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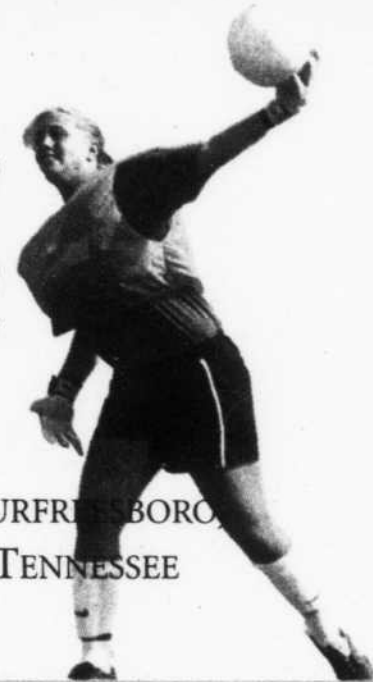


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21,706 students hit campus this fall



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Hundreds of students mingle with the university sports teams Thursday night at the annual Meet, Greet and Eat, one of the many back to school events for new and returning students during the first week of school.

Record number of students enroll

By Jess McKelley
Staff writer

University officials are dealing with yet another record breaking enrollment as thousands of students return to classes this fall.

As of Friday afternoon, 543 more students had enrolled than at the same time last year, bringing the total to 21,706.

The 2.8 percent increase, although expected from last fall's enrollment figures, has caused some minor changes to be made at the university. Additional faculty has been hired to deal with the increased enrollment.

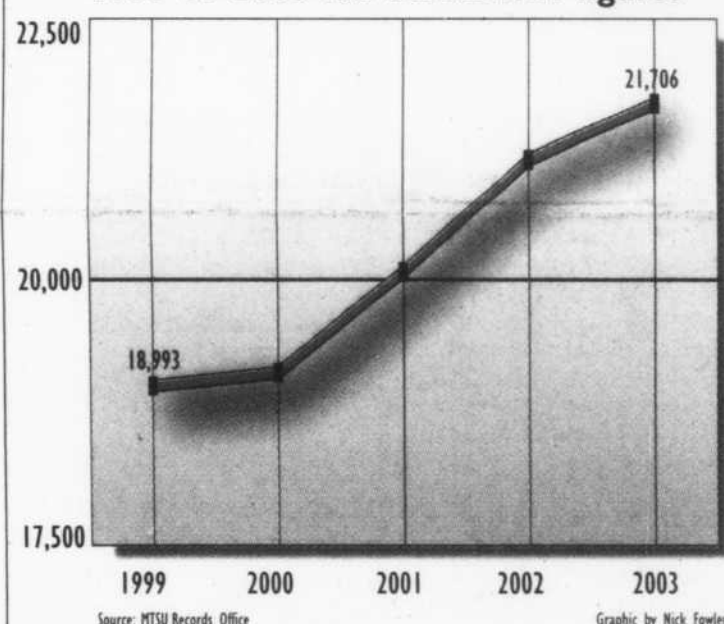
"I think the campus has done a very good job of incorporating more incoming students," said Sherian Huddleston, assistant vice provost for enrollment services.

"The new faculty are very well qualified, and we are very pleased with the temporary faculty," said Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost.

Pre-registration and the Customs orientation program during the summer showed an increased need for additional faculty. The university hired an additional 10 temporary

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1999 to 2003 fall enrollment figures



House approves \$200,000 grant for MTSU cedar glade studies

Approval from
Senate next step

By Heidi Ervin
Staff Writer

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a \$200,000 grant to build a center for cedar glade studies on the MTSU campus.

Four professors in the biology department, Tom Hemmerly, Kim Sadler, Cindi Smith-Walters and Jeffery Walck, orga-

nized and created the proposition to protect cedar glades from extinction.

"We had the idea for a number of years, but we had not been able to get something off the ground," Smith-Walters said.

Cedar glades are an endangered ecosystem that can only be found in southeastern states. More specifically, they are most abundant in Middle Tennessee.

Tennessee's cedar glades are formed when underlying limestone nearly reaches the surface

and results in a shallow large layer of soil in which only rare plants can grow.

In Middle Tennessee's red-cedar woods, one can identify cedar glades as the rocky, spacious and treeless areas. Because these areas look so plain, they are often viewed as wastelands. Therefore, many people have no qualms about destroying them to make room for houses, buildings or parking lots.

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Comic performs at Murphy Center

By Alfred Brady
Staff Writer

Standing six feet tall in a pimped-out purple suit with his hair twisted to the back, Atlanta-born Bruce Bruce is one of the most noticeable black comics today.

After being in comedy for 15 years and starring in the movie *The Wash* with Dr. Dre and Eminem, Bruce is a very familiar face.

"But before all of that I can't forget my years of male stripping under the names 'Stretch Marks' and 'Pound Cake,' Bruce said.

In a super-sized comedy invasion, Bruce rolled out his own unique brand of comedy

into a packed Murphy Center on Friday.

"I don't tell jokes. I tell real life stories and make them funny," Bruce said.

"You must have your own style, your own tad-dow" is Bruce's opinion on how one should take and understand life.

"I'm just an all around pimp, I got saved in '73 and '74, backslid in '75, came back to Christ in '77. You know, I used to be a Frito-lay truck driver for years. I would sell a bag, then eat the other."

The show opened with Bruce's tour mate Black Boy, who highlighted the opening with a "Get Crunk" contest that brought the crowd to its feet.

"I just come out to wake the

crowd up, and I'm blessed to be working with one of the funniest men alive today," Black Boy said after the show.

Bruce came out with a sumo wrestler physique and a Jheri curl.

He began the show by explaining some facts or rumors about himself.

"I am Bruce Bruce and I am not Ruben, and all of the heavy set people here need to understand that we're cousins," Bruce said.

Highlights of the show were when some of MTSU's own students, including a small impromptu step show by the fraternities of Phi Beta Sigma

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Rec Center tightens security following breach

New cameras
monitor visitors

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Due to recent security violations at the Campus Recreation Center, university administration has decided to add video surveillance and enforce a stricter entry policy.

Nine new cameras will be placed around and inside the building in an effort to discourage people from entering or using the facilities illegally.

In addition to the cameras, all students, faculty and staff will be required to show their ID cards at the gates.

"We want to make sure that everyone who comes into the building, we know who they are and what their intentions are," said Ray Wiley, associate director of campus recreation.

The increased security is a direct result of the recent incident involving a former student who was being allowed in the Rec Center counter to regulations and was later arrested for burglarizing cars in the parking lot.

Herman King was arrested July 20 after a Public Safety officer determined that a Rec Center employee had been letting King use the showers because he had no residence.

"This situation raised our awareness that we needed to tighten our entry policy into the building," Wiley said.

Other Rec Center employees alerted campus police to King's presence at the Rec Center and the police were able to apprehend him.

"Had it not been for our staff

observing his behavior, we would not have actually caught him in the act of doing these things," Wiley said.

The Rec Center has decided to revoke a policy that was in effect last semester that allowed some students to enter without an ID.

Students could sign a one-time use form in case they forgot their ID cards, but there were too many problems regarding the volume of waivers and identity theft.

"In a three-week period last semester, we had 3,500 forms turned in for one-time use waivers," Wiley said.

"Within that time, we did confiscate a handful of IDs of people who were committing what you would consider identity theft," Wiley explained.

Many students were using a roommate's or a friend's ID card or social security number to access the recreation facilities, Wiley said.

"We are hoping that by doing spot checks on IDs, by requiring everyone to have an ID will eliminate the potential for identity theft," Wiley said.

Cameras have been installed throughout the inside and outside of the building, focusing on entrances and exits, as well as on the outdoor pool and 50-ft climbing tower behind the building.

According to Wiley, there have been incidents when people have scaled the fences surrounding the pool and the tower.

"We do feel like it will act as a deterrent for some individuals to know that their actions in the recreation center are being recorded," Wiley said. ♦

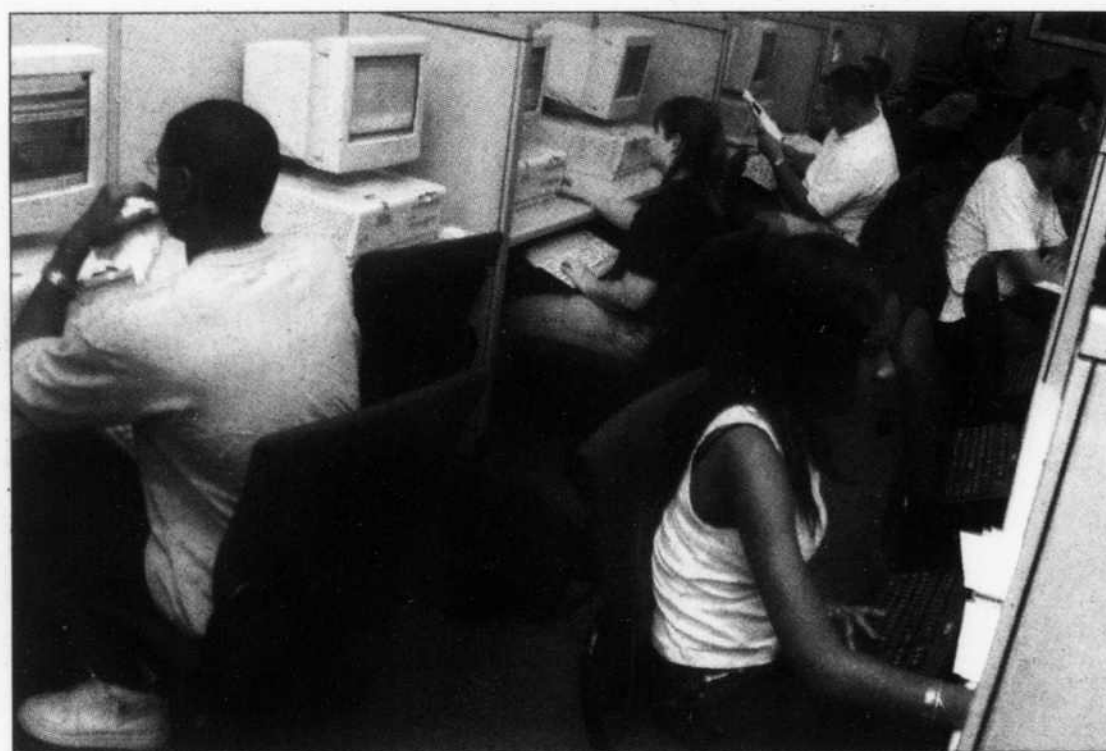


Photo by Jenny Cordie | Chief Photographer

Students browse the web at the Business and Aerospace Building computer lab on Friday. ITD replaced many old computers this summer for students to use this fall.

Spam now filtered out of MTSU e-mail

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

While students were away for the summer, the Information Technology Division was busy replacing old computers, installing anti-spam software on all MTSU e-mail accounts and adding to the wireless campus network.

ITD replaced 300 old computers in the James E. Walker Library with new Dell computers that include compact disc-recording drives and digital video disc drives.

Jerry Gentry, assistant vice president of ITD, said that these new features are the standard for future computer purchases.

"All the computers that will be installed from

this summer forward will have the CD-writers in them," Gentry said.

Although the new computers have no restrictions on MP3 music downloading software such as Kazaa, Gentry said that he hopes students will not be using the new CD-recording drives to make illegal CDs.

"There is nothing to prevent them, but they need to be aware because it has been in the news lately that the Recording Industry Association of America is going after the students now and not the schools," he said.

Still Gentry said that ITD does investigate these types of problems on occasion, but only

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Enrollment: 10 full time faculty hired

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faculty members, who are not tenured but are full time. The temporary faculty will teach five classes each, a heavy load, according to Gebert.

The department most affected by the new hires is followed by the speech and theatre, history and mathematics departments.

"We are being very creative in terms of office space so that the new faculty have a place to be," Gebert said. "The department chairs work hard to orient new faculty, so that is an extra challenge."

The majority of extra stu-

dents are returning from the previous fall and spring semesters, as opposed to an increase in the number of incoming freshmen. Additionally, there are large numbers of transfer students and re-enrollees, returning after a period of absence.

"This shows that we are retaining students better, which has been a goal of the university," Gebert said. "[The university focuses on] the things we do in our academic program to be sure students return," she said. "Something's working."

Enrollment was 21,163 in the fall of 2002, and the numbers were expected to increase 2 per-

cent to 3 percent this fall. The numbers are expected to continue to climb steadily in the future, as another 2 percent to 3 percent increase is anticipated for fall 2004. This is nothing new, according to Huddleston.

"Enrollment has been increasing steadily for the past six to eight years," she said. At the end of the first week of classes, Huddleston said enrollment had "leveled out."

The number of students at MTSU compares to a current enrollment figure of 19,312 at the University of Memphis, up 217 from last fall. ♦

Grant: Cedar glades host rare plant species

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"In the past we've typically used those areas as dumping grounds," Smith-Walters said. "But those sites are crucial to the area's ecosystem."

Although the areas look plain, they are not bare. In the small cracks in the limestone, many rare grasses and plants grow. Pyne's Ground Plum and the Tennessee state flower, the coneflower, are types of plants that only grow in the cedar glades of Rutherford County.

"A lot of unique habitats have disappeared in the last 10 or 15 years due to the tremendous growth in the Rutherford County area," Smith-Walters said.

In an attempt to learn more about cedar glades and to perhaps keep them from reaching extinction, Hemmerly came up with the idea for the Center for Cedar Glade Studies.

Salder, Smith-Walters and Walck supported Hemmerly's idea and together they set goals for the center and devised a plan to fund it.

In their proposal to the House, the organizers of the potential center stated they had five goals they hoped the center would accomplish.

The first goal would be to create an international clearing-house for information and resources about cedar glades.

"Knowledge about these unique ecosystems like the cedar glades is very important for people to know," Smith-Walters said.

The second goal would be to potentially link a network of similar centers focusing on other globally rare ecosystems.

The third and fourth goals would be to educate citizens of all ages and promote ecosystem health.

The final goal would be to

produce curriculum aligned to the National Science Education Standards about rare and threatened species and ecosystems.

Even though the U.S. Senate must also approve the request, Walck is confident that this center will be in the makings by the fall. He is proud to say that not only people in the MTSU biology department are interested in this center.

"We have had meetings with many people from private and government-owned groups (who) are very interested in the center," Walck said.

The center will be located near the Center for Environmental Education Building in the Belle Aire Building. The primary focus of the center will be on cedar glades, but the founders are also considering studying rare plants and animals indigenous to Tennessee. ♦

Computers: Wi-Fi network to be expanded

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when a student's activities online disrupt other services on campus.

Another change in the library computer labs includes the requirement for students, faculty and staff to sign in with their PipelineMT user name and password on individual computers.

By requiring students to sign in at the library, ITD will be able to collect data on how often individual labs are being used, which will then be sent to the Classroom and Laboratory Utilization and Effectiveness Committee.

"Then we have usage data as to how to best support the computer labs," Gentry said.

The new anti-spam software was launched June 25 and already ITD is capturing about 90 percent of spam that is coming into MTSU e-mail accounts.

"We have found we are averaging 55 percent of mail coming into campus is spam on the weekdays," Gentry explained. "On the weekends it is a higher percentage, around 72 percent, but the numbers are about the same because people don't do as much e-mailing on the weekends."

Gentry said the national average for spam is around 60 percent of all mail traffic.

If students, faculty or staff continue to receive spam, they should forward the e-mails to abuse@mtsu.edu.

For students who surf the

web wireless, from their laptops using a network card, ITD has expanded the campus wireless coverage with new transmitters.

All cafeterias will have wireless coverage in time for the fall semester, as well as many common outdoor areas such as the Keathley University Center knoll, the library courtyard and the Business Aerospace Building courtyard.

There are still some "dead" areas within the campus wireless coverage, particularly in the library, but ITD has been working on a proposal to add 50 new transmitters.

To see a map of wireless coverage on campus, visit www.mtsu.edu/~wireless. ♦

Bruce: Student provides music for step show

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and Omega Psi Phi.

Lee Phillips, junior graphic design major, provided a memorable part of the show by offering music from his wheelchair when the show's sound technicians could not get the official

music to play.

After the show, Bruce was quick to say, "I love Murfreesboro. I like this town and the way people who live here react to each other, like Lee, who is amazing in my opinion, like he is a hero."

"I did notice that this town is

small. You have a mall that only has 17 stores, plus there is no Popeye's Chicken or Krispy Kreme's doughnuts, but you have two Super Wal-Marts. I tell you, a town without Krispy Kreme, I don't know about that," Bruce said. ♦

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on stands thursday

From the Editorial Board Reduced growth helps students already here

It may seem like the campus is flooded with more students than ever (and it is), but the university's actions to curb enrollment growth are working.

Instead of a 5 to 7 percent jump in the number of incoming freshmen, the number has increased by a mere 2.8 percent.

The steps taken are in line with the Academic Master Plan adopted by the university and approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents, including refusing enrollment to many academically-borderline students.

While at first glance it may seem cold to reject people who just barely miss the academic requirements to get into MTSU, the university may be doing them a favor.

The university's standards are not exactly high – a 20 on the ACT and a 2.8 high school GPA – and even students who fulfill these requirements often have trouble making it academically here.

By rejecting these students, the TBR isn't giving up on them. It is encouraging the students to enroll at community colleges and technical centers so that they may correct their academic deficiencies.

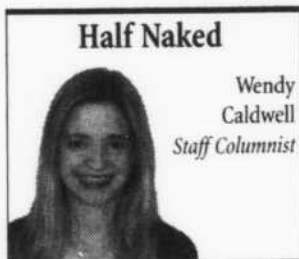
Often students fail at the university level because they can't handle a more stringent academic environment while simultaneously dealing with the non-scholastic challenges that being away from home for the first time can bring. Many of these same students, when given a chance to take college courses in a less foreign environment, excel in their classes and are able to eventually succeed at a four-year university.

Another effective method of controlling growth has been to move up the enrollment deadline. This year's deadline was July 1, more than a month earlier than last year's deadline and even earlier than in previous years, when someone could be admitted and enrolled even after the fall term began.

By enforcing this deadline, people seeking an MTSU education on an impulse or those too disorganized to get their application in on time will have to go elsewhere, at least for a semester.

Kudos to the university for looking after the students that have already invested money and time here rather than seeking even more students for an already overcrowded campus. ♦

Workplace, showers can be hazardous



Half Naked

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

I have only a few words: I was dumped.

Not by a man, not by a boy, but by a corporation that sells highly-over-priced items, feeding off of people's addictions.

This corporation and I were together for one year and three months to the day when my manager decided I could no longer work only weekends while I was in school.

He suggested that I "step down." Step down? To what? Unemployed? Trainee? This was a really asinine request, in my oh-so-humble opinion.

Thus, I had to quit, but I don't like to say that I quit, because really I didn't want to. I had no choice. So, as I said, I was dumped.

This occurred only days before I had to move into my dorm and buy books. Just one of life's little ironies, I suppose.

Fast forward to this week. After getting dumped, moving into my dorm and going to my first day of class, I was ready for a hot shower.

An advantage to the bathrooms is the showers. The showers are enclosed in stalls, with a changing area immediately before the shower.

On the night in question, I entered the changing area for one of the showers and attempted to lock the stall door.

This proved to be quite difficult, but the other

shower with a door (the others had second curtains) was in use.

I assumed that this was just like one of those hard-to-lock bathroom stalls, so with a bit of effort, I managed to get the door fully locked.

I'm not sure what made me do it – call it intuition – but I thought I'd better check the door, since I had so much trouble locking it.

It was at this point I realized I could not unlock the door. I became concerned.

However, I figured there was nothing I could do about it at the moment, so I decided to fulfill my goal of being in the bathroom and taking a shower. No point in panicking when there are other tasks at hand.

Besides, I was holding on to a little bit of hope

that I had just temporarily forgotten how to unlock doors, and it would all come back to me after my shower, and I'd be free to go about my night.

No such luck.

I finished my shower and then spent a good deal of time trying to transform my arms into the jaws of life that would be needed to free me from the stall.

I considered climbing over the wall of the stall into the next one, but at that moment two girls entered the bathroom, and I thought they'd be a little freaked out at the sight of some chick in a robe climbing over a shower wall.

I thought it would be equally disturbing for them if I had said anything like, "Hey, I'm stuck in the shower. Can you help me out?"

I opted to remain quiet and continue pulling the lock.

At this point, I decided I would continue trying to unlock the door, and climb the wall if I was not successful by the time the girls left.

By what must have been divine intervention (or a sudden burst of adrenaline), I managed to unlock the door.

This was, by far, the happiest moment of my entire week.

I later found out that I need not have pushed the lock all the way through.

There's nothing like being dumped, half-naked and locked in a shower. ♦

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Blaming others easy way out, true solutions found in mirror



Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist

In the short story *The Lottery*, by Shirley Jackson, the community has to make a sacrifice each year to ensure a good harvest. They came to the conclusion that whoever won the lottery would be the one stoned to death.

It is wrong to blame a single person for the problems of an entire community. This is called scapegoating. In America we are no strangers to having scapegoats, and many blame our social ills mainly on the youth, media and our parents.

Some older people in our society believe that the youth of today is the fall of tomorrow, but this is far from true.

According to *Taste Berries for Teens* by Bettie B. Youngs and Jennifer Leigh Youngs, 95 percent of news about youth is related to drugs, violence, and gangs, yet only 5 percent of teenagers commit these crimes.

Teenagers accept the people around them with open arms of friendship. I read in *USA Today* about two teenage boys with different faiths being friends. One of the boys was Jewish and the other Muslim.

I also read in *The Tennessean* about a group of teenagers selling their artwork to help feed the homeless. Many high schools across the state are supporting this project.

There are many other teens whose strides toward making the world a better place go unnoticed. The older generation should be proud in knowing that tomorrow is going to be brighter than today.

The media has been a scapegoat in our country far too long, and it is time we give it a break. You may be asking yourself, "Do the stories presented by the media affect our children?" Children that copycat violence that they see on the media also have an inner problem of anger or rejection that parents should be aware of.

To say that the media is in some way responsible for violent acts is using it as a scapegoat. Parents should talk to their kids about taking responsibility for their own actions, and always be prepared to turn the television off if they feel the need to.

Freedom of the press is an essential right that we have, and it is what we, as a country need in a time of crisis.

A prime example of this is Sept. 11th, 2001. Everyone gathered around the television to hear the breaking news on the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The media has done some good for society in light of what happened that day. The U.S. entertainment industry has started a campaign to stop the harassing of United States Muslims and Arab Americans with public service announcements.

Many people blame their parents for mistakes they make, but often they

fail to realize that they make their own choices. Have you ever heard someone blame their smoking habit on the fact that their parents smoke?

"Taste Berries for Teens" has given a good example of how crazy it is to blame your parents for your choices.

In the short story *I'm Writing you from Prison*, a 20-year-old blames his father for leaving his mother, and that is the reason he has a habit of stealing cars. On the other hand, Dave Pelzer had a very abusive mother. He lived in foster care when he was a teenager until he became an adult. He did not let his past ruin his future, and now he is a very successful man and author.

All parents are human and we have to overcome the effect they have on us. In the end we are the maker of our life.

In *The Lottery* Mrs. Hutchinson had nothing to do with the harvest being good or bad, but she was stoned anyway. The world needs to stop stoning others for our problems, and take responsibility for our own actions.

Being aware of problems, and looking in the mirror for solutions, is a big step for solving society's major problems. If we could come together for the common good, instead of blaming others, the world would be a happier and safer place to live. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Soldiers spending time in Middle East appreciate all the support they can get

To the editor:

My name is Lt. Philip E. Crabtree, and I graduated from MTSU in 1997 (Recording Industry).

I didn't receive my commission from the ROTC program. I was commissioned by the Officer Candidate School in 2002. I now find myself as a M1A1 Abrams tank platoon leader in Baghdad.

My platoon has been here in the Middle East (Kuwait and Iraq) for 10 of the last 14 months, and we're not going home for at least seven more months. The guys who work for me – all 16 of them – are in the Army because they love their country. They also believe in extending the freedoms that Americans enjoy to people all over the world.

I am writing to ask my fellow Blue Raiders to support the women and men who serve in uniform. One way that you can support us is by sending my soldiers something to boost their morale.

It could be snacks, reading and writing material, games or just a letter letting them know that you haven't forgotten about them.

You can direct anything that you'd like to send to:

Any Soldier
2nd Platoon, A Co., 1-13 AR, 3 BCT, 1st AD
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Any student and/or organization who would like to help can send bulk packages for the entire platoon to me at the same address. Just replace "Any Soldier" with "Lt. Philip E. Crabtree."

Go Blue Raiders,
Lt. Philip E. Crabtree

WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

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occasional
watch for
mutton-heads.



Let us tell you the story of the whining, indolent North Carolinian.

Here was a high school senior named Mark Edmondson who had maintained a 3.8 grade point average through his junior year, and scored a perfect 1,600 on his SAT. He applied to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (agreeably one of the best public undergraduate schools in the nation), and was accepted pending successful completion of his senior year.

Foolishly, Mark failed one class, got a D in another and made Cs in others in what was his last, fateful year of high school. Call this boy what you will – supercilious, brash, overconfident – because they all fit. You see, UNC used its rescindance clause, and withdrew its offer of admission.

Has Mark taken it like a man, admitted his mistake and enrolled in another school? Of course not. If he had, he wouldn't be in this column.

No, Marky-Mark is taking the cowardly American way out and suing UNC to reinstate his admission.

With any luck, the suit will be stopped immediately. The original acceptance letter to Mark made clear the stipulations of admission.

"Because we want you to finish strongly and come to Carolina ready to excel, your enrollment will depend upon your successful completion of your current academic year," the letter read. "We expect you to continue to achieve at the level that enabled us to provide this offer of admission; we also expect you to graduate on time."

It seems pretty clear cut to us. To damage the boy's case even further, the university offered him some due process upon receiving his final transcript.

"You were admitted on the condition that you continue to perform as you had up until the time you were accepted, and I think you will agree that you have not done this," a second letter, dated July 10, 2003, read.

"Because of this performance, your admission is temporarily suspended. Please contact our office as soon as possible to schedule an appointment with a member of the Admissions Committee to discuss your status further."

At that interview, the school's associate admissions director described Mark's answers to questions about his grades as filled with "philosophic quotes" and "not directly related to my questions."

The Edmondson family lawyer has described this whole process as a show of arrogance on the part of the university, claiming that the university wants to teach Mark a lesson because he achieved a perfect SAT score.

We think quite the contrary is true – this whole fiasco is nothing more than arrogance on Mark's part, for thinking that he could get what he wanted without having to work for it. His final GPA was still pretty good – 3.5 – but there's a bigger lesson for him to learn here: When you set standards for yourself, you must commit to them, even if you already have your acceptance letter.

Original story
www.heraldsun.com,
posted Aug. 19.

"What a Schmuck" update – U.S. District Judge Denny Chin has labeled the Fox News Network's lawsuit against comedic political commentator Al Franken and his publisher, Penguin books, "an easy case" to judge.

"This case is wholly without merit, both factually and legally," Chin said.

He, however, didn't kill the case, and attorneys for the network are still considering pursuing litigation. Let's hope they cut their losses, and stop wasting valuable court space, time and money. ♦

Update from Reuters,
via www.washingtonpost.com, posted Aug. 22.

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Sweet & Haute

A look at 2003 fall fashions

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

"I don't have anything to wear!" you scream as you stand before your open closet.

This season, closet woes have passed.

With the crisp newness of another school year and cool autumn days about to blow around the corner, top clothing brands enter the season with fresh and sophisticated, yet comfortably familiar, fall fashions.

Get prepared to have fun mixing and matching the latest styles with your favorite oldies.

This fall's styles will have a prevalent 1980s flavor, but will carry other influences as well.

Both tab collars and tapered pants are prominent fashion items.

For women, hemlines creep up as colored tights and tall black boots make a come back. Femininity remains in vogue with A-line skirts and strapless dresses.

Blue jeans remain a classic, especially matched with character T-shirts, like those by Costa Barcelona.

For men, clean, rugged looks are found in layered woven shirts and Sherpa jean jackets.

Military inspired styles, such as cargo pants from Old Navy, are popular for both men and women.

Leslie Matthew, graduate of MTSU and owner of Leslie's Shoppe on the Murfreesboro Square, noted the season's eclectic looks.

"Everything's in style," she says, flipping through her favorite fashion magazine, Lucky. "The '60s Twiggy look, long gloves, bold colors, tapered pants. There's a little bit of everything: '60s, '70s, the dress suits ... the '80s - tab collars - so Michael Jackson. And big hair is back."

Matthew finds fashion inspiration by keeping up with the latest Neiman-Marcus styles and faithfully watching "Sex in the City."

"I watch ['Sex in the City'] like a hawk," she says. "You have all the styles right there. Charlotte is classy, Carrie is eclectic, Miranda is tailored and Samantha is racy."

"Neiman-Marcus is my idol," she says. "They're hip and above high couture. Everyone mocks it. I look at it and tame it down a little. But you see imitations of their style everywhere. Even Target does it."

Christy Hager, owner of Anastasia's Attic, also on the Murfreesboro Square, pointed out that the key to look-

ing contemporary and in-style is keeping up with the clothing cuts.

"Style is the cut of the clothes. You could have used the same material 10 years ago, but the cut would have changed," Hager says.

As an example, she refers to a fall favorite, the corduroy jacket.

"The cut is new," she says of this year's version. "It's a more 'punk' look, with classic style."

Stores such as Gap and Banana Republic have capitalized on the "classic-with-variation" clothing styles.

Gapinc.com, the Web site of the parent company of both stores, boasts Gap's new modern cut jeans and Banana Republic's wool suits for women.

For men, Banana Republic revives Argyle sweaters, the pinstripe suit and accessories such as the driving cap.

More classic, preppy styles also reappear, and bolder, deeper colors accompany them.

Fir greens, rich purples, smoke blues and cranberry reds color v-necked sweaters, hooded knit jackets and plenty of crisp oxfords. Also, it's okay for girls to wear pink again.

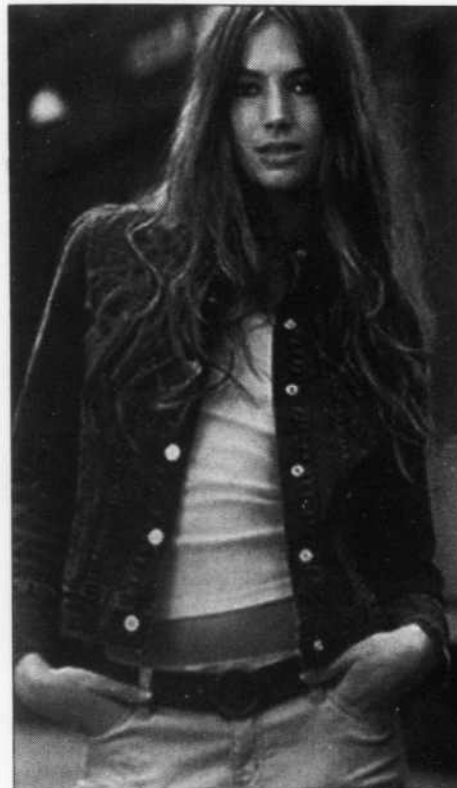
"The ultra-feminine edge is back in," Hager says.

She points out the elegant strapless dress fashions created by such brands as Shashoma and Notice. One of Hager's favorites is a black strapless with a full skirt and trimmed with luxurious pink ribbon around the waist.

Teresa Robinson, professor in the department of human sciences, also commented on the return of stylish femininity.

"Pink will become a leading color for females. Also high heels and pointed toes are strong," Robinson says. So, what's your style?

"You'll have more fun if you simply find styles you like and experiment with them," Matthew says.



"I like to be different people. At school I lived in blue jeans, T-shirts, tennis shoes and ponytails. When I looked like that, I'd think about people, 'Yeah, you're not looking at me now, but you just don't know,'" she laughs. "I like to surprise people so they say, 'Wow, where'd that come from?' It's boring to be dressed up perfectly all the time. It's fun to surprise people."

So this season, close the door on closet woes. Fall 2003 fashions say it's okay to try something new or pull out old favorites to mix and match and surprise yourself with.

Oh, the fun you'll have. ♦



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You're never STUCK



What's up good people? Risqué Renee is back for the 03/04 sessions, and as always, I'm dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft or as hard as you like it.

I hope your summer was refreshing and memorable, for my summer was full of lifetime changes and maturing.

I look forward to disclosing some of the valuable lessons I learned this past semester, so to kick it off, here is an anthem for Achievers of Love.

"Never Stuck"

I ain't never stuck. Not even if I don't have a buck.

I ain't never afraid. My faith doesn't lie in man.

I ain't never ashamed. Skeletons hide in every human closet.

So I ain't never, never, never gonna give up, for I ain't never stuck.

It took me more than twenty-six years to realize that I don't have to be stuck in situations by way of circumstances.

I watched many women and men this summer cause themselves to be victims of circumstances because they were scared of how to be financially independent or, worse yet, simply tired of "struggling".

With a mindset like this, a person will usually make a bad decision.

That decision gives them temporary happiness that is easily disturbed over a short period of time.

Never be that person, and if you are, you should take to heart that life has only one value that is truly priceless: genuine love. Never leave home, or build a home, without it.

Just because you have been in a relationship with someone for a long period of time, had children or simply have sacrificed way too much, doesn't mean you're stuck to one choice.

It only means that you're afraid to take a stand. It's a sign of weakness and insecurity within you.

It also demonstrates laziness on your part. Relationships are tough and require a lot of work. But let's face it: relationships that are like full time jobs with no benefits, no growth and damage to mental or physical health, should be only temporary, if that.

However, some people avoid signs and worry about shame. Shame is only hard to bear when you don't confess it or try to hide it with continuous lies and bad choices. Learn to take a stand and not be controlled by society's opinions. Forget about what they're going to say, and think about what you're going to say.

We are human first, fighters second and survivors by choice!

Whenever you think that you're stuck, think about what you deserve.

You deserve a mate to love you more than them. You deserve honesty and respect. You deserve security and joy in your heart.

When life forces you to make decisions, big or small, think about what you deserve and answer it with confidence by never being stuck!

If you can do this, you can be an achiever of genuine love. ♦

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Book 'em: MTSU professors pen popular publication

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

Controversy makes the world go 'round.

The popularity of *Controversies of the Music Industry*, the new book that highlights music industry's top 'stir-up trouble' scandals, is some positive proof.

Written by recording industry professor Richard Barnett and the school of journalism director, Larry Burriss, the book's first printing - which consists of several hundred copies - is nearly sold out.

Published by Greenwood Publishers, the book contains information about music genres ranging from country to classical.

Bringing a mix of Burriss' journalistic and Barnett's business styles to the table, the authors collaborated for two years before *Controversies* appeared in print.

Both authors agree that putting the book together was a good experience, but ate away a lot of time.

"It was more enjoyable when it was in print," Barnett says.

The book serves as an excellent tool for delving into information about the music industry and its media issues.

However, according to Burriss, it doesn't read sequentially. This means that although it can be read straight through like a text, individual chapters may be used to discover more about a particular issue, without losing the reader along the way.

In choosing which topics the book would address, several dozen issues were eventually pared down to 12.

Interviews were conducted with vari-

ous business people and recording industry executives, as well as those affiliated with Broadcast Music, Inc. and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

Information was also included, either directly or indirectly, from congressional hearings, court cases and professional journals. This type of research ensured the book wouldn't be a one-sided read.

"Our book takes into consideration both sides of an issue," Barnett says.

Just what are those issues?

The issue of oligopolies, for one. According to the book, when a small number of record companies control the industry, a definite problem exists.

Some of the other pressing issues covered are sampling (when a portion of audio is lifted, or from an original recording), allegedly satanic record lyrics, women in the recording industry and records and hearing loss.

The book caters largely to the upper high-school and college levels with a smooth read that isn't overly technical.

Copies of the new work are housed in many libraries, not only in the United States but in countries such as Japan, England, Israel and Germany.

MTSU students can look through the book in the Center for Popular Music, which is located on the first floor of the Bragg Mass Communication Building, next to the computer lab.

"Buy copies for your friends. It makes a great Christmas present," Burriss says with a smile. ♦



Barnett



Burriss



The state of the art

Writing skills cause for concern in education

By Laura Beth Jackson
Staff Writer

In a culture where communication is dominated by cell phones, instant messaging, television and other forms of quick communication, writing often seems like a lost art.

It also might seem that writing is taken seriously only by journalists, or by odd, bookish individuals who read the works of old dead guys and never check their e-mail or voice mail often enough.

But, according to educators and the National College Board, there is a genuine problem with the written word in America, both in the classroom and the business world.

Within the last twenty years, writing abilities have declined. Tests of students in elementary, middle and high school show a decrease in writing skills. Also, more and more college freshmen are required to take remedial writing courses.

So, what's the deal?

Gary Wolf, former assistant profes-

sor of journalism and writing coach at MTSU, notes that while no one thing can be blamed for the decline of writing ability in

schools, the culture shift to more verbal forms of communication plays a large part in the way students view writing.

"Writing is maybe less important because literacy is less important," he says. "Whereas people used to read books or magazines, people watch TV. What we have is the shift from writing to speech."

Wolf points out that when a society's communication becomes more

verbal than written, the place of writing changes.

"Writing becomes a specialty," Wolf says.

This year, the National Commission on Writing composed a report on the writing crisis. Titled, "The Neglected 'R,'" the report describes the problem as not one solely of grammar, but of communication and expression.

In 1998, a test of students in grades four, eight, and 12 revealed that the majority of students "perform at or above the 'basic' level of writing."

The commission describes this as evidence that most students are able to communicate on some level in terms of writing.

Yet, the report notes, "The difficulty is that they cannot systematically produce writing at the high levels of skill, maturity and sophistication required in a complex economy."

"It would be false to claim that most students cannot write," the commission states. "What most students cannot do is write well."

The effects then carry over into the collegiate realm.

The commission cites a survey of colleges that shows more than half of freshmen were incapable of writing an essay without significant grammatical errors; even their thought processing skills were below par.

"Analyzing arguments and synthesizing information are also beyond the scope of most first-year students," the report says.

In the end, what's all the fuss? Not everyone gets a kick out of five page papers or language studies.

To put it neatly, in "The Neglected 'R,'" the commission states that when

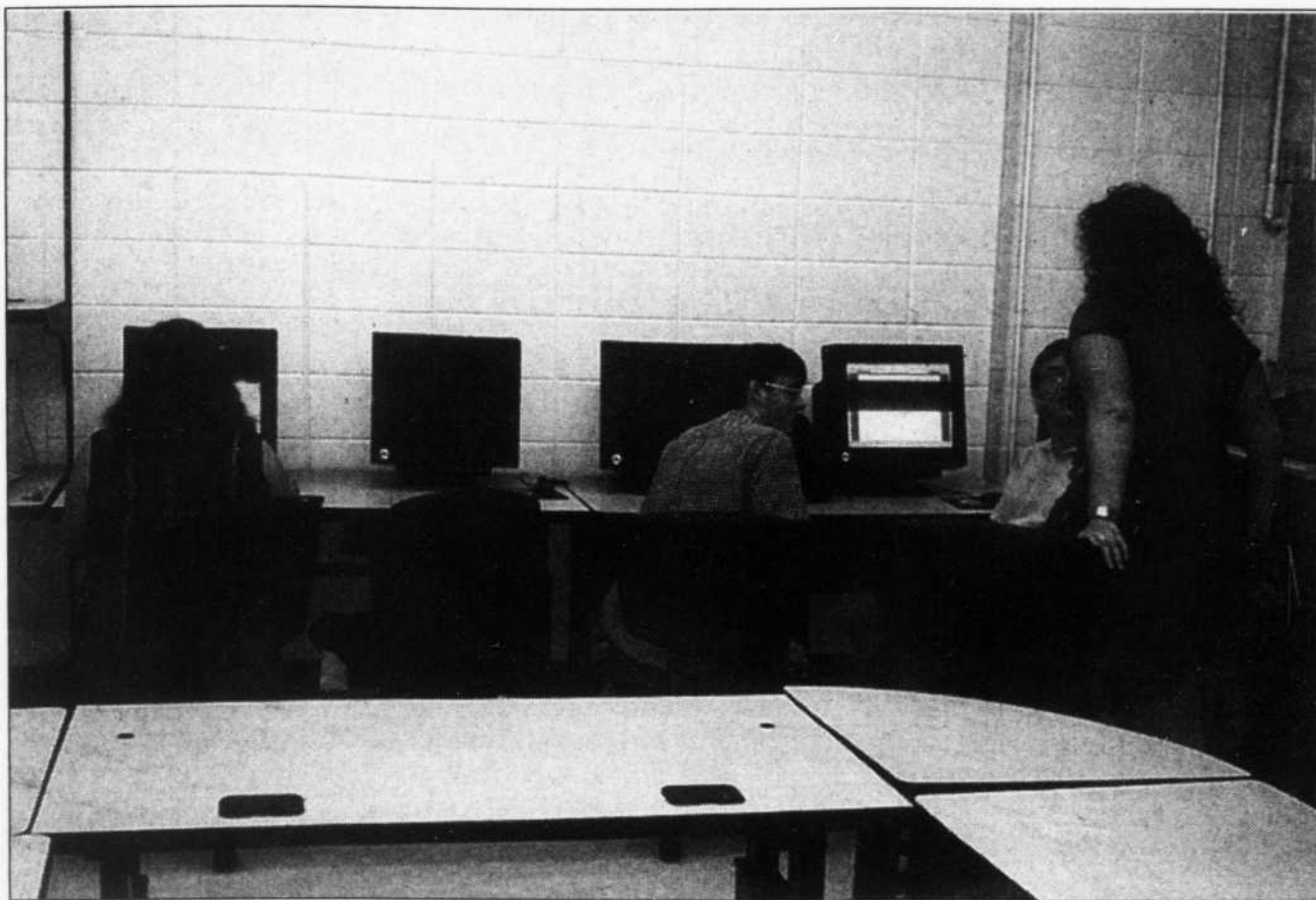


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The university offers many programs to help students with their writing needs. At the English Writing Center at Peck Hall, writers can receive help from experienced professors.

writing is affected, the entire learning process is interrupted and communication suffers.

"If students are to make knowledge their own," the report says, "they must struggle with the details, wrestle with the facts and rework raw information and dimly understood concepts into language they can communicate to someone else. In short, if students are to learn, they must write."

"The Neglected 'R'" cites time stresses and teacher credentials as among the problems affecting writing education.

Kristen Carnahan of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, describes the problem as "a time crunch" for teachers.

"It's one thing to assign a paper,"

Carnahan says, "It's another to grade them."

Carnahan also points out that "The Neglected 'R'" calls for the creation of new technology that would save teachers time in grading papers, but would still provide the students with helpful and constructive feedback.

Since many teachers do not have experience teaching writing skills, Carnahan notes that one of the ways to improve writing in the classroom is to assist teachers with teaching and incorporating writing with other subjects.

"We're not down on the teachers," Carnahan says. "Teachers do a great job. We want to provide them with professional development opportunities in writing if they're interested."

Far from treating writing as simply

a flowery art, "The Neglected 'R'" calls for improved writing standards on the basis of it being vital to the rest of a person's being.

"The reward of disciplined writing is the most valuable job attribute of all: a mind equipped to think. Writing today is not a frill for the few, but an essential skill for the many," the report says.

"Even an engineering project starts with a written proposal," Carnahan says. "Regardless of what a student plans to study or what job field they want to go into, writing is essential to what they do."

You don't even need old dead guys to tell you that. ♦

NOTE:

Sidelines inadvertently failed to include the following five ministries' contact information from our issue last week. Our apologies.

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Monday, Aug 25

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Cyber Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
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For information, call 898-2454

MTSU Films presents *Chicago*
Keathley University Center Theater
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113 minutes, PG-13
Admission is \$2
For information, call 898-2551

Tuesday, Aug 26

Volunteer Fair
KUC Courtyard, 10 a.m.
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For information, call 898-2454

Fall 2003 Honors Lecture Series
"American Dreams" by David Rowe (MTSU History)
PH 109A, 3 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.
Free and open to the public
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Midlander Open House
James Union Building Room 306, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Photographers, writers and designers are needed for the Midlander yearbook staff.
For more information, call 898-2915

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Student Organization Fair
KUC Courtyard, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Free and open to the public
For information, call 898-2454

Thursday, Aug. 28

MTSU Founders Day
Homer Pittard Campus School tours 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Speakers at 1 p.m. on the steps
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Friday, Aug. 29

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Seating limited
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Sunday, Aug. 31

"MTSU on the Record"
WMOT-FM, 89.5, 7 a.m.
"Iraq and the Former Soviet Republics"
Guest: Andrei Korobkov
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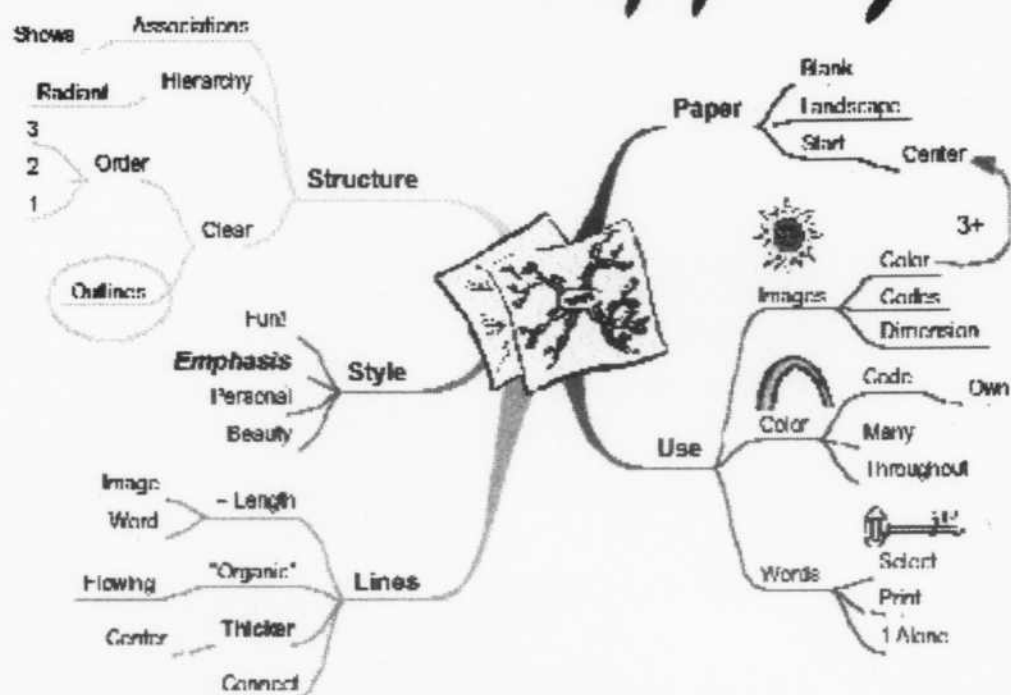


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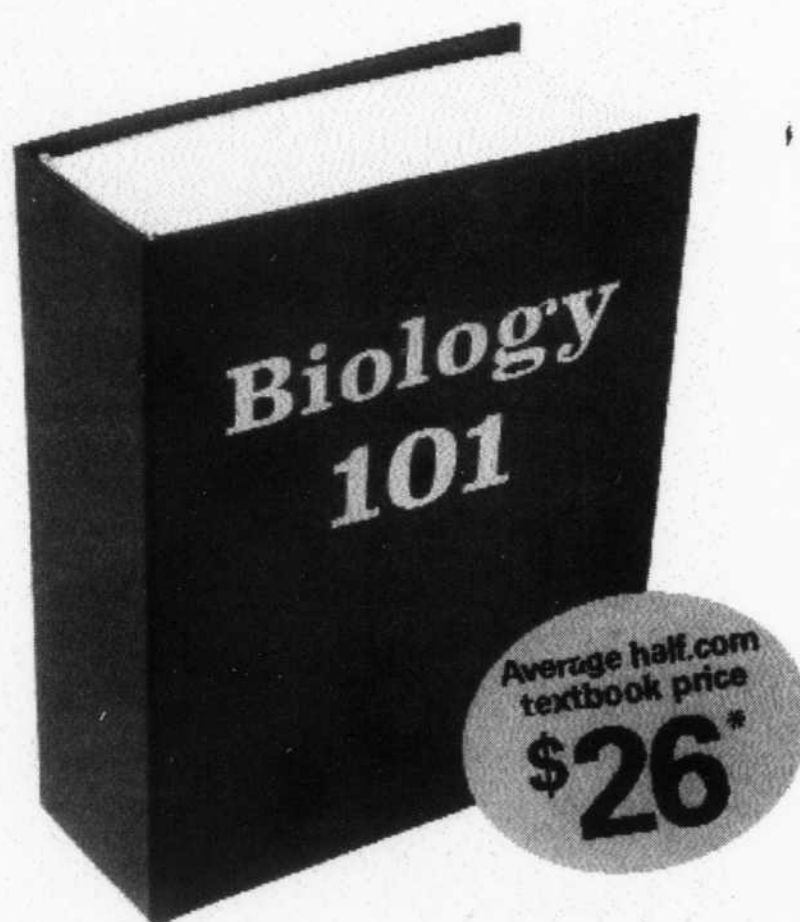
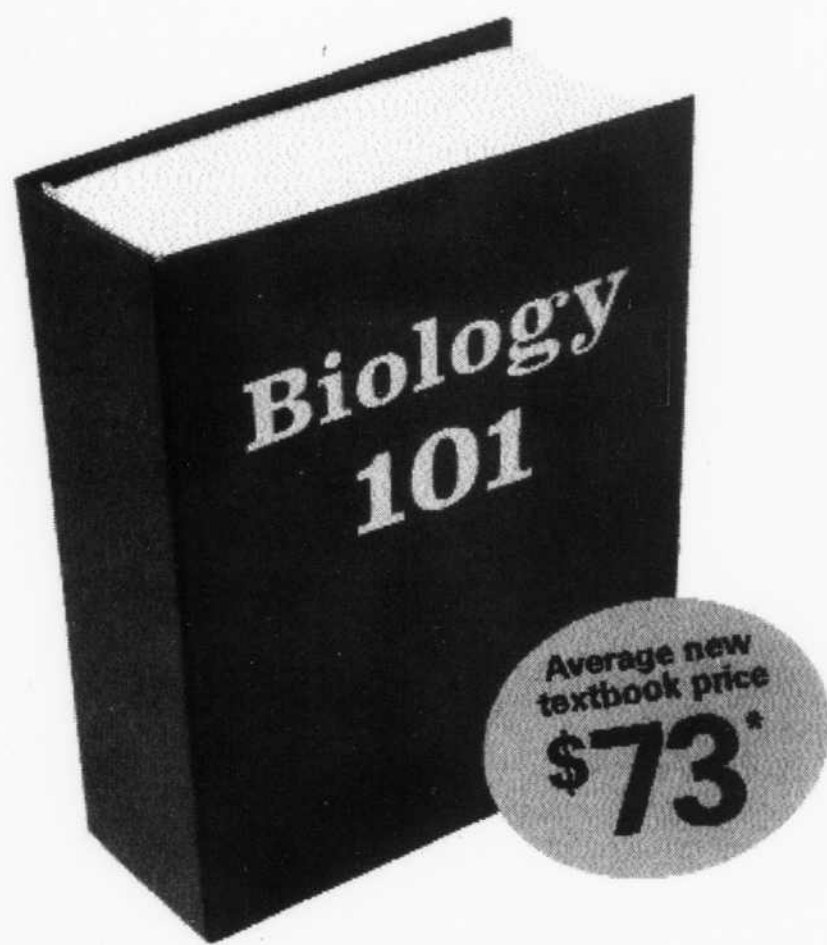
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Monday, August 25, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Titans improve preseason record

By Wes Wyrick
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Titans defeated the Cincinnati Bengals Saturday night with a 23-16 victory at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati, Ohio, extending their preseason record to a perfect 3-0.

The Bengals moved the ball 60 yards down the field on their opening drive behind a rushing performance by Corey Dillon. The drive came to a halt when John Kitna's second pass was intercepted by Andre Dyson at the Titan four-yard line.

The Titans jumped out to a 6-0 lead behind two field goals by Joe Nedney. The lead was short-lived, however, due to a John Kitna touchdown pass to Peter Warrick on Cincinnati's next

possession.

The Titans answered back on their third drive of the evening with an 80-yard touchdown drive capped off by a 1-yard pass to reserve tight end Shad Meier just before halftime.

The Titans were led to victory by the third performance of the preseason by quarterback Steve McNair. McNair led the Titans to scores on their first three possessions with a 13 of 17 passing performance, including 167 yards and one touchdown.

McNair's play over the preseason has drawn the praise of most football minds including Titans head coach Jeff Fisher.

"Steve still has some work to do to get ready for the season, but if anybody is close to being ready, he is," coach Jeff Fisher said to titansonline.com.



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The rushing game for the Titans ran into a stalemate in the form of the Bengals defense. Eddie George was the leading rusher for the Titans with 21

yards on 10 carries. Former Middle Tennessee running back Dwone Hicks left the game late in the fourth quarter with what was reportedly a high ankle sprain. He had only 16 yards at the time of his injury.

Not everything came out great for the Titans. Cincinnati rushed easily on the Titans' first string defense and put together strong drives only to turn the ball over to the Titans. One of the key worries for the Titans after this game was their inability to hold the Bengals to a three and out.

The Bengals converted 10 of 14 third down opportunities, causing concern in the eyes of Fisher.

"We didn't tackle like I would have liked. The biggest disappointment is the third downs. We couldn't get off

the field," Fisher said.

The Titans got their first look at the 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer, and it didn't take them long to figure out the Bengals offensive attack as Andre Dyson picked off the rookie's first pass.

Although the game had its rough spots for the Bengals, the bright spots were also apparent for Marvin Lewis' team. They moved the ball down the field with ease against the Titans defense, and their offensive line stood up well against the Titans' pass rush, allowing only one sack of John Kitna.

The Titans will close up preseason action Thursday against the Green Bay Packers. ♦

Players take time to meet fans



Photo by Jamie Lorange | Staff Photographer

(Above) Julia Arterburn and other Blue Raider fans cheer as the football team is introduced during the Meet, Greet and Eat Thursday evening. All of the varsity teams took time out of practice to attend the annual celebration.

Soccer takes early 3-0 win over Louisville

By Trey Porter
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders crushed Louisville 3-0 in soccer exhibition action at the Alabama shootout in Huntsville, Ala., Saturday afternoon.

The Cardinals dominated the tempo for the first 15 minutes of the match. It did not take long, however, for the Blue Raiders to get going.

Middle Tennessee found net in minute 21 when midfielder Claire Ward hooked up Laura Miguez with the ball, and Miguez scored and gave MT a 1-0 lead.

The Blue Raiders stayed quiet offensively for the remainder of the half, although keeper Danielle Perreault kept Louisville scoreless with a pair of saves, one of which was a point-blank stop from Cardinals forward Kim Jents in minute 31.

In minute 39, Louisville's Amy Seng was given a yellow card after hacking freshman Rebecca Rodriguez and stopping a potential MT goal.

Emily Carter sent a bullet into the back of the net five minutes into the second half, giving the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead. Miguez had the assist.

U L ' s offense squandered several more scoring opportunities in the second half, nailing the post once and bouncing three off the crossbar. MT's tough defense and an immense keeper play from Perreault and freshman Caroline Schuepbach kept

Louisville out of the net and off the board for the rest of the match.

"Everyone played really hard and the defense looked really solid today," MT forward Danielle LaDuke said.

Miguez netted the final goal of the match off of a long

through-ball from Lindsey Bopp to put MT at 3-0.

MT started four freshmen and five new players in Saturday's match. Everybody on the team roster played, with the exception of senior Jenny Cox.

"I think it was important the way we got the win in that everyone played," Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden said. "We've been stressing quality over quantity in terms of minutes, and we saw that today."

Cox injured her knee in practice on Friday, a similar injury to the one she suffered last season against Auburn. Cox will be evaluated this week to determine the severity of her injury and how long she will be out of action.

"We made the decision to start the freshmen to give them some confidence. We knew the older players would be fine no matter when we put them in the game, and that proved to be true," Rhoden said.

"I thought overall it was a good team effort, and the play-



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Goalkeeper Kristen Whelan works on throwing for distance during a recent practice. Whelan and the Blue Raiders defeated the Cardinals Saturday.

ers saw the difference. I was pleased with the team effort and the support they gave each other throughout the match," Rhoden said.

The Blue Raiders will spend the week preparing for the home season opener against Belmont on Aug. 31 at 1 p.m. ♦



(Left) The Band of Blue drumline plays during the festivities Thursday. (Bottom) The trumpet section plays the "MTSU Fight Song" as the athletic teams entered Floyd Stadium. Fans had a chance to meet with their favorite players and grab a bite to eat.



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Sun Belt Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones
Sports Editor

Five SBC players named to Butkus List

The Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando, the presenters of the prestigious Butkus Award given annually to college football's most outstanding linebacker, today announced the 2003 Butkus Award Watch List.

This year's Butkus Award Watch List includes 90 noteworthy candidates that represent schools and conferences from across the nation. The independent selection committee for the 2003 Butkus Award, composed of 26 of the nation's foremost media members, is solely responsible for all voting in the selection process.

The Butkus Award Watch List will be trimmed to 10 semi-finalists on Oct. 16. That list will be cut down to three finalists, who will be announced via a national teleconference with players, coaches, media members and Butkus Award officials on Nov. 13. The winner will be announced Dec. 12, 2003 at the Butkus Award Gala in Orlando, Fla.

The Sun Belt Conference had five players chosen this year. They include Randy Arnold of Middle Tennessee, Ross Brupbacher of the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Taylor Casey of the University of North Texas, Maurice Casey of the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Cody Spencer of North Texas.

Denver picked to win 2003 soccer title

In what should be an exciting 2003 SBC women's soccer race, the University of Denver was picked first in the league's preseason soccer poll, which was announced Wednesday.

The poll, voted on by the league's coaches, found the conference should be nip-and-tuck throughout the year. The top two teams were separated by three points as Denver received five of the nine first-place votes, while tallying 77 points overall.

The 2002 Sun Belt Conference regular season and tournament champions was followed closely by the University of North Texas. The Mean Green received four first-place votes and 73 points overall.

All was not lost for UNT, though, as senior forward Marilyn Marin was named the Preseason Player of the Year. Marin, the 2002 Sun Belt Player of the Year, certainly deserved the award. The three-time All-Sun Belt performer led the nation last year in points (67), goals (26) and points per game (3.53).

Atkinson's run at U.S. Amateur ended

UNT golfer Zach Atkinson's impressive run at the U.S. Amateur came to an end Thursday afternoon.

The 2003 All-Sun Belt standout fell in third-round action two and one at Wake Forest All-American Bill Haas at Oakmont Country Club.

Atkinson, who made it through two-round stroke play this week and won an earlier match Thursday morning, was unable to overcome a back-nine surge by Haas. Atkinson was ahead for much of the front nine, kick-started by a birdie on the opening hole.

However, Haas was a steady par during the final 10 holes. The difficult course got the best of Atkinson on the 10th and 11th holes. Back-to-back bogeys put Atkinson behind, and he was unable to recover.

Earlier in the day, Atkinson defeated Steve Slayden two and one in second-round action. He fought back despite trailing for much of the match.

Atkinson was two down after 10 holes following three straight bogeys on holes seven through nine. However, Atkinson managed to win two of the next three holes - keyed by an impressive birdie at the par-three 13th.

Another birdie on the lengthy 499-yard, par-four 15th put him one up with three to play. And after winning the 16th hole despite making a bogey, Atkinson closed the match with a par on the 17th.

Atkinson was one of five Sun Belt Conference players to qualify for the prestigious event. The University of Arkansas-Little Rock's Luke Bakke advanced to match play but was eliminated in first-round play Monday. Atkinson's teammate, Brad Gibson, missed the cut, along with Western Kentucky's Robby Shaw and Middle Tennessee's Carter Henderson. ♦

Busch finishes week with controversial win

By Jenna Fryer
AP Sports Writer

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) - Kurt Busch sat alone in his car, too emotionally drained to hop out and enjoy another Bristol Motor Speedway victory.

He'd been punched in the face by Jimmy Spencer, criticized by his fellow competitors for his role in the feud and vilified by fans who believed the brash 25-year-old driver had it all coming to him.

Only after winning the Sharpie 500 on Saturday night was Busch finally contrite.

"Obviously, there's so many things I would have done differently, I don't know where to start," Busch said. "There's some work to be done with building the trust [of my competitors] back. But all this criticism, I just have to embrace it with dignity and pride."

Busch avoided any post-race punches but was in the middle of the usual bumping and banging en route to his fourth victory of the year, second this year at Bristol and third in the last four races on the .533-mile bullring.

Busch kept his head held high amid a flood of criticism from his competitors, raucous booing from the fans, and of course, the chipped tooth and swollen nose Spencer gave him.

But it didn't come without controversy.

Busch spun out Sterling Marlin midway through the race as he tried to pass Marlin for second place and knew immediately it didn't help his cause.

"I look like an idiot again," he sighed.

It didn't really matter how he looked once he got to Victory Lane, even though his attempt to apologize to Marlin was drowned out by boos.

"I really didn't mean to do it," Busch said later. "I guess I have to go get a six-pack of

Coors Light and go hang out with Sterling."

Busch didn't celebrate with the usual doughnuts, instead simply driving the No. 97 Ford to Victory Lane, few smiles on his face.

"This is by far the biggest win; this beats all of my wins," Busch said. "It is so sweet to come here with all of the things that dragged me down to get here."

Kevin Harvick finished second in a Chevrolet, never able to challenge Busch after he passed him for the lead 120 laps from the finish.

"I hate losing to Rubberhead," Harvick said, not bothering to mask his disdain for Busch.

Rookie Jamie McMurray was third in a Dodge, Winston Cup points leader Matt Kenseth was fourth in a Ford and Jimmie Johnson rounded out the top five in a Chevrolet.

The feud started here, in April 2002, when Busch bumped his way past Spencer for his first career victory. There have been other skirmishes since, and it blew up last week when Busch intentionally tried to flatten Spencer's fender during the race.

Spencer then punched him in the face as Busch sat in his car. Spencer was suspended from Saturday night's race, and Busch was placed on probation.

Busch was greeted by "Free Jimmy" T-shirts when he got to Bristol and a wave of criticism from his fellow competitors.

"He's a cocky, arrogant punk," Harvick said after the race. "He just has a really, really bad attitude. But he can wheel a race car."

Busch admitted he's got a lot of work to do in the garage area, and car owner Jack Roush said each day is still a learning experience for the third-year driver.

"Every time something has happened that he hasn't thought his way through, it's

probably a jump ball, and he doesn't know which way to take it," Roush said. "He's becoming wiser day by day, and we're just working our way through it. Kurt is an incredible talent, and I'm proud he made it through this week."

Not without adding Marlin to his growing list of enemies.

Marlin was making a strong bid for his first win of the season - and first ever on his home track - when Busch spun him out as he tried to pass him for second place.

"Just a bonehead move," Marlin said. "I don't guess Spencer got him hard enough."

Busch knew he was under scrutiny.

"Nobody is going to cut me a break tonight, tell him 'I'm sorry,'" Busch quickly radioed as he slid past the spinning Marlin. But NASCAR still warned him that he was under careful observation, and if anything else happened the rest of the night, he would be penalized.

"You're still on probation, Kurt, so we need to watch our Ps and Qs until they end," crew chief Jimmy Fenning said.

Busch didn't, clearly passing Harvick shortly after and hanging on for the win.

"It was a clean pass. I think the only thing I saw was a little blood dripping out of his nose as he drove on by," Harvick said.

Kenseth, as usual, salvaged numerous close calls with disaster by registering his 19th out of 10 of the season. He stretched his lead in the standings to a seemingly insurmountable 351 points over Dale Earnhardt Jr.

Jeff Gordon, who came into the event third in the standings, was the defending race winner, and started from the pole, likely had his shot at ever catching Kenseth wiped out when he wrecked with just over 50 laps to go. Gordon finished 24th and is now 532 points out and fifth in the standings. ♦

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Several departments have created a parking/traffic/transportation plan that will make life easier for everyone that evening. The following information is what students and faculty need to know in advance in order to plan accordingly for game day (it will help to consult the map on the back).

Closings

- At noon, the Midgett Lot will be closed and reserved for media/VIP game parking ("C" on map).
- At 2 p.m., both ends of Faulkinberry Drive will be closed (exiting permitted at east end)
- At 2 p.m., the following will become "controlled parking" lots (A on map), and only those with appropriate passes or current MTSU parking decals or those who wish to pay \$5.00 will be admitted: (1) Woodfin's, (2) Greenland Drive, (3) Tennessee Livestock Center, and (4) Maintenance Lot.
- At 5 p.m., MTSU Blvd. will be closed to inbound traffic from Rutherford Boulevard.

Designated Parking Areas for Evening Class Students and Faculty

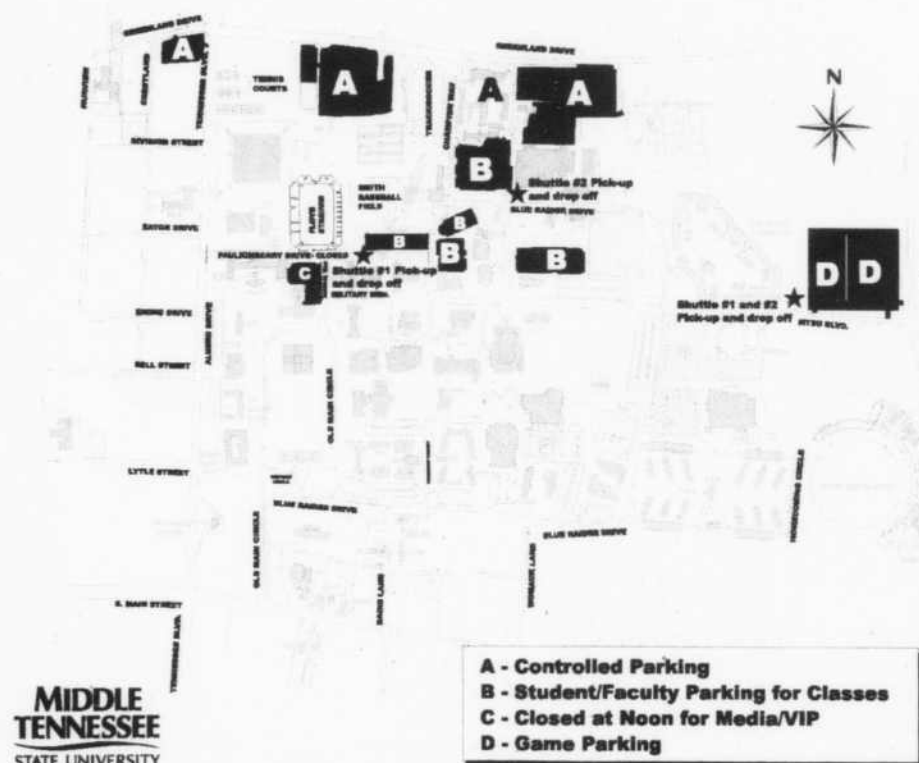
("B" on map) Please enter campus from Champion Way or MTSU Blvd. (the latter before 5 p.m.).

- The Baseball Field Lot will be reserved for faculty only.
- Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building
- McFarland Health Services
- S-Curve Lot (across from the co-generation plant)
- Founders Lane (two new lots)
- Telecommunications

Game Parking (in addition to the "controlled parking" lots above)

- Lots 1 and 2 ("D" on map) on MTSU Blvd. near Rutherford Blvd. (Two shuttles will run continuously from Lot 2 to Faulkinberry Drive near the stadium and to the Tennessee Livestock Center, starting at 5 p.m. and after the game.)
- Greenhouse Lot
- Lots east of McFarland Health Services
- Blue Raider Drive south of MTSU Blvd.
- Bell Street (where available)
- Other available spaces on south side of campus

MTSU public safety officials offer the following advice. Students on campus should leave their cars parked and walk to the game or to class. Adjunct faculty should arrive on campus as early as possible; Blue Raider fans will start arriving at 5 p.m. The south side of campus will be much less congested for exiting. Please heed all signs and directives by public safety personnel. Please exercise patience, understanding, and courtesy to ensure a safe and enjoyable evening for everyone.



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