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Family dilemmas focus of legal clinic

By Roshon Lewis Contributor

Sept. 27, the June Anderson Women's Center will be conducting their monthly legal clinic Sept. 27. The Legal Clinic provides women as well as men the opportunity to discuss family issues.

Chasity Hyde, coordinator of the legal clinic and receptionist at the June Anderson Women's Center, will be the primary

organizer of the event.

"Primarily the legal clinic deals with issues such as divorce, child custody and financial dilemmas," Hyde said.

"We understand that men are also concerned with many of these issues," Hyde said. "This is why we offer the program to men as well as faculty and stu-

Hyde refused to take full credit for the existence of the legal clinic. She acknowledged

explained their overall function in the legal clinic.

"Richard Romey, attorney at law, is one of the lawyers that comes to speak with many of the clients," Hyde said.

"Usually, we choose two lawyers at random to come and discuss issues."

Romey expalined the initial approach he uses when talking to many of the clients.

"Usually, I have a set roaster

me before I speak to the clients on a one on one basis," Romey said.

"Typically, I deal with more domestic issues than anything violence and situations of that nature," Romey added.

Romey also made it very clear that each individual's conversation is kept totally confi-

"I like to talk to the clients on a private basis because it proves

the lawyers involved and of clients already prepared for to be more effective," Romey

Chasity Hyde expressed her overall stisfaction with all of the programs that the June Anderson Women's Center pro-

"I'm really proud of the production the legal clinic has made," Hyde said.

"I really feel as if I'm making a difference in the lives of many women who are concerned with family issues in this society."

The June Anderson Women's Center provides a number of helpful programs that deal with women's issues. One of them includes the Brown Bag Lunch at which individuals bring their own lunch and discuss issues with one another.

"The Brown Bag Lunch is more relaxed than the legal clinic," Hvde said. "I find the legal clinic to be much more effec-

Pentagon orders aircraft to Persian Gulf

By Susanne M. Schafer Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The Pentagon on Wednesday ordered combat aircraft to begin moving to bases in the Persian Gulf area, the first concrete sign of preparations to retaliate for last week's terrorist attacks, a senior defense official said.

The combat aircraft will be preceded by teams of Air Force air controllers who will coordinate the refueling of the fighters and bombers as they deploy from the United States to the Gulf region, the official

The deployment has been dubbed "Operation Infinite Justice," the official said.

The official said no aircraft have moved yet.

First to move would be the air controller teams, which must establish ground communications at various places along the air route in order to coordinate refueling opera-

Likely to be included in the force of combat aircraft are F-16s, F-15s and possibly B-1 bombers, the official said.

The United States already has a sizeable and well-developed military presence in the Persian Gulf, with combat aircraft stationed in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain and elsewhere.

It appeared likely that many of the extra combat aircraft to be deployed in the next several days would go to Kuwait and Bahrain, the official said.

Wednesday, Earlier Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said America's war on terrorism must go beyond Osama bin Laden and hunt down associated networks of terrorists in dozens of coun-

"We have a lot of evidence about a number of countries harboring terrorists that are working across the globe," Rumsfeld told CNN.

'This is not a problem of Al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden. It is a problem of a number of networks of terrorists that have been active across the globe," Rumsfeld

Bin Laden, considered by the Bush administration to be the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, and his associates have activities in 50 or 60 countries, including the United States, the secretary

"We need to take this effort, this cause, this campaign to the root of the problem, and that's the terrorists and the countries that are harboring them," Rumsfeld said.

As Rumsfeld spoke, sailors and Marines on the aircraft USS Theodore Roosevelt and its battle group prepared to leave Norfolk, Va., for a long-scheduled deployment to the Mediterranean

Officials declined to be specific about its ultimate destination.

Another carrier, the USS Enterprise, was scheduled to have returned home from the Persian Gulf this month after the USS Carl Vinson arrived to relieve it, but the orders were changed and the Enterprise remained in the

This could put three carrier battle groups in the area within weeks.

Rumsfeld, on CNN, said the United States is getting overwhelming support from governments around the world in its preparations for

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Your own personal Jesus



A life-sized Jesus icon awaits the devout in Robert Lewis' 1997 photograph titled Entry Booth, Aquascalientes. The photo is part of "Divine Humility," an exhibit in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery. See story on page 5.

By Nathalie Mornu Staff Writer

Big hair, big eyelashes, sequins, velvet and high drama! A rapid glance towards the Baldwin Photographic Gallery from across the Learning Resources Center lobby made me think I was seeing shots of a drag show. Drawn in, I discovered an exhibit that's anything but a drag.

I saw Jesus.

This was a Jesus unlike any I had seen before. At times he wore gowns of rich fabrics, dripping with gold trim and tassels. He was often frankly gory, literally covered with leaking wounds and liberally smeared with blood. He expressed real emotion. He didn't suffer at a distance; he was directly here on Earth, caring about me as well as the rest of humanity. He was my own, personal Jesus.

The only subjects in Robert Lewis' "Divine Humility" are contemporary Jesus icons from all across Mexico. The show covers about 15 years of the University of Memphis professor's fascination with the lifelike quality and animation of the statues.

"They're almost in motion," Lewis said.

Lewis will lecture on campus Monday about how he makes art and place the photographs See Jesus, 5

from "Divine Humility" in the context of his other work. During a telephone interview, Lewis said he's always looking for icons, even during his travels in the United States.

'The fervor in this country is very different," he said, contrasting the streets of Mexico with those of this country. "It's McDonald's; it's Taco Bell. It's very consumeristic."

Professor to challenge conventional gender roles

By Lisa Thomason Staff Writer

Traditionally, cries of gender discrimination in the United States have come from women.

Those who attend the honors lecture Monday will learn that both men and women have been affected negatively by gender biases.

Elyce Rae Helford, director of the Women's Studies program and associate professor of English, will be the fourth presenter in the Fall 2001 Honors Lecture Series. Her presentation is titled "Just Say No to Gender."

According to Helford, the notion of gender in terms of masculinity vs. femininity is "outdated and harmful to all human interactions."

"Gender norms restrict behavior and appearance and create lives based on 'shoulds' or imperatives guilt-inducing rather than individualized, freely chosen identities," she

Helford acknowledges that much advancement has been made in the area of gender equality. However, she says much more progress is needed before complete equality is

"We allow girls to dress in skirts or jeans and to grow up to be lawyers, ballerinas, or truck Helford drivers," said. "However, women still cannot attain the highest ranks of political and economic power, such as being president."

Helford explains that this discrepancy is related to society's view that females should try to please others in their relationships before they empower themselves.

She said males in America also face problems when they cross lines not traditionally seen as "masculine."

"Boys cannot wear dresses or makeup, show vulnerability, stay home with the kids, or see value in any attributes labeled 'feminine." Helford's professional

research has tracked representations of gender and race in the media, particularly science fiction literature, television and

"The media depict African-American men as violent and dangerous and Asian-American women as subservient and exotic. Working-class men are deemed less capable of gentleness than middle-class men,"

According to Helford, society's preconceived notions have led to children being raised and socialized to accept gender norms. She said American culture "encourages entrapment into roles that are not freely chosen and that maintain power imbalances across lines of gender, race and class."

Part of the solution Helford proposes is to recognize gender as a "battlefield" where the choices people make can further the cause of equality.

"We can make choices in our

lives, big and small, that will impact our culture in ever growing ways until being a boy won't mean you can't cry, being a girl won't mean you ever have to wear high heels or makeup, and these decisions will never again impact interpersonal relations or levels of empowerment in the harmful ways they have done for centuries."

The Honors Lecture Series meets on Mondays from 3:00 to 3:50 in Peck Hall, Room 109A. All lectures are free and open to the public. •

Compiled by Lindsey Turner - News Editor

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Sept. 10 and Sept. 15. This log was compiled from the actual police reports.

Monday, Sept. 10, 1:48 p.m.

Health Services lot - Someone's vehicle was hit while they were in class. The perpetrator left the scene of the accident.

Monday, Sept. 10, 4:27 p.m.

Keathley University Center - A student claimed his wallet was Tuesday, Sept. 11, 5:17 p.m. either lost or stolen.

Monday, Sept. 10, 10:42 p.m.

Rutledge Hall - A female reported that her roommate had overdosed on six Benadryl and 20 Zoloft pills (anti-depressants). Rutherford County Ambulance Service was notified and en route at 10:43 p.m. Subject was transported to Middle Tennessee Medical Center by 10:47 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10:05 a.m.

McWherter Learning Resources Center - Walking to class, a student reportedly was assaulted verbally, had keys thrown at her and was physically hit in the back by a black female with short hair, 5 feet 4 inches, 140 pounds, glasses, a yellow shirt and jeans.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 10:52 a.m.

Murphy Center - A wallet was stolen from student during class.

Greenland Drive parking lot B - An officer flagged down for report of hit and run that occurred last Friday.

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 6:38 p.m.

Cummings annex lot - A student reported theft of a credit card. Christopher Daniels, 20, was arrested for theft and credit/debit card

Wednesday, Sept. 12, 12:43 p.m.

Wesley Foundation - A stolen bicycle was reported.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 9:57 a.m.

Smith Hall - A vendor was restocking the machine at Smith Hall when his money bag was stolen. It was later located.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:51 p.m.

Womack Lane Apartment K - Two people came by the police department to complain about a possible domestic dispute. Craig Harlan, 24, was arrested. While officers were on the scene, Murfreesboro police transferred the subject's mother, calling from Ohio, stating that the subject was threatening to kill everyone around and hoped he was killed too. He was last seen running south on Rutherford Boulevard possibly armed with a knife. The subject is a white male, 6 feet 2 inches, 250 pounds wearing a grey T-shirt, long black shorts, with dark hair, a mustache and a goatee. Officers advised that the subject was in custody at 7:09 p.m.

Aircraft: Effort to root out terrorists 'will not be easy'

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its efforts against terrorism

"I think what you will see evolve over the next 6-8-10-12 months, probably over a period of years, is a coalition" to help battle terrorists, Rumsfeld said.

The Defense Department is moving to a war footing in the wake of the Sept. 11 attack, in which hijackers commandeered four commercial jetliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center towers in New York, the Pentagon and a field in southern Pennsylvania. The attack killed thousands.

The defense secretary visited the still-charred recovery and repair site at the Pentagon Wednesday before going to his own offices.

He went to the site, he said, to thank the workers searching for remains and helping recover up from the last Tuesday's terrorist jetliner strike.

"They are making very good progress. It is an enormous task; there's so much to be moved," Rumsfeld said.

Not only must the human remains be taken care of, but classified papers have to be collected and other debris moved,

"They are doing a terrific job. It's taking hundreds and hundreds of people," Rumsfeld

On Tuesday, he said the

effort to root out terrorists "will not be quick, and it will not be

Speaking at a Pentagon press conference, Rumsfeld said the enormity of the attack leaves the U.S. government little choice but to launch a largescale military offensive.

"What we'll have to do is exactly what I said: Use the full spectrum of our capabilities," Rumsfeld said.

He said he does not foresee calling up more than 35,000 members of the National Guard and Reserve to help with recovery efforts at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and to bolster the nation's defense.

President Bush last week

signed an order authorizing a call-up of as many as 50,000 reservists.

As of Tuesday, none had been called up, although many units have been told to prepare to be activated.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Plewes, chief of the Army Reserve, said that if President Bush orders a military offensive against terrorist networks and their supporters, the Army probably would have to activate more than the 10,000 National Guard and Reserve members currently scheduled for call-up.

"Quite clearly, 10,000 (reservists) in a large-scale antiterrorism campaign would be exhausted," he said. •

Rally for peace today on Knoll

Staff Reports

Tennessee Middle Solidarity and Students for Environmental Action will be participating in Nationwide Rally for Peaceful Justice today from noon to 1 p.m. on the Knoll in front of Keathley University

More than 100 college campuses across the country are organizing similar events to be held simultaneously.

Speakers will address the crowd and a petition will be

circulate for attendees who support the group's philoso-

Among other objectives, the group opposes retaliatory violence, supports the preservation of human rights and civil liberties, affirms their commitment to peaceful and thorough justice through legal channels, and urges consideration of underlying economic and politcal causes examining past U.S. foreign policy.

For more information, visit NRPJ's Web site at www.peacefuljustice.cjb.net.

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From the staff

Resist temptation; consider respect

Imagine you're on your daily trek for a parking space. You've circled the Bell Street lot several times already with no luck. Your class starts in 10 minutes, and you're starting to doubt whether you're going to make it. Then you see the group of people making their way across the street from campus, headed to their cars. So, you decide to wait and give this parking trip one

You stop where you are, toward the end of a middle aisle, hoping you'll get lucky and one of these car-movers will head your way. Then, miracle of all miracles, one cuts across from the other aisle and comes to the car you're parked directly beside. Hallelujah!

You flip your blinker on, reverse a few feet to give her plenty of room and patiently wait as she pulls out.

But then you notice that another car has come whipping around the corner from the previous aisle, heading down the wrong direction with his blinker on waiting for the same parking space. Surely not, you think. Everyone knows the unwritten parking lot rule: if you're behind a car with your blinker on, that space is yours. This guy isn't even facing the right direction.

So as the car backs out, you go to pull in the space - your space - which has been blessed upon you by the parking space gods. But this guy won't give up. You quickly realize that he's willing to side swipe you to get the parking space. As much as you'd like to give in to your impulse to ram him back, you are not willing to get into a traffic accident caused by road rage and a parking space.

So you flip the guy off with the chosen finger and turn into one of those vultures everyone hates, following students to their cars.

But this isn't just another complaint about parking; this is about the rudeness and inconsideration we all run into on an increasingly daily

This is about the people who congregate in front of the Keathley University Center making it impossible to get through the Knoll, the people who walk a mile an hour up the stairs in the BAS seemingly determined to make you late for class and give you an aneuryism stressing about the fact that they won't get out of your way, the people that walk four abreast down a sidewalk and expect you to step off into the grass, dirt or mud to get out of their way and the people who step out right in front of you as you're cruising along on your bike. This is about respect. This is about treating others with the same kindness you expect in return.

So next time you get the overwhelming urge to let convenience override consideration, resist the temptation and put yourself in the other person's shoes. •

Thursday, September 20, 2001

Pop culture reflects American tragedy



It is unlike anything any of us have ever seen. A week after the hijackings occurred, our news programs and newspapers are still dominated by last week's terrorist hijackings.

It's quite remarkable how an event like this has wiped the slate of our recent events and culture almost clean.

Anyone remember what was going on around the country before the attacks? I wonder if Gary Condit's sleeping any easier these days.

This domination will more than likely continue. This is an event that keeps developing every day and is of a magnitude that

many of us will not be able President Bush, the First to completely comprehend for years to come.

Even more stunning, however, is the way that the seemingly unstoppable machine of American pop culture was so affected.

The immediate effects were significant, if not surprising. Grammy Awards, which were scheduled for the evening of Sept. 11, and the Emmy Awards, which were planned for Sept. 16, were both postponed.

As sports fans or anyone not living under a rock know, all major professional and college sports events were canceled for the weekend.

highlight of The Tennessee college football Saturday was University of The South (Sewanee) facing off against Emory and Henry University in Division III

That's My Bush, the sitcom which parodied

Lady and the president's staff, has been pulled from Comedy Central's schedule indefinitely.

Comedy Central is also not filming new episodes of The Daily Show, which makes up and embellishes on the news of the day. They said there isn't really anything funny about what's in the news at the moment but will probably resume filming next week.

While on the subject of fake news, The Onion's Web site, which presents its fictional news in a newspaper format, is not publishing new material this week, preferring to reprint some of the past's more tame headlines.

Dave Barry decided not to write a humor column this week, saying that "I don't want to write one, and you don't want to read

In Hollywood, the immediate effects were the postponement of the Latin

Grammies and the Emmy Awards. Shortly after, Big Trouble, a movie about a bomb on an airplane, and Collateral Damage, which depicts Colombian terrorists destroying a Los Angeles skyscraper, have seen their release dates

pushed back. Various movie trailers and album covers have been altered so as to show sensitivity to what has happened.

In New York City, theater shows grinded to a halt in the aftermath, which forced several shows, including If You Ever Leave, I'm Coming With You!, to close.

Even David Letterman hosted Dan Rather in an emotional interview Monday night. All of the major late night shows will have returned to new programming by the time you read this, but it will be interesting to see what they have to offer.

And lastly, but perhaps

most significant of all, MTV showed videos during the day.

It took what is undoubtedly the single worst event in modern American history to make a channel called Music Television play music (at least during hours when people are awake.).

They aired videos from their entire library, meaning that bands such as R.E.M., Temple of The Dog and Blind Melon once again received airplay, which I'm sure confused those who didn't know this music existed, thanks to MTV's usual program-

I don't know if it says more about MTV or the event that happened. I'll leave that up to you, dear

An event dominating the news is nothing especially spectacular, but the effects of this tragedy on pop culture is nothing short of phenomenal.

Crime or war? The proper response to the terrorist attacks

By Dianne Durante

I am haunted by words from an Ayn Rand novel: 'They don't want to live; they want you to die." Watching the smoke from tens of thousands of lives and billions of dollars of property billow past my child' playground in New York on Sept. 11, I finally grasped what those words meant. The attacks on New York and Washington that day were obviously not just an attempt to strike at America's economy, defense, prestige or national symbols. These attacks, carried out at the beginning of a busy week in two of the most populous cities of the East Coast, were

The question - the immediate, essential, urgent question - is how to prevent more attacks by fanatics so zealous to kill Americans that they are willing to die doing it. Our proper response depends on whether this is a crime by individuals or an act of war by a foreign government. If it were a crime by an individual, like the Oklahoma City bombing, then we would gather the

cold-bloodedly calculated

to wreak maximum death

and devastation.

evidence and bring the perpetrator to trial. If it was a crime by individuals sponsored and betted by a foreign government, then it was an act of war and is a matter for military action - immediate and decisive. If the attack was in fact government-sponsored, then capturing and punishing individual killers is less crucial than preventing further attacks by the foreign government. Mere hours after the

bombings, there was already evidence that terrorist Osama bin Laden was involved. Bin Laden boasted weeks ago that "something big" would be happening Convincing evidence indicates his involvement in earlier bombings, including the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center (6 dead, more than 1,000 wounded), the U.S. bombings of embassies in Kenya and Tanzania (224 dead, more than 5,000) and the 2000 bombing of the USS Cole in the harbor of Aden (17 dead, 39 wounded). Bin Laden publicly proclaimed in 1998, "To kill Americans and their allies, both civil and military, is an individual duty of every Muslim who is able in any country

where this is possible." With such a record and such explicit statements, it is easy to believe that bin Laden masterminded the slaughter of Sept. 11.

That, however, does not mean that he is solely responsible or that eliminating him would eliminate terrorist activity against the United States. Why? Bin Laden and his like

could not operate without the knowledge, cooperation and approval of the governments in whose territory they encamped. Sometime the cooperation is merely turning a blind official eye to the presence of sizeable enclaves where dozens or hundreds of armed men are being drilled in infiltration, communications, intelligence, weapons, sabotage, murder. Sometimes the government is more active, providing weapons, men, supplies and money.

We have known for a long time which governments are active supporters of terrorists: Iran, Iraq, Syria, the Sudan, Libya, Afghanistan. They have consistently and explicitly abetted bin Laden and other terrorists and have repeatedly refused to close down the training camps

within their boundaries or to extradite known terrorists. Given the hatred of these governments for the United States – its wealth, its pride, its technology, its emphasis on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - if bin Laden were killed tomorrow, they would eagerly fund others to take his place. The only way to stop further terrorist attacks is therefore to deal with the source - the countries that harbor ter-

We are at war, and we must respond accordingly, causing maximum damage as quickly as possible with minimum risk to and loss of American lives. We must deliver an ultimatum to Iran, Iraq, Syria, the Sudan, Libya and Afghanistan: within seven days, disarm your military, destroy all terrorist camps within your borders and allow constant inspections henceforth to guarantee that you do not again become a threat to American citizens. If these countries fail to comply which is extremely likely, given America's record of vacillation and weakness in the face of decades of terrorist attacks - we must unhesitatingly bomb the terrorist camps to rubble,

and raze the capitals of countries in question, starting with Afghanistan. Blow them out of the 21st century and back to the period that had no respect for life, liberty and property: the Dark Ages.

What about the "innocent citizens" in those countries? Many danced in the streets with delight at the news that thousands of American citizens had been burned and crushed to death. If there are any true innocents among them, let them take those seven days to flee the capital and the country or to rebel.

To retaliate against a country whose government aids and abets terrorists is not vengeance. It is not bloodlust. It is not murder. It is self-defense. They do not want to live: we do. Let's remove their threats so promptly and so decisively that no one will think of making it again and then get on with our

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Fewer dollars equals smarter spending



MTSU is in the midst of a fiscal crisis. The reasons, though not simple, are identifiable.

First, MTSU has experienced what has been called explosive growth. Generally, any school wants to grow, but only if it can afford to educate the students. Unfortunately, MTSU cannot afford to educate these new students.

MTSU students pay for only a portion of their education; the state pays for what tuition does not. The state has not allocated money to MTSU in proportion to the increase in enrollment. The university is actually funded for 15,000 students.

The school must devise some method to pay for the education of every stuafter 15,000. Statistically, 5,000 students at MTSU are being educated for free.

Tennessee does not have enough tax dollars to distribute among its programs, including education. The state's budget troubles aren't likely to be over for at least a few more years, so lets not look to Nashville for solutions.

First, the university

control. More students exacerbate the problem. An enrollment cap and higher admission standards will help. Higher admission standards will not only cut enrollment but also give the professors more quality students, a side effect they are sure to appreciate. Besides, I hear it's more expensive to

teach dumb kids. The truly difficult part of all this is finding ways to save money. I'm sure the administration is looking at ways to make the bureaucracy more efficient, but eventually it will come down to either cutting programs or changing the way they run.

Certainly, any

spending will be scrutimust get enrollment under nized more than it has been in the past. In the past, the university has been accused of wasteful spending. It doesn't seem like this will be possible any more. MTSU cannot be every-

thing to everyone, so unchecked expansion in every department will not be allowed. However, departments, which can prove they are successful at educating quality students, will be rewarded. The university may not be able to do more with less, but perhaps it can do better with the same. Assuming the budget

crisis does pass, the key is to ride it out without damaging the university. With

careful management, the university could come out of this crisis all the better. It will run more efficiently and have better students.

If everyone keeps their eyes on spending and criticizes poorly planned spending, we can manage what we have.

Students should keep watch on potential cuts and fight for what they saved. Poorly want thought out cuts are as bad as haphazard spending.

In times like this, the administration, faculty, and students will have to cooperate, develop inventive solutions and make tough decisions until the state legislature can do what it must do: get us more money.

Have something to say? E-mail letters to slopinio@mtsu.edu or submit via www.mtsusidelines.com

Bathroom spill is a laughing matter for all those involved

Phil's Real Deal Philip Denton Staff Columnist

You've all seen them in stores but have never paid attention to the importance of their meaning. Caution! Wet Floor. The purpose of this big yellow symbol of slickness is to help people avoid injury from the ice-like surfaces of the newly cleaned

Have you ever imagined a world without this sign? How much change would occur if one little "Caution! Wet Floor" sign had never been invented? Unfortunately, I had to find that out the hard way.

I was just running through my nightly routine before I went to bed. Taking a shower, brushing my teeth and off I go to dream world.

This time things went a little differently. I got out of the shower as usual, brushed my teeth and started to walk out of the bathroom.

As soon as I turned the corner to head to my room, I felt my foot slide right out from under me. My whole body crashed to the floor.

I was thinking to myself, "I have got to get up fast before someone sees me lying here like an idiot!"

My attempt to get up was unsuccessful, and I found myself doing the splits about ready to scream. I thought things couldn't get any worse. I

My roommate had just walked in the door right before I plundered to the floor. When he heard the noise of me falling, he had instinctively turned around to see what it was.

He turned to see me there in a position you would only regularly see watching gymnastics with my face blood-red in agony. Embarrassed, I looked up at him and said the only thing I could think of at the time. "I fell."

He got a good laugh and an embarrassing story about me to

tell everyone.

He claimed the funniest part of the whole fiasco was the image of one of my legs still remaining in the bathroom and the other one straight out in the

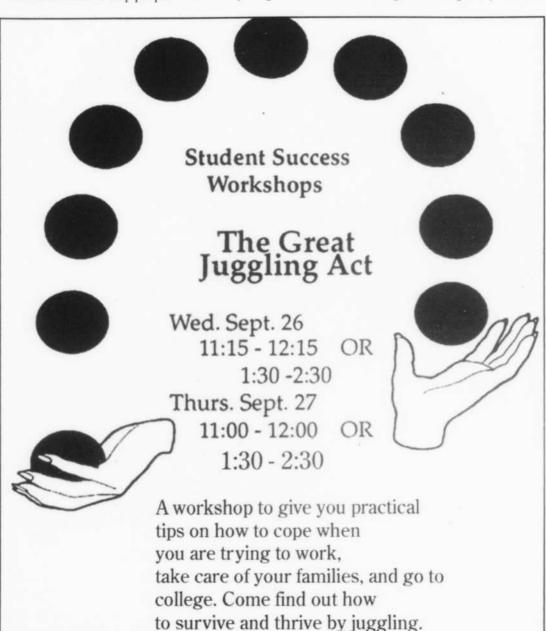
I learned an important lesson that night. There are all kinds of little everyday things in life we take for granted. Things you don't even take the time to notice, even if it's just a little sign you'll find sitting on the floor at your local McDonalds.

They do have a purpose. For instance, if there had been a

"Caution! Wet Floor" sign there I would have been more cautious with my steps as I walked out of the bathroom. In doing that I wouldn't have fallen down and my roommate wouldn't have an embarrassing story to tell about me.

The moral of the story simply is to take more notice in the little things in life. They do more for you than you'll ever

As one of my old basketball coaches said, "It's the little things that make big things happen." ◆



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Questions abound after attack on America

By Alicia Pickett

Guest Columnist

Descriptions of madness have stormed into America's realm of safety. The United States has been viciously attacked. How can this be our reality? Tell me, please!

Is this real or a nightmare that will eventually flee from each American's mind? No, this evil fantasy sadly will not disappear. The vivid, horrid pictures of awesome crashes in down-New York Washington D.C. stare at us, symbolically beckoning us as a nation to ban together.

Shock...simply stated. This is the emotion that has decorated the mindsets of millions of individuals from around the world. As we watch television networks for some type of language to explain the irrational events that we have witnessed, we become outraged when Palestinian children form peace signs demonstrating their delight of the disgusting events, which have taken place in the United States.

We become outraged. Why do we become outraged? Shouldn't an enormous need for unity in this country of ours overshadow the red light of war, which threatens us in the near future?

Is it wrong to not want to go to war even after the tragedies

which have incurred? What will a battle accomplish? Will it resolve nothing or everything?

The questions have no answers at this time. As we remember Sept. 11 with its blue skies dominating just before the fire ball from the first airliner busted through the World Trade Center's north tower, we as a nation are still traumatized as though it only happened

Both towers, along with our nation's symbol of defense - the Pentagon - are now famous worldwide for their vulnerability. Can we survive from this: three tragedies on one September day? Do we have the choice to lay down and die?

Our tempers are flared, and at the same time, there is an unbelievable fear of fighting.

America is scared of its actual freedom of expression, freedom of speech. Every freedom that we could ever fathom is humbled by envious demons that long to destroy us...literally.

What is the lesson that we can learn from last week with all it's agony, astonishment and hatred rolled into one: to never be at ease again.

"LET'S FIGHT! THEN THEY"LL SUFFER!"

Are we becoming like the murderous nation that injured our pride last Tuesday? Into the war we march side by side. Into battle we die side by side.

It is essential that our freedom be defended. True. But can't the leader of these hideous terrorist attacks be the only one that has to die? Does this cause to defend our nation's freedom have to involve thousands upon thousands of young American men and women?

Defending America's freedom by matching mass population against mass population is thought of as the only resolution by the label: "ATTACK ON AMERICA."

Media moguls sum up the distressful and vivid photographs, which are temporarily mainstream television for us as a nation.

"I saw the plane hit the building," says an onlooker in New York City.

A World War II veteran, who was interviewed for his take on Tuesday's massacres, stated that he could not reason why he fought in the first place when he looked upon the devastation of humanity at the Twin Towers and the Pentagon.

If America does storm ahead into the stream of battle against the "enemy country," in another half century will America's future finest, who are presently attending college classes, regret their decision when drastic events of destruction happen again and again...

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Spitfire sparks thoughts on global affairs

By Grayson White and Ernie Gray Staff Writers

The Spitfire Tour returned to MTSU this week, sparking thoughts and actions into the minds of students who are in need of more events of its kind.

The tour was created by the musicians, actors and environmental activists who decided it was time to speak out to college audiences about important global affairs.

The topics ranged from environmental justice and human rights to social issues and current campus issues.

The tour's main purpose is to inspire students to get involved in their country and to try and instigate some positive

The Spitfire Tour made its debut in the fall of 1999 and has been such a success that students all over the country have been demanding more.

The tour came through last year and was well received at MTSU. Tuesday night began with discussions of global events and ended on a more personal level.

Rob Summers, an MTSU recording industry major, showed that the people involved with Spitfire aren't just doing this for show.

"I didn't know much of what Spitfire was about," Summers said. "I knew Angelo from Fishbone was going to be there so I went," Summers said. "The

night started off very political, and I felt like I was in a CNN debate,[but] toward the end, more personal questions were asked.

"After the show, I ended up playing music with Angelo at a friends house. It was a very intense night."

The speakers for this year were Mojo Nixon, Ingrid Newkirk and Jill Sobule. John Trudell was also scheduled to speak but was unable to attend.

Nixon started out the show bringing the fire and the fury to Tucker Theatre. He sounded like a Bible Belt preacher who actually had something to say.

"McDonald's is putting something in their food that makes you weak, sterile an subservient," screamed a red-faced

Nixon spoke of corporate control, corrupt government and the importance of legalizing all drugs.

"I think we should legalize all drugs tomorrow," he shouted. "Can I get an amen?"

Students responded with a limp, half-hearted refrain. Much of his explosive rhetoric failed to excite the sparse crowd. The mood was ominous, and the students' minds seemed to be elsewhere.

When Nixon demanded war on the new "enemy," less than half of the audience clapped. He got a much better response when he condemned the comments by Jerry Falwell that civil liberties groups, feminists,

homosexuals and abortion rights supporters bear partial responsibility for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

'Jerry Falwell can kiss my hairy ass," he said.

· Nixon made a proposal that we hold a new constitutional convention so we could begin to re-invent America. Many people didn't share the same view with some of his more violent comments, but a majority of the audience seem to agree his message. He was pushing for a new world, one that wasn't run by a handful of corporations and big money.

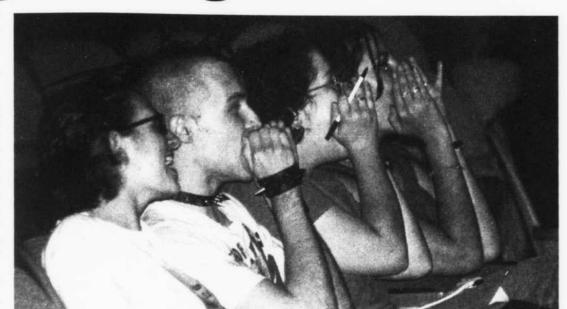
Newkirk, the founder and president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, was next to speak. She spent her 15 minutes informing the audience of the rights they stripped from their fellow animals.

Newkirk's main concern was that the nation, as a whole, has become too comfortable with living in ignorance and that its citizens are closing their eyes to what they know is happening everyday in their lives.

We operate under the simple premise that animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on or use for entertainment," she

PETA has been responsible for such breakthroughs as the closure of a military laboratory in which animals were shot and stopping the use of cats and dogs in all wound laboratories.

She presented a horrific video of industrial fox ranches



MTSU students express themselves Tuesday during the Spitfire Tour at Tucker Theatre.

and pig processing plants. Many students left the auditorium; others were driven to tears.

Jill Sobule concluded the show with renditions of some of her favorite songs, including a light-hearted tune called Jetpack. Standing with a backpacker miniature guitar in patched blue jeans and rubbertoe sneakers, she sang with a light voice that many would probably recognize from grocery stores and contemporary radio (she penned the '90s pop hits Supermodel and Kissed a

Her final tune was an impromptu piece about her friend "Wheeler," who survived the 63rd floor of the World



Ingrid Newkirk, founder and president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, and singer/songwriter Jill Sobule wait their turns to speak at the Spitfire Tour.

Trade Center in both 1993 and reworking of the Destiny's last week. The song was a Child hit, Survivor.



'Shrek' appeals to both young and old

By Stephanie Saujon Staff Writer

Now playing at the theater nearest you (which just happens to be right inside the Keathley University Center) is Shrek.

I'm sure all of you have seen the previews for this movie. It's among the many computeranimated films that make cartoon people look real.

Mike Myers and Eddie Murphy team up as the voices of Shrek and Donkey, two outcasts thrown together in a magical kingdom where nothing is what

As the resident green ogre in the village of Duloc, Shrek is determined to keep visitors out

He puts up signs reading

"Beware the Ogre" to scare off deed to Shrek's swamp. those who are determined to hunt him down.

He seems to be a real nasty ogre. He bathes in mud, burps fire and uses his own earwax for candlelight.

Shrek is posting new warning signs on his swamp property when he's surprised by an anxious donkey.

Donkey, who just escaped a concentration camp for fairy tale characters, uses his charm to convince Shrek that he needs a place to stay for the night.

But when unexpected guests make themselves known in the ogre's backyard, Shrek, who demands privacy, is forced to make a deal with the evil Lord Farquaad (the voice of John Lithgow). Farquaad owns the

In order for Shrek to get the deed, he agrees to go on a search-and-rescue mission for Farquaad to find Princess Fiona.

Cameron Diaz, who is the voice of Fiona, is held captive in the tallest tower of a sinister, dragon-guarded castle. It's up to Shrek and Donkey to rescue her from the clutches of a fairy-tale

The movie is definitely kidfriendly, but there are a lot of adult jokes that the youngsters won't get.

Go see it, and have a good laugh. Shrek is showing at the KUC Theater tonight at 7 and 9:30 and Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is \$2. ◆

Dear Annie: Breaking the ice

Dear Annie.

guy who hates sitting in his including me. room alone, but I am too shy to approach a woman. Most say just approach her, but I would not know the first thing to say to a woman. I am too scared to say something stupid and have women gossip about what the "loser" just said. Now I am not one that goes after the "hottie" type woman, not because I am afraid that they will turn me down, but because they just aren't appealing to me. Sometimes I wish MTSU would sponsor mingles other than Pep Rallies and such. I guess why I am writing to you is for advice on how to approach a girl who is a total stranger and just start a conversation with her. I would also like to know why women are so old fashioned and usually do not approach a guy? -Loveless in Cummings

Dear Loveless in Cummings, I'm not going to impress you with my knowledge of

lame pick-up lines because Like many here, I am a most women hate them, approaching may be at a loss

If we've learned anything this week, it's that life is too short and too unpredictable. Maybe it's time to make a bold move. I wouldn't have wanted to be facing the last moments of my life thinking I wish I would have been brave enough to . . . you fill in the rest. Don't spend time worrying if a girl will think you're a "loser." If she's that shallow and petty to criticize you for bumbling over words or not being a smooth player (player types don't appeal to me), then she's not worth your time.

You're not alone in a sea of confident males. Most guys are fearful of approaching a girl and getting rejected.

I'm an old-fashioned girl. So don't knock us. I like men to have some chivalry, someone to take charge. Be the man. I will respect a man more for being brave and bold enough to make the first

Understand the girl you're for words as much as you. A smile and a friendly greeting are unbeatable.

"Hi" - I've just started a conversation with you. "My name is (input name here)." Sometimes the best approach is simple and straightforward. This week's world and economic events would be an obvious conversation starter. Don't focus on the process of starting a conversation. Be a good listener. Be yourself. Just talk like you would to your best friend or a family

I think your mingles idea is great! Outside the organized fraternity and sorority events, it's very hard to meet new people and get together as a group. Why don't you start a single mingle night. Oooh! This would be another conversation starter.

Please e-mail your questions concerns DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com. ◆

esus: Robert Lewis lectures Monday night on his 'Divine Humility' photo exhibit

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Lewis began photographing the icons by accident. To escape the heat of a busy street in Mexico, he ducked into a small, cool chapel. There he saw a worshipper in intimate interaction with a Christ figure and was moved by the sense of direct communication.

"I was very much taken by how people approached them," Lewis said about the relationship between these faithful and their icons. "How they spoke to them, and how they touched them."

The pious caress the statues as they murmur prayers to them. For this reason, Lewis calls the icons "power figures." This is not a distant deity; Christ is represented with realistic features, in a human state which makes him more accessible, and the people pray through him.

Even when the icons, damaged from years of handling, retreat into protective cases, people touch the glass with their fingers while they pray, leaving smears that act as documentation of their passing. To the American eye,

Mexican Catholicism might appear almost irreverent. Many of the life-sized statues have real hair and some have real lashes. The devout swathe the Christs in colorful robes trimmed with ribbons and fringe, as if they were department store mannequins. One recumbent Jesus icon rests on fake fur, his elbows propped on a red velvet pillow. This religion focuses on the visual and tactile senses as well as the highly emotionally charged relationship between worshipper and deity.

Lewis' photos capture the exuberance of this form of worship - the drama, the grotesque wounds, the gilding, the excessive decorative flourishes, the lurid colors. He achieves his saturated hues with straight pro-"On my part, it's faithfully

recording as it is," Lewis said. 'One doesn't need to enhance

He focuses only on the icon and its symbolic power, purposefully avoiding intruding on or disrupting the prayer of worshippers by photographing them. He frames many photographs up close and a little below the icons so the viewer experiences what a person praying in Mexico would see.

What one would see only appears over the top if one looks at it without an understanding of history. In the catalog for "Divine Humility," Salvatore Scalora explained the cultural and religious context of the icons within Mexican Catholicism.

"Like the star actor in an on-

location movie shoot," Scalora ing slaves to penitentes was a wrote, "the parishioners prepare him. They dress the body of Christ; they disrobe him; they tie up his arms with satin ropes. ... They do this so the ways of the compassionate Christ are perpetually available for adoration - he is the man."

When the Spanish conquered Mexico in the 16th century, they proceeded to zealously convert the enslaved Mexican Indian population. Missionaries forced the Indians to build their churches and taught that Jesus exemplified the thousands of Indians who had been ritually killed under the Aztec system of sacrifice.

"Church dogma taught that self-mortification was a way of sharing in the suffering of Jesus. ... Suffering lined the pathway to the redemption of sins and ultimately to the gates of heaven. For the Mexican Indian population, the transition from suffershort path," Scalora wrote.

"The Lord loves to perform miracles by answering prayers and healing wounds," Scalora wrote later in the catalog, "but he wears his own wounds to remind people of the suffering he endured for them. They are the eternal fissures of love."

In more recent years, Lewis has photographed Jesus figures in cemeteries. They have a more sedate presence than the Christs inside of churches. The cemetery ornaments, Lewis says, function as architectural ornaments at grave sites. The photos also show the exuberance of individual expression as relatives and friends without any art training unselfconsciously pay tribute to their dearly departed.

"It's almost like folk art," Lewis said. "They find a way without much money to express respect for the deceased."

Lewis hopes that viewers will

come away with from his show with a deeper understanding of the importance of the Jesus icons' part in Mexican Catholicism and a recognition of a different culture's reverence for Christ.

As for me, my initial amused attraction to the kitsch of the subject matter evolved into respect.

"Divine Humility" is on display through Oct. 11 at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the Learning Resource Center. The gallery is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday 8-11:45 a.m. and Sunday 6-9:45 p.m.

Robert Lewis will lecture Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103. A reception will follow in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.



SPORTS



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Thursday, September 20, 2001

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MT plays first SBC game

By Shane Marquardt Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders will take their No. 1 nationally ranked offense south for the inaugural Sun Belt Conference game Saturday.

Middle Tennessee visits Louisiana at Monroe marking the Blue Raiders first clash in conference play since 1998 as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

The winner will start the march for the opportunity to represent the Sun Belt Conference in the New Orleans Bowl in December.

'We have to win all our conference games, and this is the first of those conference games," wide receiver Hansford Johnson said. "This will be a stepping stone."

The rivalry between Monroe and Middle has not been friendly to the visiting party. ULM blanked the MT offense on their last visit to Indian country in 1999. The Blue Raiders shut out the Indians in Murfreesboro 28-0 last year.

Now the Indians must be prepared for the nations No. 1 offense primed for conference

game," head coach Andy McCollum said. "That says enough. It's been talked about for two years, and now it's

The Blue Raiders are bringing with them the nation's leading scorer in All-American candidate, running back Dwone Hicks. They also bring a 2-0 record, their best start since

ULM comes into the game with a 0-2 record, one of those 55-6 loss to Florida.

"It doesn't matter what you did the first two weeks," quarterback Wes Counts said. "As "This is our first conference long as you win the right six."

The Middle Tennessee offense will have to back up that national ranking if they hope to come out of the state of Louisiana with a win. In the McCollum era, the Blue Raiders are 3-3 against teams in the Bayou State, 0-3 on the road.

"We've got to prepare for a physical game, and a well coached, hard playing football McCollum "[They're] one of the top defenses in this conference."

The Blue Raiders special teams should help in the battle for field position.

"Every time I return one, I

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Around the Sun Belt

By R. Colin Fly Senior Staff Writer

New Mexico State

at Kansas State New Mexico State (0-3) travels to Manhattan, Kan. to face nationally ranked Kansas State (1-0).

The Aggies come off a tough loss two weeks ago to Oregon State at home 27-22.

Running back Walter Taylor must look to improve his 70-yard per game average on the ground and linebacker D'Wayne Taylor must find a

way to rally the Aggies' defense against the 12th ranked Wildcats, led by wide receiver Aaron Lockett and running back Josh Scobey.

The game is KSU's homeopener. Game time is 1:10 p.m.

Idaho

at Washington

In a tape-delayed regional broadcast, Idaho (0-2) will face off against Washington (1-0).

The Huskies of UW are

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MT Volleyball winners at home, abroad

Players travel overseas for volleyball competition

By Christopher Magan Staff Writer

Lady Raider, Katie Thiesen participated in the Italian Sibillini Under 20 Volleyball Tournament the last two sum-

Held in the town of Comunanza in the Sibillini Mountains, the tournament gives collegiate level American athletes a chance to compete with teams from countries around Europe.

The American team is comprised of 22 female volleyball players under 20 years of age from colleges across the USA.

"Girls from all different conferences are on the team, it's a great chance to play with girls from across the country," Thiesen said.

Players are chosen from tapes submitted by their coach-

"My coach (Lisa Kissee) heard about the program and suggested that Erin and I send in a tape," said Thiesen. "When we found out we were able to go we were really excited."

Thiesen says that visiting Italy has been a great way to experience a different culture.

'I've never been out of the United States before so it was a great opportunity to visit a different country and do something I love to do," said Thiesen.

Thiesen has played in the event the last two summers and hopes to return next year.

"I really wanted to keep playing over the summer," said Thiesen, " and this was a great chance to do so."

The program is directed by Tim Kelly and runs the last week in June through the first week in July. The tournament last for seven days and some of the best under 20 teams in Europe compete, including teams from Italy, Slovakia, Hungry and the Czech Republic. The American team took first place in the 2000

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Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

The Lady Raiders beat Belmont 3-0 at home yesterday (above). Katie Thiesen and her U.S. teammates pose for a picture after a game in the Italian Sibillini Under 20 Volleyball Tournament (left). The tournament begins the last week in June and runs through the first week of July. Thiesen's team finished second in the tournament.

Middle wins home opener

By Erich Heinlein Staff Writer

On Tuesday, the Lady Raiders extended their record to 4-5 in their home opener with a 33-31, 30-22, 30-19 win over the Belmont Bruins.

The match featured a variety of momentum shifts along with 17 substitutions in the first set for the Lady Raiders.

"We normally use 12-15 substitution changes in a set," head coach Lisa Kissee said. "Tonight we were using the 6-2 rotation.

"I think we were holding back, as a team, it was really weird.

"I think we just wanted to play our best and not make mistakes," co-captain Katie Thiesen said. "I guess we were really excited about playing at home and we just didn't want to mess up."

As the game progressed, the Lady Raiders gained confidence and momentum.

In the second set the Lady Raiders managed to make a run of six points. Then Belmont

came back, tying the score three times, but never managing to pull ahead. Shakeitha Deckard led the

team with 12 kills and an ace. Erin Hillstrom produced nine kills, along with 12 digs. Thiesen and Karisse Baker

each had eight kills. Baker also had eight blocks. Co-captain Kelly Quinn had

a perfect night with 23 assists and a 1.000 attack percentage. As a team, the Lady Raiders produced 49 kills, 12 blocks, 42

assists, 46 digs and eight aces. "Although we seem to be up and down at times, everybody is starting to understand their roles, understanding what it takes to win. Their doing it and

that is what's really important," Kissee said. For the Bruins, Britney Bagget led the way with 14 kills, while Katie Nicholson had 32

Middle will play Florida International and Miami on Sept. 22 and 23. They will then come Sept. 28 to play against Louisiana at Lafayette. •



assists.

Titans take on Jags this weekend

By Christy Youngblood Staff Writer

NFL notables

Tuesday the NFL announced that this past weekend's missed games will be made up the weekend of Jan. 5-7. The league has not yet made a decision on the scheduling of the wild card games. Several options include only two wild card teams with

six divisional winners.

Titans vs. Jaguars in Jacksonville

Last year the Jaguars edged past the Titans with a 16-13 win. Del Greco missed a 28yard field goal attempt in the 4th quarter that would have tied the game. Many components will factor into the success or defeat of the Titans this week. Is

healthy? Can the Titans contain Fred Taylor? How will the secondary perform with the loss of Dainon Sidney because of a knee injury? Will Eddie George step up and make some very big plays against the Jags?

Coach Fisher and the Titans are unsure if McNair will start on Sunday or not. McNair's bruised shoulder from the

Steve McNair's shoulder Miami game kept him out of practice last week and the earlier part of this week. "Steve's improving, still sore, but feeling better," Fisher TitansRadio.com. "If he's not able to throw before the Friday practice then it's unlikely that he'll be able to start this weekend. If he can't throw on Friday then we'll have to make a decision whether he'll be a two or

three quarterback."

In the Titans community

Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., teamed with News Channel 5 and AmSouth Bank on Friday to start a special disaster relief fund for the victims, families and rescue support teams in New York City and Washington, D.C. Tuesday began a season-long effort by

the Titans to visit patients of Nashville's Baptist Hospital. Samari Rolle, Derrick Mason, Blaine Bishop, Justin McCareins, Joe Walker and Drew Bennett will talk with patients each Tuesday morning in hopes of raising spirits and encouraging hope.



Sportscast

FRIDAY

■ Men's Tennis Blue Raiders at

Southern Intercollegiate Athens, Ga. all day

Women's **Tennis**

Lady Raiders at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Classic Wilmington, N.C all day

SATURDAY

■ Football Blue Raiders at Louisiana at Monroe Monroe, La.

Volleyball Lady Raiders at Florida International Miami, Fla.

6 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Cross Country Blue Raiders at Vanderbilt Invitational Nashville, Tenn.

9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

Volleyball Lady Raiders at Miami Miami, Fla.

11 a.m. Soccer

Lady Raiders vs. Eastern Illinois Murfreesboro, Tenn. 1 p.m.

MONDAY

■ Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at Southern Intercollegiate Athens, Ga. all day

TUESDAY

Soccer

Lady Raiders at Murray State Murfreesboro, Tenn. 4 p.m.



Katie Thiesen (fourth from left) along with teammates on the beach during her summer trip to Italy.

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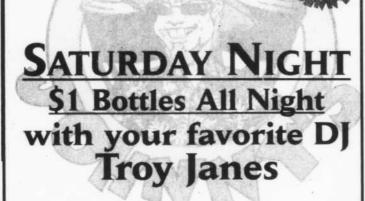
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tournament and placed second in this year's competition.

Teammate Erin Hillstrom also played in the tournament in 2000 and plans to return next summer.

"It was interesting to see how different teams from other countries prepare for a match," said Hillstrom. "It was great to see how good a defense can be; there was really a high caliber of play over there."

Although both Hillstrom and Thiesen feel that participating in the Sibillini tournament has not drastically improved their playing, they both agree that it was a great experience.

"I really learned a lot from it and had a great time," said Hillstrom.

Thiesen and Hillstrom returned to campus Aug. 7 for pre-season workouts and prac-

Thiesen was named co-captain of the MT volleyball team

"I am really excited and ready for the leadership role I have been voted into," Thiesen said. "As a co-captain I want to lead by example on and off the court.

The Lady Raiders began their season Aug. 31 in the Charlotte Tournament.

Thiesen and Hillstrom have been key players in the Lady Raider attack this season. Thiesen currently ranks

third on the team in blocks with 21 and kills with 74. Hillstrom leads the team in

digs with 78 and is second on the team with 78 kills. MT's current record is 4-5.

The Lady Raiders next action is Saturday in Miami against Florida International.

MT's next home game is Sept. 28 against Louisiana at Lafayette.

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Preview: Blue Raiders go to Louisiana at Monroe Saturday

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plan to take it to the house," Johnson said. "My job as a punt returner is to give the offense good field position."

Kick returns set up two touchdowns for MT in a win against Troy State, and a series of 2-point conversions put the opponent on its heels.

"We're going to do a lot of different things every week to keep people off balance," McCollum said. "So, each week we'll have something else we'll

Each week a different opponent will try to put a stop to the Blue Raider attack. But Middle Tennessee has been rolling in

firsts lately.

They collected their first win Southeastern an Conference team, first back-toback 600-yard games and now look equipped to take their first victory out of the state of Louisiana in the first Sun Belt

"Hopefully one day the Sun

Belt will be a big conference like the SEC and ACC," Counts said.

"Hopefully, one day, [I] can say I played in the first game of the Sun Belt Conference. People can remember us as the first ones to win the Sun Belt." •

2001 SUN BELT CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

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UL Lafayette	0-0	.000	0	0	1-1	.500	34	44	1-0	0-1	0-0	L1
ldaho	0-0	.000	0	0	0-2	.000	36	72	0-1	0-1	0-0	L2
Arkansas State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-2	.000	20	69	0-0	0-2	0-0	L2
North Texas	0-0	.000	0	0	0-2	.000	15	56	0-1	0-1	0-0	L2
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Sun Belt: Teams back in action after having week off

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coming off an impressive fourth quarter win against Michigan, while the Vandals have opened the season with a pair of losses, including a 7-point defeat at

The teams have met 35 times in history, but this is just the second meeting in the last 28 vears. Last season, the Huskies beat the Vandals in a 44-20 shootout.

Idaho will also have to cope with the loss of tight end Geoff Franks, Franks, a pre-season allconference pick, sustained a season-ending stinger two weeks ago.

Game time is 2:30 p.m.

Jacksonville State at Arkansas State

I-AA Jacksonville State will look to extend their winning streak to three and pull off a key upset against Arkansas State (0-2) Saturday.

The ASU Indians are celebrating their season opener and Homecoming this week after last week's game against Nicholls State was postponed.

ASU will also get to show off the new renovations to Indian Stadium, which includes a new scoreboard, state of the art video replay and a redesigned press box.

The game will have added meaning as ASU coach Joe Hollis will face off against his

Game time is 6 p.m.

Southern Mississippi at Louisiana at Lafayette

Up and coming Southern Mississippi (1-0) will look to garner additional votes in the AP poll Saturday when they face off against Louisiana at Lafayette.

The Ragin' Cajuns (1-1) hold a 10-15-1 record at home against the Eagles. USM blanked ULL 48-0 in their last meeting in 1999.

Game time is 5 p.m. Next week, the Ragin' Cajuns

play their first ever Sun Belt Conference game against Middle Tennessee in Lafayette.

Texas Tech at North Texas

The North Texas Eagles (0-2) will look for their first win of the season against the Red

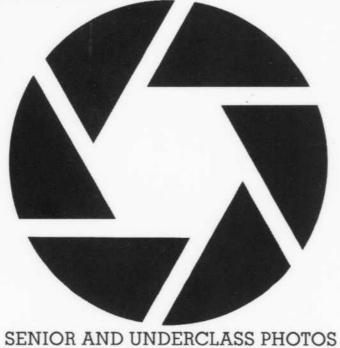
Raiders of Texas Tech. TTU (1-0) will showcase their Ricky Williams at running back, who rushed for 55 yards in the season opener. Quarterback Kliff Kingsbury will also look to duplicate a 364-yard, three-touchdown performance against the Eagles, who are 8-27 in their last four

The game will be held in Texas Stadium where UNT is 7-15 all-time. Game time is 7:05



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