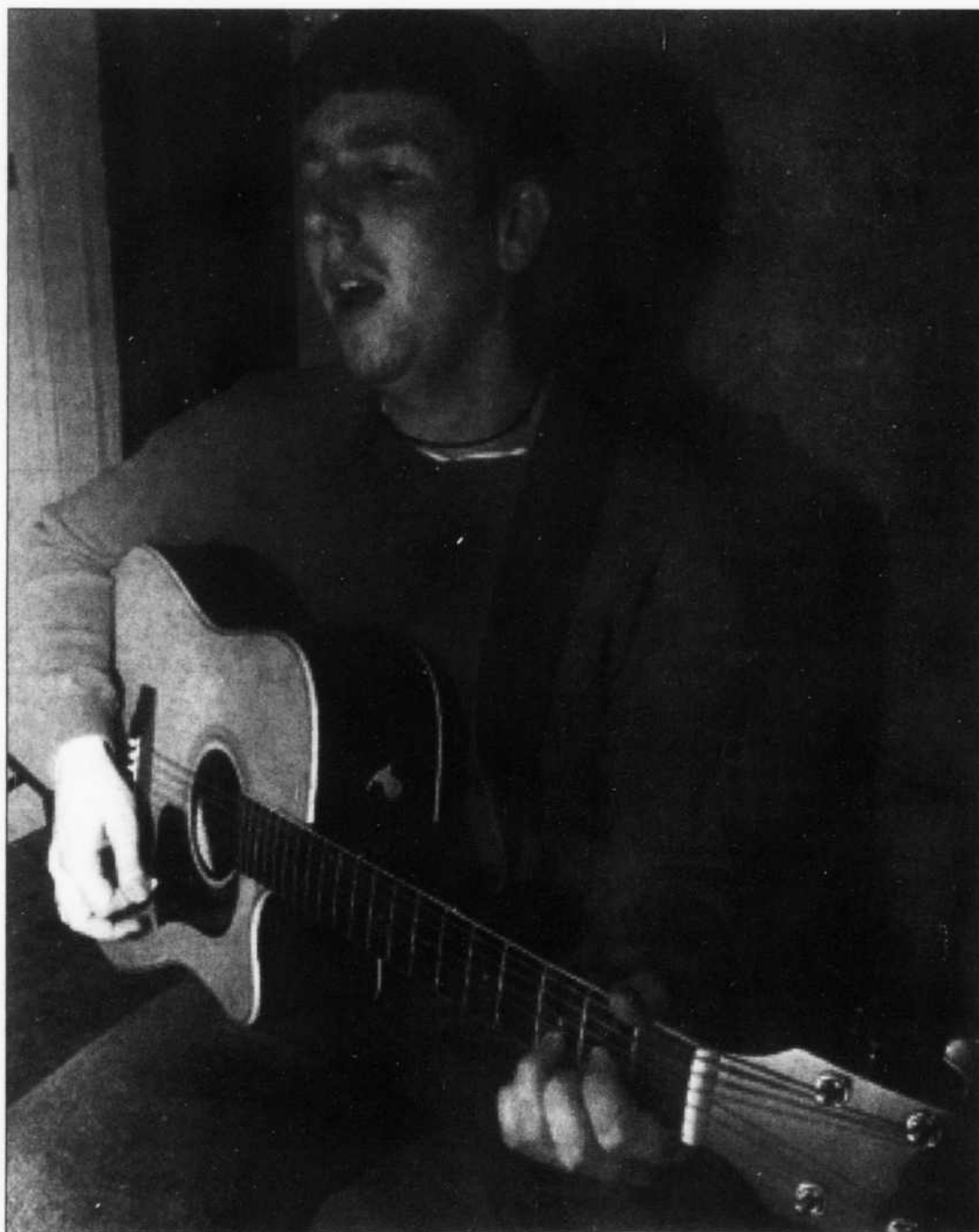


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Sophomore Brian Mitchell, praise and worship leader for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, prepares for the Tuesday Night Together worship service while singing "Lord Reign in Me."



# Dear Annie

## Brokenhearted

Dear Annie,

I am heartbroken. I recently met someone who in a fast amount of time just became everything to me. I just did not realize how important he was until it ended. You see, I accused this person of avoiding me and lying to me when that was not the case. I knew he was not in good health, but I did not know how bad it was. After all the accusations and the bad things I said, he came out and told me that he was dying of cancer. At that moment I just felt like dying inside. I felt like everything was being taken from me. I have apologized over and over again. I have told him that no matter what I am here for him at anytime that he needs me. Nothing I say or do seems to be working. I don't know what to do or how to show him that he is important to me no matter what happens. Every time I think of what I am losing, not only because of my actions but by uncontrollable circumstances, I cry. I have tried everything to get through to him but it does not work. To him I just don't exist anymore. What should I do? — Heartbroken.

Dear Heartbroken,

The first thing you need to do is stop feeling guilty about your actions. You didn't know he was dying of cancer. You saw an inconsistency in his behavior and confronted him — you couldn't have known the real reason. You acted as any other normal person would have in this situation.

Also, there may be reasons why he is pushing you away. He may be trying to protect you. Or he doesn't want to get closer to you because it's too painful for him. Maybe it's easier for him to push you away at this time. I know that you want to be there for him, but not being there could be the best thing.

What I suggest you do is write him a letter. Tell him just what you have told me. Let him know that he is important to you and apologize for anything you may have said that has made you feel guilty. Also tell him that you want to be there for him, but you will respect his wishes if he doesn't want to continue a relationship or a friendship. Don't expect a response. He will know how you feel. This is all you can do.

It may feel like you don't exist to him anymore, but I'm sure that is not the case. Your heart is broken. He didn't break it and your actions didn't break it — uncontrollable circumstances are to blame. Don't focus on losing him. Focus on what you learned from him and the good times that you've shared.

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).

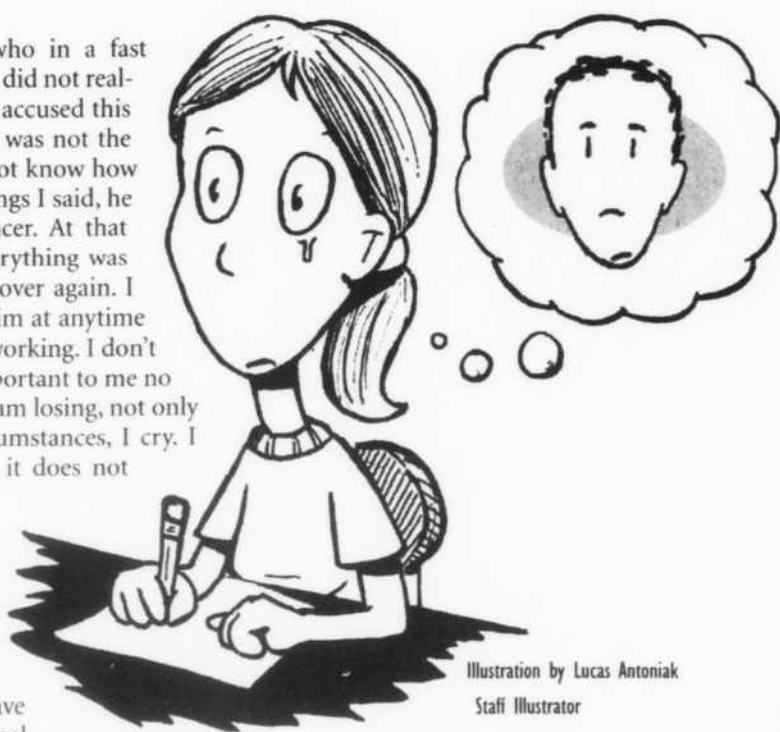


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## Anorexia vs. bulimia



### Anorexia nervosa

- Refusal to maintain body weight for healthy functioning
- Hunger and disorder denied; often proud of weight management and more satisfied with body
- Less anti-social behavior
- Amenorrhea of at least three months' duration
- Mistrust of others, particularly professionals
- Tend to be obsessive
- Greater self-control, but emotionally over-controlled with problems experiencing and expressing feelings

### Bulimia Nervosa

- Underweight, normal weight, near weight or overweight
- Intense hunger experienced and binge-purge considered abnormal; greater body dissatisfaction
- Greater tendency to anti-social behavior and alcohol abuse
- Irregular menstrual periods common; amenorrhea uncommon unless body weight low
- More trusting of people who wish to help
- Tend to be dramatic
- More impulsivity and emotional instability

Source: American Psychological Association

## Eating: Disorders consume energy, stifle development

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For more information and help concerning anorexia or bulimia as well as other eating disorders, contact the Vanderbilt Response Unit at (615) 936-1288.

MTSU's June Anderson

Women's Center in the James Union Building, Room 206, contains books and pamphlets with further information concerning eating disorders.

"Think about what you're doing to yourself and to your body," Vivian said. ♦



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## Groups: Diverse groups available on campus

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organization that seeks to inform students about Islam.

"Our aim is to promote the best understanding of Islam to all interesting people, whether Muslims or non-Muslims, to build friendly bridges between Muslims and non-Muslims, and also to provide a support group for the Muslim students on campus," says Zaid Brifkani, president of MSA and an MTSU student majoring in biology and chemistry.

The MSA seeks to educate students on the stereotypes about Muslims and Islam and to fight against acts of terrorism.

The group is open to students of all religions and cultural backgrounds. They also work closely with other religious organizations on campus.

The MSA holds meetings every other week to discuss issues surrounding Islam and any other concerns the group might have.

The group also hosts annual events such as the "Islamic Food Day," in which they serve food

from the Islamic world to students on campus. They also inform students about the status of women in Islam by hosting open discussions and by participating in the Women's History Month.

Interested students can contact Brifkani at [zab9679@hotmail.com](mailto:zab9679@hotmail.com) or visit MSA's Web

site at [www.geocities.com/msamtsu](http://www.geocities.com/msamtsu).

Students interested in these three organizations or other campus ministries can also contact the interim coordinator for Student Organizations, Ashley Neill, at 904-8418, or go to Room 306B in the Keathley University Center. ♦

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## Blue Raider baseball announces team schedule for 2003 season

### Staff Reports

Seven NCAA Tournament teams were listed on Middle Tennessee's baseball spring schedule announced Monday.

Right off the bat, the Blue Raiders face Jacksonville State in a three-game home series.

"It is going to be the best Jacksonville State team they have had in the past five of six years," Blue Raider head coach Steve Peterson said.

Peterson feels confident about the team's chances for a strong season.

"We have a tremendously

"The whole thing about baseball is that you have to be mentally ready to play every day."

—Steve Peterson,  
MT baseball head coach

strong non-conference schedule, and that is great. Once we get into conference play, we will see how we can play," Peterson said.

"Once we get into the second part of the season, and we are the top four, then we will say,

'Boys, let's go after the championship.'"

The teams taking on MT that competed in the NCAA tournament last year are the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, New Mexico State University, Florida International University, the

University of South Alabama, Kent State, Southeast Missouri State University and Southwest Missouri State University.

"Kent State has a tremendous pitching staff year in and year out," Peterson said. "They have a very strong baseball program. We play Southeast Missouri State, who was one of the best teams we played last year. We also play SEMO in a Monday game. So, that stretch will be a great measuring stick in the early part of the season to see where we are."

Overall, the schedule includes 32 Blue Raider home

games. The team plays from Feb. 21 until their final regular season game May 18. The Sun Belt Conference tournament will be held May 21-24 in Lafayette, Louisiana.

According to Peterson, the team will have to be prepared for a tough schedule this year.

"We are playing in the sixth best conference in the county," Peterson said.

"The whole thing about baseball is you have to be mentally ready to play every day.

"You get that mental preparation of when you walk across the line, you have to be ready to go."

Last year, the Blue Raider baseball team played a 26-30 season.

MT was 8-16 in the Sun Belt Conference.

During the Sun Belt Conference baseball tournament, the team fell to both South Alabama and New Orleans.

The 2003 schedule begins with a three-game series against JSU beginning Feb. 21. After that, the Blue Raiders will be taking on the University of Kansas, Rutgers and Kent State. ♦

## Tennessee's football teams faring badly

By Kasimu Harris and Angelica Journagin  
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

Only a few months ago, football fans across the state of Tennessee believed this was the year for their teams to make a mark.

With several weeks of the season remaining, a dark cloud of reality has set in from East to West Tennessee.

The state of Tennessee has four Division I-A football teams: University of Memphis (2-8), Middle Tennessee (2-7), University of Tennessee (5-4) and Vanderbilt University (2-8).

The combined record of those teams is a dismal 11-27 and has left the Volunteer State demanding answers.

Tommy West, the second-year Memphis head coach looked to improve last year's 5-6 record. The program has resorted to selling tickets for \$5 through Shelby County Kroger supermarkets.

For the second straight year, MT football fans expected to celebrate Christmas early in New Orleans, by attending the New Orleans Bowl. Prior to taking the field, MT was picked to repeat as Sun Belt Conference champi-

ons. The university was receiving national attention, with the "Hicks for Heisman" media blitz.

Now the school is receiving the sort of attention that they did not want to receive. MT has become a regular on ESPN's Bottom 10 poll.

"Our kids have a great attitude, [even] with all of the adversity and the disappointments we've gone through as far as close games, as far as injuries, as far as opportunities," said MT head coach Andy McCollum.

Looking on the positive side, MT defensive back Will Martin sees the upcoming games as a way for MT to finish on a positive note.

"Our record doesn't show how good or how close or how hard we've played teams this season," Martin said. "Middle Tennessee football is still here and still good and we want to show that to all of the alumni coming back this week."

UT is also looking to improve their record as they come into the closing weeks of the season. UT was ranked No.1 in several preseason polls. However, their Homecoming game against Miami last weekend was symbolic of their season.

"I certainly expect our football team to bounce back after a tough loss last week," said UT head coach Phil Fulmer.

"As I told our team yesterday, it's really a time that we bow our neck from the standpoint of getting done what we need to get done here at the end of the season, starting with Mississippi State." ♦

## ESPN's love-hate relationship ends Friday

Sports commentary



David Hunter  
Staff Writer

As a lifelong NASCAR fan, I know an era will be coming to an end Friday. A network that helped put the series on the map when nobody knew about it will be covering its final race, The Ford 200.

ESPN has been televising NASCAR races since 1981, but lost the rights to Winston Cup and Busch series races in 2001 to FOX, FX, NBC and TNT. The network only had televised the Craftsman Truck series. However, starting next year, that series will be moving to the Speed Channel. So Friday's season-ending race at the Homestead Miami Speedway will be the final broadcast on a NASCAR race on ESPN for the time being.

The production and broadcast of the Winston Cup and Busch races has been really enjoyable and fun to watch. For some reason, I still miss the races being on ESPN.

At this same time, ever since the new television contract I feel like NASCAR kicked ESPN to the curb, and vice versa. ESPN has a show called *RPM 2Night* that would show highlights from every form of motor sports, including NASCAR. When the new television contract kicked in, NASCAR would not let the program show highlights of that day's race. The only shows that NASCAR will allow ESPN to show highlights are on *SportsCenter*, and *ESPN-NEWS*.

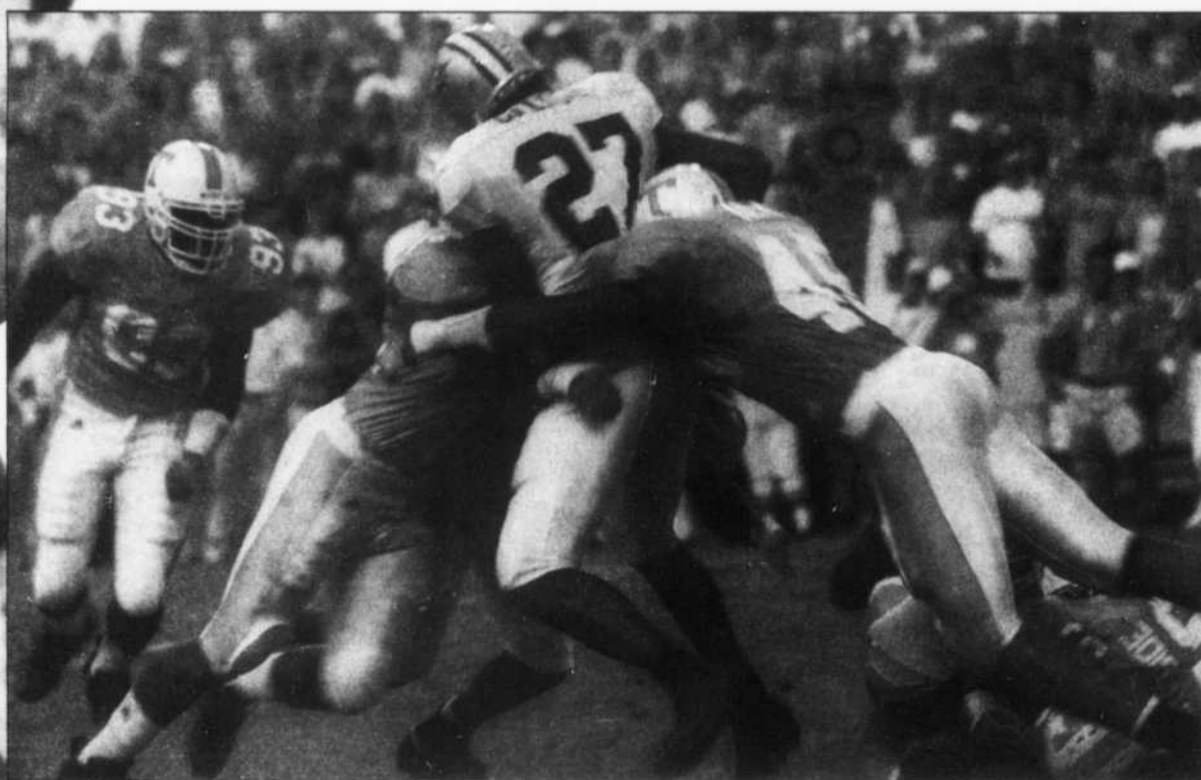
Instead, *RPM 2Night* has to show still photos of the race, like professional wrestling does sometimes on their TV programs a night after one of their pay-per-views. The network has to conduct all interviews outside the track, because they are only allowed access inside the track to tell the driver's public relations director where the interview area will be located after a race.

What both sides should do is let ESPN conduct interviews at the track, but wait until the networks showing the race get finished with theirs. NASCAR should give the networks televising the race first shot at interviews since FOX and NBC paid the big bucks to broadcast the races.

Maybe this should make the relationship become better for ESPN and NASCAR when the current TV contract ends in four years.

At the same time, ESPN could have done a better job when covering the truck races this season. When the race started, the coverage was solid. However, when the race ended, there were not any post-race interviews unless it ended early inside the two-hour television window. The network had to leave because they showed *Baseball Tonight*, which was going to show many more times.

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File Photo

Tyrone Calico is one of many players on Tennessee's struggling football teams.

## Volleyball team prepares for season closer



File Photo

Keke Deckard leads the Lady Raiders in digs and kills going into Friday's match.

### Staff Reports

As the Lady Raider volleyball team prepares to go into their final game of the season, they will be looking to come out ahead in the series between them and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

In the last regular game of the season, Middle Tennessee will travel to Lafayette, La., against a team that they are 1-1 against. In last season's game at home, the Lady Raiders defeated ULL in four games.

Again the Lady Raiders and Ragin' Cajuns will go into the game evenly matched, with MT holding a 7-5 Sun Belt Conference record and ULL having an 8-4 record.

The four teams that defeated ULL — the University of North Texas, Western Kentucky University, the University of Arkansas-Little Rock and New Mexico State University — all defeated MT.

Block-for-block, MT and ULL both have defensive players that will play a significant role in the match. Middle blocker Clarice Laires was named the SBC Defensive player of the week for

the second week in a row.

In the past weekend, Laires had a total of 25 digs in her games against the University of Denver and NMSU.

The only person on the Ragin' Cajun team who has a better dig-per-game average than Laires' 2.67 is Priscilla Lima with 3.25.

For the Lady Raiders, Keke Deckard currently leads MT with 378 digs in her 112 games.

The 3.38 dpg average puts her far ahead of the closest MT player, Kimberly Moeller, who has a 2.74 dpg average.

Offensively, the Lady Raiders will be looking to Deckard for the leadership she has exhibited in past games.

She led the Lady Raiders with 407 kills for this season.

"Keke played really well on offense," said MT head coach Lisa Kisse after the recent Arkansas State game.

"She had an amazing match."

Second in kills for the Lady Raiders is Katie Thiesen with 288 kills. For ULL, Stacey Cole leads in kills with 387. Lima is next with 350.

The Lady Raider match begins at 7 p.m. at ULL. ♦



# 2002 Sun Belt volleyball overview

## 2002 Sun Belt Conference volleyball standings

*Week of Nov. 11*

### East Division

	W	L	Pct.
Western Kentucky	28	4	.875
Arkansas-Little Rock	12	12	.500
Middle Tennessee	16	12	.571
Arkansas State	9	20	.310
Florida International	8	20	.286

### West Division

	W	L	Pct.
New Mexico State	21	6	.778
North Texas	15	15	.500
Louisiana-Lafayette	14	12	.538
New Orleans	13	17	.433
Denver	5	18	.217
South Alabama	5	18	.217

### Florida International

Adriana Fundora continued her streak of double figure kills with 14 and 26 over the weekend. It marked the sixth consecutive match in double digits and 15 of her last 17. In the key match at New Orleans, the junior was at her best tying a season-high of 26 kills and a season-high seven service aces. She added 10 digs and five blocks for one of her best overall games in her career. In eight games, the Miami native averaged five kills per game, 0.875 service aces, 2.13 digs and 0.88 blocks. Fundora has a team high 388 kills, 270 digs and 54 service aces. FIU still has a shot at making the tournament despite its ten conference losses. The team is one game behind Arkansas State and Denver. The Golden Panthers need to defeat Arkansas State on Friday night and Denver to lose both games over the weekend. Freshman Oksana Zabalueva has 178



kills on the season, good for fourth on the team.

### Denver

The Pioneers return home for their final two regular-season matches this weekend and will try to earn the eighth and final berth into the Sun Belt Conference Tournament. Denver will host New Orleans on Friday and South Alabama on Saturday. Both matches will be played in Hamilton Gym at the Ritchie Center. Denver stunned North Texas before falling to Louisiana-Lafayette. Against the Mean Green, Olympia Hughes had a team-high 14 kills.

### New Mexico State

NMSU took a tough road loss on Friday when it fell to UL-Lafayette 3-0. Stevi Adams couldn't play due to the

flu. Shari Hearne, Abby Stines, and Jackie Godber all had food poisoning but still played. The Aggies then came back on Sunday when they traveled to Denton, Texas, and defeated North Texas 3-1.

Godber had a total of 21 digs in NMSU's victory over North Texas and 13 vs. UL-Lafayette.

Godber is moving up on NMSU's all time records list in digs with a total of 916 digs for her career. She is currently in eighth place

and needs 31 digs to take seventh place. Godber is first on the team in digs with a total of 369 for the season. She averages 4.01 digs per game.

## PIONEERS DENVER



# Potential MT Blue Raider finds success at University of Auburn

By Kasimu L. Harris  
Staff Reporter

Anyone who follows athletics is aware of the countless scandals involving athletes and athletic programs.

However, many of student-athletes who participate in collegiate athletics, the majority are model students and pillars in the community. One of those many student-athletes who have become a positive example for others is Dontarrrious Thomas.

He considered attending Middle Tennessee State University before Auburn offered him a scholarship.

Currently Thomas is a junior majoring in management information system with an overall grade point average of 3.43, he wants to become a database analyst. Thomas is the recipient of numerous academic awards including: Academic "Top Tiger" Award for 2000 and 2001, Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Award, a Kappa Scholar and the Greg Pruitt Award for the Outstanding Student Athlete at Auburn.

The old adage says, "From those to whom much is given, much is expected." Admittedly Thomas owes his mother, Mary Jo Lawson a lot.

"She told me that academics always come first over sports, football or any athletic event that I participated in, can be taken away," Thomas said. "But once you get that degree, they can never take that away, and you can always prosper from that degree, he continued. I can

remember she only allowed me to make like two B's."

She didn't play in his seventh grade year, he brought home two B's and his mother took him off of the football team until he raised his grades.

"She told me I could participate in sports or anything I wanted to, as long as I kept my grades right," Thomas said.

In high school Thomas continued to excel in the classroom, and in athletics. At Perry High School in Perry, Ga., he was a three-sport star and in football, a Class AA all-state selection playing linebacker, defensive back, receiver and quarterback.

Despite an impressive high school career, college recruiters were not knocking down his door.

Some considered him to be a late bloomer and too small at 6-foot-3 and 185 pounds. A homegrown talent, he thought he would get a call from the University of Georgia. That call never came.

"My most memorable game would be when we played against Georgia," Thomas said. The game was during the 2001 season in Athens, Ga. "I kind of tried to shine a little bit, make them notice that they made a mistake on me," Thomas said.

He made them pay in the game Thomas made 15 tackles and assisted on a tackle on the one-yard line to ensure Auburn's 24-17 victory.

"Once you get into to that zone you start feeling the plays, you know the calls and formations, you just steel down and

everything becomes so clear you feel unstoppable," Thomas said.

Thomas takes pride in his accomplishments on the field, but he has other interest. One is his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, which has aroused his interest since boyhood.

Thomas was nine years old when he first saw Kappas on television.

"I remember seeing some [brothers] stepping with the cane and I just liked how

smooth they were. That fraternity just stuck out to me for some reason," Thomas said.

"I grew up around a lot of Kappas at Fort Valley [State College], I attend a camp and my counselors were Kappas," he added. "I liked what they were talking about, they really had their priorities straight." "[The counselors] were sort of laid back, smooth type of brothers; I wasn't the outgoing wild, crazy type," Thomas said.

One of his roles within the chapter is Guide Right, when Thomas takes time to give back to the community.

"I set up community service; I also tutor my frat if they need any help with classes," Thomas said. "I'm basically the brain — one of the ones with the smarts in the frat."

Other community projects and organizations Thomas participates in include Kappa Car Wash for Cancer, the Boykin

Center and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

His off-the-field interests have not hindered his on-field performances. Thomas has become one of the top linebackers in the nation.

In 2000, he was named to the Coaches' Freshman All-SEC team. At the season's end, Thomas was third on the team with 62 tackles. Against

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Dontarrrious Thomas plays for the University of Auburn.

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# Grizzlies coach leaves during losing season

By Woody Baird  
Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Sidney Lowe resigned as coach of the Memphis Grizzlies yesterday and was replaced by former NBA coach of the year Hubie Brown.

The 69-year-old Brown takes over the only winless team in the league.

Lowe's resignation came the day after the Grizzlies lost their eighth game, playing at home against the Golden State

Warriors.

"I wish the team well," Lowe said in a statement. "The Grizzlies have some good, young talent here, and they are going to be good in the future."

Lowe was in his third season with the Grizzlies, who have never had a winning year since the team began playing in 1995. The team moved to Memphis last year from Vancouver.

The Grizzlies had their best records under Lowe, 23-59 in the two previous seasons. Lowe was formerly an assistant coach

with the Cleveland Cavaliers and head coach with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

During the off-season, Memphis hired Jerry West, one of the most respected executives in the NBA, as president of basketball operations.

West called Brown "one of the premier basketball minds in the business."

"I feel fortunate that we are able to find such an individual in such a short period of time and that he agreed to step in and accept this job," West said.

Brown was coach of the Kentucky Colonels from 1974-76, and won the ABA title in 1975. He coached Atlanta from 1976-81, and was the NBA's coach of the year in 1978. He also directed the New York Knicks from 1982-87.

West's move to Memphis had Grizzlies fans fired up, and his additions, including first-round draft choice Drew Gooden and Wesley Person, a shooting guard from Cleveland, increased the optimism.

But the Grizzlies were criti-

cized for uninspired play early into the season, particularly on defense.

Lowe was still experimenting with different lineups when he left the team.

Before the Warriors' game, Lowe said he was still expecting the Grizzlies' play to improve.

Prior to the team's Nov. 4 overtime loss to San Antonio, West said he had no intentions of replacing Lowe. The team also started last season 0-8.

When he took over, West praised Lowe for the team's hus-

tle last season, even though it ended up with a losing record.

Lowe's resignation came after poor back-to-back performances in losses to Denver and Golden State.

The Grizzlies scored 73 points against Denver, their worst scoring output since March 3, when they scored 71 against Seattle.

Memphis trailed by 25 points in the second half against the Warriors, who won 108-101. ♦

## Thomas: Football player sets tackling highs for Auburn

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Arkansas he registered a then-career-high 10 tackles and he was named the Coaches' Co-Player of the Week.

In 2001, he doubled his production — literally. He was named to the Coaches' All-SEC second team, Associated Press honorable mention All-SEC pick and the SEC Academic Honor Roll. Thomas finished the season with 122 tackles, two times more than any other player on the team. He also led the team with nine tackles for loss-

es. Five times during the season, he registered double digit tackle games including a career-high 19 tackles against Syracuse. He also had 46 tackles in three games, which was the most in a three game stretch since 1993. He was also the defensive recipient of the Pat Dye Leadership Award.

Thomas was the first Auburn player to notch 100 or more tackles in a season since 1997, when Takeo Spikes and Ricky Neal surpassed the 100-tackle mark.

"I just came out with a great

intensity," Thomas said. "I just had a mind frame that I had something to accomplish. They (the coaches) gave me the opportunity to start last year and that was something I always wanted. I feel I had something to prove and each game I was trying to prove something."

After 10 games this season, the Tigers are 24th in the AP Top 25 poll, with a 7-3 record and 4-2 in the Southeastern Conference.

Thomas has played in nine games and is the third leading tackler on the team, with 65

tackles.

After a 52-14 rout over Louisiana-Monroe, the Tigers are preparing for their final two games of the season against Georgia and Alabama.

As far as Thomas playing in the National Football League, "If it happens, it happens," he said.

"I try not to get caught up in that, because it can always be taken away so suddenly. If it's in the Lord's will for me to play in the NFL, then I will be happy. If not I will still be happy," Thomas said. ♦

## NASCAR: ESPN, racing need to kiss and make up

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Hopefully, next year they will increase the time window for the Indy Racing League races and show more live NHRA action. I also need to get the Speed Channel for all my other auto racing action, besides network coverage.

I just hope ESPN and

NASCAR can repair their relationship in near future. Also, I hope that the current television partners can continue to bring NASCAR to higher levels like they already have.

However, the station that helped bring NASCAR to the mainstream will be turning the RPMs off for now, but they will be back. ♦

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