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Search for MTSU provost continues

Open forum
to be held
tomorrow

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

The search for MTSU's new executive vice president and provost is still underway, according to Harold D. Whiteside, committee chair.

The committee started the process of searching for someone to fill this position in April.

According to Whiteside, the committee is still considering

the original candidates.

"There's nobody new," Whiteside said. "We haven't extended the search. These are just people that were on our final list of people we want to interview and explore."

Sidney McPhee, university president, said the committee did not appoint a closure date due to the fact that they wanted to have time to review the candidates and make sure they meet their requirements for the position.

"I think it's important that we don't let time affect us from getting the best person," Whiteside said. He said the position of executive vice presi-

dent is important to the students at MTSU, and the committee is making sure they find the right person for the job.

McPhee echoed Whiteside's sentiments.

"I'm looking for someone with a breadth of experience in academic administration that can come and, very quickly, help us to move forward," McPhee said.

McPhee noted that MTSU is a complex university with aggressive goals, thus requiring someone who understands the challenge of such a position.

"It's not a job where you learn as you go," McPhee said. Whiteside remarked that the

executive vice president is the administrator who works closely with the affairs that directly affect the students, such as the plus-minus grading system, student loans and academics.

The executive vice president also acts as a "leader among equals," serving in the president's place when he is absent from the campus.

Currently filling in for the executive vice president is Robert Eaker.

According to Whiteside, Eaker is not expected to take the job permanently.

"He has done a great job," Whiteside said, "[but] there are no internal candidates."

Whiteside also noted that the committee in charge of finding the new executive vice president is made up entirely of faculty members.

"There is no administrative involvement at all," Whiteside said.

Whiteside said the faculty members on the committee each review the folders and compile a list of their top ten choices. They talk about the choices together and compile a master top 10 list. They then proceed to invite the candidates for interviews.

Whiteside said the question-and-answer forums are open to students.

"Students really ought to be there to ask questions," Whiteside said.

According to Whiteside, the past four forums were not well-attended, and when the committee asked for feedback, only one student responded. Whiteside said that, because the position directly affects student issues, it is in students' best interests to get involved in the selection process.

The next question and answer forum will be tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 315.

For more information on the selection process, contact Whiteside at 898-2318. ♦

SGA senator takes seat after impeachment

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

Student Government Association Senator Aaron Tannenbaum was found innocent after being impeached by the SGA and examined by the Internal Affairs Committee Oct. 23.

Tannenbaum, a senior, was impeached due to the enforcement of SGA law that states that members of the Senate can miss no more than two consecutive meetings without having an excuse.

According to Tannenbaum, a few of his friends had signed him up as a write-in candidate in the elections in the spring, and without his knowledge of it, he won a seat on the Senate.

"I didn't run again," Tannenbaum said.

Tannenbaum missed the first few meetings of the semester and, after being contacted, did not appear at the next Senate meeting, at which he was expected to defend himself.

"He had a legitimate reason. He didn't know that he had been elected," said Amanda Newman, speaker of the Senate.

Newman noted that Tannenbaum had served on the Senate in the past, but that he had not signed up to run for a seat this fall.

He had decided not to run again due to a 40-hour per week internship that would not leave him enough time to be dedicat-

ed to the work involved with being on the Senate.

Tannenbaum said that when he started getting e-mails informing him of upcoming Senate-related events, he disregarded them, thinking they were from last year.

He became aware of the situation when he received an e-mail stating that he had been brought up for impeachment.

Newman said that, because of the necessity to toughen up the Senate law enforcement, he had to be impeached and brought before the Internal Affairs Committee.

Once a senator is impeached, he or she can be asked to resign his or her seat in the Senate. If this occurs, the former senator is not allowed to run for any office at MTSU again. But impeachment itself does not bring about this consequence.

"All impeachment means is that there's enough evidence that you need to be investigated," Newman said.

Newman said that, before senators can be impeached, the Senate sends them a resolution, and they are expected to defend themselves. Tannenbaum's resolution was passed because he was not aware that he needed to defend himself at all.

According to Newman, once Tannenbaum was aware of the situation, he had no trouble explaining his case to the

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Prime Minister tells personal story



Benazir Bhutto, former prime minister of Pakistan, speaks to students about her personal and political struggle Wednesday in Tucker Theatre.

Benazir Bhutto
still determined
after exile from
native Pakistan

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

"I thought I could give the best parties that Washington had ever seen," Benazir Bhutto said. "But it was not to be. Fate took over my life and my destiny."

In a recent visit to MTSU, Bhutto, Pakistan's former Prime Minister, told a rapt audience her story of personal and political tragedy, triumph, analysis and hope.

As a 24-year-old graduate of Radcliffe College and Oxford University, she expected her father, then Prime Minister of Pakistan, to name her as ambassador to the United States.

But two weeks after her return from college, tanks rolled across the landscape of her native country, and her father was deposed.

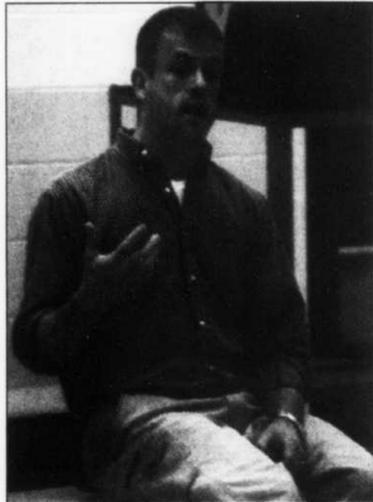
"Leadership is born of a passion and a commitment," Bhutto told the MTSU audience.

And her commitment was forged the day she saw her father hanged for what she believes were trumped-up charges of political corruption.

After years of imprisonment and exile, against all odds and a multitude of nay-sayers, at the

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Discussion stresses importance of AIDS safety education for students



Mark Hubbard talks to students at the HIV/AIDS discussion Wednesday.

Law punishing AIDS victims under examination

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

The impact of HIV and AIDS was the topic of a Lambda-hosted AIDS discussion Wednesday.

The importance of the disease was stressed, but its seriousness was de-emphasized. According to speakers, the disease appears to be less harmful than many think.

Mark Hubbard, co-chair for the Community Advisory Board at the Vanderbilt AIDS Clinical Trials Center, spoke to students and faculty about the prevention of AIDS, its seriousness and his personal experience with the disease.

"More than half the people that die [of HIV] die of complications," said Hubbard, an AIDS victim for 15 years.

Hubbard discovered he had AIDS in 1987 by mistake after a doctor's visit for an unrelated reason. At the time, there were no Federal Drug Administration-approved medicines for the disease. Since then, he's led a fairly healthy life.

"You can have a normal lifespan, but a lot of it depends on you," Hubbard said. "You've got to

take care of your body. You've got to take care of your mind and your spirit, too."

He explained the risks involved in sexual conduct and sharing needles, reminding listeners how to avoid the disease. Those who contract AIDS, according to him, should seek treatment and take measures to remain healthy.

Robert Hood, an MTSU philosophy professor, asked attendees their opinions on sex and AIDS to encourage conversation. He inquired of their thoughts on a possible law that would punish AIDS victims who had sex without telling the partner of their condition.

Some were upset by this discussion. Paul Lancaster, an MTSU graduate student, angrily expressed his thoughts.

"If he [pointing to Hubbard] has sex with someone and he doesn't tell them and it's unprotected, that's risky," Lancaster said.

Hubbard responded by saying that eating too much fast food could also kill people.

Vaccines for AIDS are currently being tested. The Vanderbilt AIDS Clinical Trial Center, where Hubbard first volunteered 15 years ago, conducts

trials with patients to test new vaccines for AIDS. Another center, the Vaccine Unit, looks for volunteers to conduct the tests.

"Vaccines show a lot of promise for treatment," Hubbard said. "Although I think we're going to get to a vaccine eventually, it's very difficult research."

The AIDS virus was discovered 20 years ago and no cure has yet been found. Those between the ages of 13 to 25 are at the highest risk, with two people infected every hour. The fastest growing group is women.

Gene King, the president of MTSU's Lambda Association, hosted the event to bring awareness to students.

"We're getting together with other student organizations to help make more people aware of the fact that AIDS is out there," King said.

Before the end of the semester, King and the Lambda Association plan to have a workshop for men to teach communication with sexual partners about such issues as AIDS. The exact date for the workshop is yet to be determined. King hopes to also have a similar workshop for women.

To find out more about the workshops, e-mail King at mtlambda@mtsu.edu. ♦

Professor: God, science coexist peacefully

By Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

It's a view that might garner ridicule from staunch anti-creationists, but professor Eric Klumpe asserts that there is significant scientific evidence that points to an intelligent designer of the universe.

Klumpe, an assistant professor of astronomy, explained his view Thursday night during the weekly Campus Crusade for Christ meeting, held in the Learning Resources Center to accommodate the larger-than-usual crowd.

Some scientists, Klumpe said, assert that – because Earth

is not positioned in the center of the solar system, galaxy or universe – Earth is not special or extraordinary and therefore probably is not designed by an intelligent creator.

"Maybe our position is far from ordinary," Klumpe said, arguing that, if Earth were positioned in the center of the solar system, conditions conducive to human life would be impossible.

If Earth was half a percent closer to the sun, he said, the oceans would heat and release greenhouse gases – mainly carbon dioxide – into the atmosphere and effectively smother all life. If Earth was 1 percent

farther away from the sun, he said, the polar ice caps would grow due to the lack of heat, and create giant spaces where sunlight would reflect and heat up the oceans, releasing carbon dioxide into the air.

Both scenarios, Klumpe said, point to a situation that would end human life. Along with other evidence, this indicates a unique situation that Klumpe said he does not believe could have happened spontaneously. Instead, he asserts Earth's position in the universe is strategic. He also said he doesn't believe that Earth's remarkable position is common in the universe.

"It's incredible to claim it's

unimportant," said Klumpe, who was an engineer in NASA's jet propulsion laboratory for nine years.

Klumpe is an advocate of the anthropic principle – a scientific principle that argues that Earth and the human life on it are special and unique. This is a principle closely related to what is traditionally thought of as creationism, which argues that an intelligent designer set the world into motion and created human life.

However, Klumpe said, the anthropic principle is based on scientific evidence and sound reasoning – not a religious doctrine. It just happens to point to

a supernatural element many identify as God, he said.

"You can't argue that this is creationist society run amok," he said, noting that Carl Sagan, a renowned astronomer, helped found the anthropic principle.

Klumpe, a Christian, said he sees of no reason why science and God can't coexist peacefully.

He said he believes, like most scientists, that the Earth is more than 4 billion years old and that evolution has occurred in various ways on the planet.

The only difference, he said, is that the evidence seems to indicate that Earth's fortunate placement within the universe

and the extraordinary happenings on it are part of a plan formulated and executed by a higher power.

Klumpe said there is much research that points to such an assumption, but that there was not enough time to cover it all in the two-hour lecture he presented.

"I come from the perspective that ... you're doing the right thing when you find consistent answers from diverse subjects," Klumpe said.

Campus Crusade for Christ holds its weekly meetings Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC. For more information, call Mitchell Mask at 898-4259. ♦

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Internal Affairs Committee.

"He wasn't forced to resign his seat," Newman said.

Newman said the Senate voted to keep him.

Tannenbaum has also decided to accept his vote into the Senate and fulfill his duties as senator in the SGA.

"What's in the past is in the

past; we'll judge him on this year," Newman said. "He seems to be really interested in wanting to make a difference."

"I'm glad to do it," Tannenbaum added.

Tannenbaum said that, even worries him is that it is even possible for someone to win a seat in the Senate with only a few write-in votes.

"This just shows that there

needs to be more [student] involvement in the Senate," he said.

According to Newman, Tannenbaum has been keeping in close contact with her since the issue was resolved.

"He's been doing all the mandatory requirements," Newman said. ♦

Homecoming returns to roots

By David Sterle
Contributor

The changes to this year's Homecoming, which started yesterday, will bring back aspects of events in years past.

The chili cook-off will take place again this year, after being replaced by a dessert cook-off last year.

"We felt that the chili cook-off was a very important tradition at MTSU," said Melanie Blair, this year's Homecoming director, "and we wanted to bring it back."

Another tradition that will be resurrected is an election of overall Homecoming winner, in hopes of encouraging more participation and school spirit, Blair said.

Points for homecoming will be given to all teams participating in the events. First place will receive 50 points, second place will receive 40 points, third place will receive 30 points and all other teams competing will receive 20 points.

The points for each event will be added up Saturday, and a winner will be announced for each of the three divisions after the third quarter of the game.

"This keeps it fair so that smaller teams won't be competing against larger teams," Blair

said.

The last thing brought back this year is judging time for all parade floats. Last year, they were judged on Friday morning. This year, floats will be judged at the parade, which will take place Saturday morning, so teams will have that extra night to perfect them.

The parade will also be starting an hour later and will begin at 10 a.m.

This year's Grand Marshall will be alumnus Emmett N. Kennon Jr. and his wife, Rose Kennon.

"The parade this year, I believe, should be the best one yet," said Ryan Corley, Homecoming parade director. "We are planning on having well over a thousand participants, representing about 50 different organizations."

The parade will begin at the corner of Maney Avenue and Roberts Street and end in the Greenland Drive parking lot. The best place to view the parade will be on Tennessee Boulevard, but there will be many other good spots along the parade route, Corley said.

Something new to this year's Homecoming activities is the addition of a blood drive. In years past, there has always been a canned food drive, which has

been eliminated.

"We decided that there is a need right now for blood," Blair said, "and that we could contribute more by holding a blood drive."

The blood drive will be held in the Keathley University Center, Room 322, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Teams can compete in the blood drive based on the number of members who donate blood. The basketball game Thursday night will also be a chance for teams to earn points through participation.

This year's homecoming theme is "Raider Rampage," and there will be a Western influence. The events taking place throughout the week will be judged on the incorporation of the western theme and school spirit.

Homecoming is sponsored by the Student Government Association and is later than any Homecoming in the past. The mid-November event has been planned in late October in recent years.

For more information on this year's Homecoming or for a complete list of homecoming committee members, visit www.mtsu.edu/~sga. Also at the Web site, click on the Homecoming link. ♦

Marijuana organization finds new home at MTSU

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws now has an MTSU chapter.

Even though the organization is still in its beginning stages, they already have plans to push their purposes on campus.

"We are ultimately hoping to legalize marijuana for medical, industrial and recreational use," said Sherry Landtroop, president of the NORML chapter at MTSU, called MPRO, for Marijuana Policy Reform Organization.

The group officially became a chapter of the national organization Nov. 5. The only other NORML chapter in Tennessee is at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

Nine states have already legalized the use of marijuana for seriously ill patients within the state, but federal laws, which

supersede state measures, forbid all uses of marijuana.

The process to create the organization on campus began in September when Landtroop turned in the application.

The first plan of action for the new organization is to start a petition on campus asking the Student Government Association to join other schools that have passed a resolution asking the government to repeal the 1998 revision to the Higher Education Act.

The HEA was first signed in 1965. The act established federal financial aid, such as grants, loans and work-study programs for needy students. The federal government became tougher with the laws regarding student aid eligibility.

The 1998 revision included a drug provision that blocked financial aid to students who revealed they had received a drug conviction on the Free Application for Federal Student

Aid.

The question, No. 35 on the FAFSA, asks a student to mark whether or not he or she has had a prior drug conviction. The applications of students who do not answer the question will not be processed, and thus, they will receive no financial aid.

According to the Department of Higher Education, during the 2001-2002 school year, 47,730 students were denied aid for part or all of the school year because they revealed that they had prior convictions.

For more information about MTSU's NORML chapter, contact Sherry Landtroop by e-mail at mpromtsu@hotmail.com.

Their next meeting will be held Thursday at 4:20 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 314.

Information about the HEA drug provision can be found, at www.raiseyourvoice.com. ♦

Bhutto: Equality encouraged

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age of 35, Bhutto became the first female prime minister of a Muslim country.

"One must never give in. One must never let fear stand in the way of justice," Bhutto said.

"She's a role model for girls and women all over the world," said Yasmeen Mohiuddin, professor of economics at University of the South. Mohiuddin worked as a consultant for the World Bank during Bhutto's tenure as prime minister.

With assistance from the World Bank, Bhutto established the Pakistan Women's Bank.

"She brought a big change, especially for the women and poor masses," said Sonia Rahman, a member of the audience and Pakistani born U.S. citizen.

Bhutto said she is proud of the changes her administration brought to Pakistan.

By introducing information-age necessities such as telephones, fax machines and Internet access, and by opening the door to new jobs, financial independence and education, she modernized her country and encouraged social equality.

Her administration championed against spousal abuse by establishing police stations run by women so women could safely report crimes against them. And they made great strides in the health sector by introducing generic prescription drugs to the country.

Bhutto also continued her father's tradition of democratic rule.

The former prime minister credits these positive advances with her political party's continued success despite her now six-year exile.

Bhutto was dismissed as Prime Minister in 1997 and

later charged with political crimes. She flatly denies those charges.

"We hear the accusations. But we don't really know," said Azizur Rahman, assistant professor of ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University. Rahman served as a health issues adviser to the Bhutto administration and cites the many advances she brought to Pakistan as reason for his continued support of the beleaguered Bhutto.

"She's a living icon in the battle for democracy in Pakistan," said Dr. Amir Arain, a local neurologist and vice president of the Nashville Pakistani Organization.

Exile may have physically removed Bhutto from her people, but it hasn't dampened her resolve.

"Pakistan must have a return to democracy if the forces of extremism – those forces that support the Taliban – are to be prevented from regrouping," Bhutto passionately told the MTSU audience.

Much of Bhutto's speech addressed concerns over Pakistan's current military ruler, General Pervez Musharraf, and America's role in helping restore a democratic government to the people of Pakistan.

"There's a lot of sympathy for Musharraf in Washington," Bhutto said in an earlier press conference. "There's a lot of pressure on President Bush because of Sept. 11. Pakistan has an important role to play (in the war on terrorism). And the U.S. doesn't want to meddle in domestic affairs of Pakistan."

Bhutto says that, in terms of history, the attack on the World Trade Center was a second Pearl Harbor that ended one period of time and brought in another.

Bhutto went on to say that

world politics, civil liberties in America and the religion of Islam have all suffered because of Osama bin Laden.

She maintains that Islam is committed to tolerance and democracy. She also assured the audience that the Quran bans killing by stealth.

Her comments about Islam were well received by local Muslims.

"She portrayed Islam in a very positive manner," said Awadh Binshazim, public relations director for the Islamic Center of Nashville.

Bhutto went on to characterize the Taliban Muslims as religious extremists who want control for their own political ends.

"Osama wants the Muslim community to believe this is a holy war. But they preach a message that enslaves," Bhutto said.

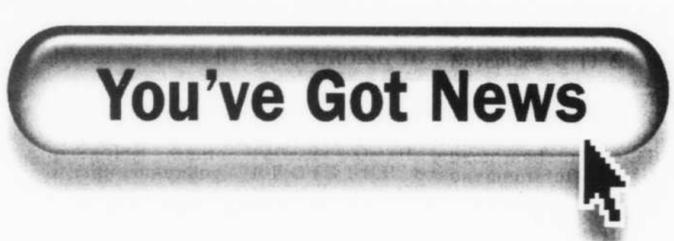
Bhutto warns that it is imperative for the United States government to support a policy of democratic rule in Pakistan. She fears that, if Pakistan's democratic people's party is not allowed to freely function, the populace will turn to religious extremists for relief against military rule.

While living in exile – and away from her husband, who is jailed in Pakistan – Bhutto cares for her three children and does all she can to restore democracy to Pakistan.

"This is the dream that I have: a Pakistan that is at peace with itself and a Pakistan that cares for its people. This is my life and this is my mission," Bhutto said.

The audience seemed to share Wilson's sentiments. Bhutto left the auditorium to a standing ovation.

"She was very impressive. She's such a powerful woman in the world," said Leah Wilson, an MTSU junior art major. ♦



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From the Editorial Board SGA should shun anti-drug provision

Quiz time, kids!
Which of the following convictions will allow the government to strip a college student of his or her federal financial aid?

- A. Arson
- B. Rape
- C. Marijuana possession
- D. Murder

If you answered a, b or d, you are obviously not federal government material.

No, silly – drug offenses, more than anything else, can spoil your chances of getting financial help from the federal government.

This brilliant concept was pioneered by U.S. Rep. Mark Souder (R-Ind) in 1998. Souder's plan has, since then, denied thousands of students federal financial aid in any form – due to past drug convictions, no matter how minor or how distant in the past.

In effect, Souder's plan, which was approved and tacked onto the Higher Education Act, punishes students for their "wrongdoings" long after they've already been punished by the law.

There have been thousands of students who indulged in a little youthful experimentation (kind of like our own Al Gore or the esteemed George W. Bush), only to get caught and find out they can never receive federal help to go to college.

Keep in mind, the majority of these students are being denied aid for minor crimes such as misdemeanor possession of marijuana, whereas someone convicted of rape or murder could still be eligible to ride the government through college.

Listen up, chums – getting caught with a single joint could knock you out of that helpful grant that's currently putting you through school so you can be something.

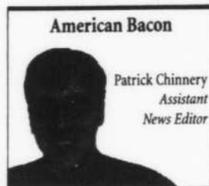
The Department of Education reports that more than 87,000 students have been denied aid since the provision was instituted. Luckily, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass) is one of the few in Congress with a shred of decency.

He has authored a bill that will repeal Souder's, and it is currently pending with more than 60 co-sponsors.

A campus group, the Marijuana Policy Reform Organization, is working to garner support for a repeal of the provision. Nationwide, hundreds of student governments have formed resolutions supporting Frank and opposing Souder.

When the time comes, MTSU's SGA, as well as the student body, should step forward and resolve not to support a measure that is inherently discriminatory and punishes students who have already paid the price for doing something that true freedom would allow. ♦

Dems need plan before attacking Bush



Many pundits have been saying over the past week that the Democrats fared so poorly in the last elections because they didn't provide a clear plan of action to the American public.

Senate minority leader Tom Daschle strongly disagrees, however. In his first press conference since the elections, he placed most of the blame for his party's failure squarely on the shoulders of the American people.

Daschle said that Democrats throughout the

election discussed "the need to extend unemployment benefits and a minimum wage [increase], and tax cuts for small business, and corporate governance, and a recognition that we've got to do something to ensure that pensions are stronger."

The South Dakotan went on to say, "But for whatever reason, I don't think that was as clearly articulated and, more importantly, I don't think it was as understood by the American people as I wish it would have been."

That argument is akin to saying, "I wrote an essay, and I should've gotten an A. The problem was, the professor just didn't understand it as I wish he would have."

The problem isn't the public misunderstanding

the message; the problem for Daschle is that it's a message that the American public has deemed irrelevant because they don't believe that he and his party can deliver on their promises.

The Democrats would've had a tough time beating the Republicans with a strong message. President Bush's approval ratings are still in the 65 percent range, and he was an active campaigner for many Republican candidates.

The general public has accepted that we're winning the war on terror – after all, there haven't been any attacks on American soil since Sept. 11, 2001, and several would-be killers (i.e. the shoe bomber) have been foiled in their attempts.

Demonstrating a Teflon coating that Bill Clinton would be proud to don, economic concerns haven't been able to detract significant support from Bush's cause either.

Since the Enron fiasco first came to light, the Democrats haven't forced the issue of Bush's connections to that and other scandalous business dealings.

Really, they haven't done enough to highlight any of Bush's flaws – all because of his high approval rating.

Every stand the Democrats have taken since Bush entered office can be defined as directly with Bush or against him, and opposition to an idea is not an idea in and of itself. While disagreement is healthy, Daschle and his

party haven't taken the next step and demonstrated that they have a plan of their own for America's future.

Consequently, the public can't be expected to believe that Democrats are going to be able to actively oppose Bush's designs for the next two years. No one wants to support a party whose only firm stance is to sometimes oppose what the president does and sometimes go along for the ride.

For Daschle and the Dems to be successful in 2004, they're going to have to do a little better than that. ♦

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Elections bring out worst



It's November now, and the elections are over. There are clear winners. I'm glad.

There's nothing like an important political election to bring out the worst in people.

At some point, campaigning went awry.

I'm fairly certain that, some time ago, before I followed politics, campaigns were about issues. Now, people market themselves on what they aren't for.

"I am not for the income tax."

Well, that's great, chief, but what are you for? I can't vote for you just because you're against

what most of the state is against.

Here's a good campaign slogan:

"I'm in favor of undoing this horrible budget mess left to me by our former governor without taxing you people any more."

A little verbose, but it could work.

Honestly, where do we get off spending what we don't have?

I've tried it – it doesn't work.

The bank just sends you little envelopes explaining how you don't have the money. Then they charge you more money you don't have.

Voting decisions have gone from "Who is the best for the job?" to "Who isn't the worst for the job?"

With all the negative campaign ads these days, sometimes it's hard to choose. The politicians have warped elections into picking the lesser of two

evils. Campaigns are no longer centered on why you should vote for a particular candidate but why you shouldn't vote for the opposition.

No wonder people don't vote as much as they used to. You're voting for someone who you hope won't screw up as much as the other guy would have. It kind of defeats the purpose if you don't support either candidate.

But I have high hopes for Tennessee. Once again, we've been promised no income tax. I'm sure it will come up again, but let's put our faith in our newly elected officials to uphold our beliefs.

Besides, once we all become gambling addicts, we'll be fueling our economy in no time. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.



Here's a news flash for those of you who may not have heard – the United States has shifted its foreign affairs focus from Iraq to the Pacific island nation of Kiribati.

That's what was reported on a New Zealand satirical news Web site, www.spinner.co.nz. Anyway, Kiribatis didn't get the joke and sent themselves into a such a panic that Kiribati President Teburoro Tito, who is currently campaigning ahead of a Nov. 29 general election, had to broadcast repeated messages that the United States had no such plans.

The story, headlined "Bush to invade Kiribati islands," read in part: "George W. Bush today announced a realignment of U.S. foreign policy.

"The goal of ousting Iraq's Saddam Hussein has now been replaced by the goal of regime change in the Kiribati islands as the new top priority."

Tito's statement said that the story was a "misleading, fearful, intimidating and defamatory" attempt to "cause a lot of problems before the general elections."

Interestingly, his statement did not use the words "satire," "humor," "funny-ha-ha," "goof," "spoof," "egg-on-our-faces" or "joke."

According to the story written by the Associated Press, the New Zealand High Commissioner to

Kiribati, Neil Robertson, was actually questioned by Tito about the article.

Then, in an interview with the AP, Robertson said, "The Kiribati sense of humour does not encompass satire."

Encompassed or not, one would think that the public would understand that the leader of the world's only remaining superpower would not make a statement like, "Tito is in the process of developing weapons of mass destruction – and some pretty damn fine crab soup."

While we'd accept that the nation, which has a population of 100,000 and controls 33 coral atolls that straddle the equator and the International Date Line, might indeed make damn fine crab soup, there's no chance that they're developing weapons of mass destruction. Wouldn't you think that the islanders themselves would know that?

Maybe they are hiding something. That's why they got so defensive.

Better not tell President Bush, or we might soon be hearing speeches about the newest member of the axis of evil. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Gay union objections show ignorance

To the Editor:

I was disgusted by Wesley Jackson's column ("Nevada right to defend family," Nov. 7). He is entitled to be against homosexuality, but to insult and take cheap stabs at someone's personal lifestyle is immature and close-minded. He labels homosexuality as a horror movie and heterosexuality as a romance movie, later stating that the movie store, symbolizing our culture, has confused the *Exorcist* with the film *Message In A Bottle*. To compare homosexuality to the selection of movies in a video store is quite preposterous and irredeemable.

Jackson continues by saying that a marriage between two men is equal to a union between a man and a horse. It's completely wrong and unjustified to compare homosexuality to bestiality. Jackson should grow up and step outside of his ignorant bliss before attempting to write a read-worthy column.

Maari Slate

Middle Tennesseans too often close-minded

To the Editor:

I've been living in the Middle Tennessee area for seven years now and I still find myself cringing at the close-mindedness that surrounds me. It seems to me that this area is stuck in the frame of mind of an 1800s W.A.S.P. (white-anglo-saxon-protestant) farmer with little room for growth. I thought things would get better after I started college, but they didn't. I still find the same "I'm better than you" state of mind on campus. It seems like separation of church and state is ignored here.

I'm not a religious person and the first thing I want to know about someone is not what church he or she goes to. I'm a person, not an advertisement for Christ or any other religious figure. Just live and let be. We're all people, we are all different and we are all as good as the next person, no worse, no better.

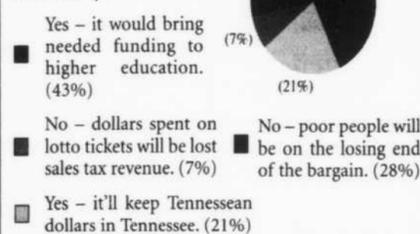
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Do you support the implementation of a state lottery?"



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Should students with drug convictions be denied federal financial aid?"

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Exploring foreign territory



Study Abroad coordinator Jennifer Campbell points to several countries on the globe the program offers throughout summer and fall semesters of next year, such as Kenya and Mexico. Campbell works with students to suggest the best travel experience according to students' majors and interests.

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**Study
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By Keosha Thomas
Staff Writer

Studying abroad has several advantages that classroom learning lacks, such as traveling, meeting new people and learning about various cultures.

The International Programs and Services Office's mission is to take a student wherever he or she may desire to go. With their hard work and dedication, the International staff provides the tools necessary to take the college experience to another level by exploring the limitless options of being a study abroad exchange student.

"I recommend the Study Abroad Program to every student," said Jennifer Campbell, coordinator at the Foreign Admissions office. "It is a great way for a student to grow and develop an understanding and identify with various cultures through travel."

For the upcoming year, there are 16 countries to study in the fall or spring: Athens and Rome, Austria, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, France,

Germany, Hawaii and Korea, Italy, Japan, Mexico and Spain.

Two of the trips this year will be led by MTSU professors Ric Morris and Mark Ivy.

The choices are broad when deciding which study abroad program is best, so it is necessary to weigh out your options by doing the research and seeing which one fits you best. Here's the information which can help aid you in choosing the study abroad programs you could partake in while staying in Cuba or Hawaii and Korea.

The upcoming Cuba trip will be set for May 17-26, 2003. Morris is offering this trip for all interested students, faculty and staff.

"This is a 3-year-old program and is operated through the International Outreach Educational Center based in San Francisco, California," Morris said.

The stay in Cuba includes airfare (plus one night in Miami), hotel lodging, ground transportation, most meals, admission fees, Cuban visa, U.S. government travel license, health insurance, enrollment into

Spanish 3000 (no pre-requisites) and a complimentary textbook on Cuban culture.

Ivy will direct the trip to Hawaii and Korea.

"This will be a three-week trip to Hawaii and South Korea to explore how natural resource managers balance the needs of tourists with protecting the environment," Ivy said. "We will visit a popular snorkeling site in Hawaii and we will talk to the site manager about protecting the reef from damage while providing for public access. In South Korea, we will visit some national and regional parks as well as a few temples and other nature based tourism destinations."

Some of the tourism sites are Chirisan National Park, Kaya Mt. National Park, Unmum Mt. Recreational Forest, Bulguk Temple, Donghwa Temple, Andong Folk Village, Kyungi Bomun Resort and Muju Resort. Deagu University will allow opportunities for students, as it serves as the base of operations in South Korea.

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Working to better our campus

Core of student government changing the system

By Melanie Blair
Contributor

The students behind the doors of Keathley University Center, Room 208, know that the Student Government Association is more than just a name.

SGA is an office of students working for their fellow students. The organization recently secured free printing in the library for all students, extended the Recreation Center hours and is now also working legislation regarding parking issues.

"I try, as do the other officers, to constantly better our campus and improve the SGA image with students, faculty and administration," said Amanda Newman, vice president and speaker of the Senate.

Newman said a large part of SGA is the Senate, composed of senators representing each college in the university.

Fellow students can speak with the senator representing their college about any issue that affects their major or life at MTSU. The senators work to come up with solutions to solve students' problems.

The senators discussed the plus/minus grading system in a recent meeting – an issue that SGA has been working on for more than a year.

SGA President Brandon Robbins told the senators he feels that if MTSU is going to use the plus/minus grading system, then every college, department and professor should implement the

system or no one should use it.

"The thing most people don't realize is that there is a chain of command that legislation has to go through in order to be enacted," Newman said. "First, it must go through the Senate, then me, then on to Brandon Robbins, then to (Dean of Student Life) Gene Fitch to go to (Vice President for Student Affairs) Bob Glenn and on to the Faculty Senate. Sometimes legislation can get bogged down in this tedious process."

Taking care of another aspect of student government, election commissioner Willie Nelson III runs around the office answering phone calls, returning e-mails and setting up the November elections.

Nelson works to set election dates, coordinate ballots and Web sites, compile candidate information and advertise for all student elections.

He strives to make sure students know the requirements for running for Homecoming queen and king or an SGA office, along with the rules for appropriate campaigning.

"SGA is often regarded as a few people who don't care about anyone else and feel that they have all the power to do whatever they want," Nelson said.

"I ran for an office to dispel those myths. My vision is for people to get involved to make a positive difference."

"I am so happy to say that all four of us having been working very well together and always

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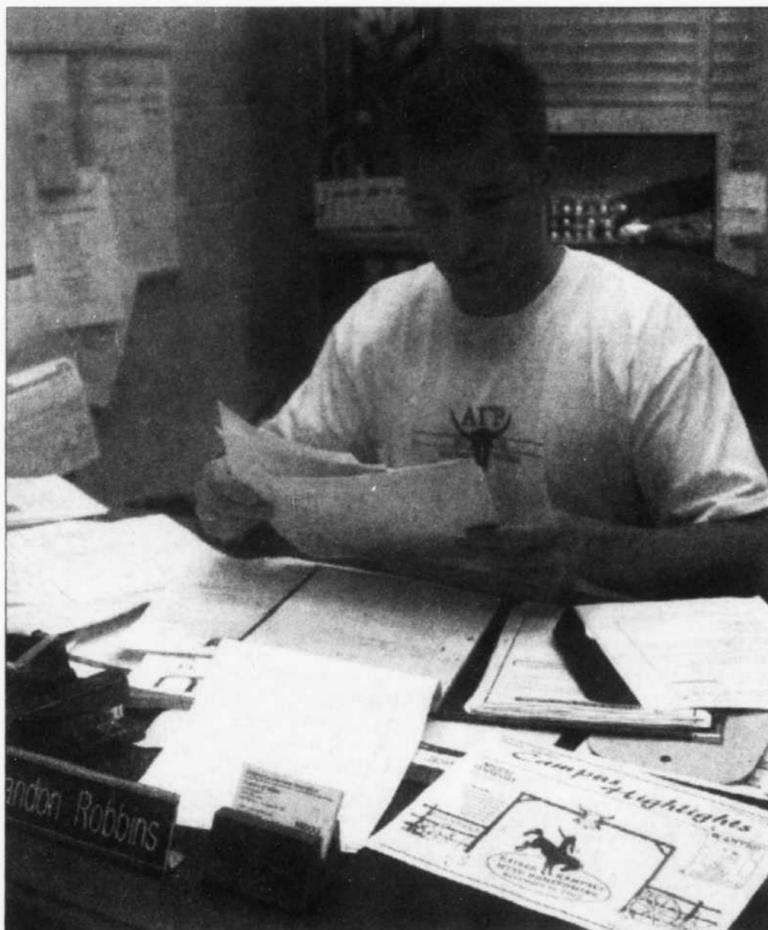


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Student Government Association President Brandon Robbins shuffles through paperwork in his Keathley University Center office.

Government: Students join forces

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remember that we must work as a team," said Michele Butler, vice president of administration and public affairs.

In charge of public relations for SGA, Butler can be found on an average day making calls to organize road rallies for football games, plan community service projects for students to get involved with through SGA, making university standing committee assignments and aiding other executive officers

with their duties.

"I basically serve as a liaison between the students and the president," she said.

Butler also works to publicize events SGA sponsors and to inform students on ways they can get involved on campus.

SGA is also currently working on extending library hours, Robbins said.

The libraries at Tennessee Technological University, Austin Peay State University and Tennessee State University are open more hours per week than

the MTSU library.

Robbins said he hopes to find a way to increase the hours the MTSU library is open in order to be competitive with that of the other libraries.

Robbins couldn't be prouder of his fellow officers, he said.

"You're just as good as the people around you," Robbins said.

"I challenge the people I work with to be creative. I firmly believe that four heads are better than one." ♦

Study: 16 countries await students

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Ivy and colleagues on staff will discuss various topics pertaining to nature based on tourism and cultures of the countries. The travel will consist of flying to South Korea for approximately 10 days, after stopping en route to Hawaii for another 10 days May 11-31. The price of the trip is \$3,000. Ivy would like to receive a \$500 dollar deposit from serious prospective students by Jan. 31, 2003.

The trip will be limited to 10 participants, and the plane tickets will need to be pur-

chased in a block as soon as possible. The whole trip includes airfare, hotel accommodations and tours.

The only expense out of pocket will be souvenirs and meals. This trip will enable students to see and live in an exquisite nature land and gain some college credit toward future degrees.

For further information on any of the trip destinations, contact the International Programs and Services Office at 898-2238 or stop by the Cope Administration Building, Room 202. ♦



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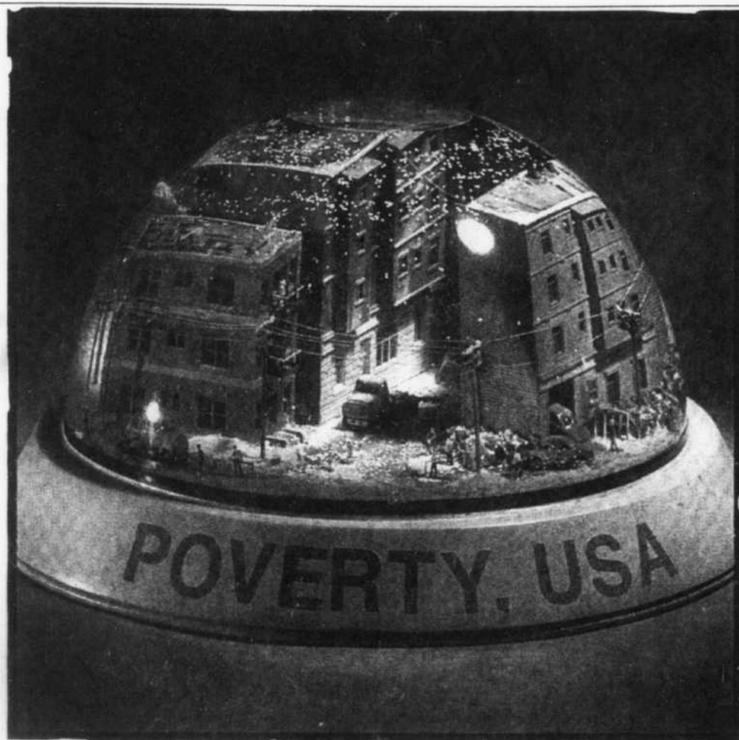
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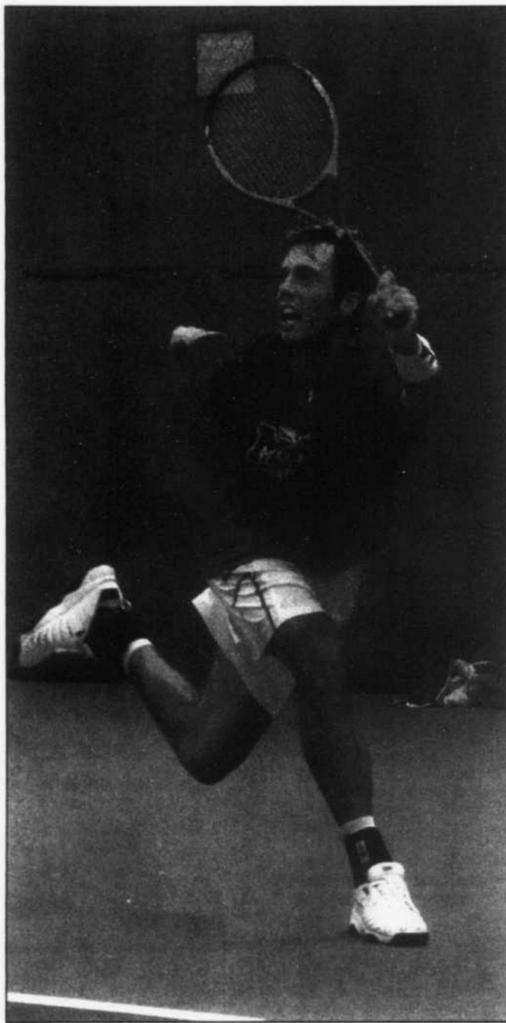
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.



File Photo

Daniel Klemetz ended his stint as the No. 1 ranked collegiate tennis player after losing Thursday.

Klemetz drops national top spot

Staff Reports

Top-seeded tennis player Daniel Klemetz couldn't keep up with the competition at the National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Farmer's Branch, Texas, Thursday.

Klemetz threw his first match Thursday to 44th-ranked Phil Stolt of Illinois. Klemetz lost the first match, 3-6. Klemetz squeaked by a 7-6 win during the second game, but dropped the third game, 6-7.

Friday was a better day for Klemetz. He won his first match against 14th-ranked University of Texas senior Jean Simon. However, 38th-ranked Vanderbilt player Chad Harris gave home when he handed him a 2-7, 6-7 loss Friday afternoon.

Klemetz earned his first-seed ranking when he won first place in the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships in

Chattanooga. He defeated then sixth-ranked Amer Delic of the University of Illinois.

Delic had beaten Klemetz the day before in the doubles competition.

Earlier this season, Klemetz did well in doubles play during the Region Championships. Klemetz and fellow Middle Tennessee player Kirk Jackson made it to the round of 16 when they fell to Tulane's Jorge Lievano and Goran Vasiljevic.

Klemetz ended his season 12-4 and should be ranked somewhere between fifth and eighth when fall rankings are released in December.

Last season, Klemetz was awarded the Tennis Magazine/Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship and Leadership Award. The award is given to someone who shows great athletic play, along with leadership and sportsmanship in his or her play. ◆

Miami Hurricanes ruin UT Homecoming game

By Elizabeth Davis
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — (AP) Tennessee's season is falling apart as fast as its roster is dwindling.

Six more players were injured in the Volunteers' 26-3 loss to top-ranked Miami (9-0), including another linebacker lost for the season. In all, 13 players have missed a combined 42 games this season.

"We had a number of people leave the game," Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer said. "It's been an incredible year that way."

Despite the loss of receiver Donte Stallworth and last year's starting defensive line to the NFL last year, Tennessee (5-4) was predicted to win the Southeastern Conference East division and even make a run for the national championship.

The Vols' only run-in with a title chase came Saturday against defending national champions Miami, but it was simply a chance to mess up the Hurricanes' plans for a repeat.

Tennessee fell short—and lost quarterback Casey Clausen again in the process.

Clausen left the game after the first half when he reinjured his right foot and ankle, which he had rolled over a week ago at South Carolina. He watched the second half from the sidelines on crutches with a large wrap and ice bag resting on his foot.

"I don't think I've been on a team with so many injuries," Tennessee tight end Jason Witten said.

Middle linebacker Robert Peace broke his foot, becoming the fourth defensive starter to suffer a season-ending injury. Cornerbacks Willie Miles (head) and Corey Larkins (calf), fullback William Revill (ankle/knee) and backup defensive tackle Greg Jones (elbow) also came out of the game with injuries.

The most demoralizing could be the loss of Clausen. He hurt his shoulder Oct. 5 against Arkansas, and the Vols lost 18-13 at Georgia the next week with him on the sidelines.

Freshman James Banks replaced Clausen in the second half of the Miami game, but he had an even harder time getting the Vols' offense going.

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Basketball team prepares for exhibition game



Photos by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Patrice Holmes, left and center, and Paula Penttila, right, are expected to make large contributions to the Lady Raiders' game tomorrow. Holmes is the former Sun Belt freshman of the year and senior Penttila has started in all three seasons.

Staff Reports

In a turnaround from the first blue and white scrimmage, the Lady Raider white team beat the blue team in overtime Friday.

In the first match between the blue and white team, the blue team defeated the white team 87-56. In this match, the white team held their own, matching the blue team point-for-point in regulation time.

In an attempt to overcome the white team before overtime, Melissa Weiland

made a three-point attempt with three seconds left on the clock and the score tied at 78-78. Weiland's attempt bounced off the rim to keep the white team in the match. Weiland, a freshman from Murfreesboro, had surgery during the preseason to repair a torn meniscus in her right knee, and has only recently come back in to play.

In overtime, Patrice Holmes hit a layup with 2:57 left on the clock to put the white team ahead. In the Friday match, Holmes scored 18 points to lead the white team to their victory. The

sophomore was named Sun Belt freshman of the year last year and was the only Lady Raider to start in every match.

"I am really pleased at how fit our players have come into practice after a preseason conditioning," said head coach Stephany Smith. "The hard work the team has put into preseason and individual workouts have had an immediate carry over to full team practice."

Holmes was 6-11 from the field, 5-5

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Volleyball team seals deal for Sun Belt tourney

By Amy Jones
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team began a two-match road trip with a win against Arkansas State University Wednesday.

MT head coach Lisa Kissee and the Lady Raiders clinched their Sun Belt Conference tournament wishes with a 3-2 win over the Lady Indians in the Convocation Center in Jonesboro, Ark.

Sophomore standout KeKe Deckard smashed 29 kills against the Arkansas State defense, with just two of them coming during the first game of the match.

"KeKe played really well on the offense," Kissee said. "She stepped it up and had an amazing match."

Deckard followed with 27 kills in games two through five. She also had 20 defensive digs on the evening, which was enough for a team high.

Deckard had 29 of the Lady

Raiders' 82 kills in the entire match. ASU had a staggering 64 kills in the match.

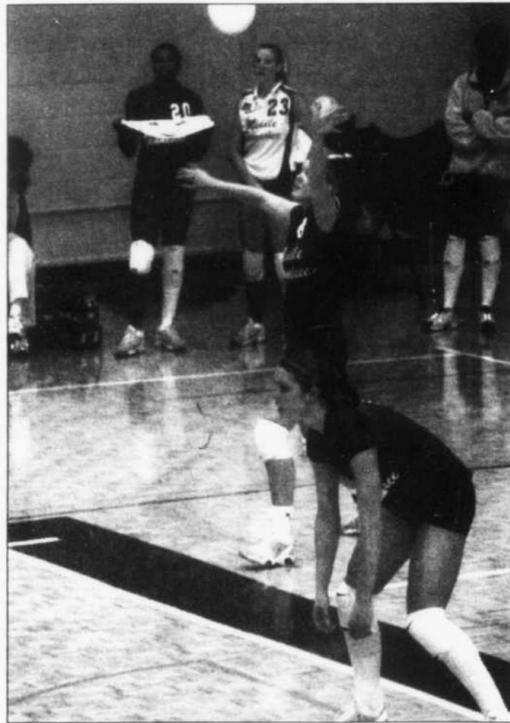
"KeKe made the hits," ASU head coach Craig Cummings said of Deckard's performance. "What can you say, we were in the right spot, but she is a heck of a player."

Senior Katie Thiesen also had a good night with 13 kills and a .393 attack percentage in the match. Dara McLean hit into double digits in the kill category with 11 kills. As a setter, Kelly Quinn dished out 62 assists.

ASU had two players with double-double games on the match. Pip Soulsby hit 17 kills and pulled digs in the match, while her teammate Caitlyn Mitchell had 13 kills and 15 digs.

Heather Malaschak and Miranda Griffin also hit in the double digits with 12 kills each. Malaschak had a team-high .240 attack percentage with only 25

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File Photo

The Lady Raiders play in the SBC tourney next week.

Denver, North Texas repeat conference soccer final

Staff Reports

In a repeat of last season, the University of Denver defeated the University of North Texas in the final round of the 2002 Sun Belt Conference women's soccer tournament Saturday.

The Pioneers went into the match riding high on a 14-game winning streak. The defending SBC champs also had eight consecutive shutouts for SBC teams when they took on UNT.

With the skill of the nation's leading scorer, Marilyn Marin, back from her one game suspension, the Mean Green expected to be more of an offensive threat to the Pioneers.

It came as a shock to the Mean Green when the Pioneers blew them away with another 3-0 win. The tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Katie Antongiovanni, had the first goal in the match when she scored in the 22nd minute. She scored again two minutes later to finish out the half in scoring.

The final score of the game came off the foot of Camille Flenniken. The Pioneer defense completely shut down UNT, allowing them only one shot.

"To go through the tournament and not give up any goals is impressive," head coach and SBC coach of the year Jeff Hooker said. "We did a good job of

working on the things that we will need for that first NCAA tournament game. I was pleased with the performance."

The week of matches leading up to the final event Saturday came with almost no surprises. In the first round Wednesday, the No. 3 ranked University of South Alabama defeated the No. 6 Florida International University 2-1. Jaguar Julia Herman was the first person to score in the tournament when she found the back of the net in the 11th minute. FIU tied the game when Ifeome Dieke, in her first game of the season, got off a shot in the 25th minute.

With six seconds remaining in the

first half, USA freshman forward Rebecca Kahn scored off an assist from Tanya Allegretti.

Though USA and FIU went shot-for-shot in the match, both taking 12 shots on goal, neither team was able to score in the second half.

"We scored a couple of nice goals," USA head coach Mike Varga said after the match. "Amber (Angermeier) came up with some big saves late in the game. It was a total team effort."

The next match on the schedule was between No. 5 Western Kentucky University and the No. 4 ranked University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Again the first half played a decisive

role in the game when WKU took a 2-0 lead with goals from Kelly Frericks and Jocelyn Roach.

In the second half, the Ragin' Cajuns attempted to come back, cutting the Hilltopper's lead in half off a goal from Krist Boldt Klaussen, but fell short. The game ended 2-1, with WKU advancing to the second round.

"We told our kids going into the game whatever it takes, and we did whatever it took," WKU head coach Jason Neidell said. "It wasn't pretty but we did what it took to win the game."

No. 7 Middle Tennessee finally saw

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UT: Injuries hamper Vols' bowl chances

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Clausen finished with a paltry 63 yards on 5-of-14 passing while Banks completed just two passes out of five. They were sacked a combined five times.

Receiver Kelley Washington missed another game since he suffered a concussion at Georgia on Oct. 12 and has not been practicing with the team. Without Washington, the Vols' biggest passing playmaker is Witten.

Witten, who got up slow in the second half after falling out of bounds trying to catch a pass,

was held to one reception for 28 yards.

Tennessee's running game has struggled behind a veteran line but improved last week against South Carolina. A big key to that was the blocking of offensive tackle Michael Munoz. Where was he Saturday?

He was another member of the Vols' injured reserve. Munoz, already with a broken hand and sore knee and shoulder, spent the week in the hospital with an infection in his ankle.

Tailback Cedric Houston,

playing a big part in only his third game because of an earlier thumb injury, provided the only offensive spark of the game for Tennessee.

He ran for two yards on the first play from scrimmage and then blasted through Miami's defensive line on the next play for 74 yards, a career best.

The Vols couldn't get any farther on the drive or the rest of the game. Jabari Davis ran for no gain, and Clausen had two incomplete passes before Alex Walls came on to kick a 21-yard field goal, Tennessee's only score. ♦

Volleyball: Trojans beat MT in five games

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attempts. Soulsby attempted a team-high 57 kills on the evening.

The Lady Indians did better than the Lady Raiders in the attack error column with only 31, while MT calculated 34, with 11 coming during the second match alone.

"We jumped on them (MT) pretty good in game one," Cummings said, "but they came back in game two. That's to their experience because they are so solid."

MT won in five games with scores of 19-30, 36-34, 30-27, 26-30 and 15-8. ASU lost to Western Kentucky Friday night to allow the Hilltoppers to clinch the Eastern Division of the SBC.

The MT squad (16-12, 7-5

SBC) then traveled to the University of Arkansas-Little Rock (12-11, 8-4 SBC) for a five-match loss to the Lady Trojans Friday night.

In the five-game match, the Lady Raiders fell 3-2 (25-30, 30-27, 24-30, 30-23, 8-15) to the Lady Trojans at the Trojan Fieldhouse.

Theisen led the Lady Raiders with her season-high 20 kills. She also had four digs and 37 total attempts and finished with a .297 attack percentage.

Deckard scored her 19th double-double of the season with 17 kills and 11 digs. She finished the night with a .308 attack percentage and had 11 digs on the defensive side.

Senior Erin Hillstrom also hit into the doubles with 11 kills and 23 total attacks with a .348 percentage.

Utility player Kimberly Moeller led the Lady Raiders in digs with 14, while Quinn recorded 51 assists on the night.

UA-Little Rock had two players with double-doubles on the night.

Ivana Vracar recorded a match-high 24 kills and 11 digs on the evening, while her teammate Bojana Vulin placed 13 kills and 10 digs.

UA finished the night with a .228 attack percentage while MT finished with a staggering .187 percentage.

The Lady Raiders will travel to Bowling Green, Ky., to take on Eastern Division Champs Western Kentucky tomorrow, finishing out the final week of the regular season.

The SBC tournament will take place in Miami, Fla., on Nov. 21-23. ♦

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Basketball: Chemistry important to MT success

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from the free-throw line and had three rebounds in the game. Her teammate, junior Jennifer Justice had 17 points, had six downs and had one steal. Sophomore Eboni Kirby had 12 points and was 5-5 from the field, with four rebounds and one assist.

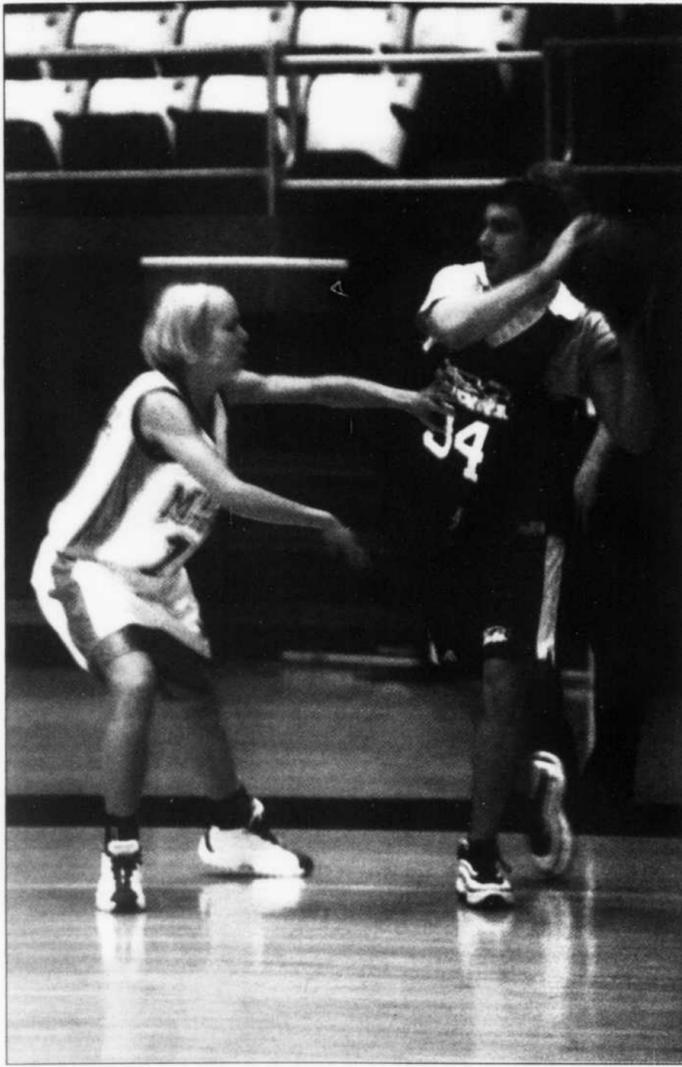
On the blue team, sophomore Cartia Bailey had eight points for the blue squad, with one rebound, one assist and steal. Sophomore Jessica Schlueter had four rebounds and two steals.

"We have great chemistry on

the team and I really believe it has carried over to practice and I hope it will carry over to the games when we begin the season," Smith said.

The blue and white games for the Lady Raiders are an attempt to get in practice before their first exhibition game tomorrow against Georgia College and State University at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

The basketball team will be fighting an uphill battle this season as they were picked to finish third in the East Division in the Sun Belt Conference. Holmes was named to the preseason All-SBC first team. ♦



Paula Penttila played guard against a volunteer at the scrimmage.

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Soccer: Denver shut out every opponent

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some action in the next match when they took on the No. 2 team, UNT.

The physical match escalated to violence when UNT's Marin got tangled up with MT's Ashley Elliot. Marin took a swing at Elliot and was ejected from the game, forcing UNT to play a man down for the duration.

"(Marin's ejection) hurts because she's a tremendous player, but at the same time I think the girls really wanted to show that they are not a one man team," UNT head coach John Hedlund said.

The Mean Green got off to a quick start, scoring in the 12th minute of the game from 60 yards out. Melinda Pina then scored a while later, giving the Mean Green an early 2-0 lead.

Michelle Uselton got the Mean Green's hat trick, scoring the team's third goal on an assist from Pina. Pina's second goal came in the second half with 74 minutes into the game.

Lindsey Bopp scored the lone goal for the Lady Raiders off a 76th minute corner kick.

The last game for Wednesday was the match up between No.1 Denver and the No.8 team, Arkansas State University. The 18th ranked team in the nation, Denver outshot ASU 26 to 3. The first goal in the match was a heartbreaker for ASU, when they let in an own goal in minute 40 in the game.

"We had tough field conditions today," Hooker said. "It slowed the game down a bit and slowed it down a bit."

In the semifinals, UNT had a harder time getting past USA then MT, only squeaking by them with a one goal lead.

"I didn't look good at halftime," Hedlund said after the game. "I told the girls to just start making plays. I have to give South Alabama a lot of credit. Their goalkeeper came up big with some solid saves. We responded in the second half."

Denver continued its steady march in the semifinals by defeating WKU 3-0.

Denver will be the first team to represent the SBC off an automatic bid to the NCAA. ♦

Assistant basketball coach recognized by A.F. Bridges committee

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee assistant women's basketball coach Jennifer Grandstaff has been named Female Coach of the Year for district four by the A.F. Bridges Awards Committee.

The former Oakland High School head coach is one of nine Female Coach of the Year winners from the respective districts. Each will be considered for the state award of excellence. The A.F. Bridges Award is given annually by the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association to recognize member schools and individuals who make an effort to exact a specific code of ethics in athletic endeavors.

The award is named after A.F. Bridges, who was the TSSAA's first executive secretary. ♦

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>Seven Day Sportscast</p> 		<p>■ W. Basketball Georgia State University at MT in Murfreesboro, at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Western Kentucky in Bowling Green, Ky., at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>■ M. Basketball VASDA at MT in Murfreesboro at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>■ Volleyball Lady Raiders at Louisiana-Lafayette in Lafayette, La., at 7 p.m.</p>	<p>■ Cross Country Blue Raiders at NCAA Regionals in Knoxville, Tenn., at 11 a.m.</p> <p>■ Football Louisiana-Monroe at MT in Murfreesboro at 2 p.m.</p>	<p>■ W. Basketball Carson Newman at MT in Murfreesboro at 2 p.m.</p>



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