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Bluegrass students search for their KEES

By R. Colin Fly
Online Editor

Some MTSU students feel they are being slighted by the university because they are not receiving scholarship money they earned during a high school program in Kentucky.

The state of Kentucky awards students, such as MTSU Sophomore Nicholas Peay, with a scholarship enacted in 1999 by the Kentucky State Assembly.

The award, the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship, is based on grade point average and ACT scores. It is awarded annually and is compounded, year to year through high school, beginning with the class of 1999.

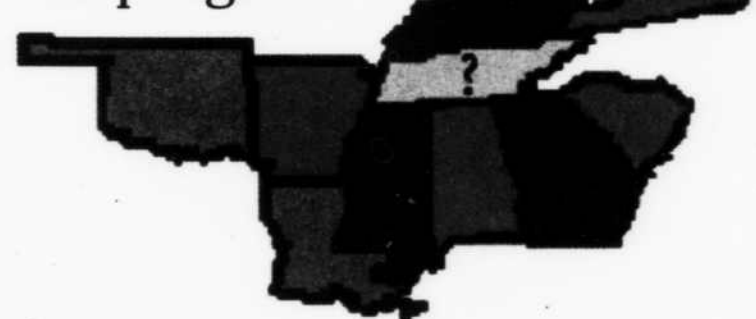
For example, if a student has a 4.0 grade point average every year of high school, they earn \$500 a year times four high school years, or \$2,000. An ACT bonus is added for the student's best ACT score, up to \$500.

The award is renewable all 4 years, so the student will earn the money on top of any other scholarships received at the Kentucky school of his or her choice, as long as they maintain a 2.5 college GPA.

The scholarship originally said that the recipient must attend a college in Kentucky. However, a new clause was enacted this year to allow the award to be applied in the Academic Common Market.

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Will MTSU be in
the program?



These states currently honor the KEES program. Students at MTSU have yet to receive their scholarships because the administration is still processing the contract that was received in early July.

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Climbing into fall



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer

A student of MTSU Campus School climbs a rock wall at Friday's fall festival. See Interests, page 6, for the complete story.

Readership program provides newspapers

By Erin Edgemon
Staff Writer

Using newspapers, housing is experimenting with ways to increase students' knowledge of world events and to encourage life-long readership.

The experiment is part of the USA Today Readership Program which gives students access to newspapers free of charge.

This program of making newspapers accessible to students has been implemented in Cummings, Corlew, and Wood/Felder Halls. The residence halls were chosen for the program because they house the living-learning communities.

"We are excited to participate in the program," Cathy Crooks, associate dean for Residential Education, "because it helps further Housing and Residential Life's mission of supporting students academically."

The USA Today Readership Program is designed to enhance learning and newspaper readership. The program also helps make newspapers accessible to students by placing them in displays in the lobby of the dorms and also by the papers being free to the students.

Three times a week *The Tennessean*, *The New York Times* and *USA Today* are delivered to the dorms. Cummings and Corlew receive 60 copies of each paper and Wood/Felder receives 20 copies of each paper. The pilot readership program started in the dorms a few weeks ago and students seem to be very happy with it.

"I have received positive feedback from

students and staff. The newspapers are gone as soon as they are put out," added Crooks.

"I think it is awesome," says Hilary Shipman, a resident assistant in Cummings Hall. "Everyone is reading the papers because they are free and accessible."

Residents seem to like the free papers as well.

"I think that it's good that they are giving us access to the newspapers," said Jennifer Cathey, a resident of Wood Hall, "because it allows us to grow as people and know about the world."

The pilot program is four weeks long and a survey was conducted at the beginning and will be taken at the end to get students' feedback on the program.

USA Today is responsible for the distribution and recycling of the newspapers and set up the display, deliver the papers and provide bins for the used papers. They teamed up with MTSU's recycling center to recycle the newspapers.

The program was started in 1997 at Penn State University and several hundred schools have participated in the pilot program since.

At Penn State, 75 percent of students feel that the availability of newspapers has contributed to the habit of reading, 69 percent report that their reading of newspapers had increased since attending college and 53 percent of Penn State students feel that reading newspapers has added to their college education.

Housing and Residential Life hopes for similar results here at MTSU. ♦



Spirit rising, apathy still abound

Sidelines Online polled students last week on their participation during the Raider Rally and first home football game of the season.

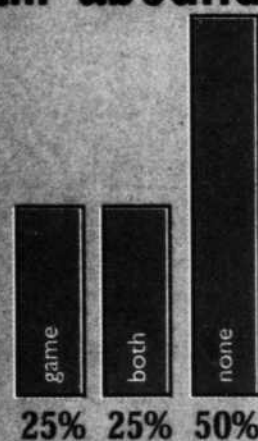
Half of those who responded said they attended neither the game nor the pep rally.

25 percent said they did not go to the Raider Rally but managed to make it to the game.

Another 25 percent said they participated in both events.

No one responded as having attended the rally and missing the game.

Total votes: 57



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Green Party doesn't expect to win; plans for future

By Julie Fitzgerald
Staff Writer

The MTSU Green Party organization, led by student Jonathan Sword, met Thursday in the Keathley University Center to discuss issues and the presidential election.

The goal of the group is not only to

inform the student population about the Green Party, but also to encourage students to register to vote, emphasizing that the last day for voter registration in Tennessee is October 6.

Although voter registration attempts on campus have been made, Sword said students may also register at the Department of Motor Vehicles and at

the Rutherford County Election Commission, which is located on the square in Murfreesboro.

While the Green Party does not expect its candidate, Ralph Nader, to win the 2000 presidential election, Sword said the party's main focus is on the future. He informed the group that if the party gets at least five percent of

this year's electoral votes, then they will be placed on future ballots as a separate party, rather than being listed as independent candidates. Another benefit of achieving this five percent goal is that it will lead to more press coverage and monetary donations for promoting the party.

One misconception of the Green

Party is that they deal solely with environmental issues, but in reality they have stands on many important issues such as free college tuition, abolishing the death penalty, the support of small businesses and improving public schools.

All meetings of the Green Party are open to the public. ♦

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

The Highland Games are coming

The Fifth Annual Tennessee Highland Games will be held Oct. 7 at MTSU. The field games begin at 8:30 a.m. and include the caber toss, hammer throw and ax throwing.

Several clans will set up displays and exhibits and vendors will sell Scottish food and merchandise. There will be a highland dance competition as well as demonstrations of sheep herding, spinning and a parade of clans. Children's activities will include face painting, haggis hurling and storytelling.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3-12. For more information, call (615) 848-9193. ♦

Vaccines to be given

Faculty, staff and students will be able to receive vaccinations against four of the five most common strains of meningococcal disease, which together account for nearly 70 percent of meningococcal cases on college campuses. The flu vaccine will also be made available.

The vaccines will be administered on Wednesday, Oct. 25 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, Room 324. Immunizations are \$75 for the meningococcal vaccine and \$10 for the flu vaccine. ♦



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Music to honor Wrights

The MTSU Concert Chorale, the MTSU Wind Ensemble, two pianos, two harps and the organ will combine to perform a tribute to MTSU musical pioneers Neil and Margaret Wright at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1. The performance will be in the Wright Music Hall on the MTSU campus. ♦

Camping photos displayed

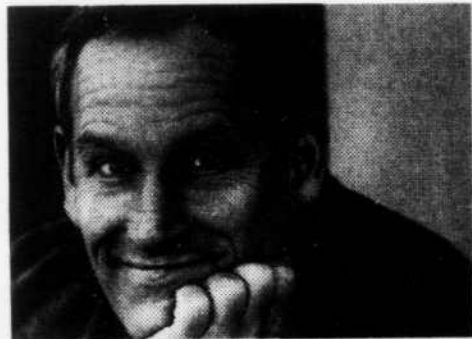
Photographer-teacher Wendy Erickson's exhibit *The Calling Ground, American Camp Meeting* is on display now through Oct. 26 at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

The 53-piece exhibit is composed of color prints that were printed by Erickson from medium-format color negative film. In addition, the exhibit was designed by the photographer to explore the history, artifacts and culture of camp meetings.

A 21-year veteran of the photographic industry who is now employed by ILFORD Imaging U.S.A. Inc., Erickson is currently writing, researching and illustrating a book titled *The Calling Ground, American Camp Meeting*.

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery is located on the first level of MTSU's LRC. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday; 8-11:45 a.m. Saturdays; and 6-9:45 p.m. Sundays. Admission is free. ♦

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Universities snub Napster ban request, Harvard expected to follow suit

By Parker R. Conrad
Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — In a broad rebuke to attorneys representing the artists Metallica and Dr. Dre, four prominent universities rejected the request to ban Napster access on their campuses Thursday.

The Boston Globe reported Thursday that Harvard University is expected to respond similarly next week.

MIT, Stanford University, Duke University and the University of North Carolina all declined to restrict access to the music-sharing service in letters sent to Howard E. King, the attorney representing Dr. Dre and Metallica.

The four universities were the first to respond to the attorney's request for a Napster ban on college campuses.

In similarly argued letters, the universities claimed that as Internet service providers (ISP), their networks acted simply as conduits of information, and they had no legal responsibility for the misuse of their systems.

"Stanford has no involvement in the alleged infringe-

ment described in your letter," wrote William F. Abrams, an attorney representing Stanford. "Stanford merely offers its faculty, students and staff connections for digital online communications, online services and network access."

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"As an educational institution providing its community of users with Internet access, we do not monitor or bar access to use of the Internet. This policy is consistent with MIT's educational mission and our deeply held values of academic freedom," wrote James D. Bruce, MIT's vice-president for information systems.

Letters from officials at both Stanford and MIT said they did not approve of copyright infringement, and would take appropriate action if King could cite particular instances of infringement.

But King said it was not feasible for his clients to investigate each individual Napster user.

"I'm disappointed in the attitude [the universities] have taken, which is 'we don't know anything, we don't have any responsibility unless we know anything, tell us who's infringe-

ing and then we'll take decisive steps,'" King said.

"I don't think there are any doubts that people know what Napster's used for, and how much it's used on college campuses," he continued.

Princeton University and the University of California system, among other universities contacted by King, are expected to respond to the request Friday.

In the meantime, King said he would not yet respond with legal action against the universities that refuse to ban Napster.

"We're going to try to keep a dialogue with these universities, maybe point them to some authority that they've ignored or are not aware of, that tells them they have a higher responsibility than just putting their head in their sand," he said.

That higher authority, King said, is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, which requires that ISP's take reasonable steps to put an end to copyright violations which they are made aware of by the copyright holder.

It is unclear whether the act would require universities to block access to Napster. ♦

Government tests program to track foreign students

By Brooke Robinson
Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB, Ill. — International students across the country — including those at Northern Illinois University — could be under a tighter government watch if Congress approves a tracking system currently in the pilot stage.

The test program, mandated by the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant

Responsibility Act, was implemented at several colleges and universities in 1998 to track the academic behavior of international students.

Its roots lie in a 1993 case in which investigators discovered one of the terrorists in the World Trade Center bombing had entered the United States on a student visa, dropped out and remained illegally.

NIU was not offered the pilot program, said Mark Thackaberry, director of the International Student and Faculty Office. About 700 international students are enrolled at NIU.

The pilot program, Coordinated Interagency Partnership Regulating International

Students and Scholars, is

directed by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services in conjunction with the state and education departments.

According to a report by the National Commission on Terrorism, CIPRIS "collects and makes readily available useful and current information about foreign student visa holders in the United States." For example, CIPRIS would record a foreign student's change in major from English literature to nuclear physics.

The program initially included about 20 southern schools, among them the University of Alabama-Birmingham, the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa and Bob Jones University.

It comes at a high cost to students. Participating schools must collect fees on behalf of Immigration and Naturalization Services at the rate of \$90 per student. If the program is

implemented nationally, NIU would have to collect \$63,000 from its students and turn it over to INS. And that's not the end of it.

"The money would only pay for the government program," Thackaberry said. "But there would be major expenses on the colleges and universities

for recordkeeping."

Many schools have fought the program simply because of the fee provision, he said.

CIPRIS was supposed to be implemented across the U.S. by now but is on hold while Congress decides its fate.

An amendment in the Senate seeks to repeal the 1996 legislation mandating the tracking program. That repeal provision is expected to pass in the Senate but may meet strong opposition in the House of Representatives. It is unlikely the amendment will be decided this year because Congress adjourns in three weeks.

"There should be no fear of international students and visitors being terrorists," said Manfred Thullen, executive director of International Programs at NIU. "The program could be beneficial but not in the way it is intended. A better system is needed to streamline the paperwork that comes with immigration, but there shouldn't be a fee associated."

Thackaberry agrees. "All in all, if it worked well, it could be helpful to the government and the schools," Thackaberry said. "Student exchange has always been beneficial to this country." ♦

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Nashville Symphony marks milestone with concert at Carnegie Hall

BY JIM PATTERSON
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Musicians hungry for recognition carry the banner of a city looking for the same thing when the Nashville Symphony plays the most prestigious show in its 55-year history.

The symphony performs a concert Monday at Carnegie Hall in New York.

"It's a point of arrival," said conductor Kenneth Schermerhorn. "There is still that wonderful aura about Carnegie Hall as an object of quest for musicians."

Schermerhorn's players want to prove that they are a first class ensemble.

Their eclectic program mixes classic works by Beethoven, Richard Strauss and Charles Ives with the New York debut of a concerto by American composer Mark O'Connor.

O'Connor's roots lie in the country and bluegrass music for which

Nashville is better known. The former child fiddle prodigy has branched out into classical music composition in recent years.

His "Double Concerto For Two Violins" includes solos by him and acclaimed violinist Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg.

Nashville's Chamber of Commerce, a sponsor of the symphony's current tour, has a related agenda.

It is inviting corporate recruiters to the performance to show them the city has more to offer than its most famous export.

"We take pride in being a traditional symphony orchestra in the land of guitars," said Schermerhorn, who has played Carnegie Hall previously, conducting the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

"It requires a bit of a special effort, but I think we're going to open a lot of eyes."

Nashville has long been conflicted about its strong connection to the

country music industry. The perception generates millions in publicity and tourism dollars, but also overshadows the city's other qualities.

Nashville is the home of major league hockey and football franchises, and "is a much more cosmopolitan city than most people think it is," said Alan Valentine, executive director of the Nashville Symphony.

"It has a very active and vibrant arts community, the symphony being the leading example of that. We really want to be able to deliver that message to the world."

Twelve years ago, Nashville went to the brink of not having a symphony at all. Lagging support led to a bankruptcy filing in 1988.

"I can remember when the salary for the whole year was \$2,000," said concertmaster Mary Kathryn VanOstedale.

"It was a community orchestra where most of the people had a main job, and then they came to the orches-

tra at night for fun," she said. "But we tried to put on serious concerts."

New management reversed the symphony's fortunes spectacularly. As part of an emphasis on marketing, the symphony started turning up all over the city, many times outdoors with no admission charge. It has a popular series of pops concerts each year, backing singers like Ray Charles, Don McLean and Charlotte Church. The Nashville Symphony has backed singer Amy Grant (a patron) on her tours performing Christmas music the last three years.

Valentine said the Carnegie Hall concert will take place the same day the symphony achieves its goal of adding \$20 million to its endowment, bringing it to \$26 million.

While nowhere near the \$150 million endowments of orchestras in Boston and New York, the endowment puts Nashville on a par with cities like Buffalo, Salt Lake City and Jacksonville, Fla., Valentine said.

O'Connor said he enjoys working with the Nashville Symphony because its players tend to have broader musical palates than those in other cities.

Indeed, many of the symphony players are busy studio musicians in the country music and gospel industries.

VanOstedale recently did recording sessions for an upcoming duet album by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, and a Christmas album by 12-year-old singer Billy Gilman.

"The studio work, which is considerable in Nashville, bleeds into the prowess of the orchestra and lends it the ability to be flexible," Schermerhorn said.

The symphony is itching to show it all off.

"This orchestra has been on the verge of becoming something really good for a long time," Schermerhorn said. "It's heady stuff for the orchestra, and we intend to try and make the most of it." ♦

KEES: Financial aid, students caught in university, state bureaucracy

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The Academic Common Market allows students who cannot earn a major in their desired field in-state - because it is not offered - to attend an out-of-state school at the cost of that school's in-state tuition.

Brian Noland, Tennessee coordinator for the Academic Common Market, said that the regulations on scholarships and financial aid differ in Tennessee and Kentucky.

"Each state has an ability to set criteria and participation guidelines in the Common Market," Noland said. "For example, in Tennessee if you

went to Coastal Carolina to study marine biology, you would pay their in-state tuition, but no financial aid from Tennessee would be given."

One popular major for students in the Common Market at MTSU is Recording Industry, in which 77 students from Kentucky are currently enrolled.

The KEEs scholarship should be transferable.

One problem - MTSU students from Kentucky are not receiving it.

This leaves Peay and 76 others out of the loop.

"I was really excited when I found out I was eligible for this money because it would help out

my financial situation a lot," Peay said. "However, the whole process has been aggravating."

Peay earned the KEEs scholarship only in his senior year, which was the first year of the KEEs program. His award, which is approximately \$600 a year, would help him out a lot, he said.

"Maybe if I could receive my award I wouldn't need to take out a student loan," Peay said. "I don't want to graduate college with a large debt hanging over my head."

The source of the problem comes from the wording of a contract between the two states.

"We could not sign off on the first contract from Kentucky,"

said Director of Financial Aid David Hutton. "It was not just MTSU, but every college in Tennessee."

A clause in the first contract contained wording that was a violation of state law, so a second contract was drafted.

"Tennessee has signed the revised contract," Hutton said.

He did not know when the deal would take effect, but said that it was now out of their hands.

"How long this is going to take is anyone's idea."

Mark Wells from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority said that Tennessee officials contacted

KHEAA only recently.

"We have not received a contract as of yesterday [Thursday]," Wells said. "Our office was told that our first contract was never received."

Wells had no knowledge of a revision of the contract.

Chris Haseleau, chairman of Recording Industry, sent an e-mail out on Thursday to Recording Industry students.

The e-mail stated that Provost Barbara Haskew had made some calls and the contract was under review by Tennessee state lawyers. Haseleau confirmed that the e-mail was in response to a column by Rob Evans in Thursday's edition of *Sidelines*.

"We were sent a contract in early July, but it had wording in it that was unacceptable," Haskew said.

Those words included the phrase, "under Kentucky law." Tennessee schools cannot sign any agreement that contains wording that involves laws from other states.

"On or around August 28 the president's office received a second contract which went sent to Wendy Thompson [part of MTSU's legal counsel] to review," Haskew said. "We got all of the necessary signatures and sent it overnight to Kentucky."

"These students should get their money." ♦

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From the staff Students should have gotten money sooner

Last Thursday, one of the staff columnists wrote a article about the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship that MTSU is not yet honoring.

The scholarship is can be earned by students who attended high school in the state of Kentucky and maintain a certain grade point average.

The day the article ran, the newspaper received calls from two high administrators at the university who wanted to explained why the process was taking so long.

By Friday, Provost Barbara Haskew called the newspaper to let the staff know that the contract had been approved and forwarded — overnight — to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

The reason the administrators gave for the process taking so long was that there was a clause in the contract that said it was legal under Kentucky state law.

Contracts such as these can't be approved in Tennessee. So the administration wanted the contract to be revised so that it would be legal in Tennessee.

Apparently this was why Kentucky students hadn't received their money yet.

Still, isn't it funny how much the process was sped up after the article ran? Is that what it took to get the administrators moving on the item at hand?

Shouldn't the welfare of the students have been enough?

It's fortunate that the administrators have taken action and that hopefully in the near future, students will start getting the funding that they have earned from their home state.

What's unfortunate is that it has taken this long, and the students have had to bear the consequences. Those scholarship dollars may not matter to the university's big picture, but to the individual students, it can mean the difference between attending school for a semester or not.

GAP display wounded more than it educated

By Sara Vaughn
Staff Writer

I begin with a quote from Charles Nored, director of the Baptist Student Union, that appeared in *Sidelines* Wed., Sept. 20. The quote is in support of the ridiculously extreme anti-abortion exhibit in front of the KUC last week. You know the one? The quote went like this, "The pictures are real. This is what abortion looks like. It is educational and persuasive."

Well, Mr. Nored, you are right. Those pictures are real. And yes, in a clean, sterile environment complete with competent medical personnel, that is pretty much what abortion looks like. (But, not in a back ally with rusty equipment.) And yet again, Mr. Nored, those pictures are educational and persuasive. Especially for those many young girls who have been in the situation to make a choice and did so. I am sure that those pictures were very educational for them. And persuasive too. I am sure that you successfully persuaded many young women who happened upon the Knoll to rethink their past choices. Was it worth it?

Tell me, Mr. Nored and company, will you take the responsibility for the mental health of those young women who were trying to get on with their lives? Will you take responsibility for the young men who helped the young women make those decisions? You have no idea who they are or for what reasons the choice was made. You do not know every individual's personal story. And you have no right to take it upon yourself to try and educate people who have lived, are living or may someday live through a life-altering experience.

Now don't get me wrong. I have lived my entire life in the middle of the "Bible Belt." I, too, have thought long and hard about the issue of abortion. I, too, went to vacation bible school and ate duplex cookies and purple Kool-Aid. And what I remember most was that I was taught to love my neighbor. I do not feel that displaying massive pictures of genocide and aborted fetuses and lynch mob scenes in the faces of the students of this or any other uni-

versity is done out of love. It is done in an attempt to force fundamental Christian beliefs on others.

I support freedom of speech in any and all situations. But this was way too extreme. You and the Genocide Awareness Program have reduced the millions of Jewish people and millions of people who suffered through slavery and lynchings to bits of unborn tissue. They were not bits of tissue — they were living, breathing people torn from their mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters and massacred.

Tell us, Mr. Nored and company, will you adopt the millions of unwanted babies in this world? Will you take in all of the mothers addicted to crack and pay for the medical care of the newborn crack-babies? Will you go into the homes of all of America and make sure that these children are fed, clothed, bathed and nurtured? Those are very real pictures too. But you can't save the world and make it as you see fit. What you can do is love your neighbor.

I have a daughter, Mr. Nored. I have a beautiful, wonderful, talented, smart, funny, bright-eyed five-year-old. I can't imagine a day without her in this world. But I also can't imagine another little girl just like her being born addicted to crack, living in filth, neglected and dropped off in a dumpster somewhere.

Are the aborted fetuses alive? Does life begin during the brief stay in uterus? When does the soul enter the body? Does a woman have the right to play God and make a choice? Do you have the right to play God and tell her not to? I don't know.

But, Mr. Nored, neither do you!

I want to make it clear to all that I support freedom of speech, and I respect all opinions of those who are pro-life or pro-choice. I am disgusted, however, of the medium chosen by the Genocide Awareness Project and supported by MTSU and the Baptist Student Union. And I also want to make it clear that I do not, in any way, take away from the pain that Hitler caused the Jewish community, nor do I take away from the pain of those who were victims of slavery or racist-crazed lynch mobs. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Letting GAP on campus not a great idea

Sidelines,

I'm not convinced that letting GAP on campus was such a great decision. Sure, people have their First Amendment rights, but who said that they must be expressed directly in front of the KUC? I can think of many other things, less patently offensive, that MTSU probably would NOT allow in the center of campus, despite the First Amendment.

For example, I might have some wild idea that "death-culture" promoting corporations are slowly digging the dirty claws of their subtle propaganda machine into the very fabric of our higher-education institution. Is the administration going to give me an acre on the Knoll to post violent, shocking, lurid, opinionated images that distort logic and suggest only a tenuous causal link? Doubtful.

On a different note: it's worth pointing out that many of these abortion foes inexplicably support things like the death penalty, school voucher programs and slashing welfare rolls.

Alvin Tucker

Christians are supposed to love, not hurt

Tonight my heart is very burdened, and my mind is filled with horrific pictures of dead babies. I struggled with whether or not to write this letter, but I realize that I cannot remain silent!

I am sure I am not the only one who will write a letter or talk about the scene at the KUC.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Anyway, what I saw today was shocking! No doubt in my mind that they got their point across. My question is, was it the right point?

I have come to realize that there are people in this world who are so hard pressed to make a point that they do not care who they hurt. Well, I am here to say that if we claim to be Christians and do not regard other's feelings, then we have missed the point of our cause.

My question is for the Christian organizations — where were you today? While hurting people who were walking by "convicting" them of their sins, where were you to show them the way to forgiveness?

Where were you to show them love? Where was the horrific picture of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, beaten and bruised for the sins of the world?

Did you ever stop to tell people that Jesus CHOSE to be put through the very same torture that those pictures represent? He CHOSE to die on a cross because He loved us.

Remember, "They will know we are Christians by our love." Let's not forget that there are hurting women out there who may have felt there was no other way. Our job is not to throw a mistake in their faces, but rather love them and show them the love of Jesus. Agape love.

Erica Gunnels

Some rally attendees were forced to attend

Your headline [for the story "First Raider Rally Draws Over 500 Faithful"] is somewhat inaccurate. Attendance for many at the rally was not a show of school spirit, but a matter of following orders.

For housing employees (ACs, RDs, RAs, etc.),

attendance was "mandatory" — and may have been so for many Greeks.

It's a sad state of affairs when fear of job loss is used to artificially bolster student support for school sporting events.

Donna Wolke

Watch MTSU's "War of Words" on Pay-Per-View...

I really hope that the school will not have to listen to the "War of Words" that has dominated this newspaper since the beginning of the semester. It is hard for me to take a side on the issue, being a former frat member at UT in Knoxville. For two years I had my fun, drank a ton of alcohol and cursed the rest of the student body.

After leaving and coming to MTSU, I now can feel for the other side, the non-Greeks. It becomes very easy to feel less important as a non-Greek student when the Greek system is becoming so large and powerful here at OUR ever-expanding school.

After listening closely to both sides these first few weeks of school, the only thing I can gather is how incredibly high all of our maturity levels have been.

So, to end this "fight," I guess that is what we will have to do.

We will just have to throw all of our Greek-haters and Greek-lovers into the big blue-and-white football stadium for an all-out death match.

Hopefully this will end all of the trash-talking and maybe even set a new attendance record for this hopelessly proud school.

Cullen Earnest

Procastinators, heed my warning

On the Real



Shawn Whitsell
Opinions
Editor

This is my fourth year in college, and during my time here, I've learned many valuable lessons, mostly outside of the classroom. Probably one of the most important lessons I've learned is why not to procrastinate.

I can't count how many times I've stayed up all night typing a paper and/or studying for a test when I knew about it way in advance.

I would put off studying for a test, then the night before I would be prepared to cram. But of course when you're anticipating an intense one-man study session, everybody wants to be in your face. People who haven't called you in weeks suddenly have an earful of conversation for you.

Tell me this — why is there always something going on when you have to study?

I remember one time I said to myself, "Okay

Shawn, you can go to this party, leave at about one, study 'til three, sleep a few hours and be up in time for your nine o'clock date with a number-two pencil and a scantron."

I'll admit, the aforementioned scheme was stretching it, but at the time it sounded like a dope idea. Well of course things didn't flow quite like that. I didn't make it back to my room until about 3 a.m., and by the time I started studying it was about 3:15. By five, I realized that I was probably going to have to stay up all night in order to make a decent grade. By seven, things weren't looking good for a brotha. I was making progress, but I was tired as hell.

Then a light bulb went off in my head. I had another dope idea. I would just take a quick one-hour nap and get back up, study a little more and go kill the test. I set my alarm and even slept beside my books so I wouldn't get too comfortable.

Check this scenario. I jump out of my sleep, glance at the clock and utter words too graphic to mention in this publication. It's 8:50 a.m. I have class in 10 minutes and I haven't finished study-

ing. I quickly get out of bed and cowboy to class (to cowboy means to do as cowboys do — just get up and go). After a quick stop at the bookstore to get the scantron I should have already had, I arrive at class only a few minutes late.

I take the test. I do all right but not nearly as well as I would have done had I studied two or three days in advance. On top of that, I was dead tired and to make matter worse, I had to cowboy for one more class because I had back-to-back classes. Don't trip because I know I'm not the only one who's had to cowboy a time or two or three or four.

How 'bout when you have to skip one class to study for another? I ain't the only who's done that either. But I've decided that I'm not going to that anymore. I'm not going to let one class suffer because I'm trying to make up for another.

Let me hit you up with a little advice before I end. When studying, take in the info in small doses. Just study a little bit every day, and when it's time to really study, most of the material will be review. It wouldn't be hard to read ahead too. If the syllabus says read chapter one, then read

chapter one and maybe a section of chapter two.

Secondly, try not to pull all-nighters. I'll admit, I've studied all night and brought home the gold (A), but when you this, you put a strain on your health, and remember — your body is a temple. Get some sleep.

My boy, Troy King, used to tease me because twice I stayed up to about 4 a.m. studying for an exam, then overslept. Ain't that crazy?

Also, keep in mind that parties come and go. This is college — there's always going to be another party (probably even the next day). Parties have to end, but an "F" will endure on your transcript forever. Or so I've heard (I wouldn't know personally — ha ha).

Another good thing to do is complete the assignment as soon as you find out about it, or you may find yourself mad because you have to type a paper in a hour and all the computers are taken in the BAS. I've been there.

You can listen to the things I'm saying, or you can find out the hard way, which is what will probably happen.

Peace and Big Respect. ♦

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Monday, September 25, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

Fall finally finds its way

By Courtney Huckabay
Features Editor

An autumn breeze blowing in, orange and yellow leaves falling to the ground, a new smell in the air and school children frolicking with that just-let-out-of-school energy...these are the signs of fall.

The Campus School celebrated the first day of fall with their annual Fall Festival on Friday. A few MTSU students helped out with the festivities and had a pretty good time while doing it.

Tiffany Bivens, Delta Zeta's philanthropy chair, was more than happy to give up a Friday afternoon. "The Campus School asked for volunteers, so we're here. We're just going to hang out and visit with the kids. They're so cute when they come up here to get candy. They're like, 'Can I really have candy for a ticket?'"

Several members of various sororities and fraternities worked at tables selling candy, cotton candy, hot dogs and assorted desserts. All the money raised from these tables goes directly into the classrooms of the Campus School. According to Denette Blakemore, a mother volunteer and co-chair of the food tables, "The money will be divided amongst all the teachers to choose new resource materials for their classrooms."

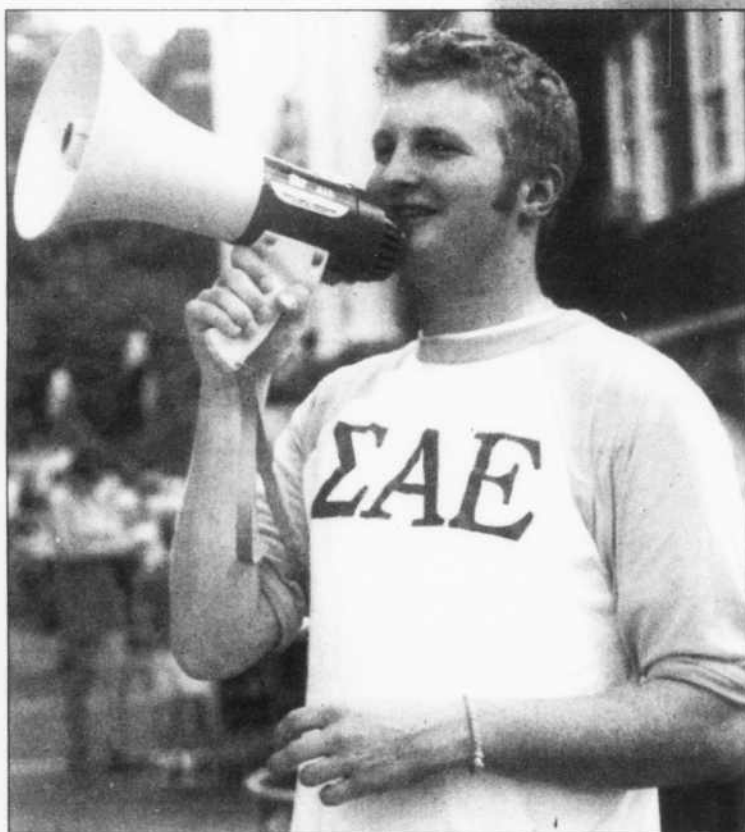
Walking through the crowd of kids and parents, one could find many activities to pass the time. One could have his or her picture made into a button, try out the baseball toss, take a chance in the cakewalk, fish in the duck pond, joust, try out the climbing wall, take a ride on the inflatable slide, jump around in the YMCA Star Castle, hit the hay for a hayride, get lost in the dragon maze, or hop on a horse for a quick gallop around the lawn.

Ellen Williams, an 8-year-old Campus School student, had taken advantage of the face-painting services offered and had just jumped off the hayride when this reporter caught up with her. "I think my favorite thing so far is the thing-a-ma-jig over there that you get to jump around in." Her mother interjected, "You mean the Moon Walk."

Moving on to the Horse Walk, kids of all ages were enjoying the saddled ride. "This is very popular. Everyone loves to do this and it's great because even the kids that are under can enjoy it," said Dana Stroop, another volunteer mom.

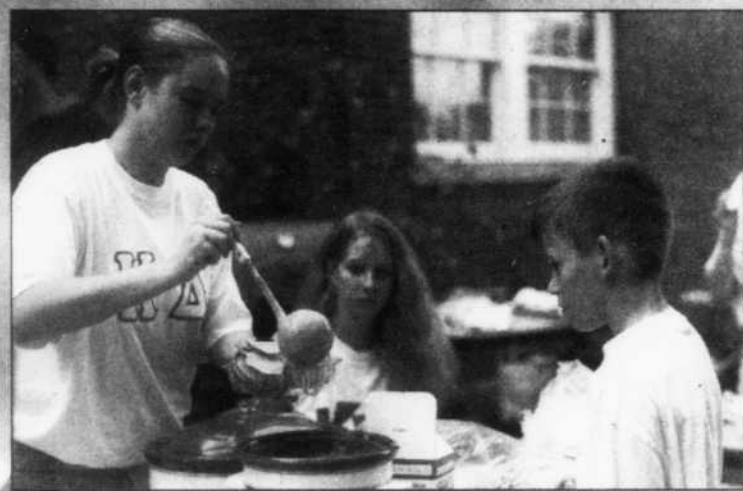
The horses used every year are provided by MTSU's Horse Barn. Freshman animal science major Jody Pugh was one of the horse handlers who volunteered her time. "We do this every year. This is my first time, but I like it so far."

All in all, the Fall Festival greeted the changing season with energy and excitement. ♦



Photos by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer

Sophomore Justin Burriss took pride in his job at the Festival Friday. He spent most of his time yelling at kids and parents to buy cotton candy because it was "just like Grandma used to make...ummm, ummm good." Burriss added, "They didn't want me to come to this, but I did it anyway."



Real-American hero saves DVD world

By Phillip Duncan
Staff Writer

This week I would like to bring to everyone's attention two excellent DVDs that might have passed you by. Both titles are animated, but not aimed at kids. I'm talking about "Wallace and Gromit" and "G.I. Joe: The Movie" and I will focus on each one separately.

Just recently released, "G.I. Joe: The Movie" is a great reissue of the theatrical movie from the cartoon of the 80's. Produced near the end of the animated series, the movie focuses on newer characters and reveals the true origins of Cobra.

Don Johnson, Burgess Meredith, and Sgt. Slaughter provide voices for some of the newer characters, but every major character puts in an appearance.

The animation looks better than I remember, perhaps because it was produced for the theater. The sound has also been re-mastered into 5.1 Dolby Digital. The sound does not hold up to most recent recordings, but at least the effort was put forth to improve the quality as much as possible.

Also available on the disc are two theatrical trailers for the film, as well as two commercials from the 50's for the original G.I. Joe toys. These are nice, but the best part of the DVD has to be the 25 public service announce-

ments included on the disc.

During the heyday of 80's cartoons, the government decided that not enough educational programming was being shown on television during the afternoon hours when children were likely to be watching. Stations were told to include more educational based programming.

In order to be labeled educational, G.I. Joe began running short, 30 second public service announcements that informed children how to confront everyday problems.

These announcements covered everything from handicaps to nose-bleeds.

At the end of each one, one of the children would exclaim, "and now we know," to which a G.I. Joe member would reply, "and knowing is half the battle." This feature is easily the most fun thing on the disc.

If G.I. Joe still does not fill your animation craving you might want to check out "Wallace and Gromit."

This DVD from the BBC and Aardman Studios is the perfect introduction to Nick Park's popular animation style. Park, who is responsible for this summer's claymation movie "Chicken Run," has compiled three shorts featuring mild-mannered inventor Wallace and his too smart for his own good dog, Gromit.

Of the three, "The Wrong Trousers" is by far the best. In it, a rascally pen-

guin steals Wallace's self-walking trousers and uses them to commit crimes. It's up to Gromit to bring the penguin to justice and get Wallace to see what is really happening.

Minor plot points aside, it is amazing the level of detail and emotion Park can achieve with clay. More often than not, the story is told with facial expressions and eye movement instead of lots of dialogue.

This DVD also sports a superb video transfer. The colors really pop out of the screen and everything looks crystal-clear. The audio is presented in Dolby Surround, which is standard for typical DVDs, but the animation and sound complement each other.

This disc also has a few good features on it, all of which seem a bit lacking. There are four animations from Park included on the disc and they are definitely from early in his career.

The first two are noticeably rough and show the different stages of experimentation that he went through. The other two are test shots at various stages of completion that provide an interesting look at the process.

Also included are a few short commercials from the BBC and excerpts from a documentary called "Inside the Wrong Trousers."

It is sad that the entire documen-

tary was not included because it's a fascinating look inside the process required to make such a film. The amount of work required to complete 30 seconds of footage is unbelievable.

These productions resemble a big budget movie, but on a smaller scale. Sets are built and lit just as they would be on a real production, except they are usually no larger than 2 or 3 feet tall.

Despite the lack of significant



Serpentor, a character from the G.I. Joe Movie

Photo Provided

extras, I would not trade this disc for anything. Park's humor and talent can be appreciated by all ages. The model-train chase sequence at the end of "The Wrong Trousers" should be recognized as one of the greatest moments in animation.

Either of these DVD's would be an excellent addition to any collection. They are different types of animation, but they present equal amounts of entertainment. Whether the feelings are nostalgic or humorous, they can be appreciated by all ages.

If you would like to see a certain DVD in this column or would just like to ask me about one, send an e-mail to: riud0014@mtsu.edu or visit me online at: <http://personal.bna.bell-south.net/~pjduncan> for more reviews and DVD information. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

To submit an On Campus announcement, come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Sept. 25

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is hosting an annual event known as "Fall Blows In." This event is an AKA coat and clothing drive. The clothes donated will be given to the families of Domestic Violence of Rutherford County. Boxes will be located in dorms to collect for "Fall Blows In." Contact Meshan Johnson at 890-2334 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is offering a Math Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB, Room 204. Eliminate math anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 26

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The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service for MTSU offers the course "A+ Certification Training Program." The course is held on Tuesdays from Sept. 26-Nov. 28, from 6-9 p.m. and is worth three CEUs. Tim Beckett teaches the course in Mod F, Rooms 101 and 102. The cost is \$449.

Come learn to rock climb and belay the right way with Campus Recreation at 6 p.m. Call Jenny or Mitch at 898-2104 for more information.

Sept. 27

June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Test Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Room 204. End test anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

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Sept. 28

Middle TN Students of Objectivism are

holding a video-lecture by Dr. Harry Binswanger. "Ayn Rand's Theory of Free Will" and "Are You the Master of Your Life?" will be shown at 7 p.m. in KUC Room 313. For more information go to: <http://m.t.s.o.tripod.com>.

The Sci-Fi Club is holding auditions for a student film from 4-6 p.m. in KUC Room 318. Contact Kim Malone at 898-3268 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty, and staff (men are also welcome). Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Captain's meeting for intramural volleyball at 5 p.m. in the Campus Recreation office. Call Chris or Warren at 898-2104 for more information.

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Oct. 5

A National Depression Screening is being held at the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building Room 109 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free, anonymous screenings are available for depression and manic-depression. Also there will be an opportunity to take self-test for depression, talk with mental health professional and to analyze suicide risk of friend or family member. Referral to treatment centers provided. Contact Anita Kinslow at 898-2443 for more information.

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Ongoing

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The

Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more information.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all women students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia, or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in CKNB 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The works of Phil Vanderweg will be displayed in the Art Barn Gallery through Sept. 27 during regular gallery hours.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes all students to come for fellowship on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Football Game Day Room located between the stadium and athletic weight room, across from Murphy Center. There will be great speakers, Bible studies, activities and friendship. Contact Rhonda Neitzel at 893-6109 for more information.

The Presbyterian Student Fellowship welcomes everyone on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. to a fellowship of study, singing, friends and fun. For more information call Rich at 893-1787 or Mary at 867-7370.

The Victory Church and Raider Victory Ministries invite everyone to attend their service on Sundays in the KUC Theater at 10 a.m.

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Athletically diverse yourself

I have taken some heat recently for my lack of coverage of "other" sports. It seems that I focus a little too much on football. Well, I want to clear the air and let everyone know that I support all our athletic teams here on campus and I support them equally.

I will be the first to admit I have not attended a soccer game or a track meet or a softball game. I can not even name one player on either of our rugby teams. Just because I am not physically attending each and every game does not, however, mean I do not look for results or wonder how they fared.

When I say we should support our athletic teams, I am not saying everyone should stay here and go to the football games and only football games. I want the students here at MTSU to diversify themselves — check out a sport you normally would not be interested in.

Just this past week, several of my friends and I attended all three of the Lady Raiders home volleyball games. To my knowledge, I do not think any of us had attended one before.

I admit I went to the first game solely to slide my Raider Rewards card through the kiosk, but I did stay to watch the game. I went in with a chip on my shoulder thinking this could get boring and we may not stay till the end.

Let me tell you, my buddies and I stayed until the end and left planning to come to the next two games over the weekend. We were caught up in the excitement and were on the edge of our seats.

For example, in Friday night's contest, the Lady Raiders went up two sets to none. Florida International went on to win the next set and was leading 10-2 in the fourth. The small crowd that was scattered throughout Murphy Center began to cheer even louder for their Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders would go on to win the set 16-14. I am not going to say that the fans who were in attendance, cheered and screamed loud enough to hold off the Golden Panthers, but I do think they gave the Lady Raiders that extra push they needed to put away Florida International.

I will walk away from this weekend with a new outlook on how I will cover sports this semester and throughout the rest of the year. There is no one sport that is any more important than any other. I plan to make sure I am no longer oblivious to what else is going on in the MTSU athletic world besides Blue Raider football.

If just a few students would attend a volleyball match, softball game, tennis match or track event, then our athletic teams will benefit as a whole.

I will continue to attend the volleyball matches and I look to continue to diversify myself and give the other sports a chance as well. I look forward to seeing other students there as well. You can find me at the volleyball matches standing behind the Goldie's Fan Club Sign.

I would also like to let the athletes know if they feel as if I am not giving them there just do, to let me know. It is my job to let the student body of this campus know about what their Blue Raiders are doing for their school.

Good Luck and Go Big Blue. ♦

In The Zone



Michael Barrett

Sports Editor

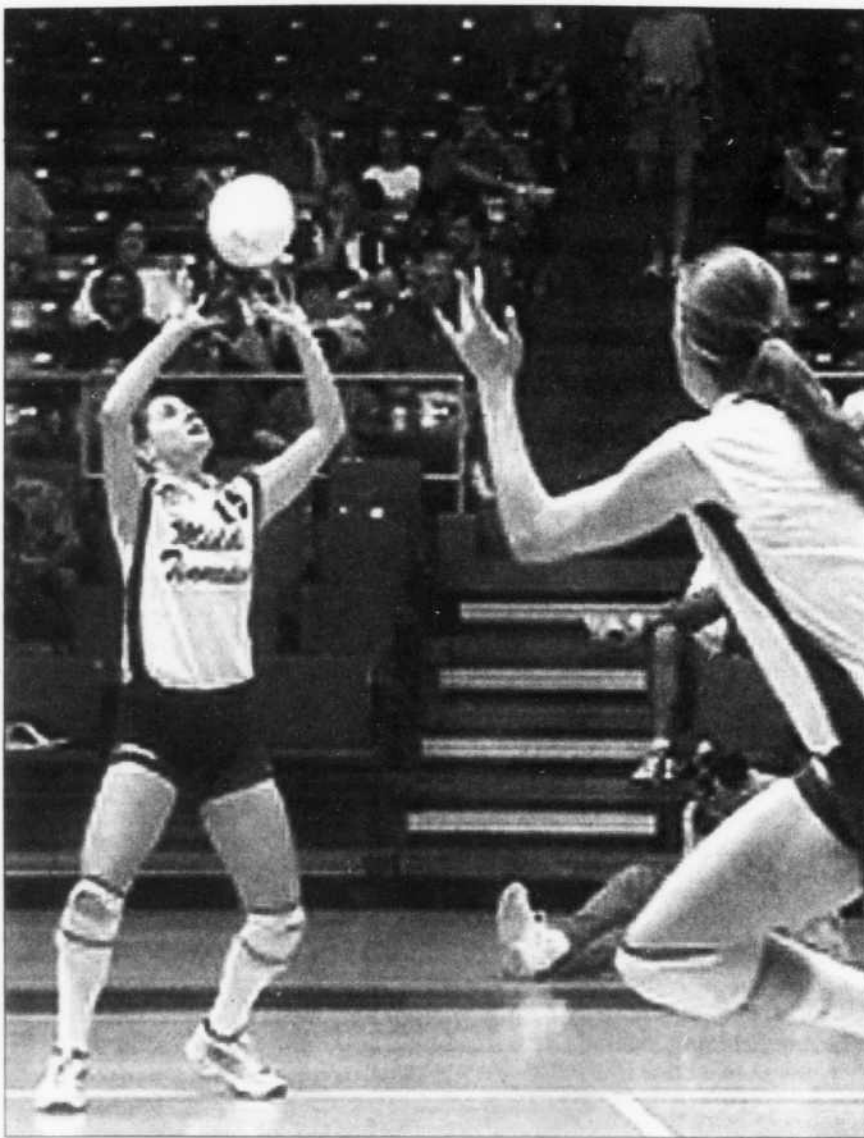


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Alicia Scott sets up a shot for her teammates.

Terrapins air it out against Blue Raiders

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider football team returns from College Park, MD with thoughts of what might have been. A stop here, a play there, and MTSU might have come away with its first 1-A win since 1992 against Northern Illinois. However, hindsight is 20/20.

The 45-27 score is not indicative of how the game was actually played out. The Blue Raiders only trailed by three twice; the latest at 24-21 with 8:31 left in the third quarter, after a wide-out pass from Hansford Johnson to Kendall Newson. The Terrapins then scored twenty-one unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

The defense still struggled giving up 528 yards of total offense. Middle linebacker Glen Jones said, "We made too many mistakes that hurt us."

Too many mistakes have led to a 1-3 start where the defense has averaged giving up 40.8 points and 436 yards in total offense per game. But keep in mind the opponents. Two of them nationally ranked (Illinois and Florida) and the other had a hiesman trophy candidate (LaMont Jordan, Maryland).

The flip-flopping of Blue Raider quarterbacks continued Saturday. Wes Counts got the start but was unable to put any points on the board completing 9-14 passes for 70 yards but no touchdowns. So Jason Johnson

entered the game in second quarter and sparked the offense.

If one is not getting things done, we'll put the other one in, Head Coach Andy McCullom said about the quarterback issue. He goes on to say, "If Dwone Hicks isn't running good we're going to put (Don) Calloway in. It's (quarterback position) like any other position on the field."

There wasn't much need to replace Hicks. The sophomore work horse hit triple digits for the third time this season rushing 16 times for 117 yards, giving him 430 yards on the young season.

A bye week may be just what the Blue Raiders need to heal their pain and minor injuries.

"This hurts, it really hurts, because we're very close at getting over that dang hump," said McCullom. "We've got to grow up as a football team, he continues, "We're close, but close isn't good enough."

Hansford Johnson offers his suggestion about all just getting over that hump, "If we can all just get over that hump and believe, and make this an attitude to win, then we can play like that."

The crest of that hump is without question in plain view. Confidence and an attitude to win can definitely come out of the next two Louisiana opponents. And who knows, a trip to Starkville in a few weeks may be the day when the Blue Raiders conquer that hump. ♦

Last week's scores

Volleyball

Sept 19 MTSU vs UT-Chanooga
MTSU wins 3 sets to 0
Sept 22 MTSU vs Florida International
MTSU wins 3 sets to 1
Sept 23 MTSU vs Louisiana Tech
MTSU wins 3 sets to 0

Football

Sept. 23 Maryland 45 MTSU 27

Soccer

Sept 21 North Texas 7 MTSU 1
Sept 24 South Alabama 3, MTSU 0

Lady Raiders win sixth straight

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team increased its win streak to six by taking two matches over the weekend.

The Lady Raiders downed Florida International 3-1 (15-12, 15-11, 12-15, 16-14) Friday at Murphy Center.

The first three games were back and forth, however, the Lady Raiders took the first two games, but were beaten in the third game by the Golden Panthers. The fourth game was more dramatic for MTSU. They had to overcome a six-point deficit in beating Florida International 16-14.

Sophomore Erin Hillstrom had another double-double for the Lady Raiders. She finished with 15 kills and 16 digs. Senior Lindsay Pritchard finished with 16 kills and 13 blocks — four solo and nine assisted.

Still Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kisee said, "We weren't getting the ball to Lindsay and she's our go to [player]."

Sophomore Katie Thiesen contributed 13 kills and nine digs to the

Lady Raider effort, while Alicia Scott had 12 kills and 10 digs. Sophomore Kelly Quinn and freshman Goldie Bilyeu-Sears again split time at setter.

Quinn led the way with 27 assists. Sears was right behind her with 26 assists and she also had 13 digs.

"The crowd really helped at times," Kisee said. "That fourth game we could have just laid down and died, but the crowd really helped."

It was the first game in Sun Belt Conference play for the Lady Raiders. Saturday, the Lady Raiders continued their winning ways by beating Louisiana Tech 3-0 (15-8, 15-5, 15-9).

The win improved the Lady Raiders conference leading record to 2-0.

Hillstrom recorded her third straight double-double with 10 digs and 14 kills. Thiesen and sophomore Jennifer Hignite were a wall on defense.

Each player had seven blocks. Thiesen had six solos and one assist. Hignite had three solos and four assists.

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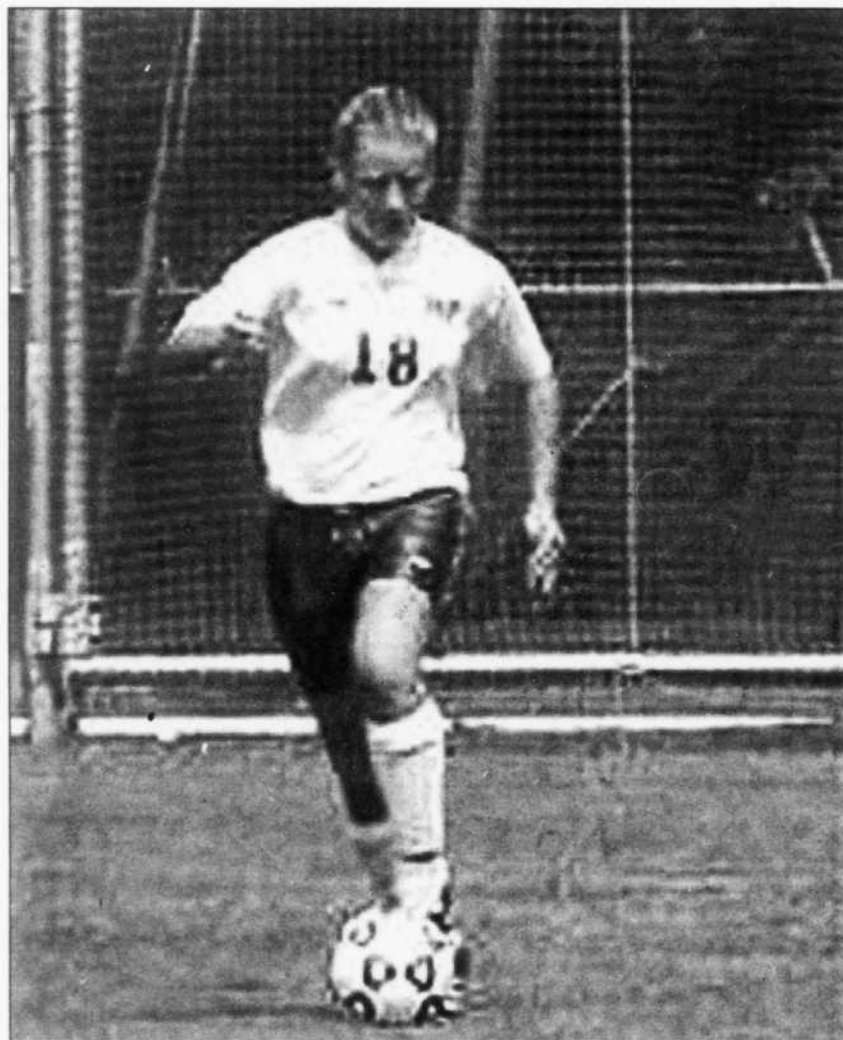


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UNT Beats MT 7-1

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Middle Tennessee's Lady Raider soccer team didn't make the impression they had hoped for in their first home conference game since joining the Sun Belt.

Visiting North Texas, which is ranked sixth in the latest Soccer Buzz regional poll, defeated the Lady Raiders 7-1 on Thursday afternoon, marking the Lady Eagles' debut in the league.

UNT struck early and often in the match. Marilyn Marin, who scored four goals in the contest, zipped a ball past Lady Raider goalie Jennifer Robb with only 2:02 expired from the game clock. Kim Brunette followed Marin's lead with another goal only 7:02 later.

Things looked up for the Lady

Raiders as Emily Carter netted her first collegiate goal at 14:06 on a beautiful feed from Megan Holsten.

From there, however, it was Mean Green domination. After taking a 3-1 lead into halftime, UNT drilled in four more goals in the second half to put the game entirely out of reach.

Middle Tennessee fell to 3-5 overall and 1-2 in the Sun Belt while North Texas improved their record to 6-3 on the season and 1-0 in league play. The game also marked the first time this season that Middle Tennessee scored a goal in a game in which it lost.

The Lady Raiders will also be waiting to see about the medical condition of freshman Jenny Cox, who hurt

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Francis has a grip on his priorities

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

In this world of big-time college football and the importance placed on an athlete to perform, sometimes the student athlete is left behind.

This is not the case, however, with Blue Raider defensive back Jermaine Francis. Francis not only is a student athlete, who plans to graduate in December of 2001 with a Business-Management Degree, but also he also is a man with his priorities in order.

Born in Jamaica on July 13, 1979, he lived there until he was seven years old. After living in Maryland for two years, Francis moved with his mother and three sisters to Miami, FL.

Francis attended Miami Lakes High School, where he was not only a star defensive player, but also was a member of the track team. He went on to Butler County Community College (BCCC) in Kansas after graduation, where he was moved from free safety to defensive back.

After playing at BCCC for two years, Francis had to choose where he was going to further his education and play football at the same time.

Southern Mississippi and the University of Missouri were on Francis's short list along with MTSU. After visiting the other two schools, Francis came to Middle Tennessee with an open outlook and thoroughly enjoyed his visit.

He told me, when talking with him, that he really liked the way he was treated. He said head coach Andy McCullom made him feel wanted and that he would be an asset to the program on their move from 1-AA to 1-A.

Francis has always been a defensive stand out ever since his first football experience of playing linebacker in pee-wee ball. He started playing at age eleven and never really played any other organized sports other than running track in high school.

Francis is not one to try and pattern his game after someone, but does have a lot of respect for NFL cornerbacks, particularly Deon Sanders of the Washington Redskins.

As far as his plans for after graduation,

Francis plans to do an internship with Met-Life Insurance. Francis spoke with a representative from Met-Life at Career Day held in Murphy Center last week.

Following his internship, Francis hopes to work for Met-Life and would like to go back to the Miami area in order to once again be close to his family.

Interestingly enough Francis does have a few things written on each finger of his playing gloves that helps him to see reality and realize a bigger picture than football.

Written on his thumb is the word "priorities." The meaning behind the word according to Francis is his "mother, three sisters and his family."

On his pointer finger Francis remembers a close friend that died before his prime by having the name "Valentino" written as well as the date of his untimely death, while his middle finger motivates Francis to "play with confidence."

In times of frustration, Francis will look at his ring finger and read "no one can stop me but me."

And finally on his "least important" finger, Francis has the most important inscription. The pinky reads, "I can do all things through Jesus Christ."

So if you ever have any questions about your priorities, just go shake number eight's hand. Jermaine Francis truly has a grip on his priorities in life. ♦

Rain hinders first day of Fall Classic

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The first day of the Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational was slowed due to early morning rains resulting in several delays. Some matches were moved to the Racquet Club before the weather finally allowed the tournament to go on as scheduled.

Singles play highlighted the afternoon as a good portion of doubles matches were postponed until Saturday.

Vanderbilt's Eddie Coates lived up to his number one seeding in Flight A winning his first two matches to move into the quarterfinals. The 1999 champion Nikola Aracic, who is seeded No. 2, also advanced to the quarterfinals as expected. Jerome LeBelicard was the only seeded player to lose on the first



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Coach Short got more than he bargained for Friday after rains soaked the courts at Bouldin Tennis Complex.

day in Flight A. Middle Tennessee's Michael Staniak won his first collegiate match with a straight sets win over UAB's Andre Van Dew Merwe. He later advanced to the quarterfinals with another straight sets win. Blue Raider Mark Pellerin was ousted from the tournament after winning his first round match.

In Flight B, Evansville's Tomas Johansson pulled off the upset of the day knocking off the No. 1 seed Jens Frederiksen of Vanderbilt. Former Blue Raider Michael Chamberlain, now at Memphis, also moved into the quarterfinals.

Only a few first round doubles matches were played, but Saturday's action will be full of doubles and singles quarterfinal and semifinal action. ♦

Soccer: team plagued by injuries

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her knee cap late in the second half of the game.

If Cox misses Sunday's contest, she will be the fifth player to miss time due to injuries with two of those players being lost for the year prior to the start of the season.

A disappointed head coach Scott Ginn said, "We played a good team, but we made too many mistakes. I don't have any idea what we're doing out there. It was just too many mental mistakes."

"We haven't played smart in the last three games. We're just not thinking and soccer is a thinking game. It's a player's

game and not a coach's game. We try to teach things in practice and let the players put it into use on the field and right now it's just not getting done."

Ginn's team won't have long to think about the loss as South Alabama, yet another Sun Belt opponent, will come calling at Lady Raider field on Sunday for a 1 p.m. game. ♦



Lightning Flash

FOOTBALL

MTSU suffered yet another loss over the weekend, this time to the Maryland Terrapins.

The Blue Raiders had a great day on offense, they had over 450 yards of total offense, but were unable to stop the Maryland pass attack which had over 350 yards. Maryland would go on to win 45-27. Dwone Hicks would have his 3rd 100 yard rushing performance of the season. Both Tyrone Calico and Kendal I Newson had over 100 yards receiving. Jason Johnson led the Blue Raiders in passing with 199 yards and two touchdowns.

VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raiders were victorious in both of their matches over the weekend. They defeated the Florida International Golden Panthers on Friday night three sets to one, 15-12, 15-11, 12-15, 16-14). The Blue Raiders were down 10-2 during the fourth set, until they rallied from behind to win 16-14. The Lady Raiders also went on to defeat the Louisiana Tech 3 sets to 0, 15-8, 15-5, 15-9. The Lady Raiders have won six straight matches and are now 2 and 0 in Sunbelt Conference play.

MEN'S TENNIS

MTSU men's tennis team hosted the MTSU Fall Invitational this past weekend, and the Lady Raiders tennis team participated in the Furman Fall Classic. Final results were not released before paper went to press.

SOCCER

The Blue Raiders were defeated by North Texas 7-1 on Thursday. UNT was led by Marilyn Marin who scored four goals in the contest. The Lady Raiders lone goal was scored by Emily Carter at 14:06, it was Emily's first collegiate goal. It was the Lady Raiders first loss as a member of the Sunbelt.

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Klemetz runs out of steam at clay courts

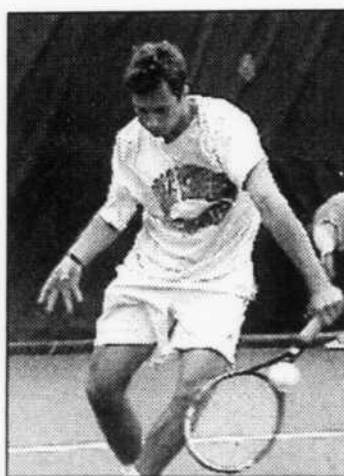


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Daniel Klemetz saw his run at the National Clay Court Championships come to an end Friday morning in the end of 16.

Having played three three-set matches on Thursday, Klemetz ran out of steam playing Peter Handoyo of Tennessee.

Handoyo, the 23rd ranked player in the country won in straight sets 6-0, 6-4.

"It's a great start," said head

coach Dale Short. "He was very sore and tired but, Handoyo played very good. When one person does something special everyone

else tends to gravitate toward that."

Klemetz' round of 16 finish was the first since 1997 for a Blue Raider tennis

player. He had advanced with a win over Frank Moser who came in as the nation's eighth ranked player marking the first win for Klemetz over a ranked opponent. ♦

How the Blue Raiders fared against Maryland

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NEWSON OWNS RECORD: Kendall Newson recorded his eighth 100-yard receiving game of his career tonight to break Middle Tennessee's career record of seven established by Demetric Mostiller.

HICKS OVER 100 AGAIN: For the third time in four games this season, tailback Dwone Hicks topped the 100-yard rushing mark. It was the fourth 100-yard rushing game of his career, which is tied for the 12th most in school history. For the season, Hicks now has 429 rushing yards.

HICKS FOR SIX: Dwone Hicks' 70-yard TD run was the third of the season for the sophomore and the longest run of his career. In fact, it was the longest run from scrimmage by a Blue Raider since Kelverrick Green scampered 76 yards for a score against UT Martin in 1997.

JASON JOHNSON SETS PERSONAL BEST: QB Jason Johnson set career highs in every passing category against the Terps. Johnson completed 19 of his 36 attempts for 199

yards. Johnson's previous completion high was 13 against Illinois and he attempted 16 passes against both Illinois and Florida. Johnson's 112 yards against Illinois was his previous high in that category. He also had a personal best two touchdown passes, which were the first of the season for the Blue Raiders.

NUMBER 3: Jykine Bradley's second quarter interception of a Calvin McCall pass was the third of his career and also the third of the season for Middle Tennessee.

JOHNSON TO JOHNSON: The combination of QB Jason Johnson and WR Hansford Johnson produced the Blue Raiders' first touchdown pass of the season. Jason hit Hansford on a 13-yard pass in the second quarter to record the score.

RECEPTION STREAK UPDATE: Junior Kendall Newson ran his streak of consecutive games with at least one reception to 25 games, which ranks tied for 11th in the country. Also continuing a streak of his own was WR Tyrone Calico who has now had a catch in 15 straight games.

FIRST ACTION: Redshirt freshman Joe Moos from Riverdale High School in Murfreesboro saw his first collegiate action today as a member of the front line of MT's kickoff return team.

START STREAKS CONTINUE: Two impressive start streaks continued against Maryland. Offensive tackle Barry Hall made his 35th straight start today against the Terps, while quarterback Wes Counts made his 24th consecutive start. Counts' consecutive streak is the sixth longest in the country among quarterbacks.

MOVING ON UP: Receiver Kendall Newson picked up 135 yards on 10 grabs to move up to fourth on the all-time receiving yards list with 1,664 during his career. He eclipsed Vince Parks who collected 1,529 yards between 1988-92.

CALICO MOVED: Tyrone Calico moved up to fifth place on the all-time catches list. His seven catches against Maryland gives him 89 for his career and moves him ahead of David Stewart, who hauled in 87 receptions from 1969 to 1972. ♦

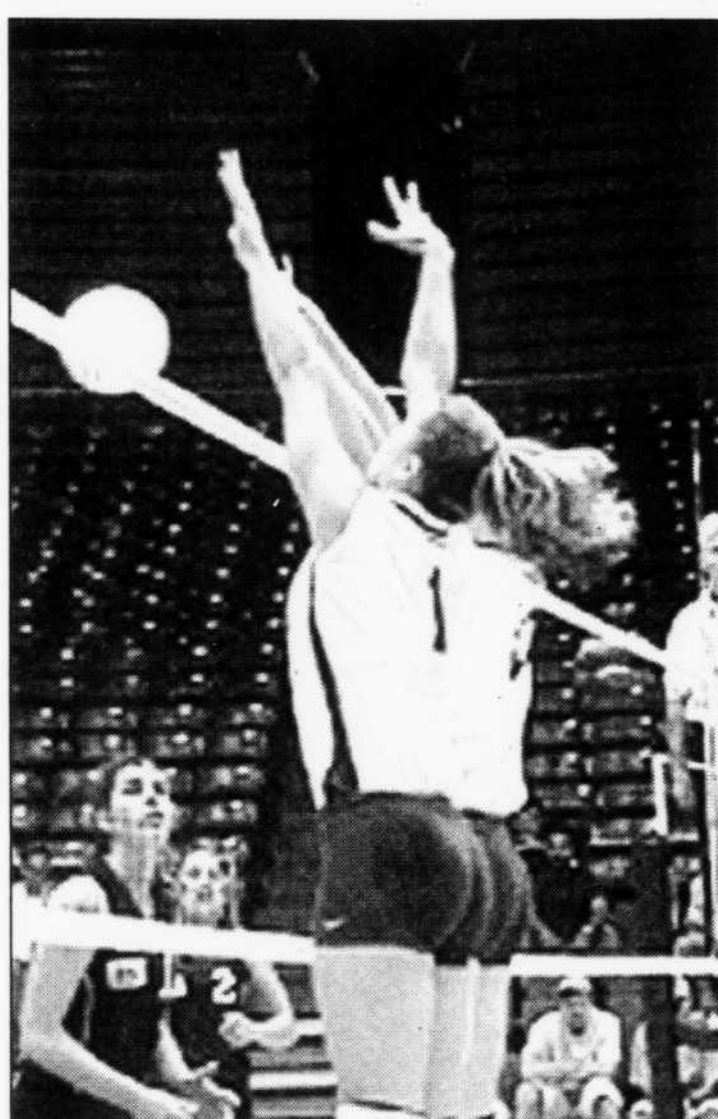


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Lady Raiders go for a block against LA Tech Saturday.

Volleyball: Lady Raider momentum continues

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Pritchard recorded 10 kills and three block assists. Quinn and Bilyeu-Sears had 20 and 18 assists respectively. They also had nine digs each, while Scott added 13 digs.

"Louisiana Tech doesn't usually make errors," Kissee said.

"If they do it's because they got blocked. They hit a lot of balls out. That doesn't usually happen."

The Lady Raiders go on the road for its next match September 26, when they travel to Western Kentucky. Their next home action is October 13 against Denver at 5:00 p.m. ♦

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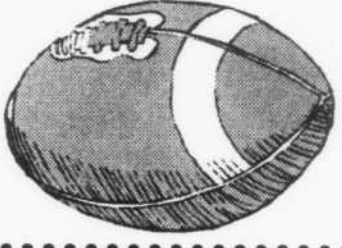
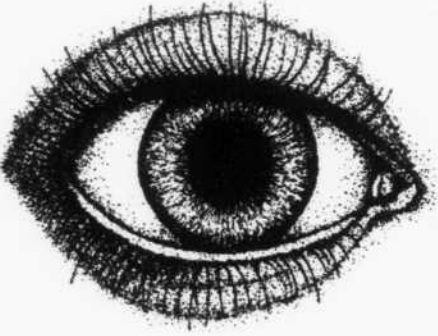
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