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MT hosts gifted conference

The Jennings and Rebecca Jones Academy for Teachers of the Gifted conference will be held July 9-20. The two-week workshop is the state's only workshop for teachers of the gifted. During the second week of the workshop, more than 227 students from the Rutherford County and Murfreesboro City districts will attend the workshop. "The purpose of the workshop is to enhance the ability of teachers to serve children with unique needs," said Bella Higdon, director of the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Academy for the Gifted.

Tennessee pays for the funding of the programs for gifted students, as it is not included in federal funding.

Table for two

MTSU will host an appreciation dinner for President R. Eugene Smith and Mrs. Smith on July 21. The reception dinner is from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center with the reception at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The cost of the event is \$25. For more information call 898-5015.

Mingling academy held

The first-ever Corporate Connections Academy for local high-school educators and area business was held at MTSU from June 18-29. The purpose of the academy is to provide an opportunity for area businesses and teachers to network with each other. The Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation who has committed to funding the program for three years, fund the academy.

Some of this year's participants include 29 teachers and 30 businesses, including WGNS-AM, Nissan North America Inc., Middle Tennessee Medical Center, City of Murfreesboro, YMCA and Ingram Book Group Inc.

The teachers involved in the program will receive in-service credit and a \$500 stipend.

New tech tools for faculty

The Office of Information Technology is introducing course communication and Web management options to assist MTSU faculty with teaching their students.

The tools that were already available for faculty assistance were Blackboard's Course Info, Campus Pipeline and WebCT.

Former Raider wins big

Former Blue Raider Jonathan Quinn threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns as he led the Berlin Thunder to World Bowl victory in front of 32,116 fans in the Amsterdam Arena.

He made Most Valuable Player for his performance.

Quinn, a Hermitage, Tenn., native, originally played high school football for McGavock High in Nashville before signing on to play football for Tulane.

After one year as a Green Wave, he transferred to Middle Tennessee, where he threw for 4,864 yards and 28 touchdowns, earning him an All-Ohio Valley Conference first team honors.

Summertime means dorm improvements



Photo by James Evans | Staff

Construction crews work to replace all the windows in Miss Mary Hall.

Several housing renovation projects in process while students are away

By Erin Edgemon
Staff Writer

Major renovations are underway at various residential halls. Anyone on campus during the summer knows that it is the time for renovations and construction. This summer is no different.

Renovations and technological updates are being done at Womack Lane Apartments, Lyon, Miss Mary, McHenry, Cummings, Judd and Gracy Halls.

The renovations are "on track" to be completed by Aug. 17 when students enter the dorms for the fall semester, said Debra Sells, dean of academic support programs and director of Housing and Residential Life.

Major renovations are in process at the Womack Lane Apartments and at the Lyon, Miss Mary and McHenry dorm complex.

At Womack Lane, many of the roofs are being replaced. In most cases, the apartments still

had the original roofs that had to be replaced before serious problems occurred, said Sells.

Half of Womack Lane's 12 apartments will have new roofs placed.

The deteriorating stairways at Womack Lane are also being replaced.

The windows are being replaced, as well as the bathrooms renovated at the Lyon dorm complex. The old windows are being replaced with

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Focus | New Students

Financial Aid helps students focus on academics, not money

Deadline for FAFSA March 1

By Charlene Callier
News Editor

Financial aid, ranging from scholarships to federal grants, is available to students to assist them with the cost of college.

Federal student financial aid provides assistance for students who are enrolled at least half time in school (six hours) to help cover expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books, supplies and transportation.

"The Financial Aid office is here to help students, not prevent them from graduating," said David Hutton, director of Financial Aid.

Most of the financial aid is need-based and is given in three types: grants, which do not require repayment; loans, borrowed money that must be repaid with interest; and work-study, paid by the school for campus-based work.

The Pell Grant ranges from \$400 to \$3,300 a year.

The Federal Supplement Educational Opportunity Grant ranges from \$100 to \$4,000.

Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid and turn it in by the March 1 deadline to receive financial aid.

Some of the requirements to receive aid include: being a U.S. citizen; having a high school diploma or general education development certificate; enrolling in an eligible program as a regular student seeking a degree or certificate; and registering for selective service if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25.

"Students are doing a better job in turning in applications for financial aid," Hutton said.

According to Hutton, the Financial Aid office is \$3 mil-

lion ahead of processing loans for the fall semester.

Financial aid is improving its communication with students by sending e-mails to their accounts, informing them of the deadlines for aid.

Hutton said that the Financial Aid office sent award letters to students before the end of the spring semester to increase the speed of service provided by the office.

Once the award letters are distributed, it is the student's responsibility to return the signed form to the office for verification of acceptance of the award.

There are several guidelines that students must follow to remain eligible for financial assistance.

Students must have satisfactory progress, passing at least 66 percent of attempted class hours.

Students are awarded financial aid according to their class attendance each semester.

If a student falls below full-time status before September 1, their financial aid is adjusted.

"Teachers are required to turn in unofficial withdrawal rosters, 60 percent through the term," Hutton said.

According to Hutton, financial aid sent back over \$400,000 last year due to students' withdrawals.

If a student is reported not attending classes, their funds may not be disbursed for the following semester.

"If possible, we advise students to remain enrolled in some hours instead of full withdrawal from classes," Hutton said.

The financial aid office plans to offer information to students over the Web in the fall.

"If we say no, we hope the students understand why," Hutton said.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 898-2830. ♦

Mother charged with drowning children believes 'devil' is in her, brother says

Associated Press

DALLAS - A mother charged with drowning her five children in a bathtub told family members from jail that she thinks the devil is in her, her brother said.

Andrea Yates, 36, asked visiting siblings on Wednesday whether her children had been buried and told them during a Sunday visit that she feared she was possessed, her brother Andrew Kennedy told *The Dallas Morning News* in Saturday's editions.

"She asked me and my brother, 'How long do you think the devil's been in me?'" Kennedy said. "I guess she's looking for answers as to why she did what she did."

Yates told police that she drowned her children one by one last week in their suburban Houston home. The youngest

was 6 months old; the oldest, 7 years.

Prosecutors said last week they will decide within three weeks whether to seek the death penalty. But several legal experts said it's unlikely Yates will face a death sentence, based on the outcome of several similar cases.

"It's important to keep this in perspective: Death rows are not filled with family murderers," said Jordan Steiker, a professor and death penalty expert at the University of Texas Law School.

Yates' attorney, George Parnham, has said he will likely use an insanity defense, which might prove effective.

"Statistically you have a much better chance of prevailing in an insanity defense if it's a violent crime and if you kill a member of your own family,"

said Houston criminal defense attorney George Secret.

"Also, women fare better than men in these types of cases," said Secret, who successfully defended a woman accused of killing her baby in 1997.

Kennedy said his sister had been increasingly worried about his sister's mental health over the last six months, and one of her longtime friends was concerned enough that she kept a detailed diary of her emotional decline.

The family feared she might kill herself, but "we never dreamed she'd kill our kids," he said.

Yates told police that she killed the children because she thought she was a bad mother and they were hopelessly developmentally damaged.

Her husband, NASA engineer Russell Yates, has said he

believed his wife was suffering from "psychotic side effects" of post-partum depression.

Kennedy said his sister began receiving treatment for her most recent emotional problems this spring after she put a knife to her throat while visiting her mother's house and threatened to kill herself.

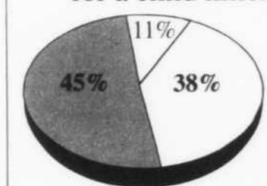
She was first treated for depression after trying to kill herself in June 1999 with an overdose of her late father's Alzheimer medications.

"Just about everybody in the family has had problems with depression," Kennedy said.

Yates has been charged with one count of capital murder. Authorities said other charges might follow.

The children - Noah, 7, John, 5, Paul, 3, Luke, 2, and Mary, 6 months - were buried Wednesday. ♦

Due punishment for a child killer



Last week *Sidelines Online* polled readers about an appropriate punishment for Andrea Yates, the woman who maliciously killed her five children. Of those who responded, 38 percent said she should get the death penalty, 17 percent said she should spend life in prison and 45 percent said she needed to be committed to a mental facility.

*This poll is not scientific

From the staff

Taxes worth the benefits

The state legislature is having a hard time resolving the budget crisis for Tennessee.

Sen. David Fowler, R-Signal Mountain, complained that many lawmakers feel as though they have a "gun" to their heads.

Well, it's time our lawmakers stop complaining and start acting. We need a budget that will fit our needs.

The legislature has been mulling over the budget for the last six months. We need something to be decided - as soon as possible.

The legislature is elected by the people to represent the people. Still, everyone knows that people don't always want what's best for them.

Lawmakers need to go over the facts and determine the best permanent way to solve our budget problem. We need a solution that will feed our state's citizens for many years to come.

If the data supports a state income tax, then the legislature should vote to adopt one.

If the state can make it for awhile with a higher sales tax, then we should adopt one.

But this constant bickering among everyone only makes us spin our wheels.

We all know that we need more money to fix the problems in our state. Common sense insists that in order to get this money, we have to raise money through either higher or additional taxes.

Remember when your parents used to make eat your vegetables even though you didn't really want to?

Well, the budget situation is the same thing. We all know we have to increase taxes, but we'd rather throw a temper tantrum than face reality.

The disheartening thing is that lawmakers know we need more taxes too, but they are so scared to risk losing their office than to do the right thing.

If a state income tax is adopted, some legislators will lose in the next election because of their actions.

But isn't the sacrifice worth the benefits it will reap for years to come in Tennessee?

Cherish Satcher's honesty about sex

Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner
Staff Columnist

It's happening again. A surgeon general is making waves in the stagnant waters of this nation, and Washington is getting motion sickness.

Surgeon General David Satcher recently publicized a report that concluded lifelong safe-sex education was needed, and that contraceptives should be distributed in school. It also found that the public needs to strive to further understand homosexuality and not treat it as sexual deviance.

Boy, are Georgie-Porgie

and his merry men miffed. They were hoping that Fletcher's report would go either unnoticed or conclude that good little boys and girls wear their chastity belts until they are trapped in a suffocating, dead-end marriage. And that boys don't kiss boys - ever!

Of course, it was easy for the Bush administration to distance itself from such a rational report. Exercising common sense is not their strong suit. Ari Fletcher, Bush's spokesperson, immediately yelped that the research was commissioned by the vile, sinful, sex-crazed Clinton administration, not by Dubya's squeaky-clean, washed-in-the-blood cronies. In fact, cries for Satcher's resignation have been heard.

Does any of this sound familiar? It's way too much

like the hulabaloo that went on with former Surgeon General Jocelyn Elders, who was fired for encouraging masturbation as an alternative to sex, as well as condom distribution.

What is it with American people and honesty about sex? We can't handle it. We get all nervous because we have issues with our own sexuality, and then holler, "The children! What about the children?" to mask our own insecurities.

Bill Mahr of ABC's *Politically Incorrect* is right on target when he alleges that America is fighting a war on sex. Even though we love sex, we try to stuff that dirty s-word under the bed like daddy's secret movies and then pretend it's not there or that we don't know what it is or what it's for.

That's bad enough, but most people bolt the bed to the floor and hope the children never find it up.

Sex is one of the most natural, instinctual things a human can do. We are all here as a result of it; it is essential to almost all life. Yet Americans spend the majority of our time railing against sex, calling it evil and demanding that young adults ignore their urges and wait until marriage, which is coming later and later in life, to do the devil's business. Worst of all, we can't give them a really good reason to wait, except for the good old "do as I say" trick.

It's an impossible request, and it obviously is not working. Honestly, sex is too much fun to put off until you're in your late twenties. The whole world knows that, yet we brainiacs in America insist that's

the way to go. Forget sex. Play scrabble. Do a crossword puzzle. And for God's sake, don't touch yourself.

Satcher's report correctly treats sex education as a health issue, not a moral one. The rest of Washington and the 50 states should try to play catch-up and recognize the importance of Satcher's findings.

Until we can admit that sexual urges are natural and allow young adults to be educated in ways that will teach them to respect sex and make healthy choices, thus avoiding unwanted pregnancies and diseases, we will make no progress. Until we can become comfortable with honest people in Washington, like Satcher, we will live in a nation that uses denial as birth control and morality as an excuse for ignorance. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Left wing media attacking Christians

To the Editor:

Once again, Christians are under attack by the liberal left-wing media.

The specific article to which I am referring is Lindsey Turner's piece concerning gay marriage which appeared in the June 6 issue of *Sidelines*. I hope that I am not misunderstood; I am not trying to argue the issue of gay marriage itself. A person's sexuality is his/her own business.

I simply wish to convey the fact that Christianity is not the reason gay marriage is illegal, and that attacking Christians will not resolve the issue. Ms. Turner basically says that gay marriage is illegal in most states because Christianity runs the government based on the beliefs and attitudes of the Puritans who originally settled in the United States.

The number of flaws in Ms. Turner's article is almost as astounding as her poor grammar and diction. First of all, despite Mr. Turner's statements, the Puritans' intentions were not to create a moral society in which their church ruled the government.

They simply wanted to purify (hence the name "Puritan") their church of British government interference and all of the rituals they deemed unnecessary. Ms. Turner fails to realize that the founding fathers who established the separation of church and state were also Puritans themselves.

The idea that Christianity runs the government is completely and totally absurd. If that were true, then abortion and capital punishment would be outlawed, school prayer would be perfectly legal, and Christian anti-profit organizations that provide valuable humanitarian services to their communities would not be denied state and federal funding as they are now.

Another point Ms. Turner implies is that the ban on gay marriage is solely the fault of Christians. Homosexuality is prohibited in most other major religions such as Judaism, Islam and Hinduism, just to name a few.

Although many gay marriage opponents are members of Christian churches, there are many opponents who hold non-Christian religious beliefs, and many more opponents who hold no religious beliefs at all. In fact, there are many Christians and other religious people who support gay marriage.

A common left-wing idea that is becoming more and more prevalent is that Christianity is to blame for all the flaws of society. Because most college-age young people tend to hold more liberal views, Christian-bashing is starting to become the norm among members of

this age group.

It's ironic that radical liberals attempt to pass themselves off as being more open-minded and less prejudiced, except when it comes to people who don't hold the same left-wing anti-Christian views.

Although we have freedom of speech, society frowns upon derogatory remarks about race, gender, sexual orientation, and ethnic background, and the same principle should also apply to religion and spirituality.

J.M. Adamson

Reader 'sickened' by columnist's sympathy

To the Editor:

After reading Patrick Chinnery's article sympathizing with Andrea Yates, the mother who murdered her five young children, I am almost as sickened as when I first heard of the atrocious act she committed.

As a woman who has dealt with depression for many years and a woman with a great deal of knowledge in the realm of psychology, I cannot begin to understand how anyone could pity this mother.

She methodically, calmly drowned the life out of her five small, helpless children. Chinnery says this was an act of altruism??

If she truly cared about the wellbeing of these children, she would have removed herself from their lives instead of removing them from this world. If she had a history of post-partum depression, why did she choose to have yet another child? If she felt she could not handle being a mother, why did she not seek help in the first place?

Pity is the absolute last thing this woman deserves. The father and other family members of the children are the ones who deserve our utmost sympathy. He had to watch five small coffins be lowered into their final resting place and his wife, their mother, was responsible for them being there. Children look to their mothers for unconditional acceptance and love.

How can any child fathom the possibility of being murdered by the woman who gave them life? I hope the state of Texas finds this horrible woman 100 percent responsible for her sickening actions and punishes her as she punished her innocent, precocious children.

I can only hope and pray that the rest of their family can get past this and find some kind of peace.

Heather Brown
MTSU Alumna

The Fifth Amendment is dead ... shhhh

By Scott A. Peitzer

Daily Texan (U. Texas-Austin)

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas - Timothy McVeigh is dead. A terrible tragedy has been inflicted upon the American people, something far worse than the explosion at the Oklahoma City federal building that shook this nation to its core the callous abandonment of due process. And silence that still surrounds the execution in the weeks since is a far more insidious assault on our society.

What Timothy McVeigh did was entirely unjustifiable. If any criminal in the entire course of American history deserves to die, it is he. However, no matter how hideous his crime, he was as much entitled to every single protection guaranteed by the Constitution as any law-abiding citizen.

McVeigh was denied due process of law in order that a politically favorable outcome could be reached, while the media framed the issue as primarily centered on the death penalty.

The Fifth Amendment states that "no person ... shall be deprived of life, liberty or property, without due process of law." Think of the legal system as an input/output machine. In goes the relevant circumstances and facts of a case, the court adjudicates in the proper manner, and out comes a just decision. If the process used to reach the decision is somehow flawed, then the outcome is not justice. In cases, such as this one, where the outcome is substantively correct (he did confess after all), but the procedure is unsound, the congruence between justice and the actual outcome is a mere matter of lucky chance. In other words, justice should be somewhat more reliable than a Las Vegas slot machine.

Imagine fighting a speeding ticket and, since it's just your word against the cop's, you lose. The police, meanwhile, have a document that proves that the particular radar gun

used by the cop who ticketed you was defective. They never release that information to the court. Whether or not you were actually speeding, the police, by hiding one piece of evidence, thwarted your constitutionally guaranteed right to due process of law. The FBI withheld thousands of such pieces.

The question of whether or not these documents would have proven McVeigh innocent is irrelevant to the issue at hand. The fact of the matter is that they existed, and the court barely made an attempt to examine their relevance. While perhaps some relevant information might have been discovered, more than likely there would be none. It does not change the fact that the highest law enforcement agency in the land withheld evidence from a case that resulted in a death sentence.

This is precisely why McVeigh, who previously waived his right to appeal further, wishing to go to his death a martyr,

attempted to force a stay of execution in order to hold the FBI accountable for their unconscionable irresponsibility. He was absolutely right in doing so.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals should have granted a stay of execution in order to formally determine that no relevant evidence was omitted from a trial, especially one as important as this one. Justice should not be accidental.

Instead, the Court opted to carry on with the execution, after a delay so slight that the surface of the documents in question could barely have been skimmed, so that the survivors and families of the bombing, and the American people at large, could finally have "closure."

This is unacceptable. No matter how terrible the loss felt by those who were affected by this tragedy, the integrity of our criminal justice system trumps their desire for vengeance. The media has made this into a

death penalty issue when what is at stake is far more fundamental and far more fragile.

If we abandon due process of law in favor of a substitute, and popular, outcome, then we abandon the idea that we live in a "government of laws, not of men" as well.

Even when the crime in question fills us with loathing and nausea, due process must be followed, or there is no barrier to protect us from the potentially arbitrary caprices of judges.

This was essentially the FBI's Trial of the Century. If they screwed up so badly in this case, and were not held seriously accountable here, what unchecked mishaps permeate their entire organization?

We have heard nothing in the weeks since McVeigh's execution about any sort of investigation into how an error of such magnitude could have occurred.

The future of the Fifth Amendment does not bode well. ♦

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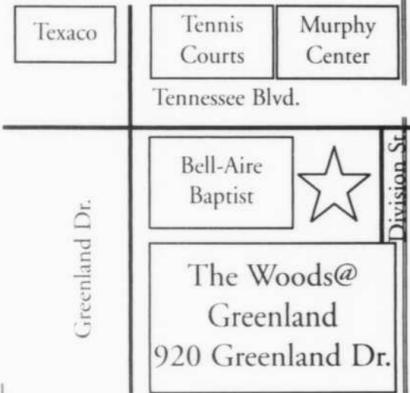
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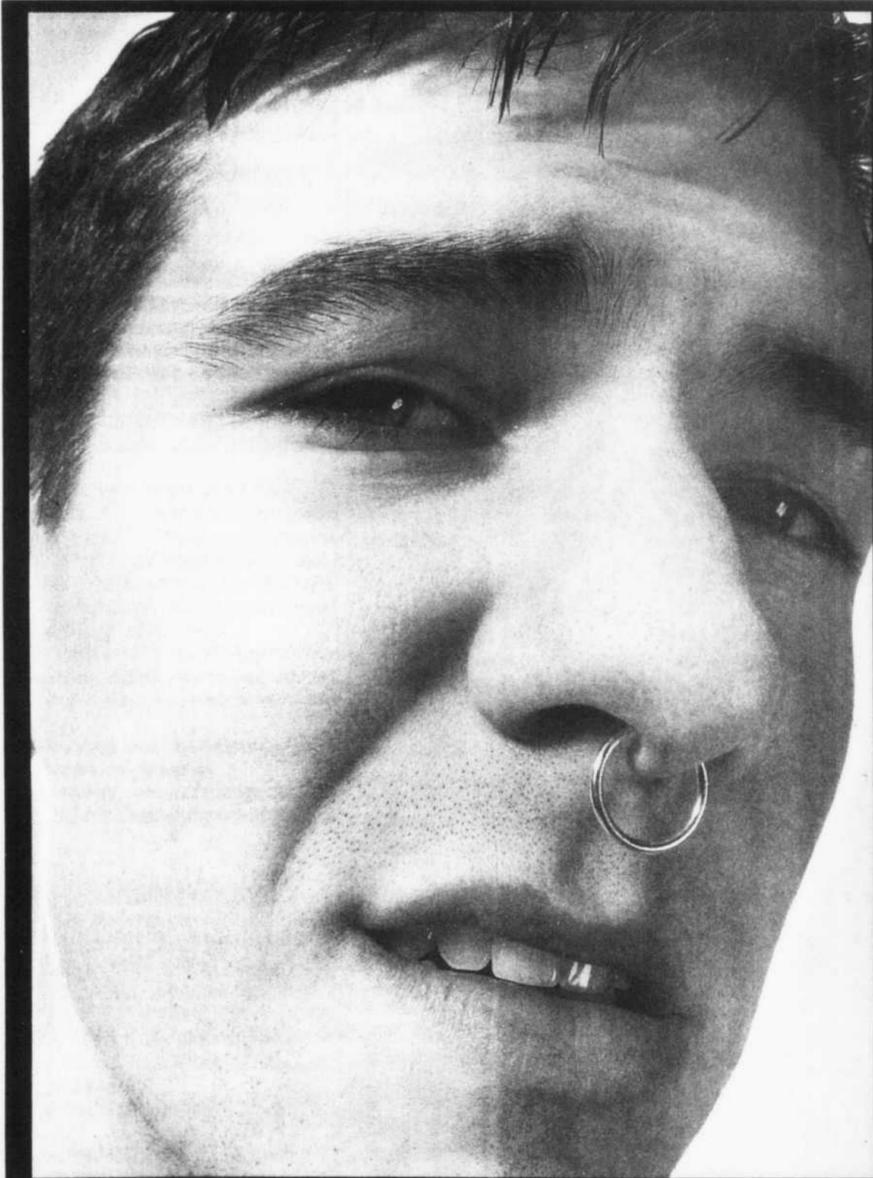
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Middle verbally agrees to face Vols in 2002



MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee interim athletic director Boots Donnelly and Tennessee athletic director Doug Dickey have "verbally agreed" to have the Blue Raiders and Vols meet on the gridiron in 2002. The game, which will be the first-ever between the two schools in football, is scheduled for September 7 in Neyland Stadium.

"This is a game that will be great for our fans, community and alumni,"

Donnelly stated. "We had an opportunity to put this game together, and luckily it worked out for both schools. I checked with Andy (McCollum) to make sure he was in agreement, and he was all for it. So we verbally agreed and will complete the official paperwork very soon."

The 2002 campaign, which is the first year the NCAA will allow 12 regular-season contests, will open with the Blue Raiders travelling to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to take on the

Alabama Crimson Tide Aug. 31 before heading to Knoxville to face the Vols. Middle Tennessee will also have non-conference games with Vanderbilt and Kentucky.

"No one will face a tougher start to a season than we will in 2002, but we like challenges," McCollum said. "We believe in playing the best, and Tennessee is definitely among the elite in college football. I think it's great for our program, and this indicates the direction we are heading in our early

years of I-A football."

Under McCollum, the Blue Raiders have already collided with Florida, Mississippi State, Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois and Maryland. Middle Tennessee will add to that list this year with games against Vanderbilt, Ole Miss, and LSU.

The contract for the Middle Tennessee - Tennessee game should be signed within the next week in what will be a \$500,000 pay day for the Blue Raiders. ♦

Photo Provided
Donnelly talks about the upcoming MT vs. UT game.

Cooper signs with Middle baseball team

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced the signing of infielder Chad Cooper for the 2002 season.



Cooper, a 6-1, 180 lb., middle infielder hails from Picture Rock, Penn., and comes to the Blue Raider program from Garrett Community College in McHenry, Md.

Cooper was named First Team All-Maryland Junior College Conference for his work as a shortstop for two seasons. During his two-year stint at Garrett, he batted .372 while driving in 100 runs. He stole an average of 22 bases each season while collecting 38 doubles, 13 triples and nine homers.

Cooper's junior college coach, Ed Wildesen, had nothing but praise for his student.

"It was with great pleasure and pride that I coached Chad for two years. All athletic ability aside, the two things I will miss most are Chad's work ethic and his passion for the game," stated Wildesen.

Cooper played high school baseball for coach Jon Fritz at Hughesville High School where he earned varsity letters in each of his four seasons. An excellent athlete, he also earned two letters in basketball as the point guard for the Hughesville Cagers.

"We were able to see him play," Peterson said, "and he came very highly recommended from professional scouts and junior college coaches. He gives us an experienced middle infielder that can play both second and shortstop. He has shown that he has the potential to swing the bat, play defense and run. He should make a fine addition to our team."

Cooper helps the Blue Raiders get closer to completing an infield that lost three starters from a year ago. Third baseman Brandon Johnson, second baseman Josh Renick and first baseman Kris Lammers all completed their collegiate eligibility last season. Shortstop Jason Howarth is the lone returning member of the Blue Raider infield.

The Blue Raiders have a few other holes to fill after losing several players from last season's 41-17 club. 2001 marked the team's first season in the Sun Belt conference, and it responded by taking a share of the regular-season championship and earning the school's first-ever at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament.

Five Blue Raiders were selected in the Major League Baseball draft in early June, marking the most ever for a single year. RHP Dewon Brazelton made history by becoming the highest draft pick in MT history when the Tampa Bay Devil Rays took him third overall. ♦

Blue Raiders picked to win Sun Belt in 2001 by CFN.com



File Photo

The Blue Raiders' defense swarms Louisiana-Lafayette. Senior Diko Tinch and freshman Joe McClendon swarm Ragin' Cajun Darren Brister.

MT ranked 70th out 117 Division I-A programs

MT Media Relations

CollegeFootballNews.com debuted its preview on Middle Tennessee's upcoming football campaign by selecting the Blue Raiders to win the Sun Belt Conference with an 8-3 overall record. CFN also tabbed the Blue Raiders as the 79th best team in the nation entering the season out of 117 Division I-A programs.

"This sky is the limit for the Blue Raiders," quoted CFN. "Vanderbilt is beatable if the MT D can tighten up, then there's not another game on the slate they should not be favored in until their seventh game at Mississippi. They'll probably lose to the Rebels and LSU, but they might give them nightmares."

The publication also broke down the offense and defense with grades. Here is

a look at the Blue Raider report card: Quarterbacks: B+; Running Backs: A; Receivers: B+; Offensive Line: C-; Defensive Line: B-; Linebackers: C; Defensive Backs: C+; and Special Teams: A.

Athlon Magazine, based in nearby Nashville, is on the stand, but they are not as high on the Blue Raiders as other preseason publications. *Athlon* picks Middle Tennessee second in the SBC

behind Idaho and 94th out of 117 teams in its preseason poll. *Athlon* selected Dwone Hicks, Kendall Newson, Tanaka Scott, Jykine Bradley and Brian Kelly on its preseason all-Sun Belt team.

The Blue Raiders will begin preseason practice on Aug. 3 when the freshmen report in preparation for the 2001 season opener at Vanderbilt on Aug. 30. ♦

Former Blue Raider leads team to win in World Bowl

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Jonathan Quinn threw for 308 yards and three touchdowns as he led the Berlin Thunder to World Bowl Victory in front of 32,116 fans in the Amsterdam Arena.

Quinn threw touchdown passes of 46, 17 and 53 yards, the last going to wide receiver Dwaune Jones with 4:08 remaining in the game.

But victory was not assured until the final moments of the thrilling contest in the Netherlands when Jarious Jackson's fourth down pass from the 6-yard line into the Thunder end zone was batted down by defensive tackle Jon Harris with 1:03 remaining.

All that remained then was for World Bowl MVP Quinn to take a knee and clinch the Berlin Thunder's first World Bowl.

The Thunder made a confi-

dent start to World Bowl IX with Jonathan Quinn completing his first six pass attempts for 40 yards as Berlin moved into scoring range.

Quinn hit WR Ahmad Merritt twice for 16 yards and also connected with WR Dwaune Jones on two completions for 19 yards. The Jacksonville Jaguars allocated passer also picked up a key first down on a fourth down quarterback sneak at midfield.

But the impressive opening drive stalled when Dragons defensive tackle Tim Engelhardt came up with the game's first big defensive play. The All-NFL Europe League defensive tackle sacked Quinn and stripped the ball loose.

Barcelona defensive end Keith Washington fell on the ball at his own 34-yard line to give the Dragons possession and end Berlin's scoring threat.

The Dragons handed the ball

back to Berlin three players later with a turnover of their own. After catching a pass from Jarious Jackson, Dragons wide receiver Trevor Insley was hit by CB Dwayne Stukes and fumbled.

Stukes recovered the loose ball in the end zone as Berlin could not advance further than the 36-yard line, but Bentley was accurate with his four-point field goal attempt from 53 yards.

Berlin's next drive ended in bizarre fashion when Quinn was intercepted by Dragons defensive lineman Teto Simpson at the Thunder 1-yard line.

Barcelona couldn't find a way into the end zone as Berlin's defense stiffened and Angoy was called upon to kick the 20-yard field goal.

A 48-yard punt return by Insley got the Dragons back into scoring range early in the

second quarter. Roderick Robinson hit WR Carlos Rosado for an 18-yard gain before the drive came to a halt at the 12-yard line.

Tony Simmons had given Barcelona a second half lead. Berlin went three and out on their next drive, and Barcelona took over on their own 19-yard line. Robinson continued at quarterback and hit Insley four times for 33 yards. But Quinn had one more big play up his sleeve and delivered a 46-yard scoring strike to Jones to give Berlin the lead at the break.

The key play on the drive was a 44-yard pass from Jackson to Simmons. But Gustin's special teams heroics for the Thunder ensured Barcelona's drive ended scoreless.

After Berlin went three and out on their next possession, the Dragons made no mistake as Jackson hit Simmons on a short comeback route. The New

England Patriots allocated star turned Thunder and sped away from Thunder DB Lelan Brickus to record a spectacular 58-yard touchdown reception.

58-yard touchdown hit by Insley in the end zone for the two-point conversion that gave the Dragons a 17-10 lead midway through the third period.

Berlin struck back to level the scores with 9:47 remaining in regulation when Quinn lofted a 17-yard touchdown pass to Merritt.

With the game reaching a critical stage, Quinn lofted the World Bowl-winning touchdown pass to Jones, who caught six passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns on the night. Jackson then drove the Dragons downfield and looked set to tie the scores and send the game into overtime when Harris reached up and batted the ball down to secure victory for the Thunder. ♦

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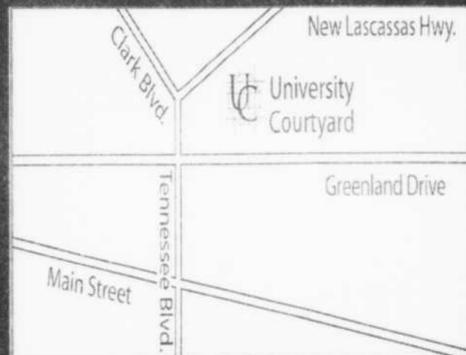


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