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### Gunman takes hostages at Tennessee college

### Man claims to be member of al-Qaida

By Woody Baird Associated Press Writer

DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP) -A gunman who left a note saying he "wanted to kill some people and die today" took at least a dozen people hostage in a college classroom Wednesday afternoon, releasing three students several hours later, authorities said.

No injuries or gunshots were reported in the standoff at Dyersburg State Community College, about 75 miles northeast of Memphis. The gunman, believed to have a 9mm pistol and what looks like a butcher knife, had not made any demands - aside from water to drink - but said he will kill him-

self, Police Chief Bobby Williamson said.

The gunman claimed to be a member of al-Qaida, and Williamson said that although authorities have no reason to believe the claim, the FBI had been called in. Justice Department officials in Washington also said they had no evidence that the gunman Nashville Murfreesboro

The gunmen is holding the hostages at Dyersburg State Community College in west Tennessee.

was a member of the terrorist organization.

Police identified the gunman as Harold Kilpatrick Jr., a 26year-old Memphis man who was staying in Dyersburg with his sister. In the suicide note, left at his sister's house, he also said he didn't like Americans and had spoken with al-Qaida

leader Osama bin Laden, Dyersburg Police Chief Bobby Williamson said.

Williamson said there were 12 to 16 people in the classroom when the standoff began. The three students Kilpatrick released were all women, one of whom was pregnant. The teacher remained in the class-

were

Officers

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### Historian to discuss Elizabeth I

By Deanna Bauer Staff Writer

Visiting professor Carole Levin will spend two weeks at MTSU speaking about one of the most powerful women in history, Elizabeth I.

As Strickland Visiting Scholar, Levin will be giving a and lecopen ture on today titled



Elizabeth I

"All the Queen's Children: Elizabeth I and the Meaning of Motherhood."

Levin teaches history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and specializes in 16th century England. Her teaching focuses on the subtopics of cultural and women's history.

"I've loved history since I was a child," Levin said. "When I was a kid, my mom used to take me to the local library every week, and I used to read kid biographies."

Levin explained that her interest in Elizabeth I started in the library.

"I was maybe only 10 years old and I read a kid biography on Elizabeth and thought, 'What an amazing woman,'" she said. "I just never fell out of love with her.z"

Levin said that she hopes the audience will enjoy the lecture, learn something new and appreciate Elizabeth.

'She was a queen. She ruled unmarried. She had no role models to follow and she managed to pull it all off," Levin said. "I thought that was pretty remarkable. I still do."

Levin's lecture will focus on Queen Elizabeth's role as a female monarch in England.

"There was great pressure on Elizabeth to get married and have children, to have an heir, which she didn't do," Levin said. "So, I'm going to talk about her use of the rhetoric, 'All people of England are my children."

Levin will also discuss the rumors circulating during Elizabeth's lifetime, and still today, about the possibility that she secretly did have children, and what that implies about society's attitudes toward pow-

The lecture will include new material from Levin's research as well as information from the multiple books that she's writ-

Her books include The Reign of Elizabeth I and The Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Sex and Power.

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#### Climbing the walls

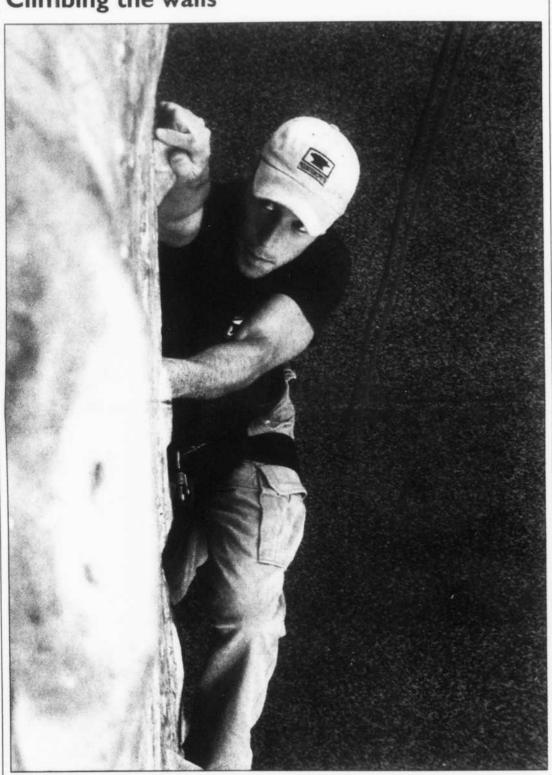


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Josh Stone, a master's candidate in health, physical science, education and recreation, scales the climbing wall inside the lobby of the Recreation Center. Stone also works for Outdoor Pursuits, which provides recreational adventures for students.

### Administration hires consultant to aid Greeks

#### Director says outside input will be helpful

By Kristin Hall News Editor

Higher education consultant, Thomas Jelke, from T. Jelke Solutions, is currently on campus to review MTSU's Greek system and give advice for a more efficient and effective Greek community.

Jelke will be on campus through Friday and will be meeting with administration, faculty, Greek and non-Greek students to discuss any problems or concerns.

"It's just a complete review of the Greek system," said Gene Fitch, associate dean of student life. "He will be reviewing various documents like the bylaws and similar items and will see if they are addressing the need of the students."

Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life, said that his job is "to look and see from an outside perspective to see what the organizations are doing for the university and themselves as well as what the university is doing to support them."

"He will be looking at everything from recruitment, student councils and organizations, new member periods, our public relations and all kinds of other things," Godwin said.

Fitch said it is customary for See Greeks, 2

MTSU to have an outside consultant review departments within the university. He said that the university just completed a review of the student programming department and that another consultant will come in next week to review the Student Government Association.

Godwin said that part of the reason the administration decided to bring in the consultant was because the university went without a permanent Greek Life director for a few years before Godwin started. "Over the last few years a lot

of things have changed in such a short period of time," Godwin

"Sometimes an unbiased third party review can be helpful," Fitch said. "Someone who is independent of the university can point out things that we might have overlooked."

Fitch also pointed out that Jelke has worked with other universities and can provide a different perspective on how to organize the Greek community at MTSU.

"He knows what other campuses are doing and can compare MTSU to similar universities," Fitch said.

The meetings with Jelke will give faculty and students an opportunity to voice their opinions about aspects of the Greek community that are both positive and negative.

Jelke will finish his meetings and send a report detailing

### Arts, literary magazine accepting submissions for fall

Student, faculty work wanted By Andrew Young

Staff Writer The MTSU art and literary magazine Collage is

accepting submissions from artists, writers and photographers for its fall 2003 issue. Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to submit their original artwork, photographs, sculptures, poetry, short fiction, journalism and

this semester's issue. Journalism senior Callie Elizabeth Butler is the editor of Collage, and said that she hopes for a wider variety of submissions from students.

other literary and artistic pieces for inclusion in

"The goal this semester is to move beyond poetry, although that genre is obviously important, to other genres to get a greater literary array of work," Butler said.

Butler was the editor of Scribbling Mob for two years before taking the position as Collage editor. Collage has featured art, photography, poetry and short literary works from the MTSU commu-

nity for over 30 years. This 32 page, glossy, full-color magazine is published twice annually through the Student Publications Office. Just about any creative or artistic endeavor that can be captured in a photo-

graphic or print medium can be submitted to

"Our goal in design is to create a publication with multiple appeals and perspectives," Butler

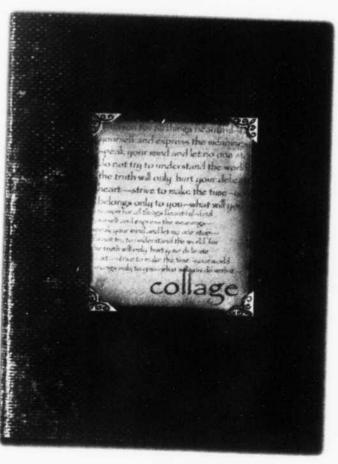
"The students, alumni and faculty submitting mold the theme," she said.

Up to three submissions are allowed per person. Submitted works are selected for publication through an impartial review process, where the identities of artists and writers remain anonymous.

Submitters whose works are accepted for publication will be notified by mail. The fall 2003 issue of Collage will be released in early

Collage is an opportunity for members of the MTSU community to express themselves creatively and receive recognition and exposure for their efforts. A published work in Collage is also a great addition to one's creative portfolio, Butler said.

The deadline for submissions is Oct.10 at 4 p.m. You can pick up a submission form outside the Collage office, James Union Building, Room 308. Past issues are also available for the taking outside the office.



### Levin: Lecturer to examine film Elizabeth

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"I think everyone should know the history of women," Levin said.

"I think it's great for women, but it's great for everyone because everyone should know the history of not just the elite, but all people, women and men, different races, different classes."

"I love to bring history out there to people," she said.

In addition to the lecture,

Levin will spend time in the classrooms talking to history students, giving workshops to students and faculty and speaking at a showing of the 1998 film *Elizabeth*.

She will give a brief introduction and afterward discuss the inaccuracies in the film and what they imply.

Levin currently holds a longterm National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago for 2003 and is the senior historical consultant for the "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend" exhibit, opening Sept. 30 at the Newberry Library.

The annual Strickland Visiting Scholar Lecture in History program was established in 1998 by the Strickland family in remembrance of Roscoe Lee Strickland Jr., a former history professor at MTSU.

The lecture is today at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business Aerospace Building. ◆

### **Greeks:** Organizations to review changes

#### Continued from I

problem areas in the Greek system with advice for solutions in two weeks.

The office of student life decided to hire a consultant to review the system last spring semester.

"We felt like it was just time to sit down and discuss the system we have in place here," Fitch said. "It was a conversation that had been going on for quite a while before we made the decision [to hire a consultant]," Godwin said.

As far as Fitch knows, this is the first time a consultant has been brought in to examine the Greek system.

"Maybe they will say that we're doing all the right things and nothing should be changed," Fitch said. "I doubt

that will be the case though."

Fitch said that the university feels this review is necessary because they would like to keep up with current organizational trends that are occurring at other universities.

After the report is completed, Fitch said that the administration will go over the reports with all the Greek organizations and discuss the changes.

### Hostages: Gunman claims to be suicidal

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communicating to the gunman through student hostages on their cell phones, "but he won't talk directly to us," Williamson said.

Police said Kilpatrick is not a student or college employee. They were talking to his sister at the scene, but the gunman wouldn't talk to her, Williamson said.

"I think eventually he'll sur-

render," Williamson said.

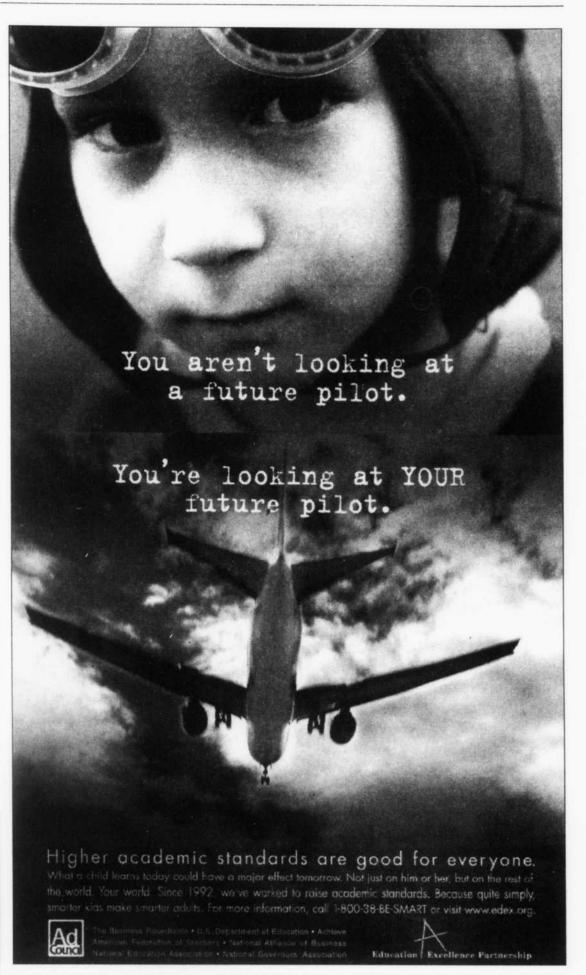
A SWAT team and about five hostage negotiators were among the officers called to the scene.

Athletic director Alan Barnett said that authorities cleared the campus of other students.

"Police ordered all students to evacuate, but employees could stay," Barnett said in a telephone interview. "We had students coming in since it happened, but everyone is gone From his office, Ken Teutsch, a media specialist at the campus Learning Resource Center, could see police cars near where the building where the standoff occurred.

"It's obviously very disturbing, very shocking, but on the other hand, we're not completely unprepared. There have been training and drills and that sort of thing," he said.



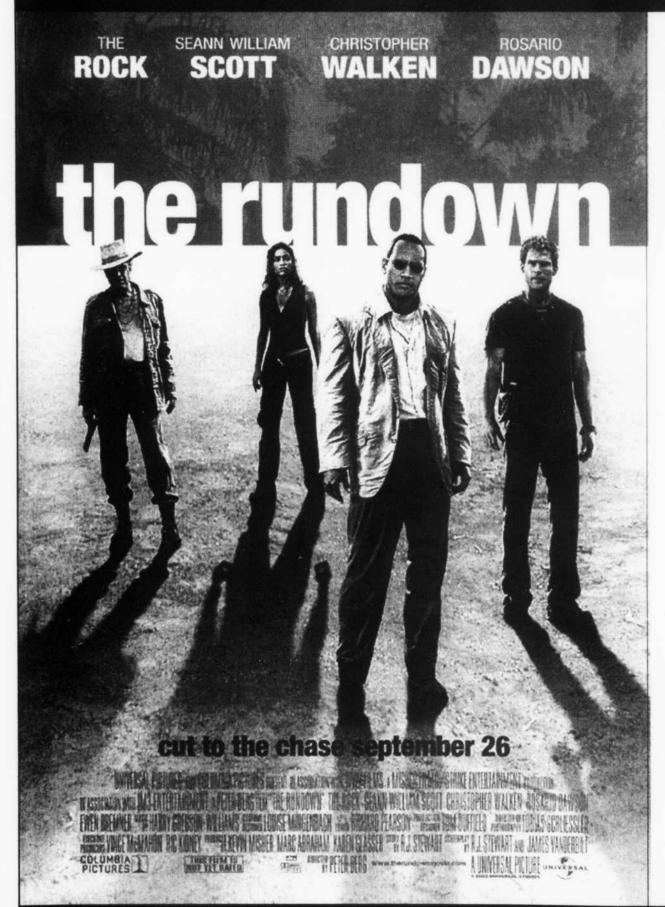




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### World Briefs

#### Spanish judge indicts Osama bin Laden

MADRID, Spain (AP) -Spain's leading investigating judge issued the first known indictment against Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 attacks on Wednesday, accusing al-Qaida of using the country as a base to plot the devastating strikes on New York and Washington.

Investigative magistrate Baltasar Garzon indicted 35 people for terrorist activities connected to bin Laden's al-Qaida network. In a nearly 700page document, Garzon wrote that Spain served "as a place or base for resting, preparation, indoctrinating, support and financing" of al-Qaida.

The indictment charged bin Laden and nine others with membership in a terrorist organization and "as many crimes of terrorist murder ... as there were dead and injured" in the deadly Sept. 11 attacks.

#### House passes tax cuts to spur charity donations

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House on Wednesday passed more than \$12 billion in tax cuts to encourage charitable giving, while some Democrats said the bill's generosity will cost future generations billions in extra debt.

The bill, passed 408-13, is the legislative offspring of President Bush's effort to give religious organizations federal money and encourage them to take a bigger role in providing social services.

Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the tax breaks will encourage \$45 billion to \$50 billion in additional charitable donations over the next decade.

#### Recall proponents ask to reinstate Oct. 7 election

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) -California's top elections official and pro-recall forces urged federal appeals court Wednesday to reverse course and allow the election to go forward as originally planned on

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that it should stick to the Oct. 7 date because any conditions, because there is thousands of absentee voters no reason for further losses that

have already been mailing in their ballots, reflecting their decisions whether to remove Gov. Gray Davis.

The state has already sent out 2 million absentee ballots to voters, he said, and California's 58 counties have mailed out sample ballots and 13 million ballot pamphlets.

#### No evidence that Saddam involved in Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) -President Bush said Wednesday there was no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 - disputing an idea held by many Americans.

"There's no question that Saddam Hussein had al-Qaida ties," the president said. But he also said, "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with the Sept. 11"

The president's comment was in line with a statement Tuesday by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who said he not seen any evidence that Saddam was involved in the

Yet, a new poll found that nearly 70 percent of respondents believed the Iraqi leader was personally involved. Rumsfeld said, "I've not seen any indication that would lead me to believe that I could say that.'

#### Saddam audio tape calls for attacks on Americans

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - In audiotape broadcast Wednesday, a speaker purporting to be Saddam Hussein urged Iraqis to escalate attacks on Americans and called on U.S. and other coalition forces to leave the country "as soon as possible and without any condi-

The speaker, who sounded like the ousted Iraqi leader, also urged America's international partners not to "fall prey in the traps of American foreign policy" and reject any plan for Iraq that legitimizes military occu-

He called on coalition leaders "to withdraw your armies as soon as possible and without will be disastrous for America if your officials ... continue their aggression."

accused speaker President Bush of lying to "your people and everyone" to justify the war against Iraq, adding that "the losses in your army ... makes your declaration of defeat and your retreat inevitable, if not today, tomor-

#### Government to parents: Stop asking for antibiotics

CHICAGO (AP) - The government has a new strategy for reducing the unnecessary use of antibiotics: Persuade parents to stop pestering pediatricians to write prescriptions for runny

Health officials have already hammered on doctors to quit dispensing antibiotics in situations where they are practically guaranteed not to work, such as common colds. A straight-to-Mom-and-Dad campaign is next. The effort, announced Wednesday, is built around public service ads featuring pictures of cranky-looking kids and the headline: "Snort. Sniffle. Sneeze. No antibiotics please."

Overuse of antibiotics has led to the evolution of germs that are resistant to standard medicines, such as penicillin. Anyone who has recently taken antibiotics has an increased risk of coming down with a resistant infection.

#### Emmy fashions auctioned for charity in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) Jennifer Aniston and Edie Falco won't just look good at Sunday's Emmy Awards. They'll be doing

Gowns worn by the actresses and other TV stars at the ceremony or other awards shows will be auctioned for charity.

This is the second year of the "Clothes Off Our Back" fundraiser, created by actress Jane Kaczmarek, an Emmy nominee

for "Malcolm in the Middle."

More than 35 celebrities will donate their red-carpet outfits, including fashions from Prada, Vera Wang and Hugo Boss, Kaczmarek said. Proceeds benefit the Cure Autism Now Foundation and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

#### U.S. vetoes U.N. resolution to halt Israeli attacks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) -The United States vetoed a U.N. resolution that called on Israel to halt threats to expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from the West Bank, saving it was "lopsided" and didn't condemn terrorist groups attacking Israel.

The Palestinians, who had generated wide global support for the resolution, said the vote showed the United States had lost its credibility as an honest broker in the Middle East. They feared the veto would be seen by Israel as a green light to move against Arafat.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon postponed a decision on the path of a security fence through the West Bank, a minister said Wednesday, a day after Washington warned Israel might lose part of \$9 billion in loan guarantees over the barrier.

The Israeli security Cabinet was to have met Wednesday to decide whether the security barrier should include several lewish settlements deep in the

Israeli government officials said John Wolf, a U.S. envoy to the Middle East, raised specific objections to a stretch of the barrier planned to cut into Palestinian territory south of the Jewish settlement of Ariel.

#### Clark enters crowded presidential race

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) -Retired Gen. Wesley Clark enters a wide-open presidential race with no experience in elective office and no history on

domestic policy. But he offers Democrats one thing they crave: New hope of undercutting President Bush's wartime popularity.

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home and abroad. And that's what Americans seek," Clark said as he prepared to announce his candidacy at a boys and girls club here Wednesday. "I'm the best among any of the prospective candidates in terms of being able to work for America's secu-Clark, 58, will become the

10th candidate in a Democratic race that is up for grabs. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is the front-runner, but a solid majority of voters remain undecided and some party leaders believe the current field has underperformed.

#### Federal appeals court may reconsider ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In yet another twist in the backand-forth saga of the state's recall vote, a federal court said it would re-examine a ruling by a panel of its own judges that postponed the ballot, pre-empting critics who were preparing to appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attention turned once again to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday as state officials prepared to petition the whole court to overturn a threejudge panel that halted the Oct. 7 voting and suggested it could be folded into the March 2 presidential primary.

Candidates nevertheless forged ahead with previously scheduled campaign events and said they were continuing to plan as if the election was still going forward in three weeks.

We know that there will be appeals and that this matter will be reviewed and appealed," said Gov. Gray Davis, the object of the recall effort. "I'm just moving ahead."

#### U.S. commander in Iraq says troops facing attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The commander of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq said in an interview published Wednesday that U.S. forces, already under pressure from a guerrilla-style resistance, now face revenge attacks from ordinary Iraqis angered by the occupation.

North of Baghdad, there were at least three separate attacks on U.S. forces with roadside bombs in less than 1 1/2 hours Wednesday morning. Witnesses reported injured soldiers, but details were unclear. The attacks hit U.S. Humvees about 12 miles north of Baghdad near al-Taji. While U.S. forces increasingly patrol Iraqi hotspots with Americantrained local militiamen, citizens voice growing anger with tactics that are seen as heavyhanded and insensitive to Iraqi social and religious customs.

#### Former Merrill Lynch executives facing charges

HOUSTON (AP) - Federal prosecutors say three former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives helped Enron Corp. inflate its earnings with a loan the energy trader disguised as a sale, according to people familiar with the case.

Daniel Bayly, Robert Furst and a third, unidentified former executive, planned to surrender to the FBI Wednesday in Houston and then appear in federal court, the sources told The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The three face fraud charges from a scheme in which Enron, with Merrill's knowledge, wrongly booked a short-term investment from the brokerage firm as profit from the sale of Nigerian barges. The income was then used to make Enron appear to have met earnings tar-

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#### From the Editorial Board

#### Seeking expert opinions sign of enlightenment

Following the trend as of late, the office of Greek Life is seeking a second opinion.

Thomas Jelke, a higher education consultant, has been brought in to review the administration and infrastructure of the Greek life system. University officials think that an outside opinion could help them find better ways to go about certain processes.

This comes after similar consultants have been hired for the student programming department as well as the Student Government Association. The student publications office, which publishes Collage and Midlander, hired one over the summer.

No system is perfect, but just because outside help is being sought doesn't mean that the Greek Life office - or any other on-campus office that opts to bring in a consultant – is doing a poor job.

There are questions, however, that need to be answered. Why were two fraternities allowed to sink so far into debt, particularly since they apparently have had the money to pay the whole time? Why have a number of maintenance requests for fraternity houses gone unresolved?

It is obvious that major issues are slipping through the cracks in the Greek Life office. Granted, this is expected from an office that, until last year, had not had steady leadership - or any permanent leadership - in more than a year. When an administrator walks into a job that has been vacant for a long time, there's a lot of catching up to do.

These departments should be applauded for their foresight and commitment to doing things the best way possible, even if the idea didn't originate in-house.

#### Correction

In the Sept. 15 edition of Sidelines, Connie Pimentel's title was incorrect. She is the assistant director of records over registration and scheduling. Sidelines apologizes for the error.

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### STDs no reason to ostracize people

Wit and Wonder



Sexually transmitted diseases and infections are among the most common infections in the United States.

Yet, we as Americans remain unaware of the growing prevalence of these diseases and continue to apply harsh stigmas to those who do carry

The rate of STDs and STIs among men and women of reproductive age - ages 18 to 44 - is steadily rising, yet the American public remains almost oblivious to this reality. There are hundreds of statistics available,

but we, the reproductive, sexually active American public, don't mobilize to educate ourselves.

For instance, HPV - the human papilloma virus is the most common sexually transmitted virus, and 75 percent of sexually active men and women have been exposed to it at some point in their lives.

However, only 30 percent of the general population is aware of what this virus is. Chlamydia is the most common bacterial STI and a relatively wellknown term among the general public. (The guy beside you in class may not know what HPV is, but he's probably at least heard of chlamydia.)

Yet, three million new cases of HPV erupt each year due to lack of proper prevention and infrequent screenings. In 2002, 5 million men, women and children across the globe were nerable. It's not the fault newly infected with the HIV virus, according to the American International AIDS Foundation, who also estimated that 70 million men, women and children would die of AIDS within the next 20 years worldwide.

These statistics are real - they're at the fingertips of any reader or Internet

Yet, most Americans, as well as populations worldwide, remain oblivious to the fact that carriers of such viruses and infections are quickly becoming more than a mere minori-

And, frankly, those who become infected aren't always to blame. As we traipse around in our "condoms will protect me from everything" society, we forget that every sexual encounter makes us vulof the individual in all cases when he or she becomes a carrier of a virus or bacterial infection.

We're living in a society and a world that casts a blind eye to this problem and allows us to believe that we are invincible and that latex will always protect us. But even the most careful can be conquered.

And what we also need to realize is that those who do become infected aren't dirty, foul creatures unworthy of love and respect, as popular stigma would lead us to believe these are people who like millions of others were exposed to a disease, much like exposure to a cold or chicken pox.

These people, who carry miniscule, and in many cases, virtually harmless diseases are a growing majority.

It's time to stop treating such individuals like social outcasts. People with sexually transmitted diseases and infections are everywhere - on your soccer team, in your English class. across the hall in your dormitory, in your family, in your circle of friends anywhere.

Today we should embrace the infected not as disease carriers but as people, and mobilize to educate the masses.

It's a lack of education that promotes the spread of diseases that could often be avoided, from HPV to

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### Patriotism shows disrespect to human life across globe

Human, All Too Human



Why are so many Americans patriotic? Besides the fact that their government has done so many things for them to be ashamed of, I just don't see the value of patriotism. All it seems to do is push the belief that one group of people is better than another group simply because of the section of the planet that they occu-

I don't like exclusive groups in general: fraternities, sororities, country clubs, religions. You shouldn't think you are better than someone simply because you belong to a group that they don't.

And if you don't think Americans are an exclusive bunch, I want you to try something. The next time you're in Wal-Mart, ask someone proudly displaying some red, white, and blue (they aren't hard to find) what he or she thinks about the Spanish-speaking option that is on customer credit machines and self checkouts.

You're likely to get an answer like, "That should-

America. They should learn to speak English." Why? This isn't England. The English didn't learn to speak Indian languages when they came. They just killed all the American Indians they could find. Patriotism reaches beyond mere exclusion. It's a far more dangerous form of pride than that displayed by the other groups I men-

It's because of patriotism that the United States can violate international law, disregard international opinion and have its citizens blame the international majority. Aren't these the same people who consider this country a democracy? Are the democratic principles they supposedly believe in only supposed to operate within their own borders?

It's because of patriotism that Americans are dumbfounded when terrorists kill 3,000 civilians in their own country, but are not outraged when their government terrorizes Iraq, a relatively defenseless country, and kills more than twice as many civilians (check out www.iraqbodycount.net).

It's because of patriotism that so many Americans have shameless self-interest instead of love for people throughout the mass

People need to wake up n't be there. This is and realize that our foreign

policy should not be dictated by the propagation of an illusion of good guys vs. bad guys. Life is not a Hollywood movie or some comic book. President George W. Bush is not Superman and Saddam Hussein is not Lex Luthor.

These men have blood on their hands. We should all be outraged and do everything we can to remove power from men who use it to cause death, not just support the guy who is representing us. And the way to do that is not by invading countries and causing more death.

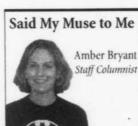
Soldiers occupying a country in which they are responsible for the deaths of between six and eight thousand civilians are not peacekeepers. But they're Americans, like us, so they must be the good guys,

"My country is the world. My countrymen are mankind." Those are the words of Tom Paine, one of the most important figures in American history. Other philosophers ranging from Socrates to Bertrand Russell have held this view.

Sadly, many Americans are out of touch with such wisdom.

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### As WUSA perishes, so does egalitarianism



Say farewell to yet another valid attempt by women to thrive in a man's world.

The Women's United Soccer Association shut down Monday, partially due to a shortage of financial backing by

advertisers and sponsorships, only five days before the Women's World Cup.

This decision comes even after WUSA owners spent more than \$100 million and top players took pay cuts to keep the league going, according to the Sports Illustrated Web site.

Ultimately, the decision was made because of fading interest in the Women's World Cup over the years. Granted, the event was postponed this year because of the SARS outbreak, plopping it right at the end of baseball season and the beginning of football season. Since those two sports are in no immediate danger of folding, why isn't the WUSA receiving even the minimum amount of attention it needs to stay alive, especially since it has done so well?

As the writer of the SI article puts it, "[Soccer player Brandi] Chastain provided the signature moment in the '99 tournament when she ripped off her shirt after scoring the championship-winning goal against China."

Oh. I see.

The rest of the country doesn't seem to understand how important women's sports are, aside from being eye candy for the millions upon millions of chauvinistic morons out there.

For every little boy dreaming of making a shot or blocking a goal, there's a little girl doing the same thing. If said little girl sees that she has a chance in hell of playing a professional sport for more than three seasons while her male counterpart can dance in the end zone for the rest of his life if he wants, she'll learn the worst possible truth: that her career options are limited because she doesn't have a penis.

To encourage male sports and not female sports is medieval in this day and age. If we're blocking egalitarianism on the playing field, how are we to strive for it outside the sports arena? One can't be accomplished without the other, and judging by the state of women's sports as a whole, we're far from sexual

Take Title IX, a step in the right direction for parity in sports. Bob Novak, a host of CNN's Crossfire, however, lamented to National Organization for Women leader Terry O'Neill that "the government has wrecked men's sports," forcing them to cut more than 400 college teams.

What Novak didn't seem to understand is that the only ones to blame for the loss of teams is the men who dominated the sports world, leaving barely enough room for women to breathe. Logically, to establish or re-establish a team that should have been there or shouldn't have been cut in the first place, sacrifices by existing teams have to be made. Yet, women are blamed for Title IX, just as they are blamed for ruining the traditions set forth by the Citadel and other blatantly sexist organizations.

At the same time women are finally able to break fully into collegiate sports, thanks to Title IX, the viewing world is still rejecting them, causing the teams to fall and female athletes' talents to be wasted. In other words, these women aren't able to move forward without facing severe hurdles that are often impossible to clear.

Fortunately, the Women's National Basketball Association and the National Women's Football Association are still functioning with their respective heads above water. Support them. If you can, go to a few games this season and buy some merchandise, just as you would with the Titans, or any other "traditional" sports team. It's up to fans (even if you're just a fan of women playing sports) to keep more leagues from going the way of the WUSA. •

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slopinio@mtsu.edu Spelt that way on purpose.

#### Letter to the Editor

#### Reader thinks 'Sidelines' has forgotten

To the editor:

I picked up the September 11, 2003 edition of our campus newspaper, and sadly,

I was not in for a shock. First of all, I'm sure we, as a nation, mourn the anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001. Two years ago, we were struck with an unforgettable tragedy (at least until Saddam

became a supposedly urgent threat), and this edition of Sidelines, as the majority of the ones I have read, was a slap in the face and an insult to my intelligence. What's the top story on this day? A Grammy nominee (What, we couldn't get a Grammy winner? Come on, MTSU) is playing at the Wright Music Building. Most students I know don't even know where this building is located. ... How come you didn't have students write in to reflect on how Sept. 11, 2001 affected them? Or do

you too subscribe to the school of thought that maybe if we don't think about it, it will just go away? What about the issue of safety on campus? Why don't you do a poll on how many of us feel safe as students? One of my friends had his car windows smashed in, and fortunately nothing was stolen. But this is not the first thing like that to go on here. You publish a police beat, but what about addressing the general issue of

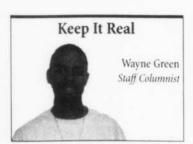
feeling safe in an environment we are paying to be in? If it is like most other things around here, I am sure it is out of your hands ... Don't get me wrong, I love being here. It's just disappointing and disheartening to see the state of things around here, from an administration and campus life view.

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P.S. You misspelled "opinion" in your email address, slopinio@mtsu.edu. Thought you should know. I'm well aware that our server only allows for eight characters in email addresses, it just looks a lot like the word "sloppy", which is also very similar to your writing.

Editor's Note: Sidelines conducted a poll, "After three armed robberies on campus this year, do you still feel safe at MTSU?" the week of June 4, 2003.

### There's more than one avenue to successful life



In today's society, people stress that college is the only way to success, but tuition costs beg to differ. Most inner-city kids don't have adequate funding to go to a major university. With the rate that tuition is going now days it's almost impossible to go to a major university. Tuition at MTSU has

increased drastically.

Therefore, most students that are already in school experience difficulties as well as incoming freshmen. The biggest problems incoming freshmen face are financial problems, but they can affect any college stu-

Consequently, students go to the financial aid department, and immediately seek help for their financial problems. The first thing advisers tell students is that they should take out a

This is a great way to stay in school, but most students are not informed about the consequences of getting a loan.

Most students aren't aware that when they receive a loan check, it's very important to not blow all their money.

Also, it is important for students to know that if they drop out of school or graduate, they will have to start paying the money back after six months of leaving school.

In addition, students must be advised that loans add up over time. Many students are in so much debt when they graduate that they can't make ends meet. In addition, the economy is on a downturn and jobs are becoming scarcer each year.

reminded of the harsh realities of life. As a result, most students get the financial aid checks at the beginning of each semester and go on a shopping spree – or worse, get credit cards. Most students feel that they are on top of the world, but are actually in debt before they are twenty years old. For that reason, a student should evaluate their own

financial position. Not only is it important for students to consider their financial status - it's crucial that potential students choose their own paths. If a person has a special skill that he does well, then he should focus on that particular skill. For example, if a person knows how to do mechanical work on automobiles, then he or she should not abandon that particular skill.

If a person knows how to do construction tasks well, then he or she should not abandon that

I'm not saying that college is not an avenue for success, but I'm saying that there are other ways to be successful.

College is a tool for better ing your future, but it should not be an obstacle. There are many ways people can go about reaching their goals.

My advice is to watch out for credit cards and student loans. I am proud that I had the proper guidance from my mother, not to make the same mistake as most students.

Finally, if there you are a student in financial debt, then I recommend you contact the proper advisers to help you find the best way to manage your finances. •

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### Dealing death sentences

By Matt Rigney The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STA-TION, Texas - Last year, the Supreme Court found in a 7-2 decision that state judges can't hand down death sentences to state criminals. The high court, however, did not determine whether this standard should be enforced retroactively, that is whether or not death row inmates sentenced by only judges should receive new sentences from a jury. On Sept. 2, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the standard should. Because of this, more than 100 people will rightfully receive a new sentencing trial where juries will determine their fate.

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees every U.S. citizen a "speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

This clause applies to all criminal prosecutions, and the Ninth District appropriately applied this to the theory that the sentencing phase of the trial is part of the determination of guilt or innocence.

Warren Summerlin, the man at the center of the Ninth

Circuit case, was sentenced to down a death sentence. death by a judge for the 1981 sexual assault and murder of a debt collector, according to The San Francisco Chronicle. The judge in Summerlin's case was later disbarred because of an addiction to marijuana. This is why the fate of a person cannot be left to a single person.

While a drug-addicted judge is an extreme example of why one person should not be held responsible for another's life, there are more viable reasons.

Judges see hundreds of cases each year. Each of these murder cases has its own grizzly details, and after hundreds or even thousands of cases a judge sees in the course of his time on the bench, he may become desensitized to these acts of violence or the fact that the accused person has his own life. This could lead to a rubber-stamp type ruling in which the judge relies too much on precedent.

A jury that is one-of-a-kind will be more affected by the details of a case and the possibility that they might end someone's life. If a person deserves to die for a violent act, the jury will recognize that need.

Some bloodthirsty death penalty advocates argue that juries are more lax on criminals and would be less likely to hand

This may be true, but surely it would be better to underassign death sentences than kill unnecessarily.

Not everyone might agree that the legal system should assign the least amount of death sentences possible, however. Some argue that a death sentence is a deterrent for wouldbe criminals to commit violent

This is not true.

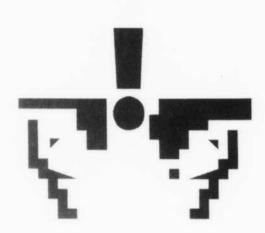
Canada abolished the death penalty on July 14, 1976, according to the Canadian Coalition Against the Death Penalty. More than 20 years later, the Canadian murder rate is substantially lower than that of the United States. In 2001, the FBI reported 5.5 U.S. murders per 100,000 inhabitants. In Canada, that same statistic is only 1.78 per 100,000 citizens. To say that execution deters murder is denying the truth in order to justify undue killing.

These convicted criminals are not completely free of their sentences.

They will receive another sentencing trial in which juries will decide their ultimate fate. This is how the founding fathers intended the U.S. justice system to work. •

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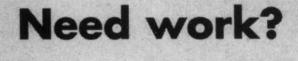


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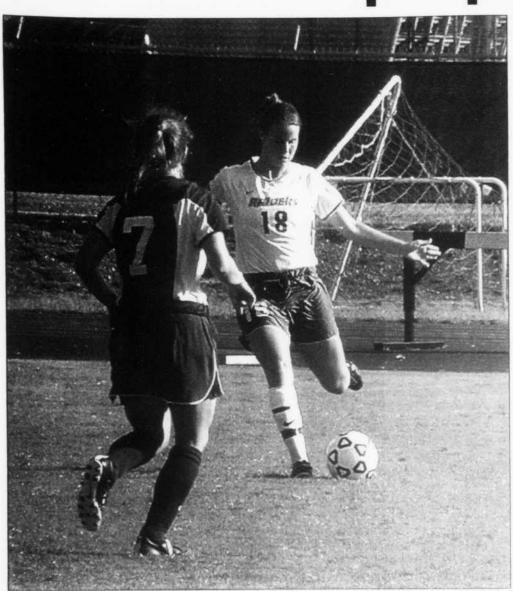


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Midfielder Jessica Northcutt prepares to pass the ball past Louisiana-Monroe defender Hope Davidson during the teams' matchup on Sept. 5.

By Colby Sledge Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team will look to rebound from its winless road trip last weekend when it hosts Southwest Missouri

State University and Birmingham

Southern College this weekend. "I think the biggest part of [the two losses] was our youth," MT

We started seven freshmen who had never played on the road collegiately losses] was our youth. We started before."

MT suffered its first two losses of the season last weekend, University Southern Mississippi and 5-1 at Tulane University.

The Tulane game taught us that little things do matter," Rhoden said. "We had opportunities to score, just like we did at Southern Miss, and we didn't put them away.

before."

"We weren't as composed as we should have been," Rhoden added. SMS (1-4-2) enters Friday's game in the midst of a three-game road trip.

The Bears lost Sunday at SMS University 2-1 in overtime, the third overtime match SMS has

played this year.

Rhoden, however, doesn't believe the Bears' record reflects the team's talent.

'When we played SMS last year at their place, we lost to them 1-0 in a very close game," Rhoden said. "They have lost this year to good teams. I don't expect them to be a pushover by any means."

Freshman Chelsea Anderson head coach Aston Rhoden said. leads the Bears with four points it," Rhoden said.

and two goals, and goalkeeper

Holsopple and goalkeeper

Alexis Stormo have played almost

exactly the same amount of game

time, but Stormo has given up nine

goals compared to Holsopple's

The Blue Raiders play SMS

While the Blue Raiders are cer-

tainly not overlooking SMS,

Sunday's match against the BSC

goals-against average.

Friday at 4 p.m.

"I think the biggest part of [the two

"There are a lot of players here [at MT] who know and have played

for Rhoden and most of his players.

with members of the Birmingham Southern team," Rhoden said. "The head coach, Keidane McAlpine, is one of my best friends and is someone that I coached since he played Under-12."

"They're not our rival, but the game has a lot of bragging rights to

> BSC (2-3-1) is also coming off a loss last weekend, a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Tennessee University.

seven freshman who had never BSC was only able played on the road collegiately to muster nine shots compared to 20 shots for TTU.

BSC has been outscored through six games despite goalkeeper

Andria Gray's 45 saves. MT takes on BSC Sunday at 2 Katie Holsopple sports a 1.06 p.m.

Despite last weekend's setbacks,

Aston Rhoden

MT soccer head coach

Rhoden has been pleased with the performance of the Blue Raiders through the first five games of the

"I've been impressed with the maturity, this early in the season, of our new players," Rhoden said.

"Right now, we just have to develop a winning mentality.," Rhoden added.

### Golden Eagles holds extra meaning Blue Raiders head to Missouri

### McCollum, team looking for first in of season

By Wes Wyrick Staff Writer

The winless Blue Raider football team travels west this Saturday for a showdown with another power conference school.

The University of Missouri Tigers, who are ranked No. 23

by the Associated Press, will be welcoming coach Andy McCollum's Middle Tennessee squad, who lost to Clemson University Saturday 37-14.

"They're 3-0 and No. 23 in the country," McCollum said, "so we know the challenge ahead of us."

It's Missouri's first time being in the top 25 rankings since 1998.

Missouri, on the other hand, won their game last week with a 37-0 route over Eastern Illinois University. The Tigers posted 509 yards of total offense.

The Missouri defense is one of the best in the nation, ranked fourth nationally in points allowed.

Against Eastern Illinois, they blocked two punts and had three fumble recoveries in the shutout.

"I like the way they play defense," McCollum said. "They bring people. They're a big zone blitz team."

Missouri's 3-0 start is their first since 1981.

MT will try to slow down a potent Missouri offense, which is anchored by a large offensive

Their rushing attack has racked up 506 yards on the ground in the past two games.

This will be a challenge for the MT defensive line, which let Clemson travel freely with 194 yards rushing. The Blue Raider defense failed to get off the field last week as Clemson racked up more than 30 first downs.

This week bolsters a new type of challenge for MT.

Whereas Clemson had a

potent passing attack and did most of their damage through the air, the Tigers of Missouri prefer to stay a little closer to the ground.

Tiger running back Zack Abron scampered for 91 yards and two touchdowns against Eastern Illinois, making him second on the school's career touchdown list with

Although the running attack has been clicking for the Tigers lately, quarterback Brad Smith is a Heisman candidate with potential.

Smith passed for 290 yards on 29 completions last week.

McCollum "He [Brad Smith] can run, he can throw, he can do a lot of things," McCollum said. "We've got to be disciplined, and we have to

> be relentless with effort." The Blue Raiders end the three-game BCS conference road swing this week in Columbia, Mo. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. •



Kickoff 1 p.m.

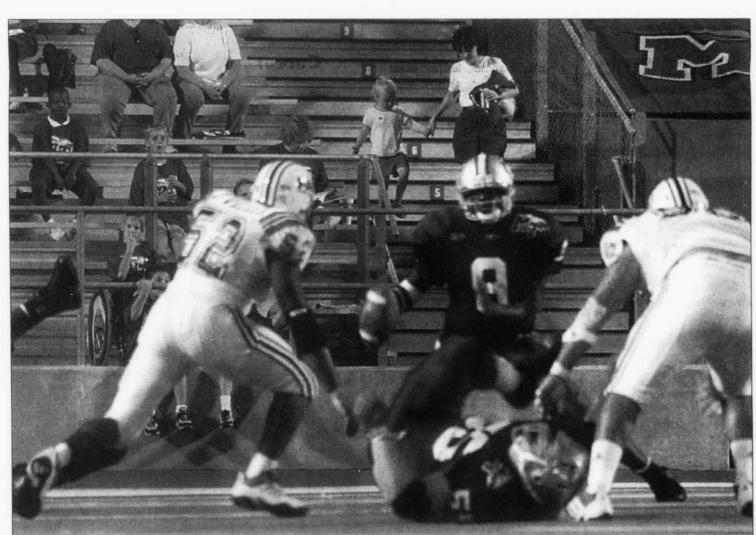


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Wide reciever Hashem Joyner tries to avoid being tacked while running the ball down the field against Florida Atlantic University. The Blue Raiders will travel to Missouri Saturday to take on the Tigers. Kickoff is set for I p.m. at Memorial Field in Columbia. MT will be looking for its first win of the season.

## Missouri offense looking strong



Despite last weekend's 37-14 loss to Clemson, the Middle Tennessee football team's defense has been brilliant through the team's first three games.

Throughout the hardships for the team thus far, one constant has been the swarming Blue Raider linebackers and secondary.

Despite the team's 0-3 record, this group of defenders is looking to lead the Blue Raiders back to the top of the Sun Belt Conference; conference play begins Oct. 11 against New Mexico State University.

Brandon Lynch, who recorded a career-high 11 tackles

of this line-backing group of defenders. The senior weak safety has tallied a team-high 26 tackles on the season behind a strong opening performance against Florida Atlantic University, during which he recorded nine tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception, along with being named the Alexander Automotive player of

Another Blue Raider defender who has made some noise this fall is Alvin Fite. Fite, a local from Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tenn., has amassed 24 tackles on the season. Fite turned in an impressive performance last week at Death Valley, coming up with 10 tack-

Jonathan Bonner has been perhaps the biggest surprise for the defense. Bonner is only a sophomore, yet his hard work during spring practice turned the heads of coaches, much like

against Georgia, has been leader it has done for spectators this fall. Bonner has 23 tackles on the season, three of which came for a loss. He also leads the team in sacks on the season, coming away with one against FAU and one at Georgia.

While Bonner is the youngster for the defense, Will Martin is an active member of the secondary who has been around for a while. Martin, a senior who is the quarterback of the secondary, came away with a season high 11 tackles against Clemson last week, making his season total 19.

On the other hand, the University of Missouri has a tough defense along with an even tougher offense.

"They're a good football team," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "They've done great things in three years. They're 3-0 and No. 23 in the country, so we know the chal-

lenge ahead of us." The Tigers are off to their

first 3-0 start since 1981 as head coach Gary Pinkel returns several starters on both sides of the ball from last year's 5-7 squad.

"What jumps out about them is that their defense plays hard," McCollum said. "They play with great effort, and that really stands out when you

watch them." While their defense may stand out to coaches, their offense is a monster that fans and media across the country have noticed.

Led by sophomore quarterback Brad Smith, who appears to be a star for many years to come, the offense lit up their first three opponents, outscoring them 94-22 thus far.

Last season, Smith became just the second player ever to pass for 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 on his way to honorable mention All-American honors.

Smith is a dynamic player See Missouri, 8

## Caffeine, pseudoephedrine no longer tested

### Olympics committee changes athletic policies for 2004 games in Athens

By Stephen Wilson AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) – Drinking too much coffee or taking a common cold tablet will no longer get athletes disqualified from the Olympics for a doping

A positive test for marijuana, though, will still result in a drug penalty. So will the medication at the center of American sprinter Kelli White's doping scandal.

That's the scenario under the proposed new global list of banned substances drawn up by the World Anti-Doping Agency, the Associated Press has learned.

After more than two years of research, analysis and debate, experts have produced an allencompassing list of prohibited steroids, stimulants, blood-boosters, narcotics and other drugs.

Among the key recommendations: caffeine and pseudoephedrine, an ingredient of the cold remedy Sudafed, are removed from the banned category. Cannabis, or marijuana, remains on the list.

Modafinil, which could cost White her two world championship gold medals, is specifically named for the first time among the banned stimulants.

The decisions were disclosed to the AP by professor Arne Ljungqvist, the Swedish antidoping official who heads WADA's medical research committee.

"We must adjust our list to modern thinking and to changes of attitude and changes of knowledge," he said.

The list must still be approved by the doping agency's executive committee, which meets in Montreal next Monday and Tuesday.

If ratified, it will go into effect Jan. 1 and apply to all sports and all countries covered by WADA's global anti-doping code.

The list will be in force for next year's Summer Olympics in Athens.

It replaces previous Olympic movement banned lists, which

were more limited in scope and enforcement.

"The work, the process this time is far more far-reaching and deep than has ever been done before," Ljungqvist said. "Hundreds and hundreds of man hours have

been devoted to this. But the result is not revolutionary. You end up with compromises."

Ljungqvist, chairman of the medical commissions of the IOC and the International Association of Athletics Federations, said individual sports bodies will have the option of adding substances to the list if they get WADA approval.

The decision to omit caffeine, pseudoephedrine and another minor stimulant, phenylpropanolamine, from the list would prevent cases of athletes being disqualified and stripped of medals for what some considered innocuous reasons.

Previously, a urine sample

showing a concentration of caffeine greater than 12 micrograms per millileter was considered a positive test.

U.S. sprinter Inger Miller was stripped of a bronze medal in the 60 meters at the 1999 world

indoor championships after a positive caffeine test.

At last month's Pan American Games, Letitia Vriesde of Surinam lost her gold in the 800 meters for the same offense.

Pseudoephedrine, contained in Sudafed and other over-thecounter medications, caused one of the Olympics' highest profile doping cases.

Romanian teenage gymnast Andreaa Raducan had her allaround gold medal taken away at the 2000 Sydney Games after her doctor gave her a cold tablet containing pseudoephedrine.

"We cannot look retroactively at what has happened in the past," Ljungqvist said.

"The list in existence is the one you have to observe. In 2000, pseudoephedrine was on the list."

Ljungqvist said ephedrine, considered a stronger stimulant than pseudoephedrine, remains banned.

Modafinil, meanwhile, would be listed by name.

White tested positive for the substance at last month's World Championships in Paris, where she won the 100 and 200 meters. She said she used the medication for a sleep disorder and didn't know it contained banned substances because it didn't appear on the list.

The IAAF said modafinil was covered under the category of "related substances," rejected White's explanation and ordered U.S. authorities to take disciplinary action. She stands to lose her gold medals.

Ljungqvist said his panel has recommended removing the "related substances" clause from the new list, but the issue remains open.

He proposes a "fast-track" process for adding substances to

the list as soon as they've been identified as doping agents.

The status of cannabis, which covers marijuana and hashish, was the subject of particularly intense debate.

Some have argued that cannabis should be left off the list because it's not perform-

But Ljungqvist noted that the new definition of doping also covers substances which violate the "spirit of sport."

ance-enhancing.

Ross Rebagliati, a Canadian snowboarder, was initially stripped of a gold medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics after a positive marijuana test.

He was reinstated because cannabis wasn't officially on the banned list. It has been specifically prohibited since then.

Dr. Gary Wadler, a leading American doping expert who serves on the WADA committee, declined to comment on the specific recommendations but said the process had been invaluable.

"We have only one real shot at this," he said. "Not everybody gets everything they want.

Every substance, every category was the subject of serious debate." ◆

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two female roommates/boarders for three bedroom house in Smyrna. Access to computer and pool. Fenced backyard, outside animals allowed. Daughter (4.0 GPA) senior at MTSU in house for possible transportation and tutoring. Furnished or unfurnished; private bath; laundry, kitchen privileges. All utilities furnished. DirectTV, phone, small deposit. References required. \$400/month (negotiable). Call (615) 223-7729 pr (615) 364-5690. Available Aug. 1.

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### Tourney begins Sept. 19

By Jonathon Long Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team returned home this week to host the Middle Tennessee Invitational Sept. 19-20.

Fresh off a win against Mississippi State University, the Lady Raiders (5-6) face Appalachian State University (2-7) in the second game Friday night at 7 p.m.

The tournament opener is at 4:30 p.m. with Murray State University (1-4) facing Western Illinois University (0-10) Friday

"We are ready to win, especially at home," MT senior Latoya Brown said. "You can't underestimate anybody in the tournament [because] that's when you lose.'

Saturday's schedule consists of a 10 a.m. start with Appalachian State and Murray State followed up by a 12:30 p.m. match-up between Middle Tennessee and Western Illinois.

At 4:30 p.m., Western Illinois will return for a matchup against Appalachian State.

A 7 p.m. match between MT and Murray State will close out the tourney.

Coming into the tournament, MT has an all-time record of 2-0 against Western Illinois, 1-1 with Appalachian State and 10-27 against Murray State.

Both Appalachian State and Western Illinois enter the tournament with fairly new coaches. Chad Callihan of Appalachian State is in his first campaign as the Mountaineers' coach. Western Illinois coach Kym McKay is in her second year as the Westerwinds head coach.

Both bring in young teams looking to gain experience Raiders can come out of the

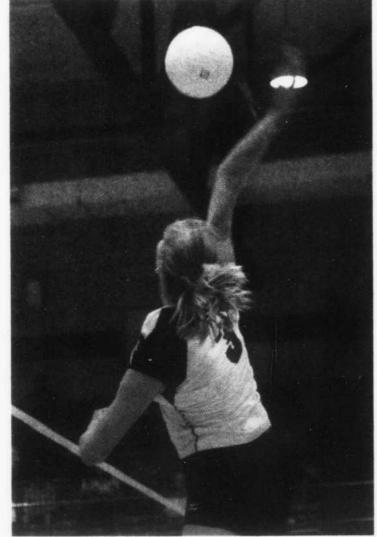


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Dara McLean spikes the ball against Belmont on Sept. 9. The Lady Raiders' next tournament will be on campus.

along with acquiring a key victhe tournament after getting their first win Sept.12 against Bowling Green State University.

Preseason All-Conference member KeKe Deckard leads a distinguished class of newcomers and a solid core of returning players poised to defend their

With two victories the Lady

tournament with an even tory or two. Murray State enters record headed towards Sun Belt Conference play.

> "We have to play well," cocaptain Deckard said. "I look forward to the home tournament. Hopefully, we'll have good crowd support."

> The tournament will be played at the Alumni Memorial

Three SBC teams face Top 25 opponents

By David Hunter Staff Writer

This weekend, five Sun Belt Conference football teams will be in action with three of the games against ranked opponents.

Arkansas State University leads the way in the SBC with a 2-1 record going into their game at the University of Tulsa 1-2.

This game will be used as a SBC conference match up. The last time the Indians began a season at 2-1 was 1986, when ASU made an appearance in the I-AA championship game.

ASU is coming off a 21-3 victory over Southeast Missouri State University.

Punter Jarod Little was named SBC Special Teams Player of the Week for his 41.5-yard average in the win last week. Currently, the Indians are ranked in the Top 25 in seven team

stat categories. The highest is No.12 in total defense after only giving up 256.33 total yards per game.

Game time is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday night. After losing to the Air Force

Academy 34-21 last week, the road gets tougher for the University of North Texas.

This week Mean Green (1-2)travels Southeastern Conference member, the University of Arkansas (2-0).

h Razorbacks are coming off a 38-28 upset of No. 5 ranked University of Texas in Austin.

Arkansas has moved up to No. 18 in the Coach's Poll and No. 15 in the Associated Press

However, there was a bright spot for UNT

linebacker Chris Hurd. Hurd received the SBC Defensive Player of the Week for his 21 tackles that tied a SBC record and caused two fumbles.

Arkansas leads the series 7-0 with the last meeting being a 42-16 victory in 1972. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday night.

The only SBC game on television this

week pits h University of (0-3)Idaho going to Pac-10 member University

Washington (1-

Last week, UI was defeated by Boise State University

24-10. The Vandals are ranked No. 22 in the nation, only allowing 161.67 yards per game. UW comes into this match-up ranked No. 21

in the Coaches' Poll and No. 19 in the AP Poll. Both teams will be playing each other for the 38th time with the Huskies winning 41-27, last

> The game starts at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and will be shown Fox

Sports Northwest on tape delay. The final SBC game against a

ranked opponent is when the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (0-3) goes to the University of Minnesota (3-0).

The Ragin Cajuns lost last week to the University of Houston 21-14. This is the third time both schools

have played. UM is ranked No. 24 in the Coaches

poll and has also received votes in the AP Poll. Last season, the Golden Gophers defeated ULL 44-14. The kickoff is scheduled for 7

p.m. Saturday night.

The final SBC game pits the University of Louisiana-Monroe (0-3) at home against Northwestern State University (2-1).

The kickoff is 7 p.m. Saturday night. ◆

### Missouri: MT defense looks to stop Tigers

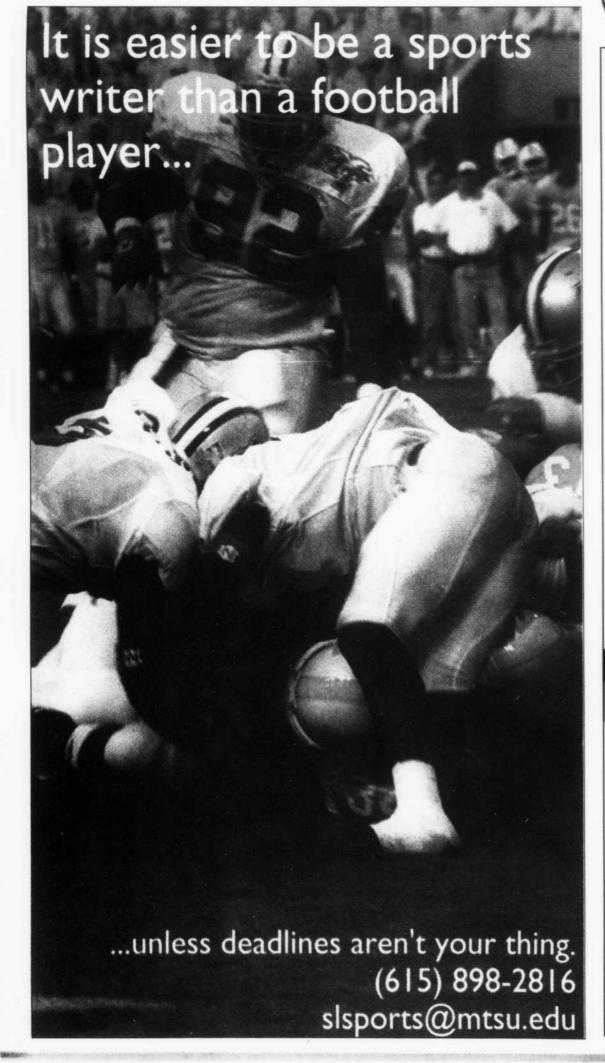
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who has racked up the yards against virtually every defense he has faced, and he will look to do the same against a reeling MT defense this

Along with Smith, the Tiger offense returns a senior tailback and several experienced receivers be reached at slsports@mtsu.edu. as well as a huge offensive line.

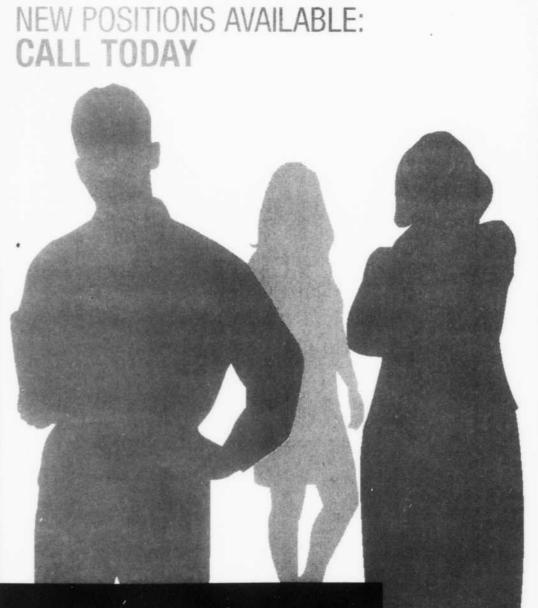
So, when will it end for the Blue Raiders? Barring an amazing defensive effort from the Blue Raiders or an illness striking Brad Smith, the only logical answer to this question appears to be: not this week. •

Jon Leffew is a freshman journalism major. He can



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