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## Campus Briefs

### Candidates' wives to visit campus

Mary Clement, the wife of Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Bob Clement will visit MTSU for a noon luncheon Friday. Joining her will be Andrea Conte, the wife of former Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen, Democratic candidate for governor of Tennessee.

The women are visiting as part of a campaign bus tour across the state and will meet briefly with supporters behind the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

### Trip planned to London for interested students

The speech and theatre department is offering an upper-division theater class over winter break in London.

The package includes round-trip airfare, 12 nights in a four-star hotel, tickets to six West End theatre productions, a London Underground and bus pass, backstage tours and educational day trips to areas outside London.

Students leave Dec. 26 and return Jan. 8. The program costs \$2,650, and the deposit and first payment (\$1,200 total) are due to the International Programs and Services office by Oct. 4.

The requirement for students upon their return is submission of a paper by Feb. 14.

### Habitat for Humanity launches campus group

The first meeting of the Raider Habitat for Humanity student organization will be held tonight at 6 p.m. in Peck Hall. Interested students are encouraged to attend.

The Raider Habitat for Humanity works with the Rutherford County Habitat for Humanity to build houses for families in need.

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to educate students about the organization and to provide students and campus organizations an opportunity to volunteer.

Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

### Graduate student defends master's thesis

MTSU graduate student Wosenu Mergo will defend his master's thesis today at 11 a.m. in the Davis Science Building, Room 100.

Mergo's thesis concerns compounds effective against modern bacteria, many of which have become resistant to antibiotics.

### Clarinetist to perform at MTSU; public invited

Lisa Oberlander, from Columbus State University, will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. of Monday in the music hall of Wright Music Building.

Betty Anne Diaz will be the accompanist.

Oberlander was invited to perform by MTSU assistant professor Todd Waldecker after he played on Columbus State's campus. ♦

## Students pose queries to law school reps

By Tiffany Brown  
Staff Writer

Students interested in learning more about law school crowded Peck Hall Thursday to hear a lecture presented by the MTSU political science department.

Representatives from six different law schools attended the lecture on Career Day to offer students advice about law school. Representatives were

available to answer questions and discuss the admissions process. Vanderbilt University, Appalachian School of Law, Cumberland School of Law (Samford University), University of Memphis, University of Tennessee and Mercer Law School were among the schools in attendance.

"This is the fifth or sixth year this lecture has been presented in conjunction with Career Day," said John Vile, chair of the

political science department. The representatives, who were also present at the Career Day event in Murphy Center, then came to Peck Hall, Room 211, to speak directly to students interested in applying to law school.

One of the topics discussed was what major or minor best prepares a student for law school. The overwhelming consensus was that no particular



Photo by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

See Lawyers, 2

Professionals answer questions about admission standards.

## Binge drinking cause for concern



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Campus drinking is a serious problem, as reported by two recent surveys conducted by MTSU and Harvard.

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

The Office of Student Life has conducted a survey to properly estimate the occurrence of student binge drinking.

Fifty-one percent of students reported that they did not drink in the last two weeks whereas 49 percent indicated that they consumed five or more drinks at least one time in the past two weeks, according to a survey of 544 students compiled by the office of Student Life. The results of the survey are not scientific and, as such, cannot be taken to reflect the general student population's drinking behavior.

"Any time you have an individual that consumes excessive amounts of alcohol it can be considered a problem," said Gene Fitch, associate dean of Student Life and director of Student Affairs Research.

At the end of the spring semester, 98 cases of alcohol use, although not specifically bingeing, were reported by the Office of Judicial Affairs. MTSU Public Safety reported that 107 peo-

ple were arrested for alcohol-related offenses during the 2001 calendar year, though not all of them were MTSU students.

Each situation is handled case-by-case and is handed over to Housing and Residential Life, the Office of Judicial Affairs or campus police. One group can deal with the situation by themselves or all three can get involved in the case.

"We customarily refer students to Judicial Affairs when they violate prohibited alcohol laws and policies," said MTSU Public Safety Chief Jack Drugmand.

Binge drinking is a rampant occurrence on many college campuses, which not only interferes with learning but also carries severe risks of disease, injury or death.

Many organizations have stepped up to address the issue of binge drinking in hopes to increase public knowledge on the subject. One such organization is Remove Intoxicated Drivers, which reports that alcohol causes 3,817 deaths annually and binge drinking is the cause of 898 deaths in the United States

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## 'Let Every Woman' advances cause

By Kristy Adams  
Staff Writer

MTSU feminist organization Let Every Woman promotes women in education and performance of art and theater.

This small group of 13 to 15 members stands by writer Leeny Sack's quote, "Let every woman, including young girls, add her holy light to illuminate a world shrouded in darkness and confusion."

The organization performs plays allowing women to fill all theatrical positions, including directors, producers, camera crew, actresses and more.

Dustin Evans, acting president of Let Every Woman, explained that in the past women have been completely shunned from theater.

"We're very feminist," Evans said. "We want the workplace to be a place where women are liberated."

The organization doesn't support the stereotypical male-bashing "feminism." Men are welcome to join the organization, though few choose to do so.

Meetings are sporadic and consist of preparing for future productions. No dues are necessary to join.

This semester, Let Every Woman has no plans to perform on campus. For spring, however, a show is already in progress. Many of their productions are scripts written by women, including MTSU students.

More than wanting to create professionalism, the organization wants to give women a chance they've never had.

"We seek to promote unity among women," Evans said. "Let Every Woman gives everyone a chance."

On the organization's Web site, www.leteverywoman.com, students can sign up for a production job. For information on joining the organization, call Evans at 848-0058.

Other female-focused MTSU organizations are Mu Omicron Mu, Tau Omicron and Women in Aviation.

Mu Omicron Mu encourages MTSU mothers in their success and solidarity. Tau Omicron promotes academic excellence and scholarship. They uphold high standards and ideals. Each semester dues are collected and recruitment is held. The organization Women in Aviation supports aviation education for women. No dues are necessary and recruitment is ongoing.

To find out a student organization's contact information, call 904-8418. ♦

## Kravitz family, friend of MTSU president

### Singer is McPhee's brother's wife's first cousin

By Melanie Blair  
Contributor

When Lenny Kravitz performed at AmSouth Amphitheater recently, a family member and personal friend excitedly watched - MTSU President Sidney McPhee.

"Lenny is a very close family member," McPhee said. "He grew up with my brother's wife. They were first cousins and best friends."

McPhee points out that Kravitz is a very personable man. MTSU students, some with free tickets they received through the university, who attended the concert on Sept. 13

noticed this when Kravitz told them to pretend the amphitheater "is like one big living room we can all hang out and dance in tonight."

Kravitz lightheartedly encouraged fans after his opening song to feel the music and to not be afraid to jump up on their feet and dance. It is that sort of thing that shows how laid back Kravitz can be, McPhee said.

"Lenny is a very talented person, and his personality is very engaging," McPhee said. "I've been with him on a number of occasions and anyone will conclude that he's a friendly, easy going guy. He's very easy to talk to."

McPhee has had the opportunity to visit with Kravitz at one of his summer homes in the Bahamas. McPhee shared that his children have also had the

chance to spend some time with Kravitz and that they enjoy his company as well. They, like Kravitz's music.

"I have a very eclectic taste in music, with one of my other favorite bands being the Rolling Stones," McPhee said. The president said he considers Kravitz to be extremely talented and feels that any aspiring musician can look to him as an example.

"In my younger days I played the guitar, though certainly not at the level of Lenny, but I can really appreciate his talent for writing," McPhee said. "After seeing his concert the other night, I have an even greater appreciation for both his music



McPhee

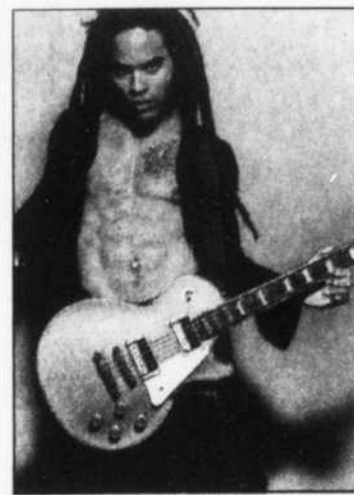


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Kravitz performed in Nashville Sept. 13.

and his band. I noticed for the first time that his drummer is amazing!"

See Kravitz, 2

# Prof challenges students to learn accurate history

By Michael Haynes  
Staff Writer

History is not representative of the truth was the message of Adonijah Bakari's lecture during Monday's honors lecture.

Bakari stressed the importance of studying history. Not only does history tell civilization where it has been, but it may tell it where it's going. Studying history, Bakari said, will answer the questions of how and why.

"History shows a society's intellectual, cultural and spiritual growth or regression, and history also shows a people's or a nation's relationship with humanity," Bakari said.

Another reason for studying history is to understand other cultures as well.

"How we see history impacts how we see other people," Bakari said.

In his lecture, Bakari noted that Americans were technologically advanced and possessed great knowledge in this area. He also stated that Americans are unversed and unaware of outsiders' histories unless there is a personal connection to a country.

He also said U.S. history has been taught as a means of social control.

"It has been taught as a lie," Bakari said. "The history we have learned from first grade through high school is normally a history of rich, white men."

He went on to say that history lies more through omission to "disenfranchise and disempower a class, race or gender."

In his animated style, and to further illustrate his point, Bakari asked the students to name three inventions of women. After several minutes, the class named two inventions and one discovery.

"U.S. history is normally taught as a means to perpetuate patriotic propaganda," Bakari said. It is used to give society a particular view of its adversary while making it feel good.

"Patriotism makes it easier for us to objectify and exploit," Bakari said. "We should question the idea of patriotism and put it into some kind of context. Patriotic fervor doesn't answer the questions of how and why."

He encouraged the students to ask questions and examine past events, such as World War II and Sept. 11, to ask questions such as "How?" and "Why?" By questioning and reading, he said a person may arrive at a different conclusion other than what he or she has been taught. Bakari discussed Martin

Luther King Jr. in the lecture as well. He noted that his real accomplishment, that led to the Nobel Peace Prize, is not for what Americans remember him.

Bakari said that Americans know him only as the civil rights leader but his stands on non-violent confrontation and humanistic justice were his best works.

Bakari said he would like to see Americans be more historically astute. He said society is "now oriented" and that it seeks immediate gratification. Because of this, people may not be willing to take the time to research historical events and draw conclusions.

He suggests that in order to be more aware historically, a student must start with some basics. First, be familiar with immediate history, such as family lineage, including names and birth places.

Second, one must become a student of his or her own national history. Third, take history classes that are in unfamiliar subjects.

The next lecture will be delivered by Gloria Hamilton Monday in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The honors lecture series is sponsored by the honors college. ♦

## Kravitz: MTSU students receive free tickets

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McPhee, enthusiastic about talking about the family's relationship with Kravitz, also wasn't afraid to be honest.

"We don't have a close, personal relationship with Lenny, but there's the connection through the family," McPhee said. However, McPhee said he always enjoys talking with him when they see each other, and he never feels as though they have to search for things to talk about.

McPhee recognized that there were many MTSU stu-

dents at the concert as well. Free tickets were given out at the Keathley University Center Information Desk and in the Office of News and Public Affairs a week before the concert. Students received two tickets with their student ID.

"I really don't know anything about the tickets," McPhee said. "I was surprised about them, and they weren't received through my connections with Lenny."

Regardless of how MTSU received the tickets, students were more than happy to take them and go to the show.

"I originally went to see Pink perform, but Lenny Kravitz put on a good show as well," sophomore Jenny Jones said.

Other students agreed. "Lenny Kravitz is my idol," said Jared Shelton of Murfreesboro, who sported a gray toboggan despite the 80 degree weather. "He's just got such an incredible style!"

McPhee was glad to be a part of the crowd for the concert.

"I'm also glad that students got the chance to see Lenny perform and learn a bit about what he's like," McPhee said. ♦

## Lawyer: Free advice given

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major is better than another. The best advice the colleges could give was for students to study subjects they excel at.

"Stick with what you are doing if it is working well for you, and just go with it and just do the best with what you are in right now," said Allison Bussell, representative from the UT.

"One of the most heavily weighted factors is your GPA," said Kyle Cannon, representative from the University of Memphis School of Law. "If you can do well in one major and have a 4.0, do that."

"I agree that the background in writing couldn't be more important, and in your personal statement, you do not want to have a comma out of place," Coleman noted.

Another key element of the lecture was preparation for the Law School Admissions Test.

"In no circumstances do you want to go in there not knowing what the test is about, or not knowing how many sections there are," Vile said.

The college representatives agreed that the LSAT is the 'SAT' of law school admissions and it is critical that students arrive as prepared as possible to take the test.

"Getting involved in as many substantive extracurricular activities as possible is helpful, so long as it does not affect your grades," Watley said.

Another issue brought up in the presentation was the personal statement, which law schools require during the application process.

The personal statement is very important; one can explain many situations, such as illness, that might otherwise look bad on one's transcript, Vile said.

"Your basic skills for law school are going to be reading and writing, and if you pick up a little knowledge of the law along the way that's fine," Vile said, "but they don't want us teaching you that, they want to teach you that," he said. ♦

## Binge: Majority binge drink

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alone. These numbers do not include motor vehicle accidents or alcohol-related dependency deaths.

On Sept. 9, a coalition of concerned organizations, led by RID, came together in Washington, D.C., to lobby Congress to do more in preventing underage and binge drinking by passing the National Media Campaign to Prevent Underage Drinking Act of 2001. The purpose of this bill was to fund a national advertising campaign designed to prevent underage drinking.

In 1999, Harvard University's School of Public Health college alcohol study surveyed students at 119 colleges. The survey concluded that 44 percent of college students in the United States engaged in binge drinking during the two weeks before the survey was conducted.

Also, 51 percent of men surveyed drank 5 or more drinks in a row whereas 40 percent of the women drank four or more in a row. It was also reported that more than half the bingers, almost one in four students, frequently binged — three or more times in a two-week period. One in five students surveyed reported that they abstain from

drinking alcoholic beverages.

MTSU rules and regulations state that "appearing on university-owned or controlled property or at a university-sponsored event while under the influence of a controlled substance or any other intoxicating substance" and "the usage and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on university-owned or controlled property" is against the rules and subjected to punishment.

Additionally, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act states that "MTSU will impose sanctions, which could include disciplinary probation or in appropriate cases suspension, against individuals who are determined to have violated rules prohibiting the use, possession or distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol."

Tennessee Board of Regents policy also prohibits drinking on campus.

The Office of Student Development will sponsor Alcohol Awareness Week Oct. 21-25. The goal of the week is to educate, inform, challenge and create change concerning alcohol abuse on campus.

For more information on Alcohol Awareness Week, contact the Office of Student Development at 898-2454. ♦

## CRIME LOG

Thursday, Sept. 12 - 10:09 a.m.

Corlew Hall  
Trespass warning

A person, previously given a trespass warning on campus, was stopped at Corlew Hall. Subject was then brought to John Dickerson's office.

Arrest for possession of alcohol under 21 and disorderly conduct  
Brett Smith of Hixson

Arrest for DUI first offense  
James Beasley of Mt. Juliet

Thursday, Sept. 12 - 9:30 p.m.

Stark Agriculture Center  
Theft

A women's purse was found missing from the steps of the Stark Agriculture Building.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 4:01 a.m.

A female subject passed out in her dorm room and was taken to Middle Tennessee Medical Center. This incident is listed under consumption of alcohol under 21 years of age.

Friday, Sept. 13 - 12:52 a.m.

Womack Lane  
Bicycle theft

A bicycle valued less than \$500 was stolen from the Womack Lane area near building E.

Sunday, Sept. 15 - 2:34 p.m.

Womack Lane  
Burglary

An apartment at Building A of Womack Lane was forcibly entered via the window. The investigating officer obtained some evidence, such as fingerprints.

Friday, Sept. 13 - 10:07 a.m.

Wiser-Patten Science Building  
Fire

A report of "something burning" was made from the Wiser-Patten Science Building. Terry Logan and Murfreesboro Fire Department were notified and called out. A professor was burning sugar for a demonstration in Room 213.

Monday, Sept. 16 - 9:46 a.m.

Scarlett Commons and Womack Lane

Several complaints of harassing phone calls were made from both Scarlett Commons and Womack Lane. The calls are not necessarily related.

Friday, Sept. 13 - 3:43 p.m./4:56 p.m.

Murphy Center  
Theft

A digital camera was reported stolen from the Murphy Center. Slightly more than an hour later, coach Dean Hayes reported that Room 155 was broken into. Two golf cart keys and money were found missing.

Monday, Sept. 16 - 4:19 p.m.

Womack Lane  
Theft

Vandalism of a vehicle with damage over \$500 was reported.

On Saturday evening to Sunday morning (Sept. 14 and 15) the following alcohol-related incidents occurred on Greek Row:

Arrest for consumption of alcohol under 21  
James Moseley of Nashville

Tuesday, Sept. 17 - 10:47 a.m.

Deere Hall  
Harassing phone calls

A resident of Deere Hall reported several harassing phone calls starting at 3 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 17 - 2:23 p.m.

Art Barn  
Theft

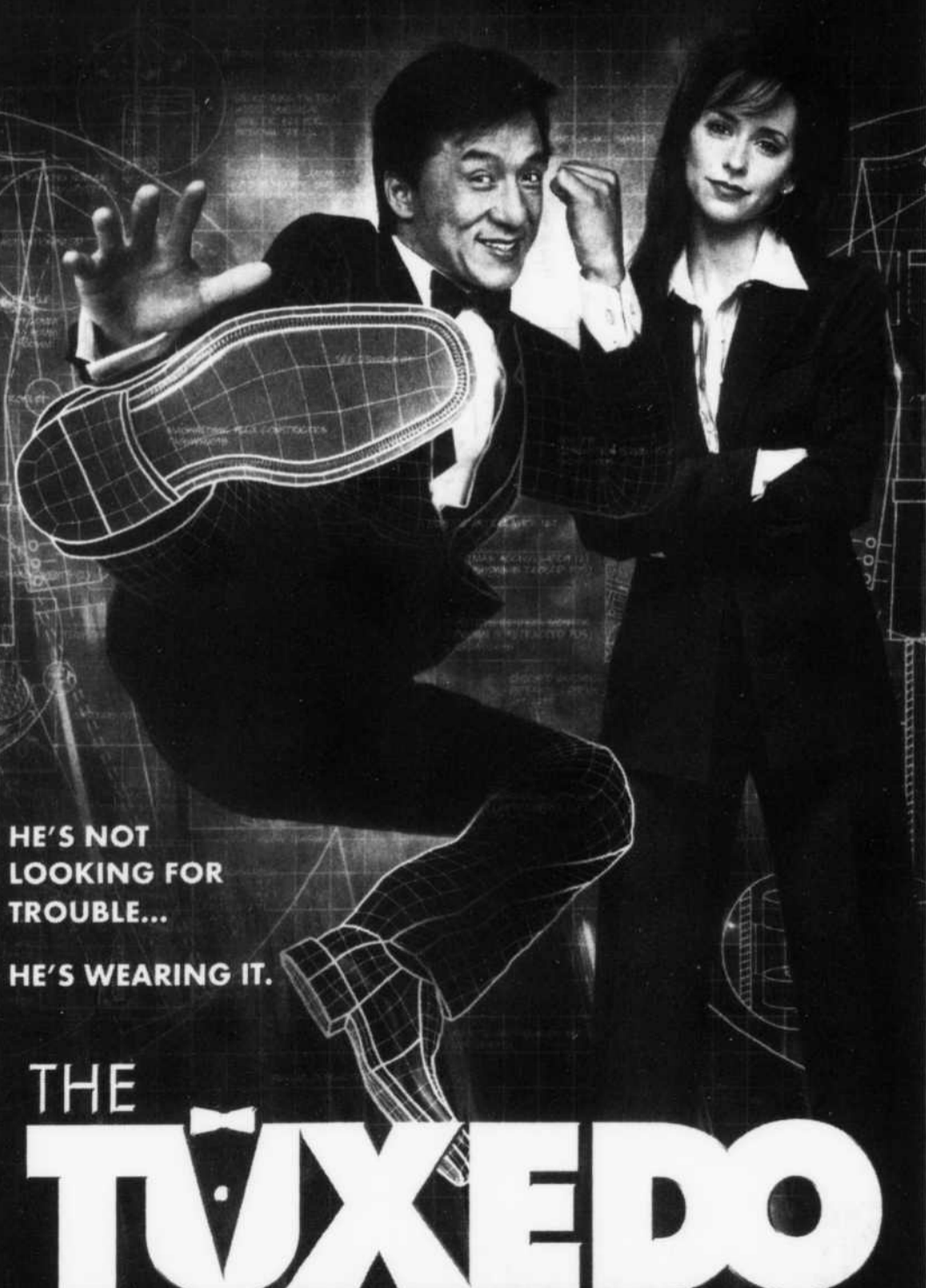
A video was stolen from a gallery in the Art Barn sometime Monday morning. ♦

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# OPINIONS

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Wednesday, September 25, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board Binge drinking can be done responsibly

Alcohol Awareness Week is only a few weeks away, but many of you youngsters are already quite aware of the sauce.

To borrow a line from a famous cartoon character, alcohol can be the cause of and solution to many of life's problems. Many would argue that a bender every now and then isn't harmful and, in fact, can be stress-relieving.

The *Sidelines* staff has never advocated against a few drinks from time to time; however, binge drinking can bring big problems to college students and campuses. The occasional drink can mutate into a daily ritual for those who aren't careful and don't monitor their consumption habits.

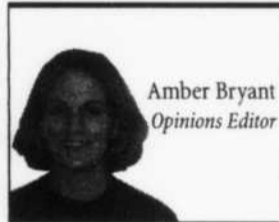
There can also be more immediate dangers: consuming too much alcohol in one sitting can cause alcohol poisoning, which is essentially an overdose of booze. Being unable to walk and vomiting blood is no way to party – and that's if you're lucky. People who manage to O.D. on alcohol ruin the good time of the people they're with and, more importantly, severely endanger their own health and safety.

If you're out in public, it's also a good way to get sent to jail after you get out of the hospital.

Another significant problem with alcohol is those who choose to get out for a leisurely drive after knocking back a few drinks. Drunks on the road are a danger to themselves and everyone who shares the road with them. The laws are there to try to curb the problem, but authorities often don't catch the drivers until they wrap their car around a utility pole – or another car.

Death is the ultimate buzzkill. Lots of people party; just be careful out there. ◆

## From the Opinions Editor O'Reilly spirals out of his 'No-Spin Zone'



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

At one point, O'Reilly quipped that high school students shouldn't be discussing sexual orientation.

The river of contempt this sentence inspires is a mighty one.

To put a taboo on openly discussing sexuality at any age, heterosexual or otherwise, is unhealthy. This especially applies during adolescence, when sexuality is rampant. If O'Reilly insists on having a policy of open, brutal honesty with his guests, it's hypocritical of him to expect anyone to lie or be uncomfortably silent in his or her daily life. Many students do practice discretion (which I think is necessary, simply because not everyone is interested in dirty business), but all a kid has to do nowadays to provoke taunting is not proclaim heterosexuality from the rooftops.

No hardcore journalist appreciates a host who baby-talks and panders to his or her interviewee, but harsh, condescending speech is an equally unprofessional extreme. O'Reilly is constantly borderline abusive.

Whether or not I agree with his political views, his interview with Henkle proves he is incapable of conducting a civil discussion. ◆

Bill O'Reilly deserves his own talk show like I deserve a Heisman trophy.

On Monday night's *The O'Reilly Factor*, O'Reilly admonished Derek Henkle, a 21-year-old homosexual who recently signed a \$451,000 settlement after accusing a Nevada public school district of failing to protect him from harassment.

Henkle, then 14, was relentlessly teased during his three years in three different Washoe County high schools for being openly gay. According to Reuters, he claimed "he was beaten, spat upon, called names and even threatened with a lasso ... in a campaign of intimidation and harassment that literally left him fearing for his life." He eventually decided to drop out and get a job.

As usual, O'Reilly attempted to express relief that justice had been served when Henkle won his case, but then spent the rest of the interview dancing around directly accusing the kid of deserving his treatment.

## Love your country? Criticize it



A Single Voice

Heidi Ward  
Staff Columnist

"America, love it or leave it," an irate radio disc jockey was spouting some weeks back. He was asking listeners to boycott a band because he felt they were unpatriotic. His reasoning was one band member wore a T-shirt with an upside-down flag. It said "anti-flag."

He was ranting like a child. I realized I've heard this phrase far too often, especially lately.

It's a phrase often used by many patriotic people,

appalled at the very thought that someone could have a gripe about our great nation. More often, they are just incredibly uninformed.

For example, the radio DJ should have checked the facts before going on his tirade. Telling this story to a friend the next day, he chuckled and told me that anti-flag is a band.

The DJ was acting on behalf of the country as though it is an insecure child, afraid of criticism – "Well, if you don't like me, you can just go away."

The irony is that America is not afraid of criticism, but welcomes it.

It was founded on the idea that if someone doesn't like something about the way things work, they can speak up and try to

change it. It's called freedom of speech. It allows us to state, out loud, for everyone to hear, that we downright hate our government, if that's what we wish to say.

This freedom is a great thing, but to me it also implies a responsibility to occasionally question our government and make sure we feel it is still working for us.

We can put the information we find from those questions out to the public. That's called freedom of the press, specifically created to watch the government.

So, thinking about it, the phrase "love it or leave it" is actually pretty unpatriotic.

Great changes have come about by criticism of

this country. Two big ones come to mind: the end of segregation and suffrage for women.

If not for that criticism, we might still have separate drinking fountains, and I sincerely doubt I'd be writing this column.

The sad fact is many people have become willing to sell out their freedoms and blindly believe that everything our government says and does is right. That happens when people are angry or afraid.

It has happened before. Back then, the fear was communism, and the loss of the right to free speech was called McCarthyism.

There was a government committee called The House Committee on Un-American Activities, and it could drag anyone

before the American public on television and accuse them of "un-American activities." People's careers and businesses were often ruined if they were accused.

Now the fear is terrorism. People, however, are acting the same. If someone isn't flying the flag on their house or car, or wearing it on their shirt, they're unpatriotic. If they dare comment on something they don't like they hear, "If you don't like America, leave."

I say, remember freedom of speech and speak louder. ◆

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## Day deserves respect

By John Stout  
Guest Columnist

Just as it had been before Sept. 11, a portion of students seemed to act as they always have a year later, like they are invincible to anything bad ever happening to them or their fellow students around campus.

MTSU offered music, discussions and a candlelight vigil to commemorate the anniversary of the attack on America. There were similar events all over the country. But other than a few ribbons and U.S.A. shirts, no one seemed all that affected. The people of this country need to get on with their lives, but should citizens allow themselves to go around on such an important day, like these horrible things still couldn't happen to us?

A lot of students talked about how they felt, and there was one girl in one of my classes who even started to cry when talking about an uncle who was at the Pentagon that day. Luckily, he turned out OK, but that was pretty much it. People didn't seem to be mourning anything.

People shouldn't feel guilty on a day like this, but they also shouldn't pretend that it's just a regular day. With so many lives lost so close to home, maybe students and faculty shouldn't be discussing things as trivial as retail sales and algebra problems. Why even have classes on a day like this? Didn't we just put our lives on hold for Labor Day a few weeks ago? MTSU should have gone to school on that day and taken Sept. 11 off for reflection. Maybe then people wouldn't have seemed so unconscious to what has happened in this country.

Unfortunately, I had to spend about 10 hours on campus on the 11th for my regularly scheduled classes. After getting out at 8:40 p.m., I went to attend the candlelight vigil. There was a great turnout, but walking upon it, the scene seemed almost festive. There was music and people had been grilling out. The president had a nice speech and we sang some patriotic songs, then Murfreesboro police and fire agencies were honored. Of course one guy had to shout out, "Play ball!" at the end of "The Star Spangled Banner." Toward the end of the event, there were people laughing and causing a scene toward the back of the crowd. I even saw one guy

lifting up a huge candle he had brought. He had a big smile on his face, and it was obvious the last thing he was doing was trying to be respectful.

There were plenty of people who were truly trying to show their respect for those lost, as well as the heroes who would do the same thing if such a tragedy occurred right here on campus. It was obvious, though, that some people didn't have any thought about that in their minds. I heard a girl behind me say, "Why did those people even come? You can tell they couldn't care less about any of this." It was true.

MTSU can't let a few people represent the ideals of the entire campus.

Most students do feel affected and probably wish they had a way to show it.

Going to class and trying to concentrate on the studies of the day isn't the best way to do that. The memorial at Ground Zero will most likely be one of the biggest and most symbolic this country has ever seen. We all have feelings about this; therefore we should be able to mourn accordingly.

Sept. 11 will be read about and studied for the duration of American history. There's a good chance no one who lived through this will ever go through something as detrimental to U.S. soil again.

Applause does have to be given to the administration; they put on some great events for the day. It just seems that giving people the day off to reflect in their own way would have been more logical. No one else in the country took the day off, so why should MTSU? It would have been a good standard to set.

It's hard to mourn when you don't really have the opportunity – when strangers surround you throughout the day. The one-year anniversary would have been a great day to be with friends and family to appreciate what we all still have. Or maybe just stay at home, watch all the television shows about the past year's events, and be allowed to feel however you want about such a disastrous loss to our country.

The majority of students on campus last week probably did feel some sort of pain about the Sept. 11 anniversary. It seems hard to show it, though, when they're forced to walk around campus like a normal college day. ◆

## Letters to the Editor Sculpture provides reflection

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to Amber Bryant's opinion piece ("Grotesque sculpture shouldn't be a pain," Sept. 19). I applaud Ms. Bryant's bringing the controversy over Eric Fischl's sculpture, "Tumbling Woman," to the attention of the MTSU student body and faculty. However, I have one serious objection to her column.

I disagree with her assertion that the sculpture of a woman falling through space has no role in the public discourse about Sept. 11. Artwork that is, to use Ms. Bryant's terms, "harsh," "twisted" or "disturbing" to some onlookers may be beautiful and enlightening to others; it may offend some people while it provides an occasion for reflection and enlightenment in others. It seems to me that a variety of public artistic responses to Sept. 11 is both possible and desirable at a time when the freedoms we take for granted are under fire from within, as well as from without.

Mary O'Shan Overton  
Graduate student, English

## Protesters heed misguided message

To the Editor:

It is rather disheartening to notice that *Sidelines* is becoming a literal satellite of *The Tennessean*, though Nashville featuring Wednesday's coverage of President Bush's visit to Hardville featured, among other gems, a full-color photograph of a protester armed with only a vulgar placard ("Bush protesters voice opposition to war with Iraq," Sept. 18).

The First Amendment remains, but this is simply inappropriate under any circumstances. May I remind the staff of *Sidelines* that their newsstands are within eye level of any passing school-age children. While not easily offended, and certainly not offended by the highly eloquent placard itself, I am highly offended by those who continually place their own misguided definitions of peace above the greater good of their nation and their future successors.

It offends me to think that these protesters actually believe that such sadistic murderers such as Saddam Hussein, Muammar Qaddafi or Yasser Arafat can actually be reckoned with on American terms. War is not a beautiful thing; but it must be a reality if our current way of life is to survive.

To the protesters, particularly the females: take your placards to Iraq and Somalia and the West Bank, and see how many heed your cacophonies of peace.

H. Breana Fach

## Response to heated debate praiseworthy

To the Editor:

I commend the Baptist Student Union for its response to Gerd Ludemann's lecture. The Baptists are offering, free to anyone who wants one, a book containing the text of a debate between Ludemann and William Lane Craig, with commentary by two other scholars on each side, and final commentary by both Craig and Ludemann.

I'm not a Baptist, and have no special brief for Baptists or their church, although experience has taught me that the overwhelming majority of Baptists are nice people, as are the overwhelming majority of atheists, Buddhists, Catholics, Episcopalians, Hindus, Islamists, Jews, Lutherans, Methodists, Mormons and, I'm sure, Zoroastrians, though I haven't yet met any.

The Baptists, in this instance, are to be commended for their effort to shed light, rather than heat, on a controversial topic.

Thank you, Baptists.  
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## 'Fiddler' produced with diversified cast



### Students, professors to present play this week and next at Tucker Theatre

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

Big, bold and breaking away from Broadway barriers, MTSU's much-anticipated theatrical presentation of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof* at Tucker Theatre will create intellectual intrigue as it tackles human interest issues with a touch of creative college wit.

The play is "one of the strongest, vocally, (and in) choreography," said Dale McGilliard, theater professor and director of *Fiddler*.

From diligent, non-stop rehearsing to dedicated student and faculty cast members, the 30-member cast of *Fiddler* blows the top off of tradition by not only tending to the production's intended story line but also keeping up with the theatre department's own brand of diversity.

The students' production includes

an African-American cast member and a disabled student who plays the legendary 'matchmaker' character Yente.

Not only is there culturally accepted unity on stage as MT students and faculty alike emerge as famous *Fiddler* characters known worldwide, but also in the university theatre community as passion for art on stage becomes a reality.

"We're all doing what we love to do," said Tracy Thorne, junior theater major and villager in *Fiddler*.

The cast also includes 15 villagers emerging on stage dressed up in their best peasant-like apparel to Crosby Hunt, professor of developmental studies, playing the lead in the production as Jewish father Tevye, and Deborah Anderson, theater professor, creating the Golde character.

"There's something in it for everybody," Thorne said. "There's sweet comedy, but then there's serious stuff."

Faculty members wanted something that breathed 'Americana,' such as the stage play *Oklahoma*, but after Broadway took the well-known show, they chose *Fiddler*.

"It's about true love ... acceptance of the people of (another) culture," McGilliard said.

The anticipation is building as actors and actresses of *Fiddler* gear up to move their audience with sorrow meshed with musical excitement.

"I think it would be intriguing," sophomore Jenny Jackson said.

The play begins Sept. 26-27 and finishes Oct. 2-5 at Tucker Theatre at 8 p.m. each performance night.

The show is free for MT students with their student ID, \$8 for general admission and \$4 for faculty and staff. ♦



Photos by Chris Nichols | Staff Photographer

(Top) Chava, played by Cheryl Temple; Tzeitel, played by Erica Jade Drew; and Hodel, played by Megan Bowers, sing "Matchmaker" during rehearsal of *Fiddler on the Roof* Monday night. (Above) Golde, played by Deborah Anderson, speaks to Yente, the matchmaker, played by Shannon Devideo while Yente's servant, played by Erin Dudley, looks on during Monday night's rehearsal.

## Photographer charmed by characters of buildings



By Amy Beal  
Contributor

Many people travel across the county to see national landmarks or historic sites. Not photographer Sandy Sorlien.

On her cross-country journey, she was more concerned with ordinary houses than huge landmarks.

For the better part of the 1990s, Sorlien traveled around the country taking pictures of houses. Not celebrity homes, not historic landmarks — just ordinary homes.

The result of her trip has been hanging in the MTSU Baldwin Photographic Gallery throughout this month.

Sorlien presented slides of her photographs, some in the gallery show and some not, in a lecture Monday night in the McWherter Learning Resources Center.

"I think of myself as a historic preservationist in a sense," Sorlien said about her work.

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Photos by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

(Top left) Photographer Sandy Sorlien signs copies of *Fifty Houses* at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery Monday. (Above) Senior Lisa Campbell views the images on display in the gallery.

## It's RAINning in Nashville

By Beverly Jenkins  
Staff Writer

The Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network will raise funds during a benefit tomorrow at the Slow Bar in Nashville as part of a unique attempt to encourage people across the nation to raise awareness for the charity.

RAINN hosted more than 120 benefits in 40 states last year, raising more than \$100,000 — \$1,200 of that from the Nashville's benefit.

Danica Knox, the 2002 benefit organizer and supporter of RAINN, said she hopes to double that amount from Tennessee this year.

Although she had no involvement in last year's event, Knox is no stranger to raising money for RAINN. The 27-year-old Mount Juliet resident said she has raised nearly \$2,000 for the charity by participating in what she described as an "Internet marathon," titled Blogathon.

Blogathon is "a 24-hour event where the participants post in their online journals or weblogs once every 30 minutes," she said. "In addition to that, I also hosted a 24-hour Internet broadcast in which I played music for that span of time."

She became involved with the benefit out of a desire to create support for RAINN in the area.

"I think the most important thing is to raise awareness about sexual assault and abuse within the community," she said. "It's a scary thing

to think about, but [rape] happens anywhere at any time."

RAINN is a non-profit charity and runs the only national hotline in America for victims of sexual abuse. Callers from across the country can reach the hotline all day toll-free at 1-800-656-HOPE for confidential help.

Knox has gathered more than 60 sponsors to make sure the event is a success for RAINN. There will be music by headliner Kim's Fable, Kristi Rose, Pamela Stansberry and David Murphree. WRLT Lightning 100 disc jockey Naked Dave will be the master of ceremonies, and Rio Bravo will provide free food.

There will be a silent auction and raffle. Prizes include an Epiphone Special II electric guitar donated by Gibson Guitar, two concert tickets to a 2003 event with VIP lounge access donated by Amsouth Amphitheater, and gift certificates to retailers and restaurants including Tower Records, Hot Topic, the Mellow Mushroom and the Melting Pot.

"I think the whole thing will be really exciting," Knox said, "but the music is going to be the highlight of the night."

The benefit begins at 8:30 p.m. at 1024 Woodland St. with a \$10 cover charge at the door. Attendees must be 21 years old or older. For more information, visit [www.nashvillerrainn.org](http://www.nashvillerrainn.org). ♦

# Dear Annie

## Out on a limb

Dear Annie,  
I have been seeing this guy for over a year now. We were like best friends, as we have known each other for eight years now. Everything was going great with us until my roommate started saying fake things about us all over town. And of course, it seems like she has told everyone we know. Other people had started saying things as well.

On our one-year anniversary I found out that I was pregnant. My boyfriend was great and very supportive about everything. A month later I miscarried. I was upset, but this seemed to upset him more. His best friend also ended up moving back home to Florida, and I guess that upset him as well.

Now, as a result of all this, he said he needed some time. This scared me when I heard him say this. He said not to contact him until he contacts me. I am hoping that maybe something good will come of this, but you never know. It has been almost a month now and I am beginning to get a bit anxious. I am wondering when or if I will hear from him. This has made me realize just how much I care for him, and that I do, in fact, love him. It's been hard the past few days. I am just hoping that he has these same feelings. Do you have any good advice or comforting words? What do you think?

— Out on a Limb

Dear Out on a Limb,  
Nothing is worse than sitting there waiting for the phone to ring. The longer we wait the more our imagination starts coming up with stories as to why this person isn't calling.

Fact — he needs some space and it's important to respect his wishes. True, times are hard and this is not easy for you. But, if you don't give him space he will run farther away. One more time — he will run if you haven't.

There is a lot going on here. If you've already, find a new roommate. With friends like that, who needs enemies? I think it's very important that you seek counseling about the miscarriage.

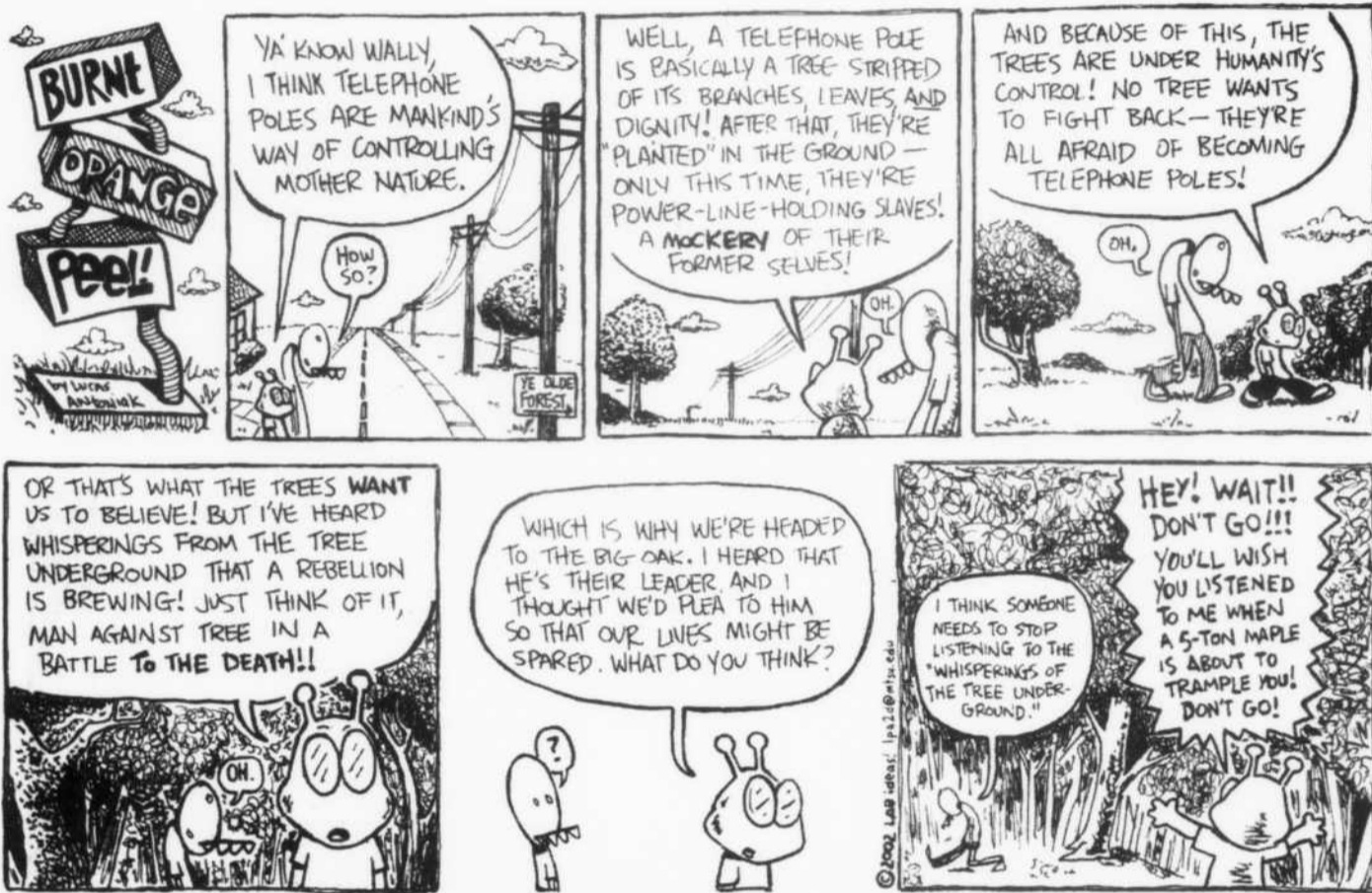
Now, turn off your phone. Unplug it, turn off the ringer, or hide it from yourself. This includes your cell phone. Take some control. Don't spend your time waiting for the phone to ring. Get out and do something positive with your life.

"What if he never calls?" Well, what is the worst thing that could happen? Before you start dramatizing your life without him, think about your daily routine. You will still get up in the morning and brush your teeth. Life will go on and you will be OK. I know we've heard it before, but I'm compelled to remind you — everything will work out for the best. Take this time to work on yourself, by yourself. Stop waiting for the phone to ring and continue living your life.

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com.



Illustration by Lucas Antoniak | Staff Illustrator



## Exhibit: Show featured at Baldwin Photographic Gallery

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A photography teacher at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, she began her architectural projects by publishing a calendar of photographs of national historic landmarks.

"The country was starting to be ruined by urban sprawl," she said. This, she explained, gave her the idea for her next project.

"I decided to create a task for myself that would take 10 years," she told the crowd.

The book, *Fifty Houses: Images of Architecture from the American Road*, from which the gallery show photographs are taken, is the result of that task.

Sorlien made the journey through America, visiting each of the 50 states and photographing houses along the way. The book contains a picture of

one house from each state.

As for her choice of making houses the focus of the book, she says she's just "in love with buildings."

"I just like the way they look," she said.

Sorlien admits to knowing little about traditional architecture. She bases her choice of subjects not on looks, but overall impact.

"Sometimes I would choose [houses] just because they had a good story," Sorlien explains.

In addition to her collection at the Baldwin gallery, Sorlien has completed another photography book titled *Imagining Antarctica*. She is also currently working on a new project called *The Heart of Town: Main Streets in America*.

The show will remain at the MTSU gallery through Oct. 8.



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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## McCollum tries to overturn controversial penalty

By David Hunter  
Staff Reporter

Middle Tennessee head football coach Andy McCollum is going to appeal Jerry Vanderpool's suspension caused by the fight at halftime in the 44-22 loss at Kentucky Saturday.

Vanderpool, a defensive end, was thrown out of the game because of the brawl with UK quarterback Jared Lorenzen at halftime. Blue Raider teammate Devarick Scandrett and UK players Michael Aitcheson and Sylvester Miller were also ejected from the game. All four players will not be

allowed to play in the first half of their respective games Saturday. MT plays its first home game against Southeast Missouri State University and UK plays No. 10 ranked University of Florida. The incident started when Vanderpool and Lorenzen got into a shoving match. A

Kentucky staff member came on to the field and confronted Vanderpool on the field. That is when both benches emptied out onto the field.

However, McCollum said he believed Vanderpool was in the right and should not be suspended.

"All the film that we have and everything that we've got, I have nothing on there that shows what he did wrong," McCollum said during Monday's press conference.

"Vanderpool hits the quarterback, gets up, jogs over, sees the interception and comes back to block the quarterback like he's taught to do," McCollum said.

"Lorenzen cuts him, Vanderpool goes to the ground and gets back up and they get after each other. Lorenzen really grabs him and throws him down, and Vanderpool gets up and pushes him with two hands," McCollum said.

"Then a (Kentucky) staff member came off the sideline in my player's face and from that point their whole team attacked Vanderpool," McCollum said.

There was not a flag thrown on the play. Both players got personal fouls called on them at the start of the second half. Lorenzen was able to remain in the contest and was not

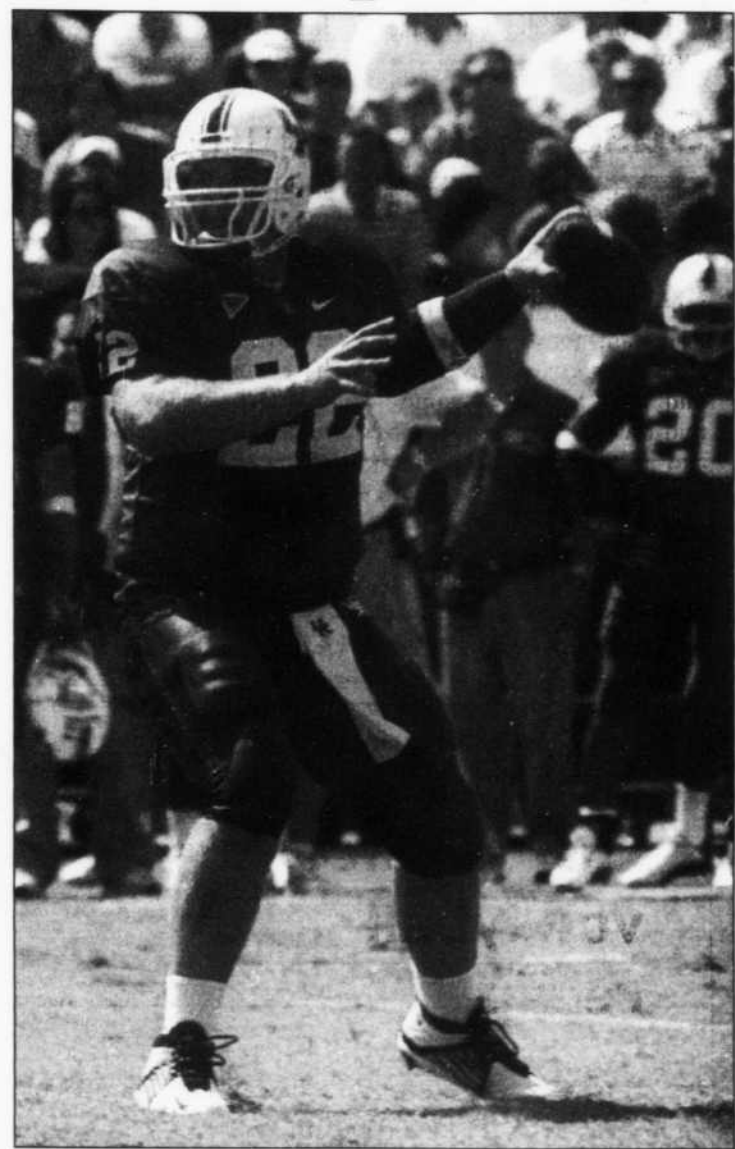


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University of Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen initiated Saturday's fight but was not ejected.

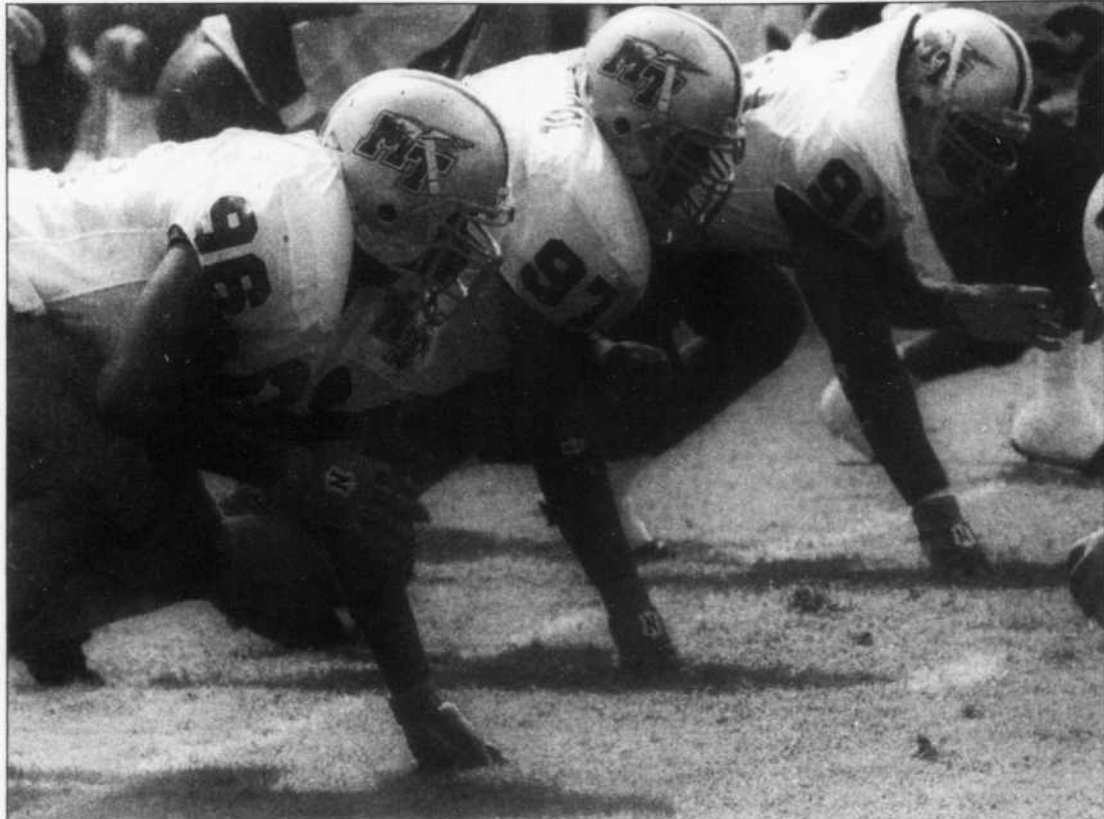


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No. 97, Jerry Vanderpool (middle), will be barred from participation during the first half of Middle Tennessee's first home game after being ejected from Saturday's game.

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## Like father, like son: Tennis family carries on legacy with MT athletics

By Kasimu Harris  
Staff Writer

In the truest sense, the family's winning tradition in tennis has been anything but under-sized for Dale Short, Middle Tennessee's men's tennis head coach and his son Trevor.

To be exact, the family's tennis tradition began several generations ago.

Grandfather Gene Short, 92, has won several national titles, still coaches and gives private lessons and has authored several tennis books.

His late stepmother, whose maiden name was Fagerouse prior to marrying into the Short family, became a three-time world junior champion, and on the professional tour she consistently ranked among the top six players in the world during the 1950s.

"They're the ones that kind of obviously got me very much involved, and of course I played here and around the county and taught tennis and Trevor just obviously got stuck with it," Dale said.

His stepmother frequently played with Althea Gibson, who was the first African-American woman to win a Wimbledon tennis title.

In 1983 the Short family was voted the tennis family of the year in Florida.

At the time, Dale had been recently ranked in the top five nationwide in college tennis, his father had just won several national senior titles and his stepmother was national for her many achievements in tennis.

The family continues to support the Short family's father and the son's tennis careers.

"My wife helps a lot as far as running events and set up tournaments," Dale said. "She comes and watches Trevor as much as she can, so does my daughter. My mother, who lives in Murfreesboro, will come and watch and as well as other family members."

So far, Trevor has enjoyed playing under his father.

"It's interesting," Trevor said. "I really enjoy it, and it's pretty much all pros, and not too many cons. Honestly, I'm not being biased. I have been around a lot of coaches and he seems to know more about tennis and relates to our players better than anyone I have ever been with before."

"It's been a great experience and, I mean, it has been my dream ever since I was a little kid, I followed this program every since I was five years old and my dad has been the coach every since then, I've always wanted to play on the team with him. I love it," Trevor reflected.

Still, there are some downs to coaching one's son.

"It can be kind of trying, because you'd like to watch him play a whole lot but you have five or six other guys on the court at the same time so you be careful not to show any bias toward your own son," Dale said. "Then, also, there are sometimes it's a little bit harder to coach because of the emotional side of it as well, whereas if he were playing for another coach, there probably wouldn't be that emotional side to it. That kind of puts an extra element into it. Hopefully, after a couple of years of trial and error, it will be better for both of us."

Before the cut on his foot that put Trevor on the sidelines, he had a positive outlook on the season.

"I really have high hopes on the season," Trevor said.

"The first couple of weeks in the fall was probably some of the best tennis I've played since I've been here. I hope to get ranked in maybe singles or doubles and hopefully play in the upper part of the line up. If I work hard and push myself, if I can stay healthy, I have a good chance of doing that."

The younger Short has experienced his fair share of proverbial highs and

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## Vols shake off loss, prepare for Rutgers

By Elizabeth Davis  
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee came out determined in the second half against Florida despite losing by 24 points, and coach Phillip Fulmer expects the same attitude through the rest of the season.

The Volunteers (2-1) play non-conference Rutgers (1-3) Saturday at home after losing 30-13 to the Gators last week. Their Southeastern Conference schedule continues with Arkansas, Georgia and Alabama next month.

Tennessee was stunned by its own mistakes at the end of the first half that allowed Florida to score 24 points in a little under five minutes in a driving rain-storm.

"Our team at halftime collected itself and came back out with a lot of fight," Fulmer said Tuesday in his weekly news conference. "We have to take that same fight to the field and correct those mistakes and not have those things happen to us and play like we're capable of playing."

Overcoming eight fumbles and silly penalties proved to be too much for the Vols. Fulmer planned to emphasize basic techniques in practice for Rutgers this week.

"If you're not careful you let it stick in your gut too long. At least (let) it stick there for remembering how it felt but not holding you back from working and getting better," he said. "Yesterday I was really pleased with the approach and the attitude our team had in getting back to business."

The Scarlet Knights, who have lost to Division I-AA Villanova, Buffalo, and Pittsburgh, are not the same caliber as Florida and are listed as 40 1/2-point underdogs. But Fulmer said playing any team will help the Vols get back on track.

"Our focus is on Rutgers, Tennessee and getting better," he said. "We have another chance to grow before getting back to the Southeastern Conference (games)."

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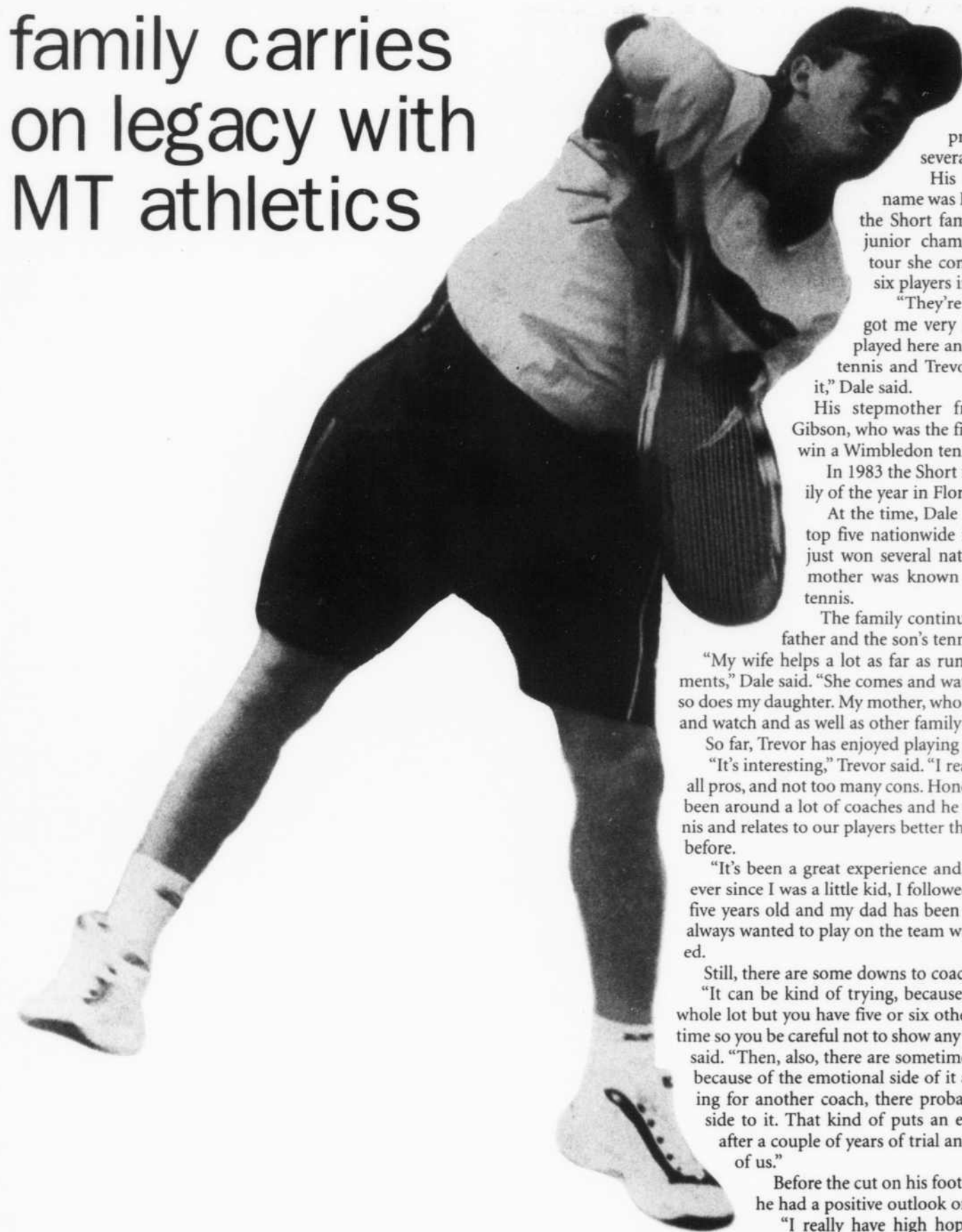


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Trevor Short comes from a long line of tennis players, beginning with his grandmother and grandfather, who were ranked nationally on the professional circuit. Trevor is currently playing at Middle Tennessee under the guidance of his father, head coach Dale Short.

# Women's football viable alternative to overpaid, underworked NFL

**Sports commentary**

Erich Heinlein  
Staff Writer

For nearly one hundred years, football has been a game dominated by men. History is about to take a turn.

Three years ago, the Women's National Football League was formed and has had booming success. The league began with only two teams and has grown tremendously. The league currently has 30 teams and is continuing to grow. This is definitely a sudden turn for the best or worst in football, depending on how you look at it. The advantage is that for

men who view the NFL as a group of great athletes who got their way through school by participating in college athletics and are overpaid, spoiled brats, the WNFL provides them with an alternative. Plus, of course, there is a wide female following. The biggest advantage to this new football innovation is that more women will become involved with football. According to the league's Web

site, they are actually starting programs at high schools in order to help with "player development." However, the downside is of this gender integrating endeavor is that there are the traditionalists who fear change, and some men are likely to be threatened by the change and the emerging female players. As everybody knows, the WNBA also has had booming success.

Personally, I doubt the introduction of women will have a profound effect on men's football. Men will likely continue watching men's football on holidays and weekends. Although I am partial to women's rights, one would have to ask him- or herself, is women's football just a marketing ploy or perhaps something that is really going to sell? Worst of all, in a country

consumed by, yet still uncomfortable with sex, wouldn't one also have to wonder whether or not these ladies would be considered sex objects? I dread to even think of a sex centered around brute strength and agility, it seems bizarre, but sex symbols are emerging throughout the sports world. Why not football, too? Let's just hope that this never happens in women's football. ♦

## Suspension: Vanderpool unable to play first half at home

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suspended for his actions. "I just told them I'm not interested in winning the fight, I just want to win the game," UK's head coach Guy Morriss said after Saturday's game. "I told them to behave yourselves and go play ball. I don't know how it got started and I don't care how it got started." Before the skirmish, Vanderpool was helping the Blue Raiders control the running game. Scandrett already

had two sacks in the game. The two UK players that were sent off after the altercation never played in the match. "If Jerry Vanderpool gets thrown out of the game then I have to question why their quarterback wasn't thrown out," McCollum said. "I just want the right thing done and the right thing was not to kick Jerry Vanderpool out. He gets a black eye out of it and all he did was do his job." "The fight probably shouldn't have happened, but it was

nice to see the team come out there to support us," Lorenzen said. McCollum sent tapes of the game to the Southeastern Conference and Sun Belt Conference commissioners and their head of officials. McCollum does not know when he will get an answer. "I have no idea," McCollum said. "I don't know how it all works. I don't know how they do that." "I have sent it to our people, to our commissioner and our

head of officials," McCollum said. "I'm sure the SEC wants the right thing done, too, because that's not what college football is all about. It was an ugly incident, but I'm going to fight for our kids if I feel like they were right." Devarick Scandrett's suspension will not be challenged by McCollum. Scandrett will not play in the first half of this week's game. MT's next game is at home against SEMO. Kickoff is Saturday at 6 p.m. ♦

## Tennis: Short looking forward to fall season

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lows in tennis. When Trevor was 16 he nearly beat Andy Roddick and he defeated the second ranked player in the nation in the 16-and-under division. He also defeated many of the top players in junior tennis during that time. Since then he has been plagued with setbacks, including four knee injuries and a fractured back. "During my four surgeries, I probably had moments when I was like, 'It's not worth coming back and it's

too much effort to go through rehab and everything," Trevor said. "I couldn't imagine not playing. I always want to get out there and compete again." Last year Trevor was flying high once again. During the season, he and his partner Michael Fenia were ranked in doubles, peaking at No. 19 in the country at one point. Trevor, the outspoken emotional leader of the team, looks forward to having a healthy season and improving on his individual and team accomplishments from last year. ♦

## Sun Belt Conference volleyball recap

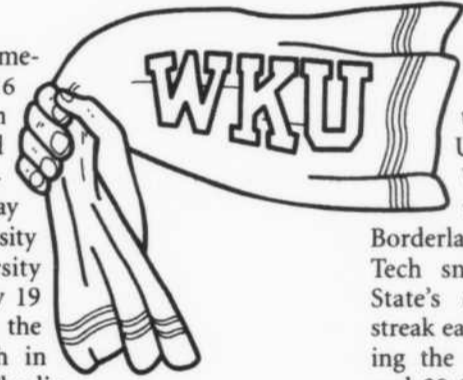


### 2002 Sun Belt Conference Volleyball Standings

East Division					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	Last 5
Western Kentucky	14	4	.778	L1	4-1
Kansas-Tennessee	9	4	.692	W2	3-2
Arkansas-Little Rock	4	6	.400	L2	1-4
Arkansas State	4	7	.364	L4	1-4
Florida International	4	9	.308	L2	0-5
West Division					
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	Last 5
New Mexico State	9	3	.750	W1	4-1
South Alabama	5	5	.500	W2	3-2
UL Lafayette	6	7	.462	L1	2-3
New Orleans	6	8	.429	W1	4-1
North Texas	5	10	.333	L1	3-2
Denver	1	9	.100	L1	1-4

#### Western Kentucky

Western extended its home-court winning streak to 16 Tuesday night with a 3-0 win over Evansville. WKU head coach Travis Hudson recorded career win No. 140 Friday night against Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis. He is currently 19 wins away from becoming the winningest volleyball coach in Western history, surpassing Charlie Daniel's 159 victories in nine seasons at the helm. Both Amanda Schiffer and Amanda Cecil represented the Lady Toppers on the Dayton Flyer Classical-tournament team. It was the third time this year Schuff has made an all-tournament team, and was the first such honor this season for Cecil. Western recorded a season-high 85 digs Friday night against IUPUI. Senior setter Sara Noe continues her pursuit of Jenni Miller's Lady Topper record for career assists. Noe enters conference play needing just 356 assists to take over the top spot.



#### New Mexico State

Trina Cuseo was named to the all-tournament teams at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay tournament and at the Borderland Invitational. Texas Tech snapped New Mexico State's eight-game winning streak earlier in the week beating the Aggies 30-26, 30-26, and 30-18. Head Coach Mike Jordan put sophomore Stevi Adams in the game for only a few minutes to give some of the other players a rest. Jordan did not want to risk making her injury worse. The Aggies bounced back Saturday when they played at home vs. Northern Arizona. NMSU defeated NAU 30-28, 30-21, and 30-24 making the third straight victory at home for the season. Adams returned to action for the Aggies with a total of 10 kills and 11 defensive digs. ♦



## Vols: Fulmer said weather, alignment UT's problems

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One of the biggest areas that needs improvement is at receiver. "The receiving corps hasn't done nearly as well as we want to or hope to down the road," Fulmer said. Kelley Washington, who led Tennessee with 64 catches last season, missed the first two games with a sprained right knee but played against Florida. He and tight end Jason Witten remain the only reliable playmakers catching the ball. Alignment has been a problem with the younger receivers, Fulmer said. Fulmer hoped to get freshmen Jonathan Wade and Chris Sannon up to speed quickly. Sophomore Tony Brown, the team's leading receiver until last week, has been slowed by a sore ankle. "Competition, more depth and the more sense of urgency they feel and understand, the better we should be," Fulmer said. Washington has 102 yards

on seven catches, six of which went for first downs. Fulmer defended Washington's decision to run out of bounds after a 34-yard play when some thought he could have stayed in for a larger gain. "The ball being wet - not making excuses for Kelley - he was ensuring the catch," Fulmer said. On another scrutinized play, Washington fell to the ground when "he should have kept running," Fulmer said. Fulmer gave good grades to the defensive and offensive lines, the running backs and quarterback Casey Clausen after reviewing the Florida film. The secondary, which played well in the first two games, had problems against the Gators' receivers. Fulmer said some of the defensive backs were "hung out to dry" when the other defenders let Florida quarterback Rex Grossman elude sacks. Alex Goal blocked. ♦

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