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Logo search postponed

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

The search begun in May 1999 for a new academic logo has been postponed, and it is unclear when it will resume.

Doug Williams, director of News and Public Affairs, said the search – initiated by former President James Walker – has been postponed so more pressing issues could be resolved.

"President McPhee has so many issues, questions and projects that are on his desk right now, this is one that is currently on the back burner," Williams said.

A more traditional logo is wanted by officials to replace the existing slanted, avant-garde logo designed in the 1960s. The new logo would likely emphasize the letters MT.

"What we eventually hope we'll get to is that people will refer to us as just Middle Tennessee," Williams told *Sidelines* in February.

Williams said the search was still in a very early stage when it was postponed.

"We had looked at several different designs but hadn't finalized on anything," he said. Submissions were accepted from students and alumni.

MTSU's Athletic Department changed its logo three years ago to MT. However, the academic logo remained the same and can be seen on the corner of Greenland Drive and Tennessee Boulevard beside the Murphy Center.

If a new logo were implemented, a budget would have to be formed to allocate for new employee and band uniforms, business cards and general phasing out of the old logo.

"Right now we haven't looked at forming a new budget. Certainly, if we had a new logo, there would be some things that would have to be looked at. Whenever you make changes like that there are some costs that can't be avoided," Williams said.

Williams is unsure when the search will begin again.

"What we need to do is get with the president and make sure this is the direction he wants to go," he said. "There are some even larger issues than just the logo itself."

As for rumors that the university will change its name entirely to the University of Middle Tennessee, Williams is skeptical.

"That has been rumored for the last 20 years or so," he said. ♦

Is there life beyond Earth?

Astronomy professor to assess possibility of life in outer space

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

Anyone who has ever asked the question, "Is there life on other planets?" should plan to attend the lecture presented by the College of University Honors today.

The lecture will be presented by Eric W. Klumpe, a professor in the department of physics and astronomy.

Klumpe said his lecture will be an update of research conducted initially by Carl Sagan – a prominent astronomer, Cornell professor and researcher – in the 1960s concerning planetary properties that make life possible.

"[Sagan] was analyzing properties of Earth that made it comfortable for life and then extrapolated his research to estimate how many planets in the Milky Way galaxy could support life," Klumpe said.

According to Klumpe, research on this issue has evolved over the past 40 years. He plans to discuss the history of the research, as well as recent changes in the studies, in order to show the most up-to-date theories concerning the possibility of life on other planets.

Sagan's research, which created quite a stir among astronomers in the '60s, has led to what Klumpe calls a "hot issue" in astronomy.

"Astronomers are discovering planets a lot lately...almost routinely," he said.

"This is a red light issue to me because if you're going to



Eric Klumpe

talk seriously about spending dollars to try to communicate with or to visit other planets, you need some preliminary data about whether or not it is money well spent."

According to Klumpe, astronomers performing the research delve into planetary properties, such as distance from a sun, to determine conditions that can accommodate life. All the studies that have been conducted have been confined to this solar system; however, the results can be expanded to include planets in other solar systems in the galaxy and in other sections of the universe.

With the discovery of new planets coming regularly and with developments of new technology to explore them, Klumpe said this topic fits well in a series addressing urgent issues.

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

Replica of Vietnam memorial touches students, community

By Summer Pulley
Contributor

A large black flag flew high over MTSU's Intramural Fields this weekend, representing those veterans who fought and fell in the line of duty and those who will never return home from war.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute – a replica of one of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. – was most, it is commonly referred to as "The Wall" or "The Wall that Heals," and students, veterans and the community at large gathered at MTSU to see the spectacular traveling monument.

"To me, it's the mother church," Vietnam veteran Bob Crankshaw said. "This is a spiritual experience and also the appropriate weekend for it to be here at MTSU."

Viewing of the replica memorial lasted continuously from 8 p.m. Sept. 13 through 8 a.m. this morning. The event consisted of a candlelight vigil, two 21-gun salutes, posting and retiring of the colors and a remembrance service.

"I have a cousin on the wall," Vietnam-era veteran Mike Jacobs said. "People growing up now don't pay too much attention to the military, because it is a choice. (But) I hope students learn more about the Vietnam War because it is just a small part of our history books."

Rolling Thunder's Tennessee Chapter, a non-profit organization, was the memorial's primary sponsor. The organization consists of veterans whose message is one of concern for prisoners of war and those who are missing in action.

Rolling Thunder Lt. Dennis Gailbreath, an MTSU graduate, said, "We brought the wall here to honor and remember the service of the veterans. Our focus is on the POW-MIA issue. We think we still have POW-MIA overseas, and we want to think there will be no more in the future."

In addition to Rolling Thunder, MTSU and other

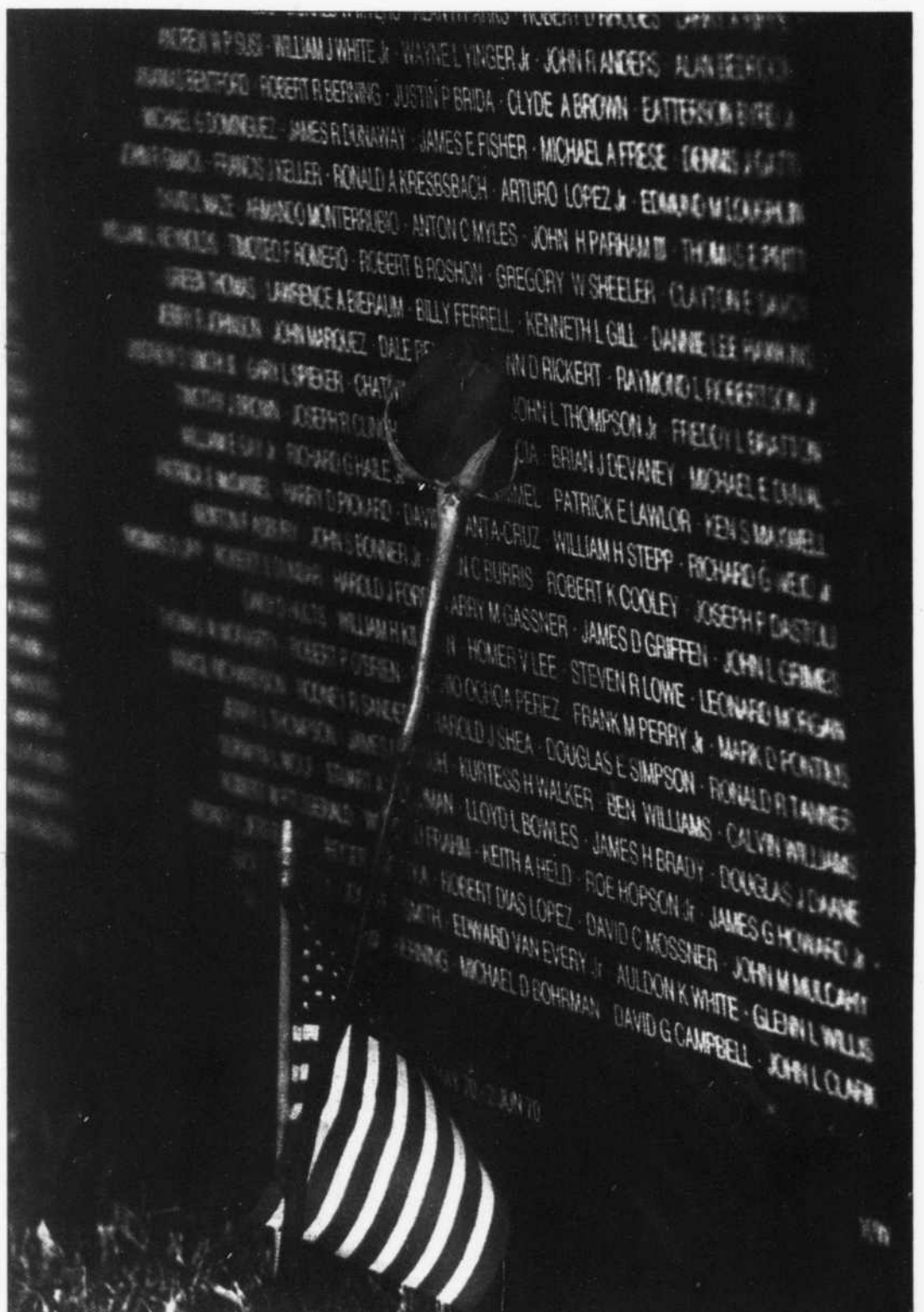


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A rose and a flag rest against the Vietnam Veterans Memorial replica Saturday. The traveling wall was sponsored by Rolling Thunder, MTSU's military science department and local businesses. The replica makes its way around the nation giving veterans, family members and friends a chance to pay respect to those who lost their lives in service to the nation.

local businesses helped to co-sponsor the event, including MTSU's military science department.

Maj. Chuck Tilton, executive officer for military science at MTSU, said the main reason for having the wall at MTSU

was to honor veterans.

"Forty cadets helped with setting up the event," Tilton said regarding members of MTSU's Blue Raider Battalion. "They get proof of commitment and ultimate sacrifice."

"The Vietnam War brought

me here to America," said MTSU alumnus Many Boualaphanh. "This war brought me better freedom. I was in a refugee camp in Thailand and the Philippines before coming to America. 'The Wall' brings back how precious freedom is to me."

Some MTSU classes were moved to the memorial site to offer students an opportunity to see the 58,000-plus names on its surface. But some students visited the replica wall, which is made 80 percent to scale, on their own free time.

"Half of our mission for bringing the wall to MTSU was to make students better U.S. citizens," said Tilton – an MTSU alumnus and Desert Storm veteran.

Over the weekend, Congress Ed Bryant flew in from Washington, D.C., to speak to those visiting the site, as did former state Sen. Andy Womack.

Spec. Jacob Williams, 269th Military Police Co. of the Tennessee Army National Guard and an MTSU student, said, "In light of this past weekend's events, I think this is a fitting time to reflect upon

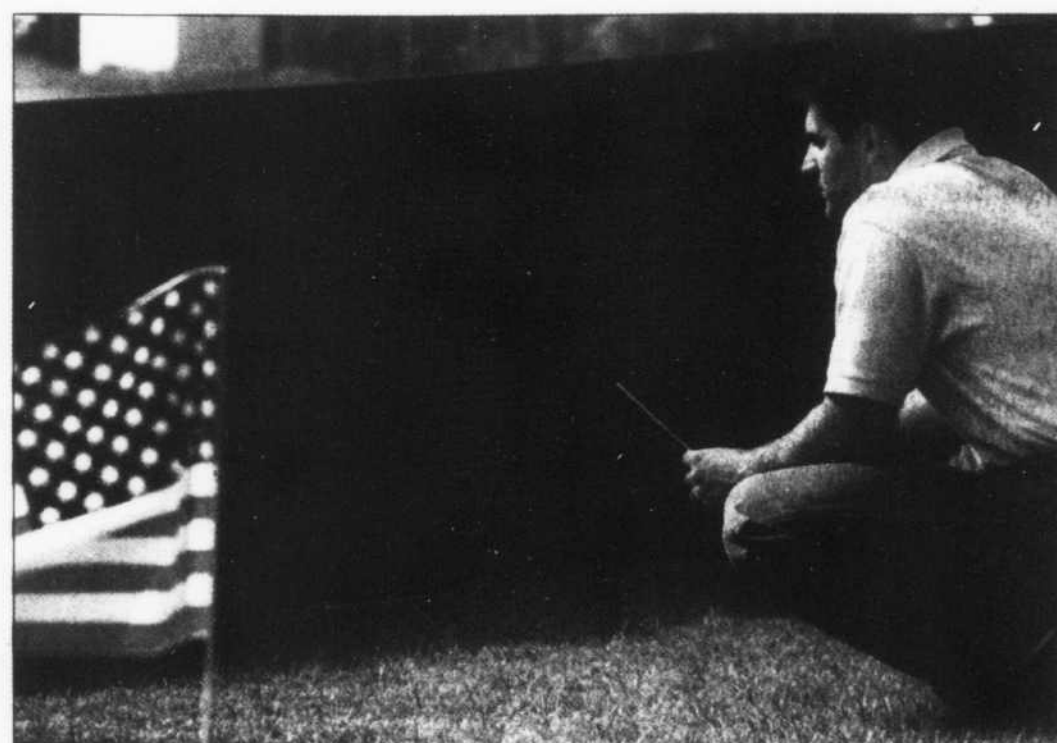


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Sean Mayeux, a student at MTSU, spent Friday afternoon in silence reading the names on the Vietnam Memorial Wall, an 80 percent-scale replica of the original wall in Washington, D.C. He said he was going to try to read as many names as possible out of respect. "It is the least I can do," he said.

See Wall, 2

Tennis courts get needed resurfacing

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

After more than a decade of needed repairs, the varsity tennis courts have been resurfaced.

Dale Short, coach of the men's tennis team, said the courts were severely cracked and have been in serious need of new asphalt for 15 years.

"The school has just put it off to where the courts have become pretty much unplayable for any kind of tournament or tennis team use," he said.

Not only did the courts receive new blue asphalt, but blue windscreens and a blue awning with the MTSU athletic logo were added as well.

The majority of the cost went to repaving the courts, and was paid for by general university maintenance fees. The remainder of the cost — about \$20,000 for the windscreens, backdrops and awning — were paid for by donations and

"private money," Short said.

"None of it (aside from the maintenance fees) came from state funds," Short said.

"The awning is not nearly as expensive as it looks," he said. "It was kind of donated to some degree."

"We've never had a true varsity tennis center, and now we do. Probably 99 percent of schools we play against, their facilities are twice as good as ours, and now we finally have one that's comparable," Short said.

"For us to be competitive on the athletic side, you've got to have facilities that people can use," he said.

"It's kind of sad that our school took so long to get that done."

Several of the courts still need resurfacing, and umpires' chairs have yet to be added in all of them, Short said. ♦

State feels impact on tourism

By Tom Sharp
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — At least 64 groups have canceled conventions or meetings scheduled in Nashville because of last week's terrorist attacks, costing the city an estimated \$5.67 million. But the overall impact to tourism in Tennessee won't be known for a while.

Tourism Commissioner John Wade said the state and the various local organizations devoted to tourism "have been so upset, we haven't had a lot of dialogue" about the potential impacts.

It likely will be a hot topic at the annual Governor's Conference on Tourism, scheduled for this week in Jackson.

Walt Baker of the Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau said the canceled conferences included 7,950 hotel room bookings for approximately 15,000 room-nights. "It's likely

the majority of these will re-book. However, we will still lose the revenues," Baker said. "What has been impacted is international and domestic business travel. We'd seen a drop-off in business travel even before this, since the economy started to turn."

Among the biggest cancellations were several at the Opryland Hotel, a frequent convention site. A national news directors had been scheduled to start on Tuesday, the day of the attacks.

Still, Wade said, this is a relatively slow season for tourism in Tennessee, between the beginning of the school year and the fall leaf season.

"If all this settles down we won't be impacted as negatively as other places, say, Florida, where a lot of people fly to," Wade said. "Well over 90 percent of our tourists visit via automobile."

Wade and Baker said they expected the terrorist attacks to hurt international travel, which is relatively small part of the state's tourism and business travel business.

Wade said international travel was worth around \$300 million last year out of a total tourism business of \$10 billion.

Among the most directly affected portions of the tourism and travel business have been travel agents.

Pam Wright is owner and president of Wright Travel, which has offices in 18 cities in seven states.

She said the past week was "chaotic, difficult and stressful" as agents tried to help stranded airline passengers.

"It's devastating in more ways than one. Most agencies will probably have negative sales this week, meaning there will be no income and most of what was generated a week or two prior will be refunded." ♦

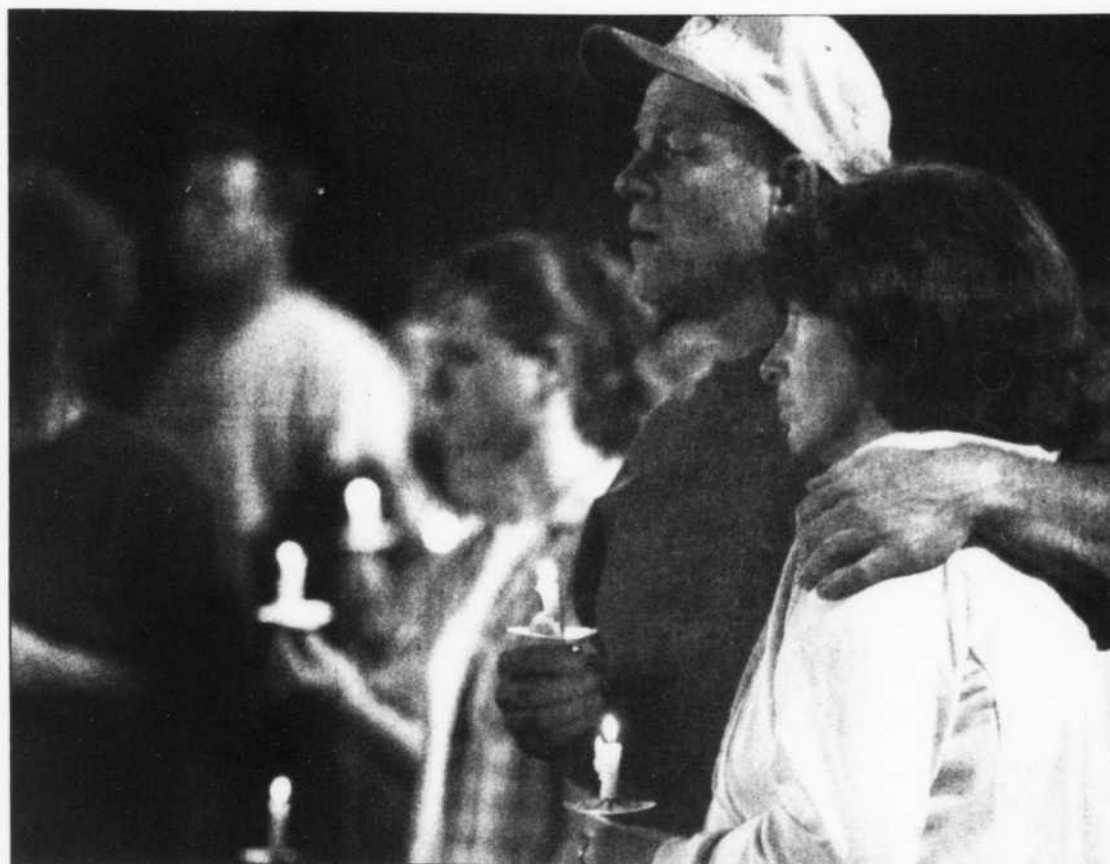


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Visitors paid their respects during a candlelight vigil Saturday when the names of Tennessee Vietnam veterans were read aloud, county by county, under the night's sky by members of the MTSU Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Wall: Visitors remember, offer tribute

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those who lost their lives answering to the call of freedom."

With the recent terrorist attacks on America fresh in their minds, those who attended the American Veterans Traveling Tribute appeared to have a renewed sense of pride for our nation. "The Wall," seemingly, was looked upon in a different light.

During their time of reflection at "The Wall," people seemed not only to think about those who had fought and died in the Vietnam War, but also to remember the thousands of innocent victims who died recently or have yet to be found as a result of terrorism in America.

"The memorial is a sobering reminder of all the sacrifice that some Americans have made," senior Ben Groce said. "It allows us to take our freedom for granted everyday."

For more information about AVTT and its travel schedule, visit its Web site at <http://www.avtt.org>. ♦

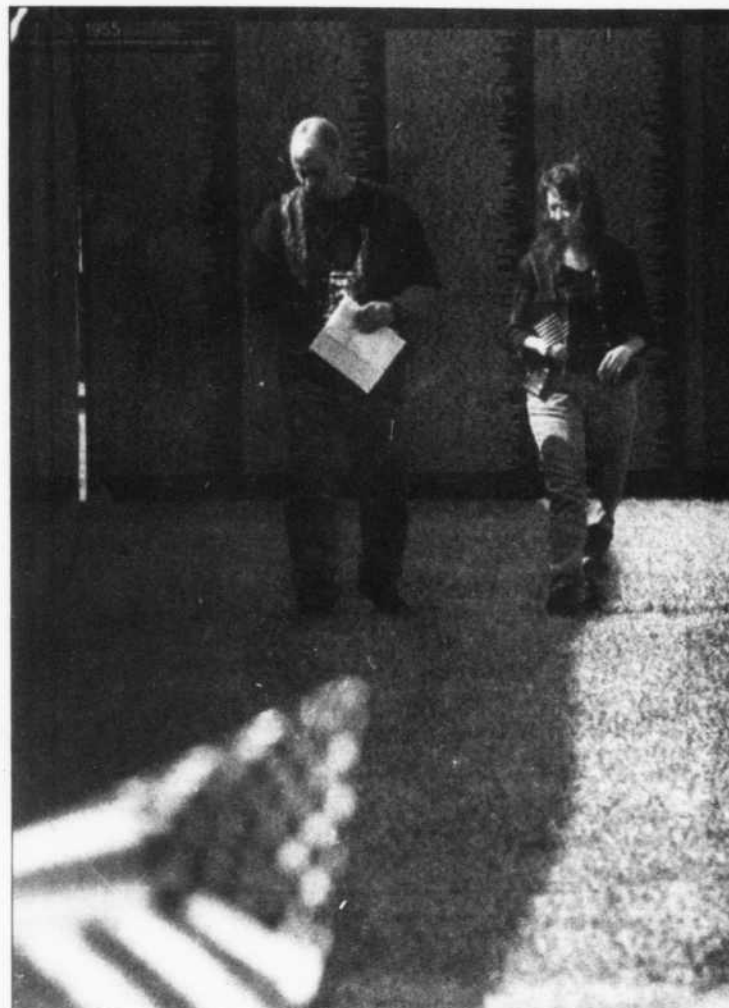


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Steven Steinpas and Genna Vaughn walk by the Vietnam Memorial Wall, an 80 percent-replica of the original wall in Washington, D.C. The wall was displayed on the intramural fields this weekend.

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AMERICA LOOKS FOR ANSWERS

From the staff

Divided we fall

Tuesday's tragedies in New York City and Washington, D.C., have brought with them a broad variety of emotions — sorrow, anger, fear and, in some unfortunate cases, blind hate.

An Indian immigrant in Arizona was shot Friday, a Lebanese-American was targeted and shots were fired at a home where an Afghani family lives.

Numerous other attacks and threats have been reported to authorities across the country, not to mention the many other threats that have likely gone unreported.

While anger is most certainly understandable in times such as these, we must not turn our anger on the innocent based solely on their skin color, religion or nationality.

Muslim groups across the nation have decided the actions of the terrorists and have expressed a great sorrow for the tragedies that have occurred.

America has a dubious history of mistreating certain sects of society during times of crisis. Socialists and communists, perceived or actual, were persecuted in the years immediately following World War I. World War II brought with it internment camps for Asian-Americans who lived on the West Coast, which presented a convenient scenario for the government to take their land without compensation.

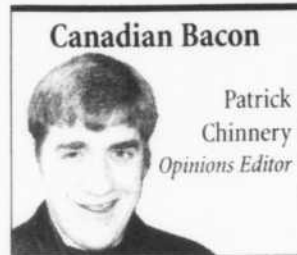
This doesn't even cover the discrimination that African-Americans, the Irish and Native Americans faced and often still do.

After everything this country has been through and all the mistakes we've made, are we doomed to repeat them? Even without official government discrimination, the possibility of large scale anti-Arab racism is still alive and well.

America was established as a land of immigrants, yet we often strive to define what profile an American should fit. If we are truly a "melting pot," the term American should be indefinable.

All of America is feeling, and will continue to feel, the ramifications of the terrorist attacks. To take out our anger on one particular group in society is ignorant, cowardly and simply wrong. We should know better by now. ♦

America must practice tolerance



Canadian Bacon

Patrick Chinnery
Opinions Editor

It's been almost a week since the World Trade Center and the Pentagon tragedies, and we as a country are no closer to bringing closure to what has happened.

While the FBI is working diligently, they have little to show other than "strong leads" and "possible connections." I don't fault them for the lack of information yet; an attack that probably took years to plan is quite impossible to piece together in a week.

The lack of hard evidence, however, has led the American public to lead to conclusions, sling accusations around like mud and carry on as if the end of the world was here.

I don't wish to belittle what happened last week. I

myself took it as a personal attack, and I can only hope that everyone else feels as strongly as I do that those responsible must be held accountable.

However, far too many people in this country are leaping to conclusions and falsely accusing Muslim-Americans of being responsible for these heinous crimes.

While in my hometown of Hendersonville, Tenn., this past weekend, I was appalled to learn that ignorant townsfolk were boycotting a restaurant because it was owned and operated by Muslims.

Students of Middle Eastern descent have been the targets of harassment all week at Hendersonville High School, and I know one student who was assaulted by two white males at the University of Tennessee Knoxville because his skin is darker than many Americans'.

On Saturday, there were several attacks on international people in Mesa,

Ariz. A resident of Arizona from India was killed and a Lebanese-American was targeted. These two men were gas-station attendants, and were assaulted, but not robbed. Shots were also fired at an Afghani family living in the area.

These attacks clearly demonstrate once again that prejudice is not limited to any one area of the country.

These horrible, inhumane responses to terrorism are partly the result of unbridled media coverage. While stories of the rescue effort are available 24-7, little coverage was given to the fact that the mosque in Nashville has been stoned every day this past week.

While the rescue workers deserve our thanks and praise, American immigrants deserve our love and protection.

Sadly, it is members of the Christian faith that are leading this blind charge of accusations. Pat Robertson, host of the televangelist show "The 700

Club," stated that "God Almighty is lifting His protection from us."

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, a Baptist minister and chancellor of Liberty University, stated Thursday that he blames pagans, abortionists, feminists, homosexuals, the American Civil Liberties union and the People for the American Way.

He went on to state, I point the finger in their face and say, "You helped this happen." He later added, "God continues to lift the curtain and allow the enemies of America to give us probably what we deserve."

Ignorant remarks like Falwell's contribute nothing beneficial to the discussion of how America must handle this situation. The only cause these asinine comments advance is the intolerance toward everyone who is not white, Anglo-Saxon and Protestant.

Take the time to ask someone not of this coun-

try this week about how he or she feels about what happened.

As an international student myself, I completely agree with the idea that many immigrants love and support America far more than many naturally born Americans.

While many original Americans take their rights and freedoms for granted, those who immigrate know and understand what a privilege it is to live here and are therefore more willing to defend those rights.

To the citizens of America that have been crying for the exile of all "ragheads", or whatever disgustingly derogatory term you use for Muslims, I say you are an embarrassment to this nation, a blight on our populace and an insult to everything America stands for.

You do not deserve America; those who protect the innocent and accept others for who they are do. ♦

Why aren't students still crying?



Banging on My Drum

Cody De Vos
Staff Columnist

By Tuesday night, the drunks on the balcony were yelling merry nonsense at each other and people had begun to complain about rising gas prices.

By Wednesday, I had received junk mail from insurance companies using the bombings as a sales strategy. On Thursday night, McCallie cafeteria had decorated its lines and salad bar with cheap Uncle Sam hats and red, white, and blue streamers. A stereo played jangly patriotic songs backed by synthesized drums and horns. It was taco night.

It seems that the terror-

ist attack hit geographically too close to home for us, but that the glaring human tragedy of it remains over the horizon, only perceptible through slight reflections and vibrations in our day-to-day lives.

A thoughtful and respectful memorial service before lunch, snatches of conversations overheard from passerby, television broadcasts and online news.

If we didn't know somebody who died, it holds only as much significance to us as we designate for it.

President Bush began the first of his displays of teleprompted eloquence by declaring that "freedom itself" had been attacked by "faceless cowards." He did not say, "Judy Laroque, age 50, Rahma Salie, age 28, Francis Grogan, age 76, Bernard Brown, age 11, etc..." had been horribly murdered.

Of course, the list of casualties was far too long and uncertain for him to report. Even by the end of the year, we won't hear the names or see the faces of even a fraction of the dead.

And we certainly won't come to know their family stories, dreams, hobbies, failures, or triumphs.

But "freedom," "justice," and "honor" are things that we've been raised to believe dwell inside all of us. And in light of such circumstances, the only way many of us in Murfreesboro can relate to these catastrophes is by associating ourselves with these abstract concepts.

Perhaps our grief over an attack on "freedom" would be better felt if the word weren't tossed around every celebration and political discussion like so much cheap confetti.

Thousands of people are dead. Thousands. But it's hard to grieve a

number. For three days, I have tried to bring the attack closer to my own soul, but only with marginal success.

After subjecting myself to newsreel after newsreel and photo after photo, I finally cried. But quietly, and only for a minute. Much of my time has been spent alarmingly detached from the bloody rubble of New York and the District of Columbia.

I'm nostalgic for the days when such events would bring upon months of imposed mourning, complete with black armbands and veils, limited social interaction, and daily religious rituals in memory of the dead.

In such an environment, perhaps we could be given the time to focus our minds on the blow to humanity, and, more specifically, the victims of the bombings. Our sorrow could be genuine and permanent. But the world is a

busy place, and our campus is no different. We don't have the time to allow this trauma to cut into our hearts and scar us as it should.

There is a notion that has slowly built up inside of me for days, and its very cynicism chills me. The present reality may not be enough to permanently affect us any more than the last episode of "Seinfeld" did.

Some of us may only feel the impact of this tragedy in thirty years, when a Hollywood without conscience releases the film "World Trade Center," featuring attractive fictional characters entangled in a high-rise romance torn apart by the bombings.

Then we will finally walk out of the theater in tears, with the nagging realization that it took a cinematic illusion to make us feel the impact of an event we actually lived through. ♦

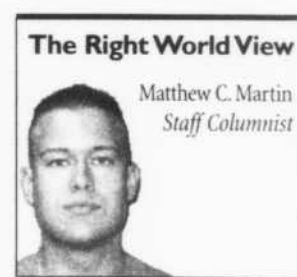
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Keep bin Laden's motives in mind



The Right World View

Matthew C. Martin
Staff Columnist

With the recent horror that has visited America's shores, the country is overdue on a long introspective look at itself.

We as a nation should step back from the carnage

for a moment and ask why.

Why did the mad bombers attack us when numerous other countries hold relatively the same positions on a litany of world issues?

The reason is as simple as it is often overlooked; we stand for ideas and principles and more importantly, we stand up for them.

Osama bin Laden has been often quoted that he hates the U.S. not for its stance on the state of Israel

but our general principles.

Hold that thought in your head for a second: He hates us for our ideals.

And what ideals are those? Freedom, universal suffrage, tolerance, acceptance of a broad spectrum of ideas, to name only a few.

We must remember that bin Laden comes from the redoubt of radical Muslim thought, where non-Muslims must wear badges on their clothing (sound familiar?) and

women are considered possessions.

What could anger a man of his mental dementia more than to see a land where we thrive in our multiculturalism and women serve in the highest offices of government and commerce?

The United States as a nation and a people must not view this act of war only as a tragedy, which it obviously is, but as a terrible badge of honor.

This scar on the nation-

al landscape will take its place amongst many others, from the dead American soldiers on Omaha Beach to slain civil rights leaders. And like any scar, it will slowly heal and we will be stronger because of it.

We must also be steadfast in the notion that this is far from the last wound that Lady Liberty will suffer and remember why she must suffer them. ♦

Letters to the Editor

'Sidelines' must support Bush

To the Editor:

Rumors abound that the movers and shakers on the Sidelines staff decided to print a story about the "changing skyline," rather than condemn the terrorists acts and express support for our country and president.

While the skyline article was well-written, it disturbed me to hear that the main reason behind the choice of articles was simply that some staff members will never support anything

President Bush does.

I think it is a sad day indeed, when loyalty to our country takes second place to a political party preference.

Keith Freeman

Media cause for concern

To the Editor:

During the coverage of the tragic events lately I have been both pleased by the quality of journalism I am seeing, yet also nervous and embarrassed to be a

student of media.

In many cases, we have seen the media completely departing from the proper practices we learn in class every day.

Coverage and reporting have been very good - too good sometimes. I think the media have lost sight of responsibility in many cases.

It is the job of the media to report, but not to compromise our national security. We are trying to mount a search for those who are responsible for this horrible act.

The media must stop with the tricky questions; stop trying to trap these senators and government officials with questions that

will HELP the enemy!

The American people want to know what is going on, but we do not want our enemies to be able to monitor our activities via our own broadcasts!

Stop looking for the cheap ratings pop, and just report the news! As Americans we must not expect to know the strategies being used in this building battle.

We want to win this fight, and showing your hand to the opponent is not how to do it. It is time for the media to stop being selfish and be prudent in what information they seek.

Lucas Leverett

STUDENTS SPEAK OUT

U.S. is assured its place in history

Eric McMillen

We are shaped by history's turning points. Do you know why the Trojan and Persian Wars were so important?

It's not the fact that Greece won over Persia. It's the fact they ensured dominance and cultural influence over much of the world.

Do you know why Rome is remembered in our architecture, culture, and laws? Because they were the victors. We do not remember Carthage because they lost the Punic Wars to the Romans. Carthage was razed. Its people were enslaved. Its culture is dead.

Please, tell me something about the Carthaginians. Do you even know where they lived? After all, they were a major power competing with Rome.

As for you who slam the patriotic, I don't believe you are viewing things in the right context.

I agree all people are basically the same. Americans are no different than anyone else, and as much as I would to harp about this, I feel that many people need to understand something else.

I think some of you fail to understand how gigantic of a turning point the existence of America has been.

It has changed the way people think.

The Constitution, our laws, they ensure our individual freedoms, respectively. Yet ironically, these things, they are much bigger than you or I.

When you are puzzled to see an elderly man shed tears at the

sight of the flag, or when you think it's shallow nationalism when people sing "God bless America," you have it pegged wrong.

They simply understand that on this earth, the state is the highest calling; it is the only singularity. When it changes, all of our treasured ideals change with it.

Yes, that includes God, love and justice. It's funny how people can be so moved by art or religion then scoff at people moved by national symbols. People can weep over a play or music, but they can look at the American flag with indifference.

It's strange; it seems like it would be the other way around. A play is just really a conflict, a rehearsed storyline as old as the Greek theaters. The American flag?

I agree it is just a symbol and that a republic exists in the minds and actions of the people.

However, it is still a powerful symbol. It stands for the fact that in the face of emptiness and brutality, men created a purpose—something that was good.

To read and learn about what was before is to realize the true magnificence of it and to understand it is worth fighting for. If we are to remain a republic then our freedoms cannot be taken, but unfortunately it also entails that they must be defended.

They must be defended against people who will not listen. Sadly, they must be defended against people we have wronged.

In a nice and simple world, diplomacy would always work. However, the mere existence of a military is a testament to the fact that diplomacy can fail. It is there for the preservation of the state.

Is America always going to be on top? No, it will not.

People say we will destroy ourselves with nuclear weapons. As much of a threat that is, I think they're trying to convince themselves that America will be the end-all-be-all that won't gradually fade away, that time will not grind it down into a nub.

As dark as sudden destruction looks, what still bothers me is that we will be like Greece, Rome, England and every other power to ever have been.

We seem to have the notion that democracy is the norm worldwide. Nothing could be further from the truth. Despots and brutal theocracies are the norm.

People think it is surrealistic and unrealistic that something like that can exist in today's world but be certain, these things are very real.

The world has already witnessed men like Mao, Hitler, Pol Pot, and Stalin. It witnesses them today and the world will witness them tomorrow.

Democracy has a foothold right now; it is stronger than ever, but we have seen that much can change, even over the course of a day.

When men are willing to stand and fight for democracy, it is so it will not be taken and stuck in the storage room of history, so it will not become a forgotten dream. ♦

The gauntlet has been thrown

Tanya Bricco

Across the world a silent sadness falls down much like the gray ash that still rains down upon the dead, the struggling, and the heroes in lower Manhattan. Life as Americans know it is gone and many are wondering how a new life will begin.

Terrorists plowed Americans and symbols of liberty into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. As the fires burned and buildings collapsed, the destruction had only begun.

All over the country people are watching and listening, glued to their televisions and radios, all wanting answers to the same questions: how and why?

America is strong and the protector of the world. Yet, somehow, an angry group of people reeked havoc on our nation. Immediately, American citizens' lives were turned upside down. Service men and women were called to duty, leaving families and neighbors wondering what is going to

happen next. Is America headed for punishment, revenge, or an all-out war against anyone who condones attacks upon the innocent?

After shock came panic, a panic that will hopefully die down. Gas stations across the country were emptied-out by fearful motorists who feared gas prices would sky-rocket to as much as \$5 per gallon.

Blood banks across are lined with hoards of people needing to do "something" to help. Fire fighters and doctors from around the nation flock to New York offering their services to rescue the stranded, relieve the tired, and mend the injured. The strength is there; however, the tears do not stop falling.

Our government promises us that life will go on and the guilt will be punished. Before the terrible attacks we were the proud citizens of the United States of America. After the attack, we must stand as the proud United Citizens of America. America needs to show the world that we are still united.

I challenge every American to unite.

With candles in hand, let Americans sing the National Anthem, united as one body, showing the entire world that we are still united and we will fight as one free body to protect the freedom and rights that make America the home of the free and the brave.

Our anger and devastation create a need for retaliation and a want to create a similar pain for the guilty. This is a call of war against America. However, we must realize that this could turn into a violent game of tag. Americans must unite into one mind and body with one goal and message.

Standing as one strong body, we will recreate the foundation that we stand on, and that our founding fathers helped to create. We need to stand tall and fight for those lost, for our children, and for our children's children.

We must bring those who did this to justice and we must keep our faith in God, our nation, and each other. ♦

America still beautiful where it counts

Serena Matthews

This morning I became overwhelmed with undying emotion as I walked among the people of this country. I quickly noticed that everyone was wearing shades of red, white, and blue. I saw T-shirts worn proudly with American flags on them and more American flags soaring proudly throughout neighborhoods and city streets.

It touched me profoundly when I suddenly realized that everyone is truly and sincerely united in America today.

Earlier this week, our heads were hanging downward as we searched for the broken pieces of our bruised and hurting hearts.

Our faces appeared sad and frightened as we pondered over

what other unthinkable tragedy might occur next. Today that look of defeat is no longer with us.

Today our heads are held high, and our determined faces are painted with nothing other than pride. We will never forget those heartbreaking images that flashed before our eyes on Sept. 11. But we are unfaltering in our sense of American pride.

We are more dedicated than ever to the faith we hold in our hearts for our country. That shining picture of faith should be clearly visible to anyone in America today.

In my own heart I feel a sense of unmeasurable gratitude for the people of America. I am thankful for all of the dedicated rescue workers, and to all of the other kind souls who are

helping to mend America's wounds by giving so much of themselves to help others.

I feel a sense of togetherness with everyone around me today. I feel extremely lucky to live in this country, and I am so very grateful to the other wonderful countries of the world for assisting us and backing us at this very critical time.

So while our buildings may be broken into millions of pieces on the streets, and some people are saying that our country resembles the likes of a horrible wasteland, I find myself noticing only that America is still a beautiful place where it really counts.

America lives endlessly and beautifully in our hearts today, and that is where our beautiful America will stay. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MUSIC

by Nies at MTSU

By Alicia Pickett
Staff Writer

Do you know where your orchestra leader is? Do you know who she is?

Middle Tennessee State University's orchestra conductor is located in the Wright Music Building, and her name is Carol Nies.

Throughout the halls of the Wright Music Building, you can witness the sounds of musical brilliance orchestrated by MTSU's very own orchestra students by walking just a few feet inside the doors.

Vocalists are capturing the very essence of their gifts of song throughout the entire building, but as you reach the

second floor, the sounds are even more enhanced.

From first entering Nies' office, this Miami native exhibited kindness and a professional decorum that heightened with a firm handshake.

Her kind demeanor was illustrated when she gladly talked about her experiences before and after obtaining the position as orchestra conductor here at MTSU. Her office was filled with the same experiences in music as the hall, which led to her cozy retreat.

A grand piano in the corner of her room drew attention to her intellectually creative styles that are documented in every orchestra performance she conducts.

Growing up, this professional double-bass player stopped playing due to an injury but she did not despair.

Though she was temporarily unable to pursue her goal as a musician after the injury, she decided to keep music a focal point in her life by studying conducting.

She has never regretted her decision.

"I love conducting," Nies said. "It's something that I knew I must do."

With extensive professional experience under the label of cover conductor and conducting assistant with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the associate conductor of the Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra,

Nies is well qualified to take on the MTSU's Orchestra conductor's title.

She also has conducted the Greater New Haven Youth Orchestra, worked with undergraduates and graduates at the College Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, the Mannes College of Music in New York City and the Branford College Chamber Orchestra at Yale University and is currently conducting the Nashville Youth Symphony.

Under her instruction, there are 45 members in the MTSU orchestra this year.

"We hope to have 60 for next year," Nies said. She described her present 45 members as the "best of the best."

"We want to recruit (future orchestra members) from the entire student body," Nies said.

Nies said her students have a diverse background of majors, ranging from recording industry to business.

She said this is a significant factor in the growth of the orchestra.

"She is one of the best teachers I have ever had," said Scott Seaton, a conducting student.

"She really commits herself," he said, commenting on her dedication.

Nies obtained her position as the orchestra conductor of MTSU by being recommended by a committee, which interviews applicants after they are approved by the university.



Carol Nies

The MTSU orchestra, under the direction of Nies, will perform at the Wright Music Hall Oct. 25 and Dec. 8 at 8 p.m. ♦

Greek pledging has long history



By Chris Jones
Staff Writer

To be Greek or not to be Greek is often a question people ask themselves when they begin their college experience.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council is comprised of nine Greek organizations established in 1930 at Harvard University as a national cordiality body for the eight fraternities and sororities that existed on the college campuses at the time. These organizations were Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Iota Phi Theta.

"I have always known what I wanted to pledge, even in high school," said Emerson Williams, a member of Omega Psi Phi. "But it wasn't like my main priority because I didn't pledge until my junior year."

According to the NPHC,

individual chapters are guided by membership identification and selection standards to promote the building of a strong effective chapter.

The *National Pan-Hellenic Council* accounts in an article by Ricky L. Jones called "The Historical Significance of Sacrificial Ritual" that the pledge process came from Freemasonry, a fraternal organization traced back to ancient Africa.

Jones' article discusses the pledge process, which was comprised of the pledge line that was formed to require interaction between individuals and to learn about each other.

Pledges are required to learn the history, symbols and signs of the organization.

During the pledge process, they are denied social interaction with anyone outside the classroom or the pledge line.

According to Jones' article, when pledges have "crossed the burning sand," a term for the

trails designed to bring new members into the brotherhood, they become neophytes, which means new in the light.

In 1990, after hazing became illegal because it led to many injuries and deaths, the intake process was created.

"People didn't know their history, and brutality got intertwined with teaching individuals their roles and responsibilities to be a member," said Tyson King-Meadows, adviser of the Kappa Xi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Within Alpha Phi Alpha, King-Meadows is also president of the Omicron Sigma Lambda graduate chapter of Murfreesboro and holds state, regional and national positions.

"Given the fact that people weren't following the historical mandates or the cultural significance, the process was changed," King-Meadows said.

There are three important components in the membership intake process for the Greek

organizations, according to the NPHC.

They are a pre-induction/orientation period, the final induction ceremony and an in-depth education program.

Each NPHC affiliate organization puts into effect the guidelines and details of its own membership intake process.

"I think that the current initiation process is foolish because it opens a window for injuries of inductees, and the people are just buying friends," said Tisha Wells, a sophomore majoring in art.

"Some non-Greeks believe that these organizations are irrelevant to their existence and are just something to do for social capital," King-Meadows said. "People should approach (Greek organizations) as relevant things that contribute to your community."

"Social capital is the wrong reason to join an organization for the rest of your life." ♦



Campus Events

Monday, Sept. 17

The Circle K club will meet at 6 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 314. Everyone is welcome.

There is a blood drive in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building from 1:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 19

Alcoholics Anonymous holds its weekly meeting in the KUC, Room 314 at 8 p.m.

International Programs and Services invites students to its monthly coffee hour from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room of the James Union Building.

Thursday, Sept. 20

The University of Tennessee-Memphis Health Science Center will be in the KUC, Room 324, 322A, 322B, 322C and 314 to talk with students about admission and health science programs from 9 a.m. to noon.

The Disney internship presentation has been cancelled due to the recent tragedies.



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SPORTS



Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Monday, September 17, 2001

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Media Blitz



R. Colin Fly Senior Staff Writer

Sometimes there are no winners

There were no bands this weekend, no touchdowns, no home runs.

Arguing whether or not the games should have gone on is moot now that baseball begins today, with the movement of the two New York teams home-stands to Chicago and Pittsburgh.

I had a chance to listen to interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly say why all the teams had decided to play as of Wednesday. President Bush and key federal agents said to continue with day-to-day operations. Mourn, but don't let this tragedy throw America into a depression. The government didn't want a tailspin.

So, everyone decided to play, until the National Football League, wise from Kennedy assassination stepped in. Then, no games were played on almost every level.

If you wanted football, Murfreesboro's Pee-Wee league played on Saturday morning. They're children - and America leans on their children for a vision of the future. We can explain tragedy more easily to a 6-year-old than to me.

High school football played for the majority of the state Friday night. But, there was no hype of the games, no 30-minute show after the local news discussing what a great week Hillsboro had again, or the Red Bank and Riverdale are probably two of the best three teams in the state. There was nothing but sobering news coverage from the national affiliate at 10:30 p.m. on Friday.

I flipped on ESPN's SportsCenter Saturday night and was hit with these stories in the opening segment.

1. Alex Zanardi loses both legs in a horrific car wreck in Germany. Zanardi was basically T-boned at 200 mph when his car spun at 200 mph and slowly rolled to a near stop sideways in the middle of the track. The American Memorial 500's winner Kenny Brack was moot. Zanardi is in critical but stable condition. He'll likely never even walk again, much less sit behind a wheel of a CART race car.

2. Peter Forsberg, a star in the National Hockey League for the Colorado Avalanche, has decided to sit out the next season for personal reasons. His heart isn't in it, he said. He was slated to make \$11 million. This comes on the heels that their respective homes due primarily to advancing age. One of those two, "Tank" Younger, was the first professional football player to come out of historically black Grambling

3. Sam Cowart, Buffalo Bills linebacker, had successful surgery to repair a torn Achilles' tendon. Cowart is doubtful to return for the remainder of the season.

4. Two former athletes die at their respective homes due primarily to advancing age. One of those two, "Tank" Younger, was the first professional football player to come out of historically black Grambling

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MT opens home schedule against Belmont

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team begins its home schedule Tuesday with a match against Belmont.

The Kentucky Tournament Middle was supposed to play in this weekend was canceled due to the tragedies in New York and D.C.

Until early Friday, it appeared the tournament would be played with a shortened schedule. The four-team tournament had been trimmed to three teams with the addition of Miami University (OH). San Jose State and the University of Virginia were slated to play in the tournament but San Jose couldn't fly out and Virginia decided to suspend all athletic events through the weekend.

However, the Kentucky Athletic Association along with

the Southeastern Conference chose to cancel the tournament indefinitely.

The last time the Lady Raiders played competitively was the Bradley Tournament where they finished in third place.

In the tournament, the Lady Raiders snapped a three game losing streak with a win over Western Illinois.

Junior co-captain Katie Thiesen was named to the Bradley University All-Tournament team.

"As to our second tournament I feel like we are pulling together better each day," co-captain Kelly Quinn said in her captain's log. "We still need to work hard to get better each day during practice. I thought at times everyone played well. We still have a long road in front of us but I have confidence that everyone is dedicated enough to

make it together."

Middle Tennessee's record on the season is 3-5.

Some things the team needs to improve on before the Belmont game are defense and serving according to Quinn.

"We need to continue working hard at defense during the practices in the week," Quinn said. "As a team we are missing entirely too many serves. We still need to work on our confidence behind the service line."

A bright spot for the Lady Raiders has been Shakeitha Deckard. She leads the team with 100 kills and 70 digs. Erin Hillstrom is second in both those categories with 69 and 66 respectively.

Kelly Quinn and Goldie Bilyeu split time as setters. The two has amassed over 250 assists.

Karisse Baker and Jennifer Hignite lead the team defensive-

ly with 24 and 22 blocks respectively

Belmont also had their weekend tournament canceled along with Tuesday's game against Austin Peay.

The Bruins last played in the Wendy's Classic at Tennessee Tech University. The team dropped two out of three games in that tournament.

Britney Baggett leads the team with 59 kills and is second on the team with 65 digs. Tied with Baggett for the team lead in kills is Kristen Moore. She leads the team with 74 digs.

Katie Nicholson is the main setter for the team. She leads the team with 175 assists.

Defensively, Erin Stencil is the leader with 17 blocks.

The match begins at 7 p.m. at the Murphy Center. ♦



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff
Katie Thiesen gets ready to serve during practice.

Gustafsson to help lead Blue Raiders



Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff

MT tennis player Robert Gustafsson comes off the ground while serving in the Pro-Am Sept. 8.

By Dale Martin
Staff Writer

Robert Gustafsson, a 6-foot-7-inch senior, will help lead the Blue Raider tennis team this year.

Robert Gustafsson, a native of Saffle, Sweden, will rotate between the number one and number two seed on the team.

Gustafsson began playing tennis at the young age of eight and continued throughout his high school days. After graduating high school in Sweden, he sent letters to the top twenty ranked college teams in the U.S. Middle Tennessee, ranked 15th at the time, responded to his letters.

Coach Dale Short began communicating with Gustafsson thus beginning his Blue Raider career.

The Swedish ace put up outstanding stats last season and hopes to accomplish even more this season. He had a .600 win percentage last season as well as an 8-0 record at home and an 8-0 record in matches played inside.

"I am more comfortable playing indoors, and it is always good to have the home crowd behind you," Gustafsson said. "You have to be comfortable on the hard court surface as well since that is what most colleges play on."

Gustafsson uses his tower-

"I wasn't feeling 100 percent going into the tournament and basically wanted to get some practice in on the clay courts since it had been a while since I played on them."

-Robert Gustafsson

ing height as an advantage on the court. He uses it to create leverage for his dominating serve and also at the net. The tennis team practices two and a half hours a day as well as conditioning and weight training. Gustafsson also works outside of practice to ensure that he is always at his best physical and mental shape.

Gustafsson won the opening tournament in Mobile, Ala. this season during the Labor Day holiday by defeating Steve Steckler 6-4, 6-4.

"I wasn't feeling 100 percent going into the tournament and basically wanted to get some practice in on the clay courts since it had been a while since I played on them," Gustafsson said.

"Steve[Steckler], a Brazilian,

had a lot of experience on the clay and I had never played him before, but had watched him a couple of times and knew he was good; however, I felt if I went into the match and played my kind of tennis I had a great chance to win. It was a great confidence builder to win the opening tournament not feeling I was at the peak of my game," he added.

The senior standout has high expectations of himself and the team as well. He would like to earn All-American honors this season and the team to be ranked in the Top-20 and do well in the NCAA tournament.

MTA hosted the Fall Invitational this weekend, but Gustafsson did not play. ♦

Lagat finishes second in tournament

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee cross country team competed in the Western Kentucky Old Timer's Day event on Saturday.

Geoffrey Lagat paced the men's team again as he produced the top time for a collegiate runner and finished second overall. Western Kentucky alumnus Sean Dollman edged

out Lagat by just over a second, finishing the five mile run with a time of 25:26.47.

Levi Sybert finished 13th overall for the Blue Raiders with a time of 26:55.43. Anthony McGary and Steve Safstrom ended the event 24th and 25th respectively with times of 28:10.90 and 28:13.70. Josh Carroll was the Blue Raiders' fifth best performer of the day

with a time of 28:24.49.

Rounding out the meet for Middle Tennessee were Carlos Gonzales (37th), Sean Rabe (47th), Brian Picklesimer (48th), Chris Hanson (49th) and Brent Greer (52nd).

The Lady Raiders participated in the 6K run with Erin Russell finishing highest for the team. Her time of 27:53.59 was good enough for 31st. Regina

Raccuglia came in 33rd place with a time of 28:18.79.

Kapreia Kirk, running in only her second event since taking last season off, finished 36th at 28:39.40.

Colleen Parker finished 45th, Tori Blander came in 47th, and Sabrina Smith ended in 48th place to round out the Lady Raiders' afternoon.

"I'm seeing good things from

both teams," said head coach Dean Hayes. "We need to keep on the same path as we head toward the Sun Belt Conference championships."

Each team will run again on Oct. 6 at the University of Alabama at Birmingham Invitational. ♦



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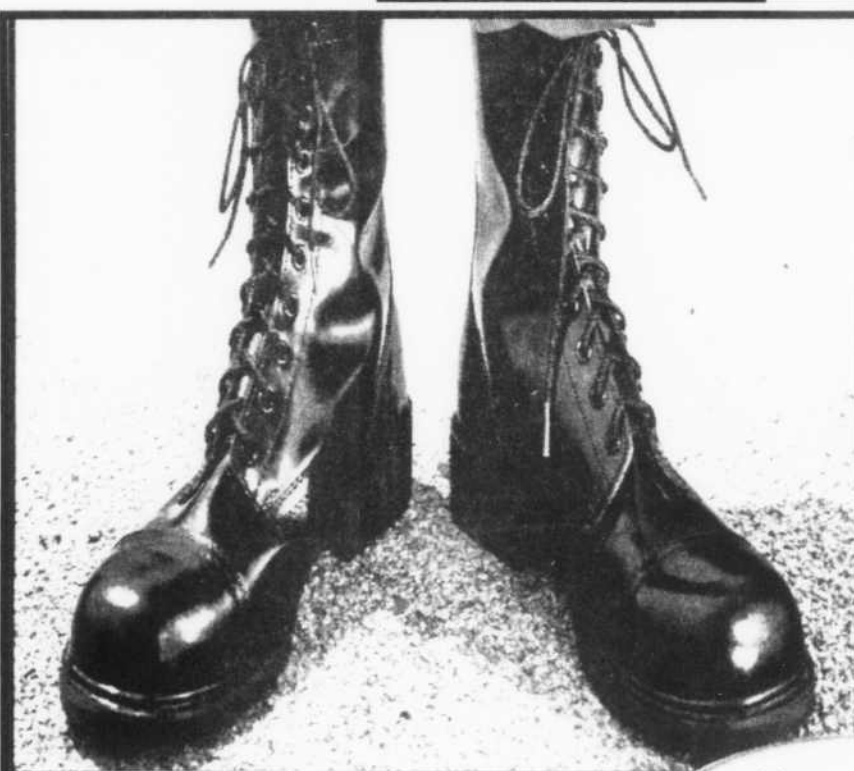
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CAREER GUIDE



Career Day to be held in the Murphy Center Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students reflect on first jobs

Terri Hutzler
Staff Writer

As career day approaches, some students may reflect on their past work experience to help them make a decision about their future job. MTSU students show a mixture of feelings when they reflect on their first jobs.

Clint Dowda began his first job at the age of 12 as a batboy for the Kingsport Mets. Dowda continued this work for four years before he decided that five dollars a game just

was not a big enough paycheck.

"It was fun when I was 12, but it got old by the time I was 15," Dowda said.

A more common first job that many students such as Angela Shaw may have held is that of a Wal-Mart cashier. Although this is a very common job for teen-agers, Angela said it opened her eyes to the real work world.

Another common job many students may have had is that of a supermarket employee. Carl Hofstron is one student who men-

tioned this as a first job. Hofstron said, "It was a very memorable job because I got to know many members of the community."

Ryan Moore spent his first summer job as an electrician's assistant. He said the pay was good, but he would not recommend it to someone who is afraid of heights.

Moore said he had to stand three stories up on 2X4s to wire several outlets.

Audrey Lock said her first job as a nanny made her realize just how much work is involved in being a

parent.

Like many, Ben Angeloni started his first summer job through a co-op program at his high school. He spent his summer as an assistant janitor at a senior citizens activity center. Ben said this job "instilled a work ethic in him."

As shown by these few examples, first job experiences can be fun, challenging and simple, but they also can teach and help in making a decision for a lifelong occupation. ♦

Employers to visit campus for Career Day

By LaQunda Partee
Contributor

Approximately 150 employers and graduate school representatives will be on campus Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Murphy Center track to provide MTSU students with career and internship information.

Sponsored annually by the MTSU Career and Placement Center, Career Day is an informal gathering designed to provide students with employment opportunities, information about the types of jobs available in various fields, educational requirements for graduate school and information regarding the demand for graduates in various career fields.

MTSU Career and Placement Center representatives said the event also will provide MTSU students with a chance to talk face to face with recruiters, turn in resumes and set up interviews, as well as network and learn about the various businesses on hand.

"The main goal (of Career Day) is to enable (students) to find a career job," Lynda Ytzen, secretary for the center, said.

Students in all majors are encouraged to attend the event, and resumes are welcomed by potential employers. In addition, center staff members said professional dress is recommended for graduating seniors who attend.

For more information, call the Career and Placement Center at 898-2500. ♦

For a list of the organizations that will have representatives on campus Thursday, see page 6.

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Photo by Jennifer Cornett | Staff
Karen Morgan works in the placement center's BAS office.

Placement, employment center opens BAS office, plans 4 more extensions

By Shane Gallo
Staff Writer

The Placement and Student Employment Center has opened a satellite office in the Business and Aerospace Building and has appointed its first coordinator in the history of the program.

The extension is intended to "better suit the needs of the students," and to "be more convenient," Lynda Ytzen, a secretary at the main office in Keathley University Center, said.

"This is the first phase of opening several satellite offices in different colleges," Ytzen said. The center is part of the Department of Student Affairs.

"Eventually we hope to have five satellite offices, one for each college."

Karen Morgan, the new coordinator of the center, believes the new satellite office will make it quicker for students to access the Placement and Student Employment Center.

"The Business and Aerospace

building is a good location," Morgan said. "Many of the departments have classes in this area."

The center assists prospective graduates and alumni with resume skills, job interviewing skills and cover letters, along with narrowing down the scope of possible careers to students and alumni of all majors, from sociology to biology.

"Companies will send us job postings, say they need a social worker or a teacher, and we'll submit the resumes of all those who are registered with us," Morgan said. "We have lists of employers looking for recent college graduates to hire. That's probably the biggest thing that we do is reporting resumes to potential employers."

Students looking for internships, part-time or summer employment can also be assisted at the center.

"We have companies calling all the time looking for possible interns," Morgan said.

The Placement and Student Employment Center is directed by Martha Turner and is free to all students. "The fee is included in tuition, so there are no additional fees if a student decides they want to use our service," Morgan said.

The center is involved with several upcoming events on campus including the Comprehensive Career Day on Thursday, the Nurses/Health Career Day on Nov. 5 and the Summer Jobs and Internships Fair on Jan. 30.

Students and alumni can visit the center's Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~career to search for recruiting employers, resume referrals and career opportunities, along with posted positions.

"Our Web site is very extensive," Morgan said.

To take advantage of this free service, students and alumni must open a Career Connections account at either the KUC, Room 328 or the BAS, Room S123, or registration can be completed online at the Placement and Student Employment Web site.

Morgan hopes more students will become aware of the career and internship opportunities the center has to offer and will take advantage of this service.

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Tips for effective resumes

By Larry Stone

AAAction Resume Service director

1. **Don't be modest.** Many of us are hesitant to put down just how much we have done or how good we are. We grow up being taught not to brag, but this is your chance! A resume is like a sales prospectus, and you are the product. The resume gets you the sales interview, and then it's up to you to close the sale.

2. **Talk about what you've done that shows how good you are.** The statement: "Effectively managed a diverse population of 30 computer professionals to become a cohesive working team" is effective; "Am excellent with people and have great managerial skills" is not.

3. **Keep it honest.** You want to say as much as you can that's positive about yourself, but remember, if the resume works, it will get you an interview with someone who will probably be looking right at it during that interview. Don't ever put in anything you can't defend, justify or comfortably explain.

4. **Presentation IS important.** While the content of your resume is the most important thing, the visual appearance can make a big difference. If your resume is packed with great information but appears crowded and hard to read, a busy executive might just not take the time to go through it with the care it deserves. Unfair? Of course, but this is the real world. Use indentations, bullet points and lots of white space.

5. **Use the appropriate amount of space.** If you've been in the work force for five years and are applying for your second job, using a two page resume would not be helpful. No one wants to look through a lot of padding. On the other hand, if you've been working for 20 years and have lots of experience and several jobs, trying to compress it into one page will never do you justice. In that case, forget the so called experts that say to put it on one page and use the space you need to get the job done right (and get the job!). This is especially true if you have a difficult situation such as changing careers, or a scattered work history.

6. **Functional vs. Chronological.** If you're on a simple career path and your last job is the most relevant experience to your next, a standard chronological resume is generally best. This lists your employment from last

first, and puts your experience under each employer. However, if you are changing careers, going back to something you used to do, or have a scattered work history, then a functional resume will probably serve your needs better. This kind lists your achievements first, dividing them into about two to four categories, and then puts your employment afterwards with relatively little comment.

7. **Make sure it's right!** As the old saying goes, you never get a second chance to make a first impression. If your prospective

employer is getting dozens (or even hundreds) of resumes, unless you can get their attention, it doesn't matter if you are the most qualified applicant, they'll never know it. Even if you do get the interview, if your resume is mediocre, that interview will start with you having an uphill battle to counter a weak first impression. Make sure you get it right! If you can't do it yourself, then seek assistance from a professional who can give you that extra edge. ♦

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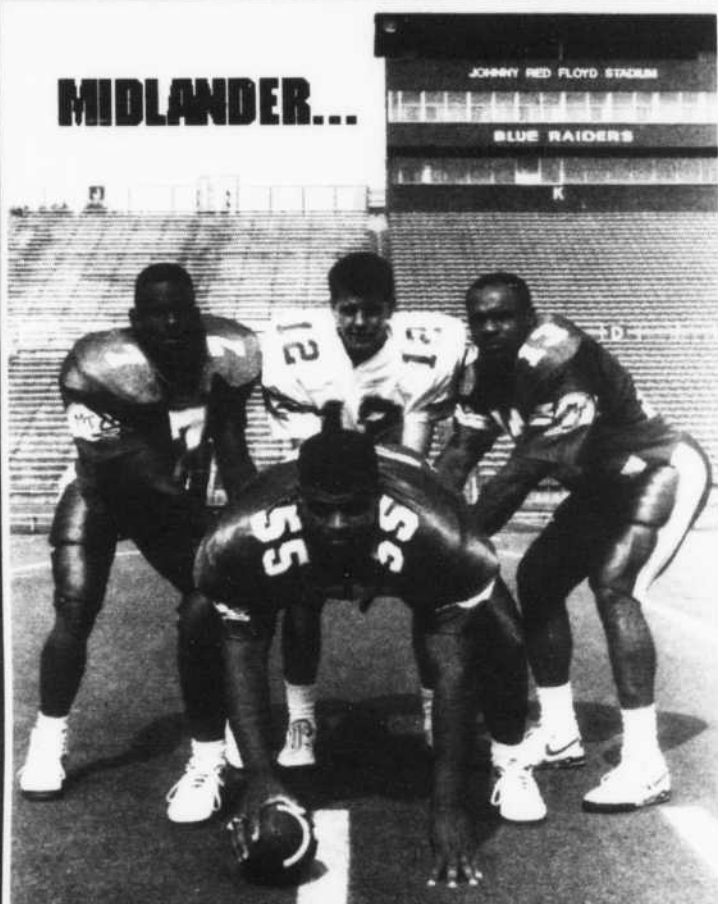
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