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Two fraternities owe university thousands

Unpaid rent demanded by business office

By Patrick Chinnery
and Nick Fowler
Editor in Chief and News Editor

Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma each received a letter from the MTSU Business Office threatening to terminate their lease agreements because of delinquent rent payments.

According to the letter, the fraternities have 30 days to make payment arrangements.

The letters, dated Aug. 20, said Kappa Sigma owed \$64,488.41 while Pi Kappa Alpha had an outstanding balance of \$69,833.60. Pi Kappa Alpha made two payments to the university on Aug. 26, which

lowered their outstanding balance to \$29,833.60.

The university is prepared to evict the fraternities if the accounts cannot be settled, according to David Hays, associate vice president and dean of student life.

"We haven't come up with any plan yet that has been

approved," Hays said.

PKA President Luke Naylor proposed that his fraternity should keep their rent current and pay an additional amount per month to pay off their debt, according to Naylor and Hays.

"Our preference is to get the total amount now," said Allan Thomas, university controller.

"To my knowledge we've not received any response from Kappa Sigma," Hays said.

The fraternities must propose a plan to settle their debt, which must be approved by John Cothorn, vice president for business and finance.

"Some of the groups have struggled to keep their house full which has affected their ability to pay us," Hays said. "These [debts] have gone too far, and we needed to reign these in."

The fraternities offered very

different reasons for the unpaid invoices.

"There was a miscommunication between us and our housing corp, and between the housing corp and the university," Naylor said. "We were under the impression that (the university was) receiving payments."

Barry McMahan, treasurer of the Kappa Sigma Housing

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College of Education promotes two of its own

Jones, Walker step up from interim positions

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

The College of Education and Behavioral Science officially promoted two interim department chairs to their permanent department chair positions Aug. 1.

Connie Jones in the department of elementary and special education and Dellmar Walker in the department of human

sciences have taken over as chairs in the midst of growth and changes throughout the university.

"The big initiative campus-wide is reducing to 120 hours, so that's a big challenge for all of us," Walker said.

Walker explained that the real challenge this year will be reducing hours needed for graduation, but at the same time retaining the accreditation of the programs she oversees as



Jones



Walker

department head.

"In order to maintain accreditation, we have to maintain curriculum standards," she

said. Walker has been the interim chair for three years and during those years her department has undergone four accreditation reviews.

"That involves a long process of developing a self-study where

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New observatory planned

By Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Writer

The U.S. House of Representatives recently approved a \$250,000 appropriation to be used towards funding a new observatory on the campus of MTSU.

The funding is part of a \$15.5 billion appropriation for NASA for the 2004 fiscal year. A portion of their budget is earmarked to furthering science education through the nation's schools and universities.

In addition to the funds Rep. Bart Gordon obtained a \$340,000 grant last year that will go toward the observatory. It was awarded and signed by President George W. Bush in the appropriations bill. Gordon is a ranking member of the House Science Subcommittee on Space

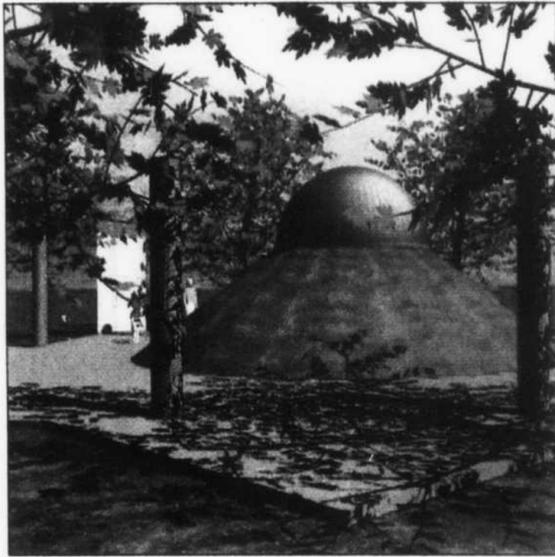


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New "naked-eye" observatory is similar to the design of Stonehenge and is derived from Greek astronomy.

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JAWC gets new director

By Liz Karlson
Staff Writer

Starting Sept. 2, Susan Trentham will become the new director of the June Anderson Women's Center.

She will be replacing the current interim director, Carol Ann Bailey, who has served the center temporarily for the past eight months.

The main priority, Trentham said, is to make the JAWC more commonly known. According to *The Record*, only 15 percent of recently interviewed seniors knew about the center and its benefits.

She also plans to survey students and faculty for ideas on what they think the center should do and what kind of resources it should offer students.

Bailey has confidence in her new replacement.

"We can expect her to find

out what students really want," she said.

Trentham earned her bachelor's and master's degrees, both in psychology, from the University of Alabama. Trentham also holds a doctorate in social psychology from the University of Nevada at Reno where she was an instructor for women's studies.

Trentham was picked as the final director candidate not only because she sets a good example for higher education for women, but also for the many awards she acquired reflecting her potential.

Her awards include the Outstanding Service Award at UNR Women's Resource Center, UNR Board of Regents



Trentham

Outstanding Student Award in 1999 and the Departmental Award for Academic Honor in Psychology at UA in 1994.

Previously, Trentham was the director for the Crisis Call Center in Reno, Nev. The center provides services to residents suffering from various abuse, depression and suicidal tendencies.

During her tenure, the Crisis Call Center secured many resources, including over \$200,000 in funding.

Trentham was unavailable for comment. However, she said in *The Record* that she feels like she would be a good replacement.

"I just seem to be drawn to that area. It just seemed like a natural progression from my past experience," she said.

Trentham also stated she was impressed by the JAWC,

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Getting involved

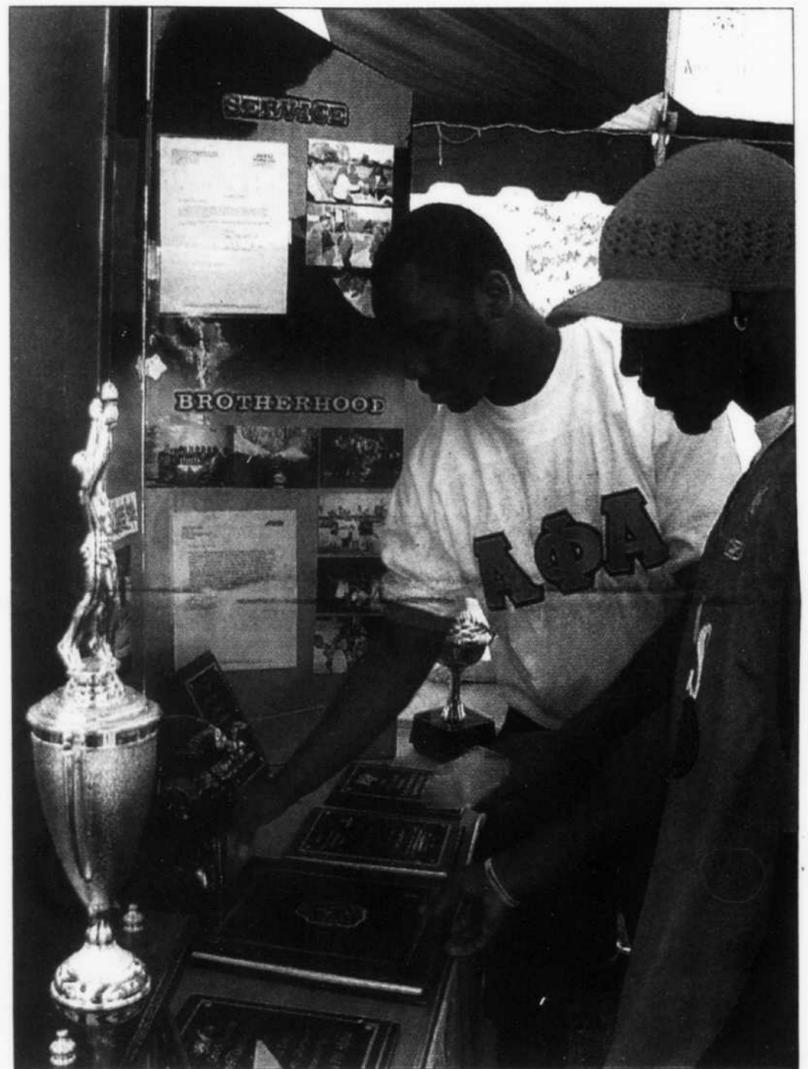


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A member of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity shows an interested student their awards and photographs during Wednesday's Student Organization Fair.

MTSU celebrates history

By Caleb West
Staff Writer

Today MTSU will celebrate its 92nd anniversary in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of Homer Pittard Campus School.

Susan Greer, a MTSU alumna and Founders Day coordinator has been working on the celebration each year for the last four years.

"It's really just a great time for students and alumni to get to see what the two schools have done," Greer said.

The Founders Day celebration is to take place at the Campus School, off East Lytle Street, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with student-led tours and culminating at 1 p.m. with a dedication of a Campus School marker and pep rally on the school's steps.

Speakers at the dedication will include MTSU President Sidney McPhee, Campus School Principal Stan Baskin, Rutherford County Schools Director Harry Gill and Dean of College of Education and Behavioral Science Gloria Bonner.

Jeff Duke, a teacher at the Campus School and MTSU alumnus, said, "This is a very special time in the long history of these two schools working together. It's very exciting."

The tours will feature a historical pictorial of the school and previous anniversary and joint events.

Following the pep rally the Campus School's upper grades will be singing the alma mater of MTSU.

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India Reed looks at a Founders Day presentation about MTSU history.

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Fraternities: PKA president faults miscommunication

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Corporation, said his organization has not attempted to contact the university because he has not received any notice from the university regarding an outstanding debt.

"I haven't received a letter," McMahan said. "All of the administrators ... know who I am. If there was a major problem, I'd imagine one of them would pick up the phone and call me." He added later in the interview that a university official had left a message for him yesterday, but that he didn't know the subject of the call.

The fraternities utilize similar systems to pay the university rent owed for the rooms on Greek Row. Each fraternity has a housing manager, who collects rent from residents of the fraternity house.

The housing manager deposits that money into a checking account, and writes a check to his fraternity's housing corporation, which is administered by an alum of the local

chapter.

According to Naylor, Pi Kappa Alpha uses a billing service to collect its members' individual rents and to deposit that money in their checking account, although the house manager is the one who writes the check to their housing corporation.

The housing corporation is responsible for making all monthly payments to the university. The university makes semi-annual payments to the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, which originally funded the construction of the houses on Greek Row. The payment schedule has operated this way since the houses opened in fall 2000.

Naylor said the checks his fraternity sent to its housing corporation were lost in the mail over the course of the summer, because Robert Holman, who is in charge of the Pi Kappa Alpha housing corporation, moved at the end of May.

When asked if the housing manager noticed that the checks

to the housing corporation were not being cashed, Naylor denied that the manager had been derelict in his duties.

"He noticed it, and tried to get in touch with (Holman)," Naylor said. "We had bad communication with him."

After Holman received the letter from the university requesting immediate payment arrangements, he and Naylor talked about the situation.

"He stated to us that he thought we were going to wait until August to pay the university," Naylor said.

Both Naylor and McMahan named a low occupancy rate as problematic to paying the full amount owed to the university. However, members of PKA have signed enough leases to maintain maximum occupancy at their house for the upcoming school year. KS is only a few rooms short of maximum occupancy.

"This is a seasonal issue," McMahan said. "Coming out of the summer, we run up debt every year. You just don't have

enough people [to pay the rent]. ... There will always be issues coming out of the summer."

The fraternities have different plans to pay off the accrued debts.

"The rent per room has gone up over this past year to get caught up on what we owe," Naylor said. "Now we're on track and making it."

McMahan said that his organization was the most financially well-off of any Greek organization on campus, noting their debt-free, 2.3 acre property off campus as well as a financially-strong alumni network.

"Anyway you cut it, we've got a manageable situation," McMahan said. "Any debt we have, we could pay it five or six times over."

The deadline for PKA and KS to make financial arrangements with the university is Sept. 19. Failure to make arrangements by that time could result in the termination of their leases. ♦



Photo by Brandon Morrison | Photo Editor

The Kappa Sigma post sits in front of the houses on Greek Row. In the background is Pi Kappa Alpha's house.

Observatory: Design inspired by Greeks

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and Aeronautics, which oversees NASA.

The funds will have to pass another bill and go to conference before they can be officially approved.

Gordon was out of the country and unavailable for comment. Washington Chief of Staff Chuck Atkins spoke on the congressman's behalf.

"Congressman Gordon is extremely supportive of the university. It is a very fond spot in his heart and he is always looking for opportunities to help all the educational institutions in the district in addition to MTSU," Atkins said.

"He is an alumni of MTSU and it is in his hometown. He takes particular pride in being able to help advance the educational mission there," Atkins added.

"There are not many of these grants that are obtained because funding has become scarcer and scarcer over the years, so it is a lot of competition for fewer dollars," Atkins said.

MTSU has also received a grant from NASA for over \$700,000 that will go towards the "Safer Program" within the Aerospace department.

"MTSU is becoming much more known because of its various capabilities and sort of creative ideas. The naked eye

observatory is just simply one of a number of things that MTSU is being involved in now," Atkins said.

Construction for the observatory, to be located between Smith Hall and Wiser-Patten Science Hall, will likely begin early this winter.

The design of the "naked-eye" observatory will be suggestive of Stonehenge and will be comprised of 12 equally-spaced columns placed around the outer edge of the circular patio.

The columns provide several pointers that assist in locating astronomical objects, coupled with concentric circles overlaid on a set of lines arranged in a radial pattern placed within.

The result is a grid-like pattern similar to a spider web. The grid will also assist the user in locating the proper place to stand while using the self-guided observatory that is accessible at anytime.

"It is a proposal that came out of our physics and astronomy department, primarily the work of Dr. Eric Klumpe," said Thomas Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

Klumpe, an astronomer, facilitated a multitude of public outreach sessions and sponsored the star parties on campus. The parties consisted of a brief lecture and then a demonstration on how to use the tele-

scope to observe the lecture topics.

"He had a vision that he'd like for folks to come on their own and observe things that are happening in the sky, without him having to be there to show them through the telescope," Cheatham added.

Klumpe felt that his inspiration was derived from the study of Greek astronomy.

"They didn't have computers. They didn't have telescopes. All they had was their eyes and the ability to time events, and I was fascinated by the great discoveries that they made with what we consider archaic tools," Klumpe said.

From a scholarly perspective, Klumpe feels that students will benefit more from learning beyond the book in an interactive style with the observatory.

According to Klumpe, the naked-eye observatory, despite the beauty of the project, is not the entire picture.

"We still need to have a building that houses a telescope. That has not changed," Klumpe said.

Future plans may include building a new observatory building and purchasing a top-of-the-line telescope that can be used within city limits. This will address the issue of using the telescope on a campus inundated with lights from building and streetlights. ♦

Promotions: Directors handle challenges

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you look at the program's curriculum in detail, facilities and the quality of the instruction," Walker said.

"It's a time-consuming process but one that is extremely valuable," she said.

As department chair, Walker supervises nutrition and food science majors, consumer services majors, textiles majors, merchandising and design majors, early childhood education majors, child development and family studies majors and interior design majors.

This year, Walker will be working on establishing several partnerships in order to grant students new experiences outside the college.

"[The partnerships] provide opportunities for our students that we couldn't provide directly on campus," Walker said.

Jones has spent her first few weeks as the new department head working out class schedules.

"Scheduling is a huge thing, not just when and what class to teach, but finding locations for them," Jones said.

Despite the budget cuts that have been affecting all departments, Jones has found ways to work with the professors and keep morale up.

"We tailgate together, go in and cheer for the Blue Raiders," Jones said. "We think that builds camaraderie and community in our department."

Because Jones heads a

department that graduates anywhere from 150 to 250 students a year, she absorbs a large amount of responsibility for providing quality education classes to students.

"Obviously, everyone is aware of history as a teacher education college, but that history has been carried forward," Jones said.

Part of Jones' job will be to help organize the annual Tennessee Teacher's Hall of Fame that MTSU hosts.

"I think we provide the best teacher education program that is available in Tennessee. If you're going to be in Tennessee and you need a license to teach, you need to come to MTSU," Jones said. ♦

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JAWC: Center plans pregnancy survey

which was founded in 1977.

"I found it very impressive that it has a long history. The more I was reading online, the more it seemed like the campus community is supportive of a women's center, which I think is important," she said in *The Record*.

By surveying new and expecting mothers, a new pending program of the JAWC hopes to zero in on the real problems

confronting pregnant women on campus and find new ways to support them.

Before long, the center might be able to offer temporary disabled parking tags for expectant mothers and other services in hopes more students will find an easier transition between being a student and motherhood.

The JAWC, located in Room 206 of the James Union

Building, provides many services for students such as information on rape, male/female communication, sexual harassment, scholarships and other major women's issues.

The operating hours of the JAWC are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. If interested in any other information about the center, call 898-2193 or contact the JAWC by e-mail at jawc@mtsu.edu. ♦

Founders: Event is free and open to public

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All of the events will conclude with a cutting of a cake in celebration of the two school's "birthdays."

The event is free and special invitation has been extended to alumni.

MTSU's actual official anniversary is on Sept. 11, but after the World Trade Center attacks in 2001, MTSU officials did not think it appropriate to

celebrate on that day.

MTSU administration, having worked closely with Homer Pittard, felt it was more opportune to celebrate its anniversary with the Campus School to help reinforce the mutual relationship they both have.

The Homer Pittard Campus School is actually a kindergarten through sixth grade school where many MTSU students go to in order to fulfill education and tutoring require-

ments.

Many people view this joint celebration as a clear symbol of how closely these two schools work together.

"We feel our purpose here at the Campus School is to help future teachers gain valuable in-class experience by interacting with real students," Duke said. "Our school is a lab for MTSU students to come in and see first hand how to work with students." ♦



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If you do NOT wish to be listed in such a directory, you must notify the Records Office in writing no later than Monday, September 8, 2003. The easiest way is to visit Cope 106.

Faculty and staff numbers also will be listed in the telephone directory, and numbers for University offices and a guide to services will be included.



WORLD BRIEFS

Associated Press



At least 39 killed in stampede at festival

NASIK, India (AP) — The collapse of a barricade set off a stampede of thousands of people at a Hindu religious festival Wednesday in western India, killing at least 39 people and injuring 125 more, an official said.

The stampede took place as more than a million Hindu devotees assembled for a religious bathing festival in the Godavari River outside the town of Nasik, about 110 miles northeast of Bombay.

Nasik Mayor Dhashrath Patil said 39 people had been killed and at least 125 had been injured. Two of the injured were police officers, he said.

The injured were brought to Nasik hospitals in ambulances, cars and police vehicles.

"There were some 50,000 people behind one barricade and they were pushing. The barricade suddenly broke and they just fell down," said Chhagan Bhujbal, deputy chief minister of Maharashtra state.

"People at the back just began walking on them and that's how the stampede happened," said Bhujbal. "It was a tragic accident."

Facing criticism, Bush defends foreign policy

ST. LOUIS (AP) — President Bush is working to win support from those who question his handling of the war and reconstruction of Iraq, saying the fight is essential to the U.S. campaign against terrorism.

"Our military is confronting terrorists in Iraq and Afghanistan and in other places so our people will not have to confront terrorist violence in New York or St. Louis or Los Angeles," Bush said Tuesday as the number of Americans who have died in postwar Iraq topped the death toll during

major combat.

Bush is getting criticized from the left and the right over continued instability in Iraq and resistance from loyalists of Saddam Hussein and the foreign terrorists he says are streaming into the country.

The United States also has received scant support for a new U.N. resolution that would encourage more nations to join the mostly U.S. and British troops who are trying to keep the peace in Iraq.

Bush appeared resolute Tuesday before a mostly gray-haired audience of 6,000 at the American Legion's 85th national conference in St. Louis.

"Our only goal, our only option, is total victory in the war on terror," said Bush, who received a standing ovation when he appeared on stage. "And this nation will press on to victory."

Fixing NASA's culture may be difficult change

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fixing NASA may be harder than fixing the space shuttle.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board included in its 29 recommendations a call for fundamental changes in the "culture" of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a way of doing business that has resisted change for more than two decades.

In the report, the board found a continuation in the modern NASA of characteristics that were blamed 17 years ago for the accident that destroyed space shuttle Challenger and killed seven astronauts. NASA had pledged to change, and did for a while, but eventually drifted back to its old ways, the report found.

Aid group Oxfam withdraws from Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) —

International relief agency Oxfam said Wednesday that it had pulled its foreign staff out of Iraq because the security level in the country had deteriorated to the point where the group could no longer operate.

"The risk level was becoming unacceptable for us, making it impossible for our programs to operate," Simon Springett, Oxfam's program manager for Iraq told The Associated Press from Amman, Jordan. The death toll of American soldiers in Iraq rose to 279 on Wednesday as the military announced that a soldier had died of a non-hostile gunshot wound.

More soldiers have died since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1 than before his declaration.

On Wednesday, a military court hearing began for four U.S. soldiers accused of abusing prisoners of war at a camp in southern Iraq. The hearing on whether to press charges against the men took place at Camp Bucca near the port city of Umm Qasr with.

Saudis challenge US on foreign fighter claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare spat between long-time allies, Saudi Arabia is pressing U.S. forces to better guard the border between Iraq and its kingdom while the Bush administration insists the Saudis can do more to combat terrorism in the region.

The exchange Tuesday soured some positive news reached just days earlier when the Saudis agreed to let U.S. investigators form a joint task force to root out terrorist money from the Middle East kingdom where 15 of the 19 Sept. 11, 2001, hijackers grew up.

As the final details were being reached on that deal, new tensions were emerging as administration officials, includ-

ing Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, began suggesting that some of those attacking U.S. troops in postwar Iraq were from Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi's top foreign policy adviser in the United States aired his grievances publicly on Tuesday, challenging the Bush administration to prove its claims and saying U.S. forces should share in any blame because they have not adequately secured the Iraqi side of their shared border.

Defense chief: Attack on town false rumor

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Liberia's defense chief said Wednesday that reports of rebel attacks on one central town were rumors spread by his own troops to facilitate looting. West African peace troops headed into the interior to examine other reports of fighting.

The moves come as heavy streams of refugees flowed toward Monrovia from towns just to the north, fleeing what the government has claimed were new rebel attacks despite a week-old peace deal.

Persistent reports of clashes in the interior, while not seen as any serious threat to the peace deal, have provoked calls for West African peacekeepers to speed up deployment in the countryside.

Fighters on both sides in Liberia's conflict are generally ragtag bands with little conventional discipline and patchy communication with top commanders, and some of the unrest uprooting civilians in the countryside is believed to be fighters out to secure last bits of spoils or territory.

Israeli helicopter raid kills civilian storeowner

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israel's fierce campaign to eliminate Palestinian militants

claimed a civilian victim when an elderly water-pipe vendor died in a botched missile strike in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli helicopters have killed seven Hamas militants in two precision raids in Gaza since one of its activists blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus last week, killing 21 people.

The violence has darkened the prospects for a U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan and highlighted the reluctance of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to confront the armed groups.

In Tuesday's operation, an Israeli helicopter fired three missiles at a car stuck in a traffic jam on a residential street just north of Gaza City. Three Hamas members were able to flee their car before missiles struck it, witnesses said. Doctors said the water-pipe vendor was killed and 26 other bystanders were injured, including five children.

U.S., Afghan forces recapture mountain pass

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — American and Afghan forces killed about a dozen insurgents Wednesday and recaptured a mountain pass in southeastern Afghanistan — the scene of heavy fighting and U.S. bombardments this week, a local official said.

Some of the fighters escaped toward Uruzgan province to the west, Hotak said.

It was not possible to immediately confirm Hotak's report that around 12 suspected Taliban were killed, and it wasn't clear whether bodies were recovered. Hotak reported no

casualties among U.S. and Afghan forces.

California Lt. Gov. gets labor endorsement

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — With another powerful labor organization backing the Democrats' gubernatorial recall strategy, Gov. Gray Davis and Lt. Gov. Bustamante are inching closer together despite their icy relationship.

The California State Labor Federation AFL-CIO, an association of more than 1,300 local unions representing some 2.1 million workers, voted Tuesday to endorse Bustamante for governor in case Davis is ousted Oct. 7.

The recall ballot will have two parts. Voters first will be asked to vote on whether to recall Davis, and then will choose from a list of 135 candidates to replace him if he is recalled.

The endorsement of the lieutenant governor's "No on the recall, yes on Bustamante" campaign was a significant strategic shift for the labor union, which had earlier led opposition to the recall and urged other Democrats to stay off the ballot.

Roddick beats Henman in straight sets in first round

NEW YORK (AP) — There's been but a single blemish during Andy Roddick's remarkable run on the hard courts this summer.

Britain's Tim Henman caused it.

Roddick couldn't quite believe it when he learned they would meet again in the first round of the U.S. Open — not the first round!

The 20-year-old American avenged the loss to Henman on Tuesday night in the most ideal of settings: on center court in Arthur Ashe Stadium as the feature match of the day. ♦

Colleges held responsible

By Mariah Moore Khanna
The Pitt News (U. Pittsburgh)

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH — If you're not happy with the results of your investment in clothing, electronic equipment or undercooked meat, you can usually hope for a refund.

If you're not happy with the result of your investment in a college education, you're probably out of luck.

While there's still no satisfaction guarantee for college students, Congress recently enacted the Higher Education Act, which has been dormant since 1965, to hold universities accountable for their graduates' success.

By publishing testing scores and encouraging parents to notice increasing university tuitions, the Act seeks to embarrass the schools with facts, as there is not yet any legal or monetary punishment.

"This is all very new," Barbara Mellix, the assistant dean and director of the College of Arts and Sciences, said of the Higher Education Act. Mellix added that graduate programs and graduate services will allow for students to be "ready upon graduation with careers to pursue," though she does not believe the new programs are directly related to the Act.

The University of Pittsburgh's new resources include networking systems and more personal interaction — especially with students advising students.

"Alumnet," a computerized networking program recently improved by developers at Yale University, serves as a line of contact between students and 500 fellow alumni. The program will be accessible through the Pitt Placement Office.

There are 90,000 alumni in Western Pennsylvania and 200,000 worldwide, according to Leland Patouillet, executive director of the Alumni Association.

In addition to the improved networking, which Patouillet

considers "most important" in job searching, he called attention to "Graduation Central," a program that originated two years ago to organize graduating students picking up their caps and gowns. Students can also sign up for an online directory for alumni, exchange business cards and obtain information about short-term medical insurance there.

Anthony Diccio, 27, graduated from Pitt last December with a B.A. in economics. "I spent literally hundreds of hours, even days," Diccio said of the job search. His search began the August before graduation and included visits to career services.

"But they weren't much help at all," said Diccio, who received career counseling from them at least twice. "They didn't know of any companies outside of the area."

Local employment, said Diccio, was not available.

"Going through Pitt just didn't help," Diccio said, adding that he found his current job, working in currency exchange for a boutique firm in Montersy Park, through family friends.

Not all Pitt graduates spend months looking for work. Joan Snyder, who served as Student Government Board President in January 2000, began her job as a neuroscience sales representative with Eli Lilly within two weeks of graduating from Pitt with a degree in marketing the spring of 2001. Like Diccio, Snyder said she put "a lot of hard work" in finding a job, but Snyder came away from the experience with a different opinion of Career Services and the Alumni Association.

"They are great services," Snyder said, adding that she had to do her own networking research. "They aren't going to baby you — you have to go out and do it yourself."

Snyder said she utilized counseling sessions and job training sessions through Career Services, but relied heavily on direct networking with potential employers by repeat-

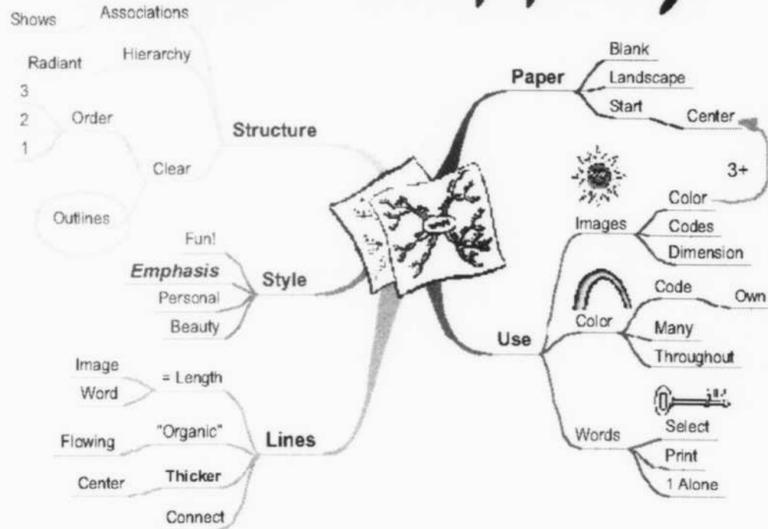
edly making phone calls, e-mailing and eventually flying to at least 30 interviews in cities from Atlanta to Boston.

According to the "Class of 2003 Preliminary Grad Report," compiled by Career Services representatives surveying students at Graduation Central, 50 percent of the 349 students who responded reported obtaining post-graduation employment, with an average overall yearly salary of \$41,259. Although nobody in Career Services knew how many graduates used their services before graduation, Barbara Juliussen, director of Career Services, reported there were more than 3,000 hour-long student appointments and 1,880 walk-in appointments this year. For those who have yet to graduate, Pitt began a peer advising program last September, where students help fellow undergraduates through the registration process and inform students of available services. For students interested in working as engineers before they graduate, the Cooperative Education office, in B80 Benedum Hall, organizes a program for students to spend a semester working with professionals followed by a second semester of school. According to Maureen Barcic, director of Cooperative Education, about half of Pitt's engineering student body, or between 500 and 600 students, participate. The experience provides an opportunity for students to explore their intended careers before they make a complete commitment.

Melissa Roos, who graduated in 1993 with a B.A. in biology, thought it would be easy to find a job. Instead, she said she found she could work at a lab and earn about \$13,000 a year. Roos originally hoped to study pre-veterinary medicine, but after interning at a clinic, she discovered she hated it. Roos currently works as a manager at Pet Supplies Plus in Bridgeville. ♦

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From the Editorial Board Time for fraternities to get settled, pay rent

While many MTSU students were scrambling to pay off library fines and parking tickets to register, add classes or basically be able to do anything at this university, two fraternities have accrued a combined debt to the school of nearly \$100,000.

See, these organizations have been more than a little slack on paying their rent to the university for the mansions on Rutherford Boulevard built for them in 1999 and 2000. Whether by disorganization, negligence or bureaucratic inefficiency, Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma have failed to meet the payment schedule set for them by the university.

MTSU sure is a nice landlord. If any other tenant decided not to pay the piper for several months, he or she would be out on his or her duff faster than you can say, "But my roommate moved out and I forgot."

But in the case of the fraternities, the university has granted them another 30 days to come up with the cash.

And while the Business Office waits on these payments, every other student gets to shoulder the debt.

MTSU can be a lenient landlord if it chooses, but it must pay the Tennessee State School Bond Authority on time, regardless of whether MTSU has received payment from its debtors.

In a nutshell, that means all students, regardless of Greek affiliation, are picking up the slack of PKA and KS.

It's maddening enough that the fraternities and the university have allowed this debt to grow to the size it has. It's outrageous that all students are essentially forced to lend their money (through tuition and fees) to the two organizations.

The tradeoff for the big, nice party houses was that their cost would be paid off by the individual fraternities through dues, house rent and other means. It's high time KS and PKA got their stuff together and paid their rent.

Not doing so is unfair to every student on campus, particularly those in fraternities who have managed to pay in full and on time. ◆

Separation of church and state crucial

Wit and Wonder



Callie Elizabeth Butler
Staff Columnist

The debate over the Ten Commandments within federal buildings is alive and well in Montgomery, Ala., where supporters of a monument honoring the Biblical scripture erected in the Alabama Judicial Building petitioned a federal court to block its removal.

The lawsuit, filed Monday on behalf of a Christian radio talk show host and pastor, said that the forced removal violated the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of religion and that he is battling those persons who are

"offended at looking at God's words."

Chief Justice Roy Moore installed the 5,300-pound monument, located in the building's rotunda, two years ago. A state judicial ethics panel suspended Moore for failing to remove the structure, as directed by federal order.

Moore has said that he will fight to regain his position and stands by his actions. However, federal courts say that the granite marker violates the Constitution's ban of government-based religious endorsement.

The federal court was correct and just in their decision to order the removal of the monument. While the Ten Commandments and Christian theology are deeply rooted in American history, neither is representative of Americans as a

whole. And since government must represent all people – from a Methodist pastor to a devoted secular humanist – the Ten Commandments have no place within the walls of a building that exists to serve the entire nation.

The separation of church and state is in place for an important reason – the government should not be involved in the religious lives and practices of Americans. Erecting a monument endorsing a theology clearly goes against this necessary division.

Many Christians seem to forget the need for this divider between our government and our worshiping practices when the words in question are located within the pages of Bible.

But, would these supporters be so quick to

endorse a golden statue of Buddha or a granite marker with teachings of the Bhagavagata? Not likely.

They stand fighting for the expression of Christian beliefs, not a right to religious expression. It's doubtful that the same people would crowd around the building to fight for the existence of a monument celebrating a different theology in the name of religious freedom.

What many in a majority fail to remember, as they fight to keep their religious ideals supreme, is that the beliefs of the many don't represent the beliefs of all. If a government official wants to celebrate religion within a government sanctioned building, all should be represented.

Standing beside the Ten Commandments stone commemorators should be monuments celebrating all

the religious belief systems – from Wicca to Mormonism, atheism to Judaism.

But because this isn't likely to happen due to the long-standing conflict between religions, the separation of church and state is essential in furthering religious equality and representation.

The United States has moved past its predominantly Christian roots and become a cornucopia of differing religious ideas and belief systems.

Supporting only one simply isn't acceptable or representative of the people that make up this diverse and colorful nation. ◆

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While Wal-Mart takes over, communities slowly dying

Thursdays



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A few weeks ago my dear mother and I, after a fabulous Chinese dinner, took a stroll through Murfreesboro's new and improved Wal-Mart, located on South Rutherford Boulevard just down the street from Greek Row.

We walked all through that gargantuan, brand-spanking-new concrete compound with dazzled eyes.

"Well, I never. Look at that," my mom and I exclaimed to ourselves as we passed one sales exhibit after another in this capitalistic carnival.

Wal-Mart dominates any town it enters. It is the great church, the temple of the modern world.

Everyone goes to Wal-Mart.

Whether you float along the upper echelons of the social strata or crawl in the dust of poverty like me and so many other college students, you've sacrificed your hard-earned money to the god of cheapness at some point or another. You've been to Wal-Mart.

Some "church members" are more regular in their attendance than others. Devotees benefit from Wal-Mart newspaper ads for sales.

Irregular shoppers receive lackadaisical, blah looks from bubblegum checkout girls.

Not to mention the beady-eyed stares of death from the front door greeters.

Regardless of treatment, people keep coming back.

I talked with a classmate last semester who loved Wal-Mart so much you'd have thought she was making plans to have her wedding there. Doubtless, the presiding minister would be from the Sam Walton family.

But there are a few "non-religious" heretics still around. They refuse to pay tribute to the monopolistic monster of cheap and disposable products.

These people are the local, small business owners.

They still fight the Wal-Marts of the world that undercut community businesses at the cost of slave labor in China and Mexico.

Rather than sell out and serve Wal-Mart, the small business owners work hard to keep commerce between other local businesses. This shoots life into the veins of the town.

A Wal-Mart, with their exploitation of third world countries to get goods so cheap, only retards that vitality.

The religious followers of Wal-Mart hold to a creed of cheap. They buy stuff there because it's so inexpensive.

Local businesses are a bit pricier. But they hold to a creed of community.

The small businesses, on the whole, seek to invest in the town they're in. They want to make it unique and give it character. They believe there's more to life than serving a corporation.

Companies like Wal-Mart, on the other hand, see little value in the community, and they suck the life right out of it like a giant parasite.

I went to Scotland a couple years ago and was jolted by the experience. In St. Andrews, they don't have Wal-Marts. In fact, they don't have a lot of

chain stores. The shops closed at 5 p.m. and were closed on Sundays.

I've heard that Europeans place greater importance on "family time" than do Americans. Perhaps that's why they don't prostitute their employees by working them 24/7 each week for the sake of building the corporation.

Europeans know there's more to life than Wal-Mart. They don't let the corporation dictate to their families or the life of their community.

I used to think Wal-Mart was an economic necessity. We'd starve if we weren't able to buy stuff so cheap.

Wal-Mart is not an economic necessity. People should not make choices based only on their checkbooks. They should make choices based on what they believe.

And the Wal-Mart regulars really seem to believe that capitalistic, parasitic, life-sucking corporations are better than their local community stores because they're cheaper.

The local businessmen and women know their products won't be the cheapest. But their customers know that contributing to the local community is something worth paying for.

There's always a price to pay for your values. The religious Wal-Mart shoppers have chosen to sacrifice the fatted calf of their community in exchange for cheap stuff.

I'll sacrifice the Wal-Mart and the cheap stuff any day, because a real community is something money can't buy. ◆

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College has some surprises in store

And Justice For All



Ashley Swafford
Staff Columnist

Hello, all. I am a new student here. I must admit, I'm just a tad bit intimidated.

After all, my first experience here was Customs, where I proceeded to get lost during a rainstorm, making me about 10 minutes late for a meeting, not to mention I was completely drenched.

Eh, you live, you learn – to carry an umbrella. Except for another episode like that, I'm not too worried about my freshman year.

Although I'm ready for whatever might come my way, I'm definitely expecting a campus shock.

"What is a campus shock?" you might ask. Allow me to explain.

It's the feeling of awe one experiences during the transition from high school to college. No matter how great or cool you thought your life in high school was (I can honestly say that I know no one who thinks either), it cannot compare to the lifestyle about to come. Those of you returning for another year probably already know this.

Another aspect of campus shock is the endless number of things that you can do. I only have one goal, besides graduating: to do everything that pops into my head at least once.

No regrets. No "what ifs."

I'm not sure if that's possible, but I'm willing to try.

Despite the clear benefits of being prepared, I still want to be surprised. That's the beauty of being in new surroundings – anything goes.

Would you want to know that, when you rounded the corner of a building, you would be pelted with about 15 water balloons?

OK, that's highly unlikely and it's only assuming that you have no control of the outcome, but still.

Maybe getting caught in a sudden downpour isn't such a bad thing. Perhaps it would be even fun. After all, when was the last time you decided to go outside and play in the rain? It's pretty liberating.

Not all surprises are welcomed, however. For instance, there is something I've discovered about my classes.

Although none of my professors give "homework" per se, some of them are known to give the dreaded "pop quiz." You know, to monitor who's keeping up with the reading.

I guess that's the downside of not having homework. I'm sure there are plenty of people such as myself who let themselves get off track a little, because they're too busy living it up.

It's just so easy to "forget" about that story you're supposed to read for English class and instead go swimming at the Rec Center or something. Oh, the temptations that surround us.

Most professors do not stand over us to ensure that we do what is required. Either we do or we don't.

If we do, we pass the exams (most of the time). If not, well, I think we all know what will probably happen.

I guess that's what they call responsibility. ◆

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Letter to the Editor

U.N. should turn back on Bush the same way he did to world

To the editor:

George W. Bush and his minions want the U.N. to issue a resolution to convince other nations to help out in the pit of despair he has created in Iraq. If you ask me – that's too damn bad, Mr. Bush.

Our president had no problem denouncing the importance of U.N. support prior to the war.

According to the administration, we didn't need anyone else. We had what it took to act against Saddam.

Well, Dubya, it seems you were wrong, and now you want the world to come help bail you out.

I say the U.N. should turn their collective back on the U.S. in the same way that our nation did to them.

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**Should judges
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Ten Commandments are part of American history

By Amy Peet
Iowa State Daily

(U-WIRE) AMES, Iowa - The Alabama debate over the presence of a monument to the Ten Commandments in the state's judicial building began in October 2001, when three lawyers sued the state, demanding the monument be removed. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ruled in favor of the plaintiffs, but Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had installed the monument in July 2001, appealed the decision.

In July of this year, the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld Thompson's decision and ruled the installation of the monument had violated the Constitution.

The court-mandated deadline for its removal came last Wednesday - and went, with the monument still standing amidst a band of prayerful, peaceful

protesters, many of whom have remained in the week since the scheduled removal. Some have vowed to form a human chain around the monument should officials arrive with the equipment necessary to remove the 5,300 pound slab.

The Constitution's precise wording has been touted by both sides as the legal justification of their position.

But upon examining the First Amendment ("Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech ..."), it becomes difficult to see where people ever got the idea that all public property must be devoid of all religious artifacts.

The three lawyers who brought the suit did so because they were "offended," to quote the official ruling of the 11th Circuit. They were not forcibly

compelled to pray at the monument, to practice what it preached or even to acknowledge it in any way. They were just offended by its silent presence. Since "protection from being offended" is not explicitly mandated by the Constitution, it's an arguably dangerous precedent to say anything that offends someone must be removed from public property.

After all, everyone is offended by something. Someone offended by seeing a Muslim pray at the designated times of day could, in theory, demand to be protected from having to witness it. The same goes for Christian groups on campus who hand out surveys at the beginning of each school year, and for orthodox Jews who wear traditional clothing in public places. In public, there's always someone who will be offended.

Of course, two of the origi-

nal plaintiffs in the case argued the monument offended them so much that they took extraordinary lengths to avoid entering the building.

One incurred financial damages by purchasing law books online rather than in the building and hiring messengers to deliver documents to the building.

Apparently the court was moved with pity for this persecuted individual, but it's possible that many private citizens were just disgusted; after all, in a country that is ever trying to embrace broader diversity, where was this lawyer's tolerance for the religious beliefs of others?

One could look at the monument as a historical document - an ancient code of ethics that has influenced the societies of the Western world for three millennia.

It's no coincidence that for

the first two centuries of this country's existence, all businesses were closed on Sundays. This practice still endures across Europe, where it's often government-mandated.

Most reasonable people would also agree that it's wrong to lie, cheat on your spouse, steal or murder. One could look at most of these "Commandments" as simply good advice for leading a happy and healthy life.

If it makes some people feel better about the world, and it in no way imposes any beliefs on anyone in the community, then does it really hurt the less zealous among us to simply walk by and ignore it?

Isn't it another valuable opportunity to experience the diversity in this country, especially for folks who don't otherwise spend much time around passionate Christians?

And as for the insubordina-

tion of Moore and his ilk, one could look at their struggle against the rule of law as an act of civil disobedience.

In rebuttal to being likened by the 11th Circuit to the defiant segregationist Governor George Wallace, Moore compared his struggle to the civil rights campaign led by Martin Luther King Jr.

The relentless clamor of some hard-core religious groups can grow tiresome, as may be happening in the case of Moore, whose every breath alludes to God and the Ten Commandments as "the moral foundation of our law."

But, in another vein, it can also be refreshing to hear that, in this tired, cynical world full of tragedy and suffering, there are still people who can adhere to their belief in something greater. ♦

WMD corruption similar to accounting scandals

By Douglas Borer
The Collegiate Times

(U-WIRE) BLACKSBURG, Va. - Baghdad's capitulation will signify the beginning of the end for the American War in Iraq.

As the guns grow silent, however, the fall of Saddam's regime marks only the end of the beginning for the future politics of Iraq.

Winning the war does not mean winning the peace. The first stage to winning the peace in Iraq is to concretely reaffirm the legitimacy of the war itself.

Prior to hostilities, President Bush was insistent; this war was designed to de-fang the viper before he could strike again.

Conveniently overlooking his father's tacit support for Iraq's battlefield use of chemical weapons against Iran in the 1980s, George W. Bush now perceives Saddam's WMD as the greatest evil facing U.S. national security.

President Bush's case against Iraq is based on a fairly simple

set of rules and some basic accounting.

The rules are clear: Saddam was required by various U.N. Security Council resolutions to account fully for his weapons of mass destruction, he was required to disarm, and it was up to him to prove he had no illegal weapons.

Saddam claimed he had done so, but President Bush did not believe him because the books did not balance.

Official records, which Iraqi bureaucrats turned over to the United Nations in the 1990s, clearly showed significant quantities of various chemical agents and precursor chemicals that Iraq did not turn over to U.N. inspectors.

Former U.N. chief inspector Richard Butler recently stated, "the Iraqis are assiduous record keepers, they detailed everything."

He concluded, "we know they have more than they turned over for destruction."

Bush agreed; one side of the deadly ledger did not match the

other. Saddam was hiding weapons, and only war would balance the books.

Thus, allied troops now in Iraq are engaged in an intense search for Saddam's banned weapons.

So far, nothing has been found; however, discoveries of Iraqi chemical-protection suits and gas masks have caused moments of intense excitement.

The media mavens all know that WMD are the political "smoking gun" waiting to be uncovered in America's war with Iraq.

The White House and its scattered allies in the "Coalition of the Willing" are all confident that the troops will discover the WMD that will enable them to claim legitimacy for this war.

While it is highly unlikely that President Bush is mistaken and Saddam was telling the truth, is alternative outcome within the realm of possibility? Is it even remotely possible that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction?

If so, how could the

American reading of the books be wrong? We must remember whom we are dealing with here.

Saddam's Iraq is controlled by "the regime" whose tens of thousand of members are all supported by their connections to the government.

Like past totalitarian regimes, the official salaries of army generals, police officers, party members, and family cronies are relatively modest, supposedly bearing close resemblance to the average earnings of "the people" they claim to represent.

Great riches, however, are generated for members of "the regime" through widespread corruption.

In totalitarian regimes like Saddam's, corruption occurs most readily in government contracting, with defense contracts being some of the most lucrative sources of wealth.

Here's a hypothetical example of how it works. Ali, one of Saddam's cousins from Tikrit, is the Deputy Head of Defense for procurement. He contracts with

Baba, the manager of Baghdad Chemical Corporation, to produce 100,000 liters of VX gas.

The government pays Baba the entire price of the contract, but Baba produces only 90,000 liters. Ali records the delivery of 100,000 liters. He and Baba then split the money for the 10,000 liters that were never produced.

To ensure his safety, Ali sends Saddam half of his cut, and then Ali and Baba each buy themselves new a Mercedes. Everyone is happy.

Happy, that is, until Richard Butler starts cross-checking the books with the inventory. While this analysis is speculative, endemic Iraqi corruption may be the Achilles heel in the search for WMD.

If so, the damage to U.S. credibility in the world will be too great to imagine, and the Bush Administration may go the way of Anderson Accounting.

And you thought Enron was a big bookkeeping scandal. ♦

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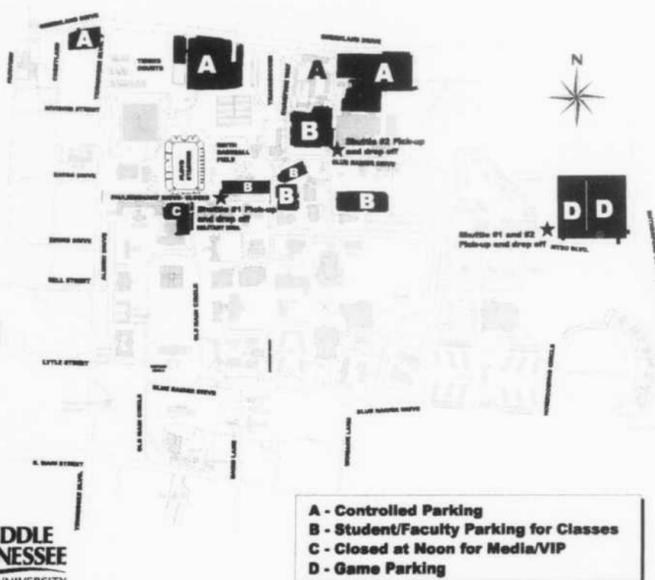
Middle Tennessee State University

MTSU's first home football game will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, August 28, against Florida Atlantic. Classes also will be in session that evening. The campus will be crowded and congested as Blue Raider fans and evening class students and faculty locate parking and determine the most convenient way to get where they want to go.

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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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

25 intriguing storylines to watch this season

By Chuck Culpepper
Newsday

25. Unranked Nebraska, unranked Penn State and unranked Florida. In a free society, the peasants sometimes can rise up and start kicking back at the gentry.

24. Unfeared Florida State. And you see phrases you never thought you'd see.

23. Erstwhile Peasants. As Oklahoma State defensive end Greg Richmond told various media outlets, "We came from the gutter."

22. Tradition Ebbs, Part I. Some Virginia fans chafed when Virginia discontinued its 30-year pep band after the band irked West Virginia's governor during the Continental Tire Bowl, and West Virginia's governor demanded an apology, and Virginia's president supplied one. But you can see how the first Continental Tire Bowl controversy in recorded history could spur head-rolling.

21. Hagglng in Hawaii? Yep. The only problem with Coach June Jones' wish to keep his contract secret was that the secrecy directly violated state law, which can, in certain rare cases, supersede football policy. Finally revealed, the pact includes incentives such as 10 round-trip airline tickets to the mainland. Uh, June, if you have

any leftovers ...

20. Tennessee, coming off 8-5. Listen. You see almost hear the ... the ...

19. Nebraska, coming off 7-7. The howling at the moon.



18. Twenty-eight bowl games. My new favorite happens to be the Plains Capital Fort Worth Bowl, even with steep competition from the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl and the just-plain Continental Tire Bowl. You are, of course, free to choose your own.

17. Kansas State vs. Auburn. It's the rational I'm-trying-to-be-different pick for the national-title match on Jan. 4.

16. My Maine Maritime Mariners. Every year, I choose a little college to follow, so don't go around thinking our 1-8 record last year means we're not a seaworthy bunch. We're on a one-game tear with finishing 2002 with that 39-7 win at Framingham (Mass.) State.

15. Tradition Ebbs, Part II. Some USC fans chafed when

USC, deprived of its beloved mascot Traveler because relations chilled with the family that supplied the horse for 42 years, had to go scrambling for another horse. Yeah, right, like some fan can tell one white horse from another.



14. Georgia's Sensational Offseason. Among other antics, nine players sold their Southeastern Conference title rings, with one selling his Sugar Bowl jersey - hopefully laundered - on eBay for \$3,500. The nerve of them, thinking they could make money off this wholesome sport.

13. Deranged Fan Posting of the Preseason. Taunting a fan of Oklahoma consensus No. 1 preleason about a prospective Sugar Bowl, a fan of No. 2 Ohio State wrote, "We'll see you on the field." Yeah, right.

They'll meet with their laptops at the 50-yard line and battle it out, infantile insult-for-infantile insult.

12. No. 1 Oklahoma's defense. They're reassuring quarterback Jason White, whose every knee has known a surgeon's scalpel, that he doesn't have to do too much. You find kindness everywhere, even in football.

11. No. 2 Ohio State's moxie. Most people return from the greatest pivotal-squad-making play ever to tightrope-troipse through an autumn.

10. No. 3 Miami's talent. For one thing, the Hurricanes must replace the entire defensive line. Everyone's just crying for them, remembering how futilely they replaced six first-round draft picks last year.

9. Michael "The Burner" Turner. A f u r u s h i n g for 1,915 yards for Northern Illinois last year, he runs across his very own Web site with flames churning off his back. Give him a Heisman and a Webbie.

8. Tradition Ebbs, Part III. Some Mississippi fans chafed when Mississippi, claiming to seek something "more intimidating," shooed its 66-year mascot, Colonel Reb, that old man with an oversized head, a wide-brimmed hat, a white goatee and a cane. I don't know. That thing always scared the daylights out of me.



7. The Chic Position. Dame, Tennessee, and West Virginia by a collective 75 points in three bowl games, then come spring, tried to devour another conference. From peasantry to uppity in one year.



6. Some Guy We Haven't Heard Of. He's out there somewhere, like Iowa's Brad Banks last year, ready to finish, say, second in Heisman voting.

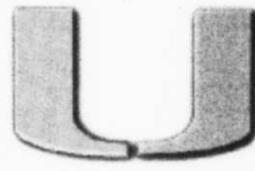
5. Kellen Winslow. Miami's tight end looked like the best player on the field in the stirring Fiesta Bowl, might be the best player on any field in the fall, and with another year of living on Earth, figures to widen his lead in basic brightness over his predecessor - you know, the one with the Giants.

4. Atlantic Coast Conference football. First it thrashed Notre

3. Big East football ... 2001 - a national champion; 2002 - very nearly a national champion; 2003 - the best season, all told; 2004 - ruin ...

2. The Maurice Claret saga. Shirking studies, driving a spiffy ride, the Ohio State freshman seems to treat college football like some NFL preparatory phase. The nerve of him, thinking he could do that in a purist sport in which every Big-time school boasts its very NFL-draffees in its media guide.

1. The Annual Return of the Lunacy. After some Mississippi fans chafed when Mississippi shooed Colonel Reb, one Robert Khayat wrote sheer poetry: "As chancellor of the University of Mississippi, I have learned it is difficult to have a rational conversation about an emotional subject such as a school mascot." ♦



Recruiters add men to combat stereotype

By Kristen Wyatt
Associated Press Writer

Athens, Ga. (AP) - The Georgia Girls have a new weapon in their fight against those who say college football hostesses are just flirts to lure top recruits:

Men. The University of Georgia football ambassadors who volunteer to show recruits and their families around campus are now the Georgia Girls & Guys. For the first time this fall, khaki-wearing men will join the ladies in high heels escorting high school football stars to Sanford Stadium.

And there are other changes for the 90-member group, once called the most exclusive sorority on campus. Gone are the tight black dresses, warmed-up suits, even an athletic-looking warm-up suit.

The host group has also started volunteer projects, all to get the word out they're not just there to twirl their hair and smile at recruits.

Adding men gives the Georgia Girls an air of respect that all the new outfits and hospital visits in the world may not bring, adviser Connie Connelly says.

"If it can help their image as far as their peers, it's a good thing," Connelly says. "That would be wonderful."

Georgia is the latest school to overhaul its recruiting volunteer program in the wake of unflattering news reports about using pretty coeds to persuade high school athletes to sign with a school.

Decades after Alabama coach Bear Bryant enlisted campus beauties to visit high school stars considering the Crimson Tide, hostess programs nationwide are adding men and changing their image. Clemson's Bengal Babes are now called the Tiger P.A.W.S., and Miami's Hurricane Honeyes are the Cane Connection.

The days of eye-candy-only hostessing are long gone - the ambassadors work long hours arranging game day visits and now are expected to answer questions like what defensive scheme a school is running or how the conditioning program works.

But the stigma remains, and no one knows that better than 19-year-old Blake Horner, one of five men who signed on to this first year of coed hosting.

For one, Varner's friends insist on calling him a Georgia Girl.

"I tell them I'm a recruiting ambassador and they say, 'Naw, you're a Georgia Girl.' They ask how the recruits like me," Varner says, laughing.

"That perception is still there. People think we're just there for the recruits to show 'em pretty girls and show 'em a good time," he says. "That's not what it is."

At Auburn University, where the Tigerettes were joined by male Tiger Hosts in 1992, adviser Sue Locklar says their reputation improved, and so did their recruiting.

"We realized there were a lot of places these young ladies cannot go, the locker rooms and so on," Locklar says, adding that some recruits are flustered by the women and would rather talk to a guy.

Male recruiting hosts also stop the biggest problem facing football hostesses - unwanted advances from recruits. Tigerettes are never left alone with the athletes, Locklar says.

"I don't want it to have any semblance of a date or anything like that," she says.

Tennessee knows Fresno State's reputation as giant killers

By Elizabeth Davis
AP Sports Writer

Knoxville, Tenn. (AP) - Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer believes season openers are tough because of what kind of opponent Fresno State will be is not in that category.

"Nobody on our football team should be shocked that they're getting ready to play a really fine football team," Fulmer said Tuesday at his first game-week news conference of the year.

No. 12 Tennessee opens the season Saturday at home against Fresno State, which has a recent tendency to sneak up on established, winning programs.

The Bulldogs beat Colorado, Oregon State and Wisconsin to open the 2001 season, and last season they beat Georgia Tech in the Silicon Valley Bowl.

In the Volunteers' camp, there is no Fresno Who?

"I think they fully understand they are in for a strong battle," said Fulmer, who calls Fresno State's receiving corps the best unit the Vols will face this season.

But Fulmer, as usual, has some questions about his own squad.

"First games are really hard. You're not sure about people until they actually get on the field and have a chance to play in front of the crowd and (in) the heat of the moment," Fulmer said. "I'm excited and anxious to see how the new guys respond."

Who will take place-kicking duties will probably be one of Fulmer's last decisions. He wants to see senior Philip Newman and redshirt freshman James Wilhoit practice more, but he is leaning toward appointing Newman to kickoffs as he did last year.

"It's not like we're picking between two bad guys. Both of them are very good and very consistent," Fulmer said.

Newman was 4-of-8 on field goals last year when he subbed for an injured Alex Walls.

The defensive tackle spot is



No. 12 Tennessee faces a stiff challenge in its opener at home against Fresno State.

still unsettled, Fulmer said, mainly because of a lack of depth and experience. The roster lists both sophomore Greg Jones and freshman Matt McGlothlin as starting left tackles and senior Mondre Dickerson at right tackle.

Reserve tackle LaRon Harris may not be eligible to play. Tennessee coaches learned Tuesday that freshman tackle Tony McDaniel, who was .004 under the required GPA, was ruled eligible to play this season by the NCAA. Harris, who red-

shirted last year, was one credit short of the NCAA minimum. Sophomore Cody Douglas could beat out seniors Chavis Smith at guard or Sean Young at tackle.

Fulmer said sophomore Brandon Johnson, who transferred after redshirting and then playing last year at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, is the No. 1 reserve. Redshirt freshman Antwan Stewart is making good progress, Fulmer said.

The right guard and tackle

spots on the offensive line remain competitive. Sophomore Cody Douglas could beat out seniors Chavis Smith at guard or Sean Young at tackle.

Fulmer is less concerned about who starts than how many players can rotate in the game. Kickoff is at 3 p.m. with temperatures expected in the mid-80s.

"In early ball games and as hot as it's going to be, we'll play as many guys as we can in the course of the game," he said. ♦

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McCollum, Raiders set for season opener

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football season is here, and the squad is set to play Florida Atlantic University tonight.

The game will set many benchmarks for the program. It will be the earliest the team has begun a season, as well as the first season opener at home under head coach Andy McCollum.

The game will also mark the first meeting between the two teams, as coach Howard Schnellenberger's Owls will look to rebound from a 2-9 2002 campaign. Tonight's match-up will be the second Thursday game for the Blue Raiders under McCollum.

"I think we're like any team in the nation right now.

"We're tired of hitting each other and just ready to get out on the field," McCollum said.

FAU returns all 11 starters from last year's offense, led by quarterback Jared Allen. Allen completed 50.8 percent of his passes last season for 1,358 yards and seven touchdowns.

Allen will be helped out by Daveon Barron, who led the Owls with 474 yards rushing and four touchdowns.

Brittney Tellis led the Owls in receiving last season with 38 receptions for 702 yards.

Though the team is Division I-AA, McCollum and his staff look for the visitors to be a well-diversified team.

"We know they will be well-coached and have great speed, just like any team out of Florida. They are a very physical team as well," McCollum said.

Linebacker Chris Laskowski leads the defense, which also returns all 11 starters.

The sophomore had 84 tackles last season, 11 coming for a loss. Freshman defensive lineman Jason Fleming has had an impressive summer, performing well in

scrimmages.

The Owls also return all but one starter on special teams, as they will have to compete with the tandem of All-Sun Belt Conference punter Robert Billings and place-kicker Brian Kelly.

Quarterback Andrico Hines, who threw for more than 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns last season, will lead the Blue Raider offense.

Hines will be protected by one of the top offensive linemen in the SBC, Brandon Westbrook. Westbrook is looking to make 2003 his third straight season with unanimous all-conference honors. Starting at tailback for MT will be veteran Don Calloway.

"Don has been a big part of the success we've had, and we're looking forward to big things from him this season," McCollum said.

Anchoring the MT defense is a line that has impressed during fall camp.

Several players will look to contribute, namely senior linebacker and Nashville, Tenn. native Randy Arnold.

Special teams will also play a big role in tonight's game as MT returns two players whose names are always mentioned with the best in the conference. Billings and Kelly look to continue their stellar play this season.

Overall, the game should be an exciting one, with two teams looking to begin the season on a good note.

"We're looking to get off to a good start, and we [the coaches] are ready to see this team play," McCollum said.

"We hope to have a big crowd, and hopefully we can gain the support of the community and the student body and fill up Floyd Stadium for the first time," McCollum said.

Kickoff for tonight's game is 7 p.m., and admission for MT students is free with valid student ID. ♦



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Running backs coach Floyd Walker works with the Blue Raiders during practice this week.

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SBC teams face tough opening week

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The Sun Belt Conference opens the college football season against some of the nation's top teams this weekend.

The SBC will play against seven teams that are ranked in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and five in the Associated Press Poll.

The matchups include three teams from the Big 12, two from the Southeastern Conference and one each from the Pac-10 and the Mountain West Conference.

The big game is Saturday, when two-time defending SBC champion takes on the No. 1 team in the nation. The University of North Texas comes into this game as the SBC champ and the victor in the New Orleans Bowl last December.

However, Oklahoma is ranked first in both polls. North Texas got votes in the coaches' poll. The key to this game is defense; both teams were ranked in the Top 10 last year. UNT was No. 9, and OU was No. 10. The game begins at 6 p.m. at Oklahoma and will air on Fox Sports Southwest.

Another match that puts a top five Big 12 team against the SBC happens Sunday when New Mexico State travels to the University of Texas.

UT is currently ranked No. 4 in the coaches' poll and No. 5 in the AP Poll. During their last meeting in 1996, the Longhorns defeated NMSU 41-7. NMSU comes with one of the best duos under center with quarterbacks Paul Dombrowski and Buck Pierce. The game will be televised on Fox Sports Southwest/Arizona at 6 p.m. from Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium.

The third game between the Big 12 and the SBC is Saturday when Arkansas State goes to Texas A&M. It will be the first game for former University of Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione as the head man for TAMU. TAMU has votes in both polls, but they are not in the Top 25. The contest will be on Fox Sports Pay-Per-View at 7 p.m.

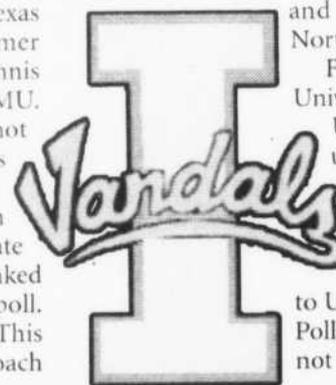
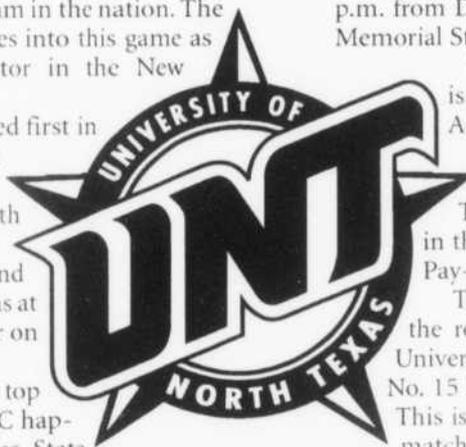
The University of Louisiana-Monroe goes on the road to take on in-state rival Louisiana State University on Saturday night. LSU is currently ranked No. 15 in the coaches' poll, and No. 14 in the AP poll. This is the first ever meeting between the teams. This matchup also marks the debut of new ULM coach

Charlie Weatherbie. Fox Sports will carry the game on Tape Delay Sunday. Kickoff is Saturday night at 7 p.m.

The other SEC/SBC game is also Saturday when the University of Louisiana-Lafayette goes to the University of South Carolina. South Carolina received votes in the coaches' poll. This is the first time the two have met in a football game. ULL is 0-45 against teams from the SEC. The game begins at 6 p.m. and will not be televised.

University of Idaho plays against the defending Pac-10 champion and border rival Washington State University Saturday night. The schools are only eight miles apart but both teams will travel to Seattle to play in the Seahawks' stadium. This will be the 86th time the teams have met. Kickoff is set for 9:30 p.m. and will be shown on FOX Sports Northwest.

First-year SBC member Utah State University will take on the University of Utah. This will be the 103rd matchup between the two schools in a series that goes all the way back to 1892. It's the 13th longest rivalry in college football. USU will try to snap a five-game losing streak to Utah. Utah got votes in the Coaches' Poll. The game starts at 8 p.m. and will not be on television. ♦



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1	Kerry Wright	WR	5-9	176	r-Jr.	49	Paul Wheeler	K	6-1	226	r-So.
2	Michael Woods	SS	6-1	211	Sr.	50	Paul Cantrell	OL	6-4	324	r-Fr.
3	Tony Sutton	DB	5-11	196	Sr.	51	Kyle Ringley	OL	6-2	256	r-So.
4	Tyrone Hicks	DB	5-10	204	Fr.	52	Leon Cesar	LB	6-1	236	Jr.
5	Muhammad Rashada	DB	5-11	174	r-Sr.	53	Joey Montalbano	LB	5-9	210	r-Sr.
6	Will Martin	FS	5-11	205	Sr.	54	Randy Arnold	LB	5-11	231	r-Sr.
7	Danny Tolbert	DB	5-10	170	Jr.	55	Josh Willoughby	OL	6-4	354	r-Sr.
8	Hashem Joyner	WR	5-9	160	r-Jr.	56	Kenny Edwards	LB	6-0	229	Sr.
9	Andrico Hines	QB	6-2	209	r-Sr.	57	Marcus Gates	DL	6-2	262	r-Fr.
10	Chris Johnson	DB	5-10	188	r-Sr.	58	Marcel Home	LB	6-1	215	Fr.
11	Pedro Holiday	WR	6-1	175	Jr.	59	Brandon Westbrook	OL	6-6	305	r-Sr.
12	Wardell Alsup	WR	5-9	152	Sr.	60	Willie Hall	OL	6-6	318	r-Fr.
15	Justin Rainey	SS	5-10	198	r-Fr.	61	Germayle Franklin	OL	6-4	304	r-Fr.
16	Josh Harris	QB	6-3	180	So.	62	Lance McCullough	OL	6-4	309	Fr.
17	Clint Marks	QB	6-2	188	r-Fr.	67	Julius Gant	OL	6-4	310	r-Jr.
18	Shawn Allen	DB	6-0	195	r-So.	69	Brett Trott	OL	6-4	295	r-So.
19	Aaron Pitts	DB	5-11	188	Sr.	71	Joe Evilsizer	OL	6-1	298	Jr.
20	Robert Billings	P	6-0	209	r-Sr.	73	Bill Brasch	OL	6-3	308	Sr.
21	Jonathan Harris	DB	5-10	185	Fr.	74	Ty Goodrich	OL	6-5	300	Fr.
21	Chris Hough	SS	6-1	214	r-Jr.	75	Brandon Parker	OL	6-7	306	Sr.
22	Brian Kelly	PK	6-0	186	Sr.	76	Shavaskey Brown	OL	6-1	338	r-So.
23	Alvin Fite	LB	6-0	227	Jr.	77	John Henry	DL	6-4	315	r-Fr.
24	LaRue Beck	WS	6-2	216	So.	78	Kenyon Buford	OL	6-6	385	Fr.
25	Eugene Gross	RB	5-9	208	r-Fr.	80	Tommy Manus	WR	6-4	222	Jr.
26	Terry Jackson	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	81	Luke Paschall	WR	5-10	184	r-Fr.
27	Kelvin German	RB	5-11	203	So.	82	Jerrin Holt	WR	6-3	228	r-So.
28	Don Calloway	RB	5-6	186	Sr.	83	Pierre Ingram	WR	6-4	204	r-Fr.
30	Alex Weaver	RB	5-10	186	r-Sr.	84	Chris Sapp	TE	6-5	258	r-Fr.
31	Nick McAfee	FB	6-0	248	Jr.	85	Chris Henry	WR	5-8	163	r-So.
32	Kevin Davis	RB	5-9	220	r-Fr.	86	Michael Watkins	WR	6-1	170	r-Fr.
33	Jonathan Bonner	LB	6-0	220	So.	87	Ryan Edmiston	WR	6-0	200	r-Sr.
34	Kevin Copeland	WS	5-9	188	r-Fr.	88	Sam Williams	WR	6-1	180	r-Fr.
35	Jonathan Ward	LB	6-1	222	Fr.	89	Seth Grabo	TE	6-4	250	r-Jr.
36	John Crawford	DS	6-0	260	So.	91	Joe Smith	DL	6-3	235	Fr.
37	Clinton Corder	TE	6-3	243	Fr.	92	Jeff Littlejohn	DL	6-2	318	r-So.
40	Dennis Burke	LB	6-1	227	So.	93	Thomas Johnson	DL	6-2	289	r-Jr.
42	Brandon Lynch	WS	6-0	188	Sr.	94	Devarick Scandrett	DL	6-4	262	So.
43	Darren Mustin	LB	6-1	224	Fr.	95	Jonathan Callahan	DL	6-3	258	r-So.
44	Matt Little	FB	6-0	228	r-Fr.	96	Bobby Payne	DL	6-4	258	r-Fr.
45	Sean Mosley	LB	6-3	253	Fr.	97	Jerry Vanderpool	DL	6-3	306	r-Jr.
46	Colby Smith	P	5-9	183	r-Fr.	98	Demetrios Walker	DL	6-3	254	Sr.
47	Walt Bell	DB	5-10	190	r-Fr.	99	Dominic Jones	DL	6-3	294	Sr.
48	Ralph Gunter	FB	6-0	265	Fr.						

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Sept. 13	Clemson	Clemson, S.C.	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	Missouri	Columbia, Mo.	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	Temple	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	New Mexico State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Oct. 18	Idaho	Moscow, Idaho	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	North Texas	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Nov. 1	Utah State	Logan, Utah	4 p.m.
Nov. 8	Troy State	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Nov. 15	Louisiana-Lafayette	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	2 p.m.
Nov. 20	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, Ark.	6 p.m.

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3	Roundtree, Craig	RS JR	5-8	185	DB	55	Jacques, Dimitri	JR	6-3	215	DL
4	Jackson, Anthony	JR	5-8	185	RB	56	Edwards, Bob	SO	6-2	230	DE
5	Parker, Doug	RS JR	5-11	210	RB	57	Pugh, Jason	JR	6-2	234	LB
6	James, Dekolan	RS JR	5-10	195	RB	58	Leshe, Mike	JR	6-2	257	OL
7	Osborne, Taurian	JR	5-10	175	CB	59	Earls, Shomari	SO	6-2	225	LB
8	Manley, B.J.	FR	5-9	180	RB	60	Campos, Kenneth	RS	6-5	280	OL
9	Taylor, Larry	RS JR	5-7	170	WR	61	Pare, Brian	JR	6-2	255	LS
10	Skinner, Quincy	RS FR	5-0	170	DB	62	Blaylock, Josh	RS SO	6-1	239	OL
11	Embick, Danny	RS SO	6-0	210	QB	63	Perkins, Antes	FR	6-4	265	OL
12	Allen, Jared	RS JR	6-3	202	QB	64	Guffey, George	RS JR	6-0	235	OL
13	Fosselman, Joel	RS SO	6-5	221	QB	65	Guice, Matt	FR	6-5	270	OL
15	Prudenti, Matt	SR	5-11	180	WR	66	Akerblom, Dewain	SO	6-2	225	OL
16	Hansen, Dane	FR	6-2	195	QB	68	Shepherd, Chris	JR	6-3	293	G
17	Bynes, Roosevelt	JR	6-1	185	WR	69	Fischetti, Mike	FR	6-3	310	OL
19	Rosas, Andy	SR	5-10	202	P/K	70	Faulk, Nello	FR	6-6	245	OL
20	Harper, Eric	RS JR	6-4	215	RB	71	Pantelakos, Adam	SO	5-10	256	OL
21	Porter-Isom, Darrion	SO	6-1	170	WR	72	Smith, Jarrid	FR	6-2	250	OL
22	Gordon, Lawrence	SO	5-11	175	DB	73	Wilson, Stetson	FR	6-5	297	OL
23	Pasick, Lee	SR	5-10	178	DB	74	Hunnicut, Robert	SO	6-3	224	OL
24	Hughley, Willie	RS SO	5-10	170	CB	75	Sobol, Justin	RS SO	6-5	266	OT
25	Acevedo, Taheem	FR	6-1	195	DB	76	Fischer, Kevin	JR	6-4	235	OL
26	McDowell, Jr., David	SO	5-11	185	DB	77	Richards, Dave	RS JR	6-3	271	OL
27	Rodgers, Cameron	JR	5-10	174	FS	78	McDonald, William	RS JR	6-3	270	OL
28	Howard, Harvey	JR	5-11	204	RB	79	Ketchum, Kevin	RS JR	6-5	292	OL
29	Terry, Jerrell	JR	6-1	194	S	81	Dareus, Dantson	JR	6-5	238	TE
30	White, Cedric	FR	5-9	215	RB	82	McGahee, Casey	RS FR	5-9	150	WR
31	Rodgers, Leland	SR	6-2	215	RB	83	Coker, Ben	JR	6-3	225	TE
32	Walker, Dominick	FR	5-10	195	RB	84	Crissinger-Hill, Anthony	RS SO	6-3	205	TE
34	Amaya, Christian	RS SO	5-11	197	DB	85	Cave, Arthur	RS JR	6-2	265	DE
35	Sanchez, Aaron	SO	5-10	220	RB	87	Menard, Etiene	JR	6-2	206	TE
38	Myers, Mark	RS	6-2	195	K	88	Parker, Thomas	RS JR	6-2	199	WR
39	Henry, Ertwyn	SO	5-9	175	DB	89	Pollice, Tito	FR	6-3	185	WR
40	Pindell, Troy	RS FR	6-3	185	WR	90	Gray, William	JR	6-4	210	DL
41	Smith, Terrence	JR	6-3	215	LB	91	Jenkins, Josh	RS FR	6-3	200	DE
42	Mutakabbir, Kinyumba	JR	6-2	202	LB	92	Guerrier, Yrvens	RS JR	6-2	265	DL
45	Sincere, Cergile	FR	6-0	205	LB	93	Konchak, Brett	RS JR	6-3	223	DL
46	Laskowski, Chris	SO	5-10	212	LB	94	Strachan, Teddy	FR	6-2	245	DT
48	Benson, Eric	RS SO	6-2	222	LB	95	Chase, Mark	RS SO	6-3	276	DE
49	Vera, Jason	SO	6-1.5	220	LB	96	Sloan, Johnnie	SO	6-2	240	DL
50	Higgins, Tyrone	RS JR	6-2	208	LB	97	Pinnick, Josh	FR	6-5		DL
51	Swain, Quentin	SR	6-0	230	LB	98	Fleming, Jason	FR	5-2	276	DL
52	Walker, Joe	RS JR	5-11	217	LB	99	Rickards, Ramon	RS JR	6-2	233	DL

2003 SEASON SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	8 p.m.
Sept. 9	Valdosta State	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Sept. 19	Central Florida	Orlando, Fla.	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	Youngstown State	Youngstown, Ohio	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Illinois State	Normal, Ill.	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Southwest Texas State	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Oct. 10	Nicholls State	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	Northern Colorado	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Nov. 01	Gardner-Webb	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Nov. 15	Siena	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	4 p.m.
Nov. 22	Florida International	Miami, Fla.	3:30 p.m.



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MT kickers open with Belmont



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Ashley Elliot passes the ball down the field to a fellow teammate. Belmont travels to Blue Raider Field Sunday.

By Trey Porter
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's soccer team is coming off an 8-12-1 2002 campaign and is looking to make a statement Sunday in the season opener against Belmont University at Blue Raider Field.

The off-season brought some changes for MT soccer.

The formation is different, a few of the faces are different, and the attitude is different. This year, the Blue Raiders look to be relentless on the pitch.

The old 3-5-2 formation has been benched for a faster, more balanced 4-4-2 set.

The four defenders will not be playing flat. They will take a more staggered approach. This will help defend the opposition's attack as it adds an extra person for coverage. The coverage should be tight in the back, as MT has a very speedy defensive mix.

One of the new faces that could contribute in a big way is midfielder Claire Ward. Ward, who is from Ayr, Scotland, attended Reid Kerr College for one year.

She is currently a member of the U-19 Senior National Team for Scotland.

"She has good composure, a quick touch and she likes to create.

"She is dangerous without the ball and will be one of our playmakers," assistant coach Beth Acreman said.

Ward, like many of the new faces on the team this year looks to make an immediate impact. Although the new faces are impressive, the old ones are making waves too.

Junior Laura Miguez has explosive speed and a keen eye for finding the open shot. She also heads into this season second on the Blue Raider career assist list. Her game received some well-deserved recognition this week as she was named to the preseason All-Sun Belt team. Miguez led the team last year with nine goals and three assists. Look for Miguez to be relentless this season, with both leadership and game.

From a leadership standpoint, the Belmont Bruins have one senior, defender Kristin Giardina. In the preseason Atlantic Sun Conference poll, Belmont is No. 10 of 11.

The Bruins lost their home exhibition game 4-2 Sunday to Morehead State. Junior Amy Johnson, an Omaha, Neb., native, netted an early goal in the loss, as did freshman Katie Lawson. Belmont is coached by Chris Bosworth.

MT rolled in its exhibition match this past weekend in Huntsville, Ala.

The Blue Raiders will try to build their successes. Team spirit, intensity and support are a few of the key components.

"I was pleased with the team effort and the support they



Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Lindsey Bopp works on dribbling during practice.

gave each other throughout the match," head coach Aston Rhoden said about the win last Saturday.

Expect a big crowd at the game on Sunday. Last season the Blue Raiders seemed to rally at home behind the support of their rambunctious fans. The fans are back and excited about the season opener.

"I love the soccer games. This year, it is going to be even bigger and better.

"I know my friends and I are tailgating for the home opener," sophomore Carnell Elliott said.

Look for high-tempo. Look for relentless defense. Look for a win. MT hosts Belmont this Sunday at 1p.m. ♦

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Kissee, Lady Raiders travel to Charleston

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

When the Middle Tennessee volleyball team travels to the College of Charleston Invitational this weekend, they will begin a seven-match, three-state tour before hosting their first home game.

Head coach Lisa Kissee knows, however, that it's all part of collegiate volleyball.

"Pretty much every volleyball program in the country is accustomed to being on the road the first three weekends," Kissee said.

MT will begin the season at Charleston, then travel to Georgia State and Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne. The Blue Raiders' first home game is Sept. 9 against Belmont.

As practice ended last Friday evening, Kissee was optimistic about her team's potential.

"At this university, this is the best preseason that I've coached. The talent is the most balanced we've had. It's just a really good group of girls," Kissee said.

The Lady Raiders are led by senior Karisse Baker, who serves as co-captain with junior KeKe Deckard.

"Everything is coming together nicely," Baker said. "Compared to the first day, we've come a long way, and it's only going to get better."

The optimism surrounding this year's MT squad has the team looking to improve on last year's 17-15 record and challenge for

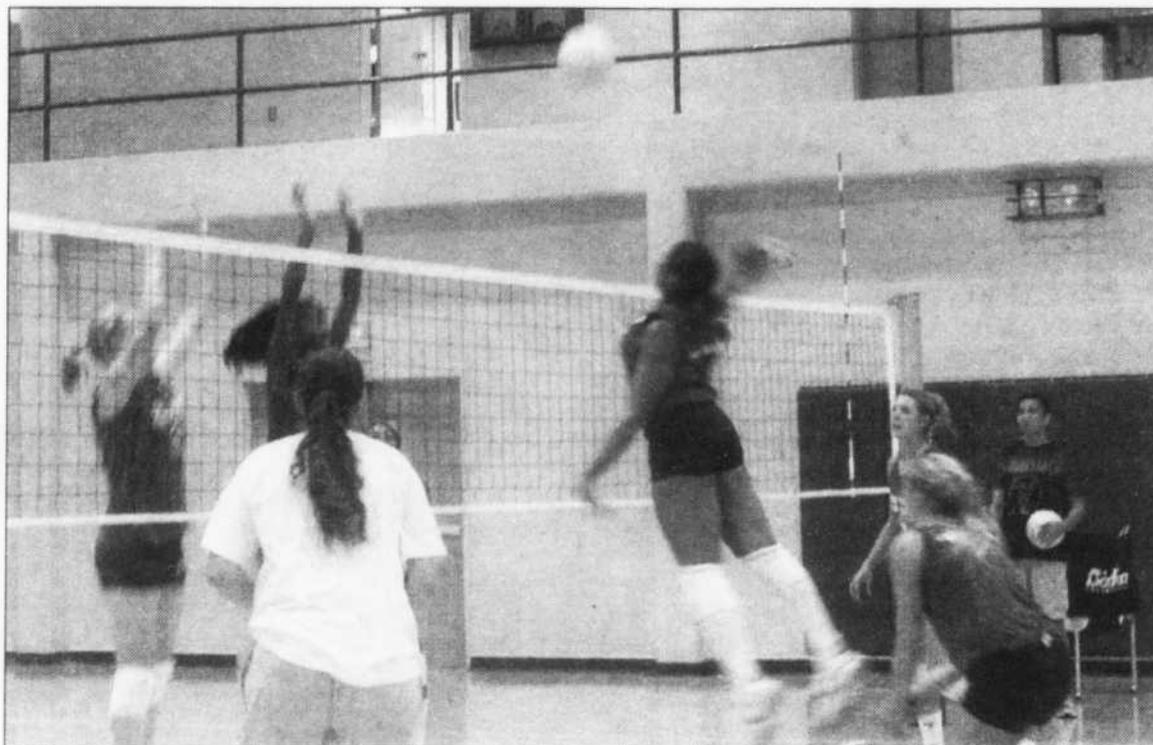


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Team co-captain Karise Baker kills a ball against her teammates during a recent practice. The volleyball squad will begin its season this weekend at the College of Charleston.

the Sun Belt Conference title, with four returning starters and a strong freshman class that includes 26-year-old Brazilian Andressa Lyra.

Baker and her teammates have plenty of reasons to have high expectations this season.

"Andressa is exactly what we needed, a passer and another really strong offensive player, and then combine that with Keke, Latoya [Brown], Dara [McLean], and me returning," Baker said.

As for the Charleston Invitational, MT will see three different teams at various skill levels.

If the Lady Raiders want a program to look up to, they will have to look no further than the host team. The Cougars of the College of Charleston captured the Southern Conference Championship and finished 29-6 last year, including a 22-match winning streak that ended with a loss to Notre Dame in the first

round of the NCAA tournament.

New Cougars head coach Sherry Dunbar, formerly a University of Tennessee assistant, took over a squad led by senior Stephanie Ballard, who finished last year with a team-high 475 kills to go along with 436 digs.

On the opposite end of the spectrum sit the University of Delaware Fightin' Blue Hens, who finished last year with a 9-20 record.

Senior Valerie Murphy (340 kills) serves as one of the bright spots on a team that has not seen a winning record since 1997 and finished No. 6 out of eight teams in the Colonial Athletic Association last year.

Texas Christian University rounds out the invitational and comes in looking to improve upon last year's relatively successful season. The Horned Frogs finished with a 12-18 record last season, which made head coach Prentice Lewis the winningest first-year coach in program history.

TCU is led by All-Conference USA junior Dominika Szabo, who originally hail from Eger, Hungary, and is one of two returning upperclassmen. TCU is currently going through a youth movement, with 10 of the 14 roster spots belonging to underclassmen.

"It should be a very strong opening tournament," Kissee said.

The Blue Raiders will open with TCU and Delaware on Friday, Aug. 29.

The final match of the invitational will pit MT versus host College of Charleston on Aug. 30. ♦

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