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The intersection at Blue Raider Drive and MTSU Boulevard will be closed May 5 through August 20 for construction of a roundabout. The temporary detour by the Honors Building will be active for those who are traveling north on Blue Raider Drive.

There will also be a detour just past the Greenhouse for those who are traveling east on Blue Raider Drive. Detour signs will be posted.

For those who ride the Raider Xpress, please check mtsu.edu, under "Transportation" for the temporary changes to the routes.

## Robert Glenn appointed president of Athens State University

By TIFFANY GIBSON  
News Editor

Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for enrollment management, will assume the presidency at Athens State University in Alabama this fall.

Bradley Byrne, chancellor of Alabama's two-year college system, recommended Glenn to the state board, which approved his appointment as president on May 22.

"In essence it's like going back home, in that I can trace my family background back four generations to 1830 in Alabama," Glenn said.

Glenn's great-grandfather, Edgar Massilon Glenn, served as president of Athens Female College for two years, before leaving due to his lack of pay.

"It remained a female college until 1935 and then changed to a coed educational institution, which was called Athens College," Glenn said. "Around 1975 it became part of the state system and became Athens State College."

Glenn said being a college president during his great-grandfather's time period wasn't considered a good position because it was up to the president to pay the bills, and whatever was left over was their salary.

"My great-grandfather was a circuit riding Methodist minister," Glenn said. "While he was president at Athens College he was also in the pulpit of a local Methodist church because the college couldn't provide enough funds for him to provide for his family."

Glenn's great-grandfather was also president of North Alabama Conference College, which ultimately became Birmingham Southern College after merging with Old Southern University.

During Glenn's first two years at MTSU he served as vice president for student affairs, but then took on the additional role of vice provost for enrollment management. Altogether, Glenn has served MTSU for nearly a decade.

When he first became vice president for Student Affairs, he, along with other faculty members, established five



Photo By Andi Nave, Photography Editor

Power plants such as this one can possibly begin to dump its waste in Tennessee.

primary goals for the division.

"We wanted to build a student union, increase the sense of connection and school spirit, have renovations made to our resident halls and develop career placement programs and expand health services," Glenn said.

Glenn said that even

though he is leaving, he plans to come back and visit, considering his family will be staying in Tennessee until his son's high school graduation.

"I certainly would not have been able to go and do this job if it had not been for the willingness of McPhee to let me do things outside of the normal student affairs

field," Glenn said.

In addition to Sidney McPhee's guidance, Glenn said that he is glad that all the vice presidents and faculty members have always worked well together.

"I've come to work every day and had a good time," Glenn said. "There was defi-

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## Forensic Institute for Research and Education holds 2nd CSI program

By TIFFANY GIBSON  
News Editor

High school students in Rutherford and surrounding counties participated in MTSU's 2nd annual CSI program last week, to explore career possibilities in the field of forensic science.

The program consisted of a staged crime scene set up for students to obtain evidence and think critically.

The Forensic Institute for Research and Education and MTSU's College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning cosponsored the program.

"It's great for critical thinking," said Hugh Berryman, MTSU sociology and anthropology professor. "In order for a student to solve these crimes they have to think critically and analyze situations in order to realize what's most important and what's least important."

Each day, students learned different tactics and techniques in order to solve a case. They were challenged and encouraged to ask questions, but if they failed to do so, they didn't receive vital pieces of evidence.

The program was spread out over a three-day period



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and lasted from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Tuition for the program was \$195 and included meals and "CSI: MTSU" t-shirts.

On the first day, students were put into groups of five and taken one group at a time to visit the crime scene, which was set up in Beasley Hall.

Throughout the room in Beasley, blood was splattered on the floor and through the hallway.

Berryman said he did this

so they could take into account the evidence and interpretations that can be obtained from blood spatter.

"[If] you can interpret the angle that [the blood] hit, you can determine the diameter and the velocity it's traveled," Berryman said. "There is a lot of information embedded in blood."

During the investigation of the crime scene, several students took pictures of the room in case they wanted to revisit certain images.

Students were also working with members of the Forensic Anthropology Search and Recovery Team, who consist of MTSU undergraduate students that assist Berryman on actual crime scenes.

"Students have a role in working crime scenes, and several of the crime scenes we have worked in the last couple of years have been homicide," Berryman said.

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## Salmonella tomatoes still on the market

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press Writer

The toll from salmonella-tainted tomatoes jumped to 228 illnesses Thursday as the government learned of five dozen previously unknown cases and said it is possible the food poisoning contributed to a cancer patient's death.

Six more states including Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New York, Tennessee and Vermont reported illnesses related to the outbreak, bringing the number of affected states to 23.

The Food and Drug Administration has not pinpointed the source of the outbreak.

With the latest known illness striking on June 1, officials also are not sure if all the tainted tomatoes are off the market.

"As long as we are continuing to see new cases come on board, it is a concern that there are still contaminated tomatoes out there," said the agency's food safety chief, Dr. David Acheson.

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**CSI**  
FROM PAGE 1

"I think this program will encourage these students to come to MTSU or some other school and pursue math and science."

The second day, students rotated through chemistry labs to learn about blood analysis.

As the day progressed, MTSU Campus Police arrived to teach the students how to take finger and foot prints. They had everyone take their own fingerprint and then explained the significance of each print and how everyone's print was different.

"I learned how to collect evidence," said Steven Haas, junior at Blackman High School. "We also learned how to collect fingerprints with carbon dust and the different ways to identify weapons."

Berryman said he uses the same type of crime scene setup when training new law enforcement officers.

"When their groups first entered the crime scene they sounded like homicide cops that I've worked with in the past," Berryman said. "They would say this had to happen first and then this."

As portrayed in television shows, every little piece of evidence is something most investigators take into account, but Berryman believes that some of these shows exaggerate a great deal.

"There are similarities, but we try to teach the students that crime shows come back in 10 minutes with lab results, when really a Deoxyribonucleic acid report could take as long as six months," said Becky Snow, executive aide for the Forensic Institute for Research and Education.



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In addition to the clues left behind at the crime scene, students were given useful files to put on their jump drives.

Some of the files contained phone conversations and interviews with next-door neighbors.

"They have to ask appropriate questions to continue to the next level," Berryman said.

On the final day of the program, students were asked to put together power point presentations proving that one of the suspects was guilty.

"After they find the girl

they have to find enough evidence to put the guy away," Berryman said.

Parents arrived to watch as each group presented their presentations with hard evidence that they had found in the crime scene.

"It takes a lot of critical thinking and it's not what first comes to mind," said Katie McGrath, sophomore at Blackman High School. "You have to put yourself at the scene."

**SALMONELLA**  
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Government officials have said all week they were close to close to cracking the case, but "maybe we were being too optimistic," Acheson acknowledged.

On the do-not-eat list are raw red plum, red Roma or red round tomatoes, unless they were grown in specific states or countries that the FDA has cleared because they were not harvesting when the outbreak began or were not selling their tomatoes in places where people got sick.

Also safe are grape toma-

atoes, cherry tomatoes and tomatoes sold with the vine still attached. That is not because there is anything biologically safer about those with a vine but because the sick have assured investigators that is not the kind of tomato they ate.

At least 25 people have been hospitalized during the outbreak, caused by a relatively rare strain of salmonella known as Saintpaul.

No deaths have been attributed to the salmonella. But the CDC for the first time Thursday acknowledged that the salmonella may have been a contributing factor in the cancer-caused death of a 67-year-old Texas man.

**GLENN**  
FROM PAGE 1

nitely days that the world was hard, but I'm glad I was working at this great institution."

McPhee credits many of MTSU's accomplishments to Glenn's leadership.

"We successfully got approval for a new student union, which will be a major legacy on this campus for him," McPhee said. "He is engaged and involved, and works well with the student groups on campus."

Despite losing a faculty member, McPhee said he is also losing a close family friend.

"We are losing a very fine administrator; however, his goal has always been to be a president, and in a way it is a very good reflection on this university that others are seeing the value and the individuals here that can take leadership to be a president," McPhee said.

Glenn will begin his new position on Aug. 1, and said he plans to talk to with faculty, alumni, students and state legislatures at Athens to establish a connection.

"It will take me awhile to develop that sense of knowing where we are going, but once that is established, it's more of a question of who's hopping aboard."

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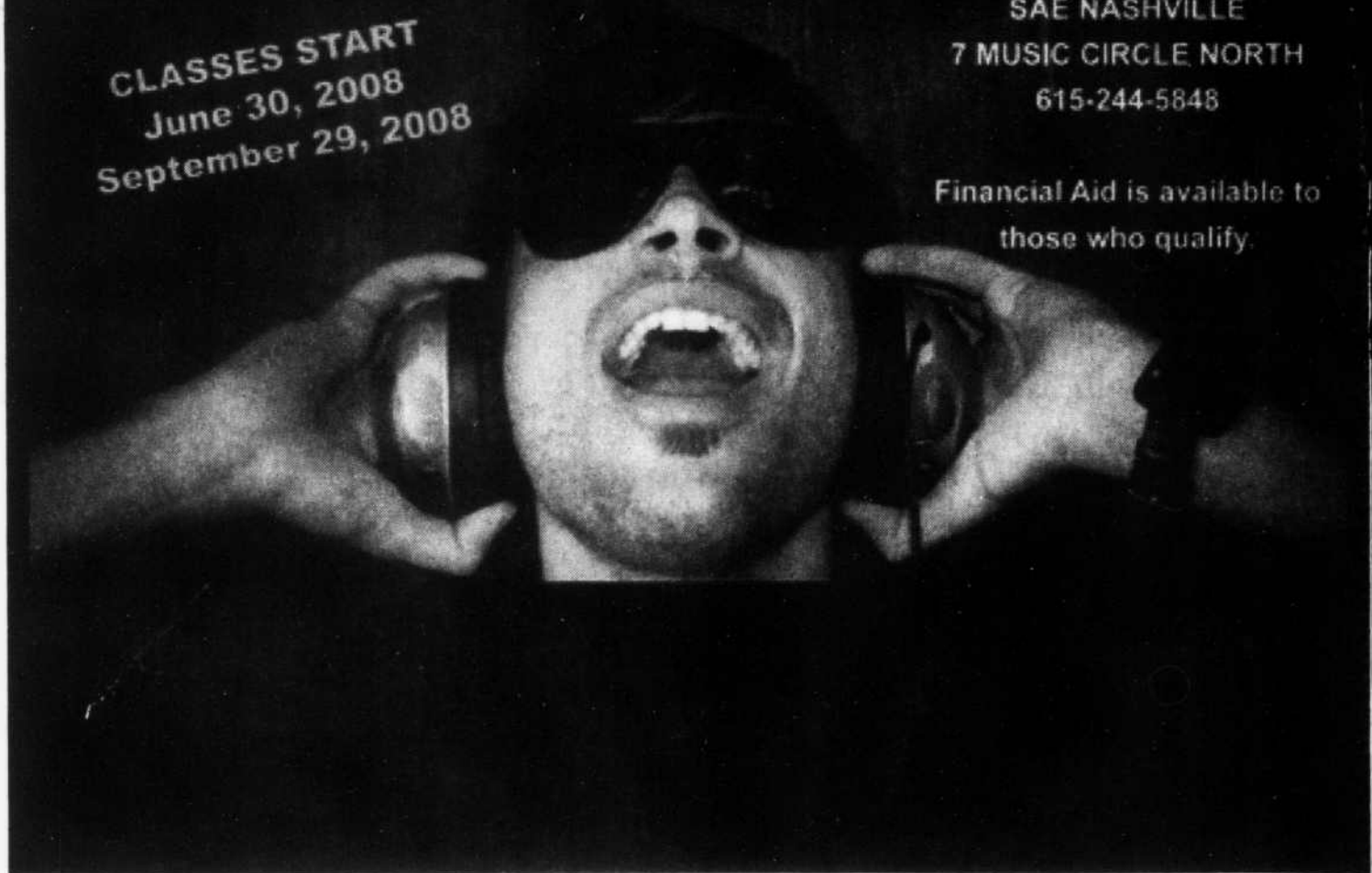
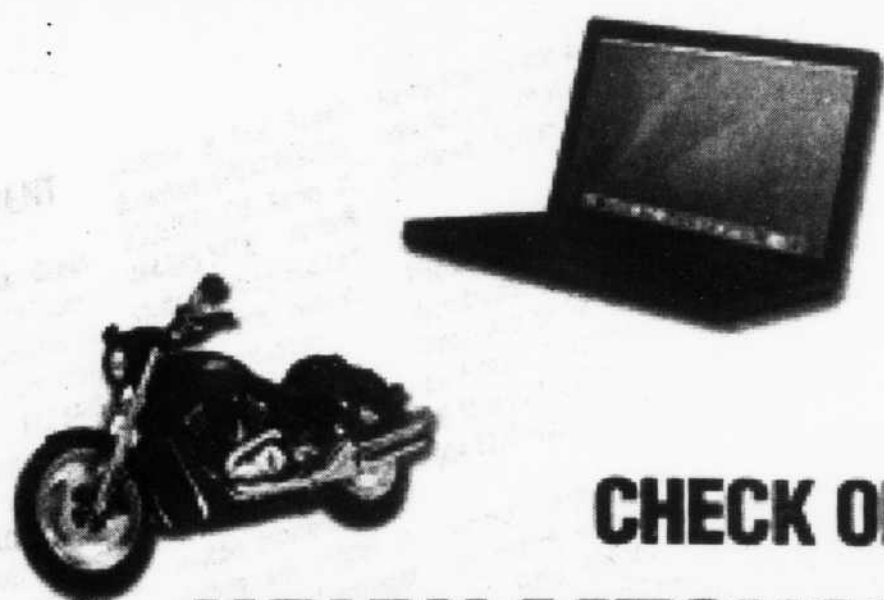
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# OPINIONS

## Good luck Dr. Glenn, Sam would be proud



**Yeah, Whatever**  
Andy Harper

Summer fever has caught on at *Sidelines*. With a lack of editorial presence, we decided that I should just write a letter in lieu of editorial board.

There was a time that I used to look forward to summer, because it's very presence reeked of vacation and relaxation. Not so much anymore. Since coming to college, I, like so many of my peers, have spent every summer session taking classes.

I figure that I'm not going to get summer break upon graduation, so I might as well get used to the feeling now.

But despite the low-key atmosphere of summertime, I always feel uneasy, because summer is also a time of change. Children spend their time transitioning into their next grade, fiscal years will end and election season is fast approaching.

This will probably be one of the most awkward summer transitions I've been through during my time at MTSU. Many positions have yet to be filled on campus and worse, we are losing some of our community's most valuable individuals.

In the fall of 2005, *Sidelines* ran a satire issue in celebration of Halloween. In the issue, there was a small, satirical news brief we ran about Bob Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs and vice provost for enrollment and academic services. Though the paper overall was not exactly accepted with open arms by the administration, the news brief about Dr. Glenn seemed to be well received.

"Bob Glenn, vice-president for student affairs, announced his resignation yesterday and will be leaving the university to reunite himself with his Muppet family."

"I need to get back to my roots," Glenn told *Sidelines*, "and rediscover the life in show business I left behind as a little boy."

Glenn, fathered by famous Muppet Sam the Eagle, is expected to rejoin his relatives on the upcoming ABC mini-series 'America's Next Muppet.'

"We're really excited to have

him back," said Kermit the Frog, who calmed down after running around cheering loudly. "Bobby Eagle was so much fun to have around. We couldn't imagine life without him."

No announcement has been made yet on Glenn's replacement, nor has an interim vice-president been named."

Anybody who has ever met Bob Glenn should be able to easily see the comparison between him and Sam the Eagle. As for myself, this was my first introduction to Dr. Glenn – an interesting first impression to say the least.

Over the years, my interaction with Dr. Glenn has been far from limited. As campus news editor, I was the obnoxious journalism student who was, and still is, too nosey for his own good. Glenn was the big administrator who was always ready for an interview and always prepared with an answer to any question in a quick, concise and professional manner. Honestly, I never thought he would ever leave this campus. In fact, I was pretty sure he would end up like Professor Binns from Harry Potter, continuing his day-to-day MTSU activities and still administering, despite existing only in specter form.

Throughout his years, Glenn has witnessed the best and worst of MTSU. I was very impressed with his handling of the Kevin Sisco tragedy at Cummings Hall. Dealing with college journalists is one thing, but dealing with mass local press coverage is something completely different.

Yet, once again, he was there, prepared as ever to answer questions and herd the messy mob of press, students and faculty. A line of reporters, ready to ask him questions, formed quickly. After a twenty minute wait, I finally began asking my questions, when this uppity reporter interrupted our conversation. Dr. Glenn turned away from me, looked at the reporter and said something to the effect of, "Since you're a journalist, you should be able to observe that I'm standing here talking to this gentleman." He then turned back to me and heartily smiled.

That is the only time I have ever seen Bob Glenn smile. What did you expect - he was raised by Sam the Eagle.

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## Banning books is ridiculous

On May 7 the American Library Association released the list of the top ten most challenged books in the year of 2007.

This is the same ALA that celebrates the "Banned Books Week," which is a week to celebrate the freedom to read whatever anyone chooses from Sept. 27 to Oct. 4.

Now I know it isn't September yet, but I figured I would give a shout out to this week early because the idea of banning books is a subject that is very near and dear to my heart.

To be more accurate, it makes my blood boil.

The most education I ever received was from reading books on my own when I was in grade school. I never learned more and I wouldn't have gotten into college if I hadn't strayed away from the required list of reading that was so called "acceptable" and read more on my own.

I feel strongly that if we as a society ban books for the future generation then that future generation is going to ban even more books and so forth and so on.

This is a crime against ourselves, for the people, against the people. I do, however, understand the other sides of the argument - to a degree. The other side wants to keep children safe from the evils of sexually and violently explicit images and words.

But what is the balance between keeping our children safe and innocent for a few more years versus keeping them in the darkness?



**A ROUGH TRICK NAMED JIM**  
Christin Pepple

The ten most controversial books according to ALA's website are as follows:

*And Tango Makes Three*, by Justing Richardson/Peter Parnell for the reasons of anti-ethnic, sexism, homosexuality, anti-family, religious viewpoint and unsuited to age group.

*The Chocolate War*, by Robert Cormier for the reasons of sexually explicit content, offensive language and violence.

*Olive's Ocean*, by Kevin Henkes for the reasons of sexually explicit content and offensive language.

*The Golden Compass*, by Phillip Pullman for the reason of religious viewpoint

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain for the reason of racism.

*The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker for reasons of homosexuality, sexually explicit content and offensive language.

*TTYL*, by Lauren Myracle for reasons of sexually explicit content, offensive language and unsuited to age group.

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, by Maya Angelou for the reason of sexually explicit content.

*It's Perfectly Normal*, by Robie Harris for reasons of sex education and sexually explicit content.

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, by Stephen Chbosky for reasons of homosexuality, sexually explicit content, offensive language and unsuited to age group.

This list is ridiculous and an insult to the great writers who didn't have any fear of revealing truths that sometimes people might not want to hear, but need to hear regardless.

I am in college now, where no book goes too far and nothing is banned because of sex, homosexuality or violence. I'm in a place where nothing is more important than questioning what you believed before.

I am suited for any material or any offensive language because I am two years older than someone who is in high school.

What makes being 20-years-old more acceptable for sex and violence than 18? You can join the army and smoke, get married and vote at 18. And let's be honest, most people in high school have witnessed their share of sex and violence, so trying to keep them from reading a few offensive scenes in a book is fairly ridiculous.

Why should someone in high school not have the rights to some truly extraordinary works of literature that I have the ability to read at my leisure?

As Judith F. Krug said on the ALA website, "Free ac-

cess to information is a core American value that should be protected. Not every book is right for each reader, but an individual's interpretation of a book should not take away my right to select reading materials for my family or myself." That is better than anything that I can say.

If school boards, parents, etc. are so worried about what children read, why don't the parents choose what books their children read in the home?

Other children and young adults should not be deprived of literary masterpieces because of a few finicky parents who over protect their children.

There are life lessons you must learn by experience, but at least you can learn of those experiences you have to endure by reading.

I wouldn't be in college if I hadn't pioneered my own education through the bookshelves of any library I could find.

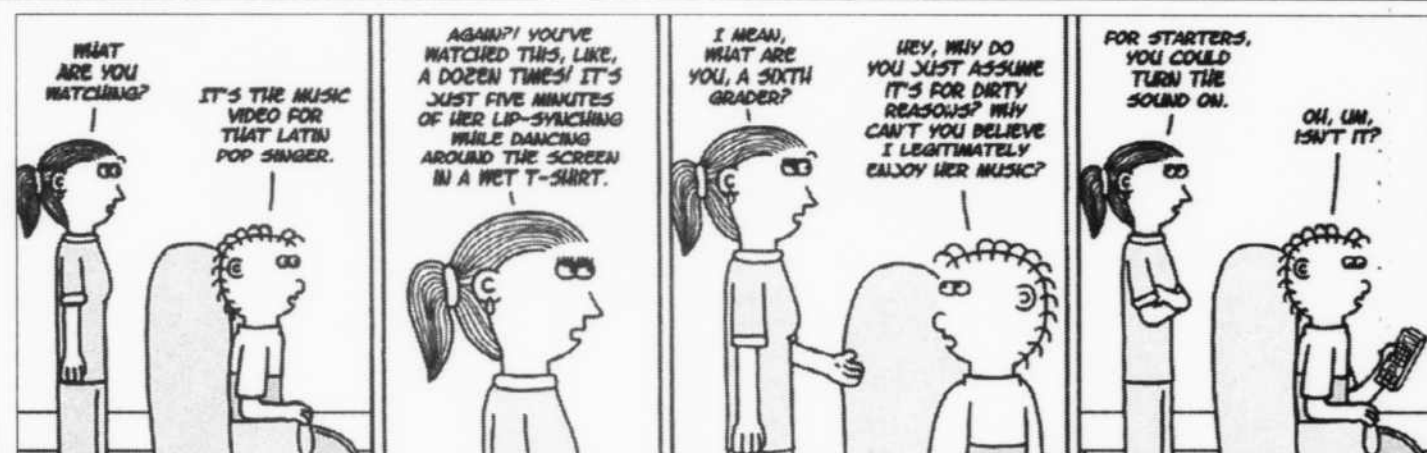
Let our children get into college too.

As someone much smarter than me said once:

"Books won't stay banned. They won't burn. Ideas won't go to jail. In the long run of history, the censor and the inquisitor have always lost. The only weapon against bad ideas is better ideas." Thank you Alfred Whitney Griswold.

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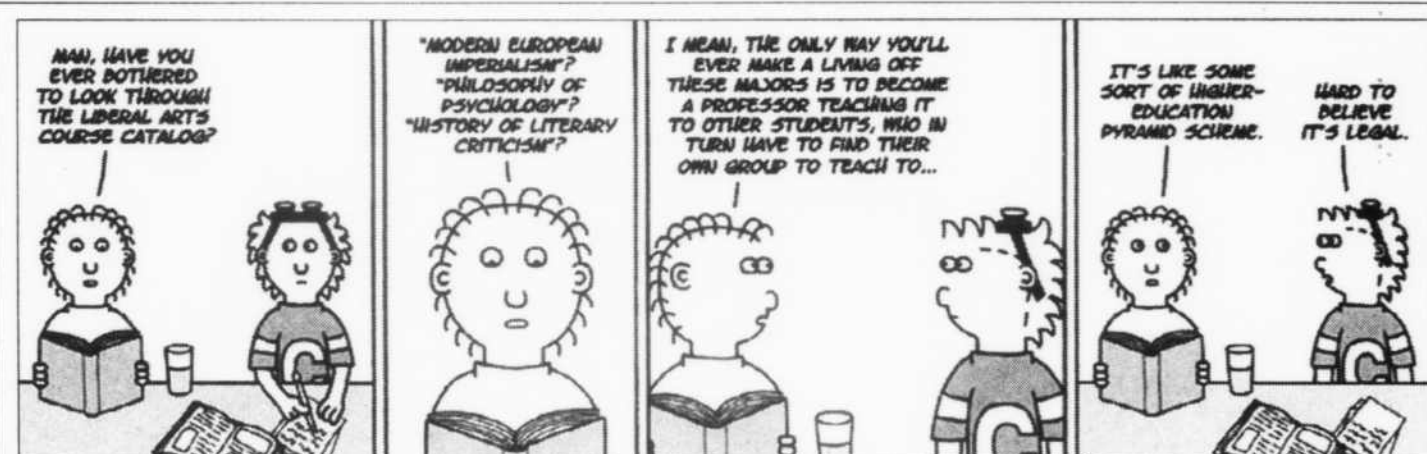
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## FACES IN THE CROWD

**Do you think television shows such as CSI or Law and Order fictionalize the field of forensic science?**



Parker

"To an extent I think it does because they can't do everything they do in the labs."

Jessica Parker, senior English major



Dimaria

"They make it over-dramatic and they try to show the extreme parts."

Pat Dimaria, graduate student



Carpenter

"A lot of these crime investigative units don't have the tools or capabilities that they do."

Kevin Carpenter, senior marketing major.



HOW OFTEN DO YOU  
CHECK FACEBOOK?

## FEATURES

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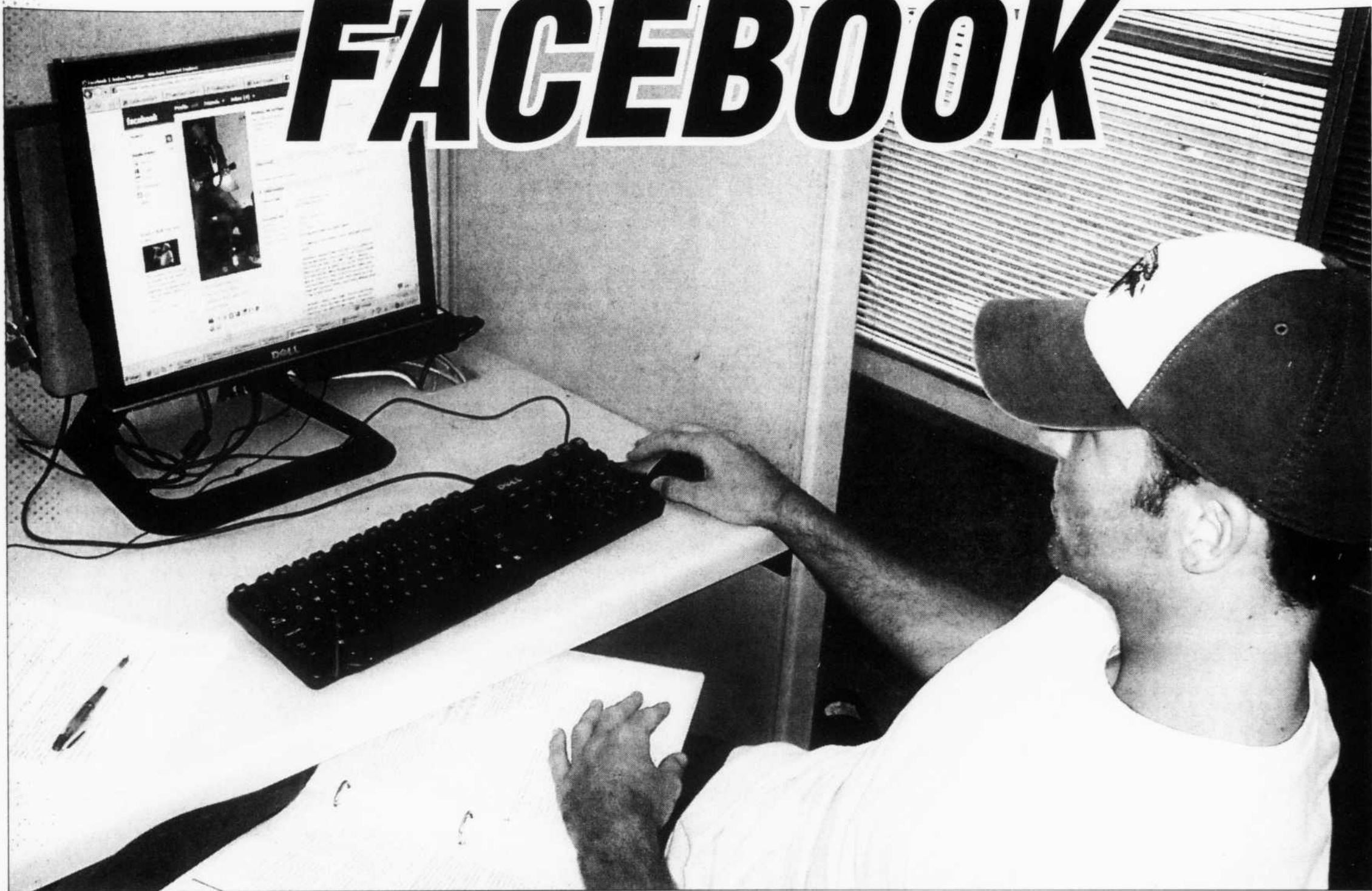
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Josh McArthur, a senior in MTSU's M.B.A. Program, takes a break from studying to check his Facebook. The networking site has become very popular, almost addictive, to college students.

By Elizabeth Guye  
Contributing Writer

Everyone has been there. You get home and tell yourself you will get online for a minute, then start on the unbelievably large "to-do" list you have for the day. Of course, that single minute turns into an hour. And that hour turns into four hours. Before you know it, you're looking at your clock wondering how in the world it got this late and you end up putting off your "to-do" list for tomorrow — again.

What kept you glued to the computer all afternoon? Facebook. You stare at the endless number of pictures, wall posts and bumper stickers until you can't think of anything else to explore for the day. It seems to have become somewhat of an addiction and part of daily routine: checking e-mail, explore different news stories, looking at the weather and Facebook.

"I check it every day of my life," says Bo Winters, junior, nursing major.

And who doesn't?

College students seem to be particularly captivated by Facebook because it is an easy way to keep in touch with old

high school friends, as well as new friends.

MTSU is no exception to this growing obsession. With 25,874 students, future students and alumni associated with the MTSU network on Facebook, it is a miracle students ever get any schoolwork done.

If you are an active Facebook user, you probably have sat at a computer — the worst place to attempt homework, thanks to the enticement of Facebook being one click away — and started writing a paper. It doesn't take long for you to give into Facebook's temptation and once you do, your entire academic career just starts going downhill. Well, maybe not your entire academic career, but honestly, you know you're not going to finish that paper now.

How is it that this Web site has the power to intrigue us for hours every day?

The main reason people stay on Facebook is because there are so many different things that you are able to do and explore. With the endless number of applications, friends all over the world you can chat with and millions of photos you can browse, it's a

wonder people ever get off it.

Kyla Holder, a sophomore, interior design major, admits she gets on Facebook at least three times a day. She says the main reason she logs on to Facebook is "because it is a way to keep in touch with people and stay updated on events — and it is easy."

Most students would agree with Kyla that Facebook has grown so addictive because it is a convenient way to keep informed and updated on your friends' lives and different events going on.

One contributor to Facebook's rapid success could be the use of it in our society. The mention of Facebook is in songs, commercials, TV series, magazines and even on t-shirts. Facebook is everywhere, which makes it hard to ignore.

Even in our everyday language, we have turned Facebook into a verb. When you meet someone, they don't give you their number and tell you to call them. Instead they give you their name and tell you to "Facebook" them. When you call up a friend and ask what they are doing, you might get a response like "I am 'Facebooking' on Face-

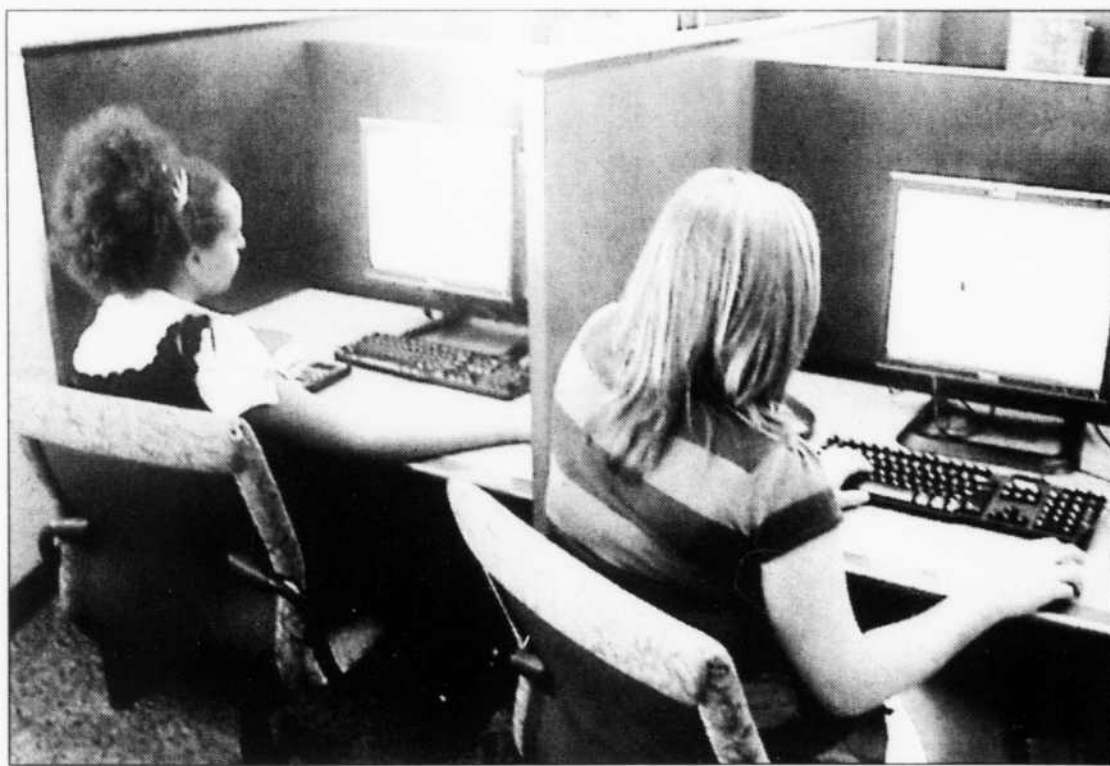


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Students in the James E. Walker Library log into their Facebook pages.

book."

We are now in a world revolving around Facebook. We use it to find out everything dealing with our social world. We know what our friends do every weekend, which events they have attended recently, their relationships — or lack thereof, who they hang out with, how they are feeling each day and of birthdays we might otherwise had forgot-

ten.

Without Facebook, it seems like we would be lost.

There are 80-plus million Facebook users, half of which are college students. Being away from home and our friends, we rely on Facebook to save old friendships and create new ones. Facebook has grown, especially on college campuses, and our generation has become addicted

to Facebook's easy communication, photo sharing, virtual gifts, bumper stickers, marketplaces, sports updates, Facebook chat and event notifications. But the concept of having your entire social life on one Web site forces you to ask one simple question — who wouldn't get addicted?

## Tunes and politics mix at Bonnaroo music festival

By JAKE COYLE  
AP Entertainment Writer

Destination festivals are a universe unto their own where the real world is left in the parking lot. But at this year's Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival, the outside world and its problems — politics, high gas prices — were always lurking just offstage, and sometimes were front and center.

"There's a time and place for this kind of talk, right?" Eddie Vedder said to the tens of thousands watching Pearl

Jam perform their scintillating headlining set Saturday. "It is welded into the Constitution that people have not only the right, but the responsibility to make change. It can't get any worse. We're right here in the middle of America. We can change the whole world. Do you agree that this is the time and place for this kind of talk?"

Cheering loudly, most in the crowd agreed.

Vedder spoke repeatedly about the need for change and about the Iraq War, occasionally reprimanding him-

self for not staying positive. Pearl Jam's performance was undoubtedly a high point for this year's Bonnaroo, highlighted by a sing-along version of "Better Man" during which the vast audience held lighters aloft and a near-full moon shone from behind the stage.

The elements can often be a major factor at Bonnaroo — held annually on a 700-acre site south of Nashville — but temperatures were bearable. Hard rain fell for a time late Friday night, making My Morning Jacket's exuberant

3-hour midnight concert a memorably soaked one. Sunday, the final day of the four-day fest, was beautifully clear and was further warmed by Alison Krauss and Robert Plant, who exuded contentment in the unlikely (and hugely popular) late chapter in his career.

On the same stage Friday night, Chris Rock played to one of the largest rooms a comedian will ever work. As many as 60,000 of the estimated 80,000 in attendance watched him command the crowd with a relentless pace

and sharp observations.

Rock, of course, had barbs for the presumed presidential nominees, John McCain and Barack Obama — who he said has a name so black-sounding that he could be "the bass player for the Commodores."

The comedian wondered how gas prices could be so high considering the Iraq war: "Let me tell you something. If I invade IHOP, pancakes are going to be cheaper in my house."

Rock also called himself an "antidepressant" and other

acts similarly hoped to alleviate worries.

"Do you feel good?" Metallica lead singer James Hetfield asked the crowd. "Metallica is here to make you feel better."

Metallica performed a unique double bill following Rock, who introduced the heavy metal band. Metallica's testosterone-fueled set was flawless, but the band had to work to win over the crowd, which at Bonnaroo has traditionally been on the hippie side.

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# SPORTS

## Sun Belt Football Preview

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# Red Wolves looking for consistency

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This summer, *Sidelines* will be focusing on the Sun Belt Conference as the march towards college football season begins. This week, we take a look at Arkansas State and the University of Troy, two teams that could very well have the conference trophy raised by the end of the year.

At the beginning of last year, Arkansas State almost pulled off the mother of all upsets to begin their season when they came within a touchdown and two-point conversion of defeating then fourth-ranked Texas. Instead, they dropped that game and went on to have one of the most inconsistent seasons in the conference.

Even though some big names have left the program, the biggest name to leave is the mascot. Because of a recent NCAA ruling that calls for universities to change the name of their mascots that depict American Indians, Arkansas State has officially retired the name "Indians" and will be known as the Red Wolves starting in the 2008 season.

As far as players on the field, the departures of safety Tyrell Johnson and wide receiver Levi Dejohnette shouldn't effect the Red Wolves as much as the loss of four of their starters on the offensive line. This could be seen as a bad or good thing depending on how you view

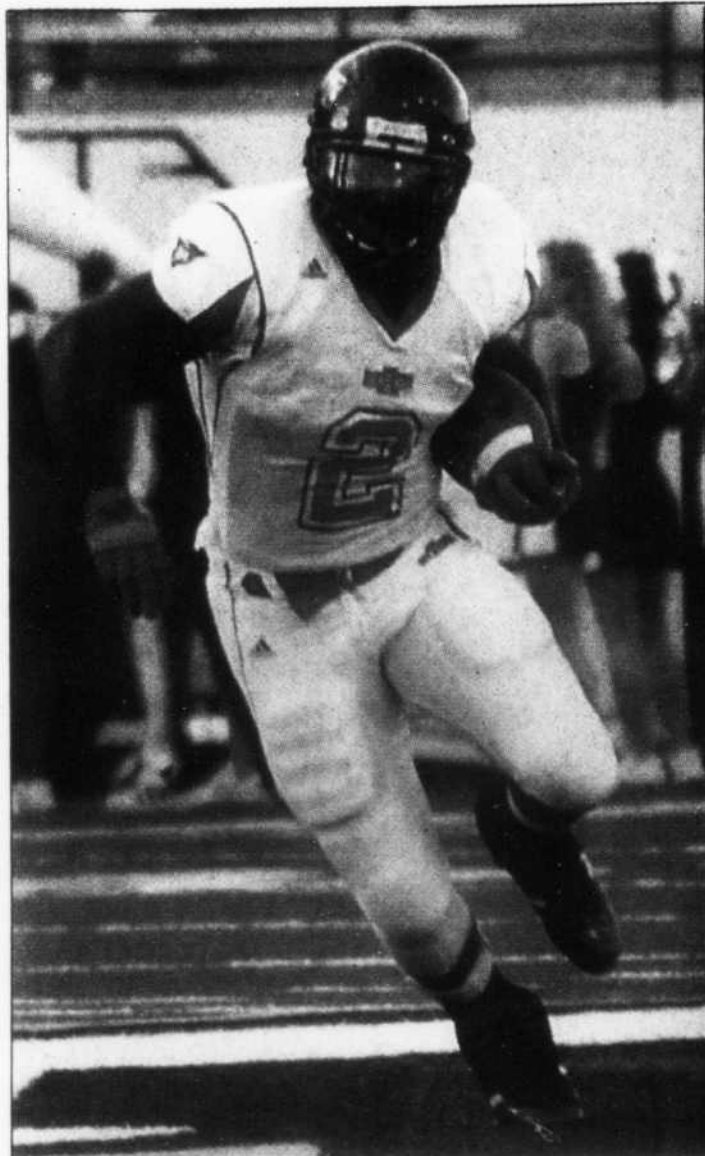


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Junior running back Reggie Arnold (left) will should provide leadership for the Red Wolves' offense while Troy offensive coordinator Neal Brown will try to keep his team on track for another title.

it. Replacing an offensive line is never an easy thing, but last year the Red Wolves were the second worst team in sacks against them (38). The only team that was worse was North Texas (39).

If they can manage to fill up those slots on the offensive

line, then the fans in Jonesboro may be looking at the best offense in the Sun Belt Conference. Five of the six returning offensive starters for the Red Wolves were named to the All-Sun Belt Conference team by Phil Steele, editor of College Football

Preview. The offense will be looking to be led by running back Reggie Arnold, who has already rushed for over 1,000 yards in both of his seasons at ASU. Along with quarterback Corey Leonard, wide receivers Kevin Jones Brandon Thompkins and tight

end David Johnson, the ASU offense will certainly be a sight to see.

On the other side of the ball, defensive end Alex Carrington and linebacker Ben Owens will be leading a defense that will be filled with players that were mostly

reserves from last year. No starting defensive backs from last year's team are returning this year, which should tempt offensive coordinators early in the season to throw the ball heavily. Running the ball against this defense will be another question. Five of the front seven players will be returning this year. The Red Wolves' ended last season ranked No. 1 in total defense and if the reserves can step into their starting positions without problem, they will maintain that ranking.

ASU's schedule sets up nicely, with the Red Wolves playing their hardest conference games in Jonesboro (MT, Louisiana-Monroe, and Florida Atlantic). Their biggest challenge will be facing Troy on the road in their season finale. If Arkansas State can live up to the hype around their offense and keep up with their defensive stats from last year, their Dec. 6 game may be for the conference championship.

Head coach Steve Roberts will be entering into his sixth season at ASU. Three years ago, he led ASU to a conference championship and a bowl appearance, the team's first in 35 years. That year he received conference coach of the year honors and expectations for the team grew.

Since that year, the Red Wolves have gone 11-13 and finishing in the middle of the conference. However, this year may be a different story.

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## Trojans' future rests on youth

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No one can deny that Troy has been one of the top programs in the conference since their entry. Standards for the Trojans and their fans are understandably high every year considering in its' programs history, they have won three national championships and, just recently, a New Orleans Bowl victory.

With history on his team's side, head coach Larry Blakeney normally wouldn't have much to worry about. However, the future will determine the success of the 2008 version of the Trojans.

The departures of two-time conference Offensive

Player of the Year Omar Haugabook and Offensive Coordinator Tony Franklin has the Trojans looking at youth to guide their offense. Neal Brown will be holding the playbook for the Trojans this season.

At age 27, Brown becomes the youngest coordinator in the FBS. This would not be the first time Coach Blakeney has handed the playbook over to a young coach. The Trojan defense is led by 34-year-old Jeremy Rowell, who is the tenth youngest coordinator in the FBS.

With a quarterback as successful as Haugabook, you may not think there is a downside to him. However, because he played so well is

the fact that Troy currently have no quarterbacks on roster that has started a game for the Trojans. Sophomore Jaime Hampton seems to be the eventual starter after an impressive spring game but don't count out junior Levi Brown, a transfer from Richmond with major game experience on the collegiate level.

The Trojans' most important conference games are their first two, their season opener against MT and a rematch of their season-ending loss against Florida Atlantic.

Wins against those teams will almost guarantee another conference championship but with both games taking place on the road, anything is possible.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**Moleta accepts job with NCAA**

MT Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Mike Moleta has announced his resignation and has accepted a position with the NCAA.

Moleta, who has served as MT's Associate Athletic Director for Compliance for six years, has accepted the position of Associate Director of Membership Services with the NCAA in Indianapolis.

"We will definitely miss Mike Moleta in the athletic department at Middle Tennessee because he was a difference-maker," Director of Athletics Chris Massaro said.

In his time at MT, the school improved its APR numbers across the board, including having 15 of its 17 sports score in excess of 950 on the most recent NCAA Report. 925 is con-

sidered a passing mark on a 1,000-point scale.

No one has been named to replace him in his position at MT, as of press time.

**MT Marketing wins four awards**

The National Association of Collegiate Marketing Administrators has selected its 2007-08 award winners and Middle Tennessee was chosen in four different categories and was the only Sun Belt Conference school honored.

The Blue Raiders won a Gold in the "Best of Student Promotion" category for Mardi Gras night where the big attraction was a parade made up of student organizations and alumni during halftime of a basketball game.

They earned a Silver in the "Best of New-Revenue Generating Idea" category

for the Family Fun Zone to finish just behind Michigan.

The Fun Zone is an area inside Floyd Stadium that was created to specifically target families with children activities like inflatables, face painting, and balloon artistry.

Finally, MT also captured Bronze awards for the "Best of Single Day Attendance Promotion-Football" and "Best of Ticket Sales Piece". The single day attendance promotion was for KidFest, which is a pregame hospitality function that includes a skills challenge, concert, and games, targeted toward young families.

The sales piece was a brochure designed by Bradley Lambert and Brad Smith geared toward group ticket sales and included football and men's and women's basketball. Illinois and Indiana grabbed the Gold and Silver in the category.