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**Students upset about force-fed phone poll**

By J. Michael Neal  
Staff Writer

While various degrees of discontent rise from the student workers of the Middle Tennessee Poll, the professors and coordinators involved insist it is for all the right reasons.

This poll, a once-per-semester telephone poll of residents living in the 39 counties identified as Middle Tennessee, is meant to gauge the population's stance on certain issues.

Even though the poll has been conducted for the past three years, when students learn they must sign up to work over a four hour block of time, some meet it with resentment and resistance.

"All [Journalism] 271 students are required to participate in the poll," said Kenneth Blake, operations director for the MT Poll and assistant professor of

Journalism. With regard to his own classes, Blake said that "if you don't participate, you fail the course."

He said that there is some variation in the other classes, and how much the poll counts toward the final grade, but he hopes that in the future the credit earned for working the poll can be standardized.

"One person is doing two blocks of two hours because she played basketball and couldn't schedule one four hour block," Blake said. "Doing this hurts us, because for the other half of the four hour block you have an empty chair where somebody could be interviewing people."

He added that some students have legitimate reasons for not participating, and they attempt to accommodate them.

"I got out of having to do it," said senior Recording Industry major Jessica Alber, "because my schedule was crammed. I work full time, between 40 and 50 hours a week

and go to school full time, so there's not really much time left."

Although the program receives funding from the Office of Communication Research, the John Seigenthaler Chair as well as the MTSU School of Journalism, the students are not paid for their work.

Blake said that the faculty administrators of the poll are not paid any extra for their work on the poll, aside from "released time," which is the time spent working on the poll instead of teaching.

Robert Wyatt, director of the Office of Communication Research and the MT Poll, said that without student help, the poll would be difficult to conduct.

"We [the Office of Communication Research] have only sufficient funds to pay for the considerable long distance phone bill, the software and other fixed expenses," Wyatt

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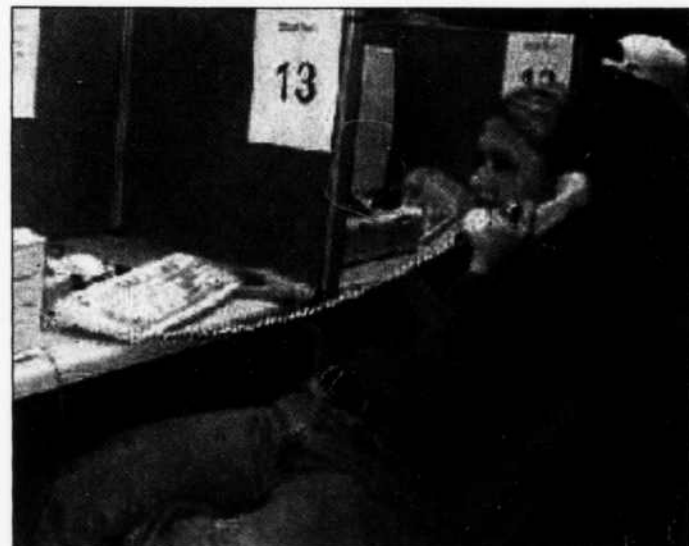



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Students work the MT Poll during the Spring 2000 semester.



# Night moves

## Community unites at courthouse to support fight against domestic violence

By Sarah Johnson  
Staff Writer

A crowd of women, men and children gathered Thursday evening for the Take Back the Night march and rally.

Approximately 50 people began the march at MTSU on the President's lawn at 6:00 p.m.

The walk proceeded down Main Street and several other participants joined the group at Central Middle School.

The march ended at the square, where a rally took place.

The band Phoenix Rising with lead singer, Amy Brown performed as the crowd arrived.

Several speakers from the community addressed the audience with stories from rape and domestic violence victims and ended with a candlelight vigil.

Candace Rosovsky, director of MTSU's June Anderson Women's Center, began the rally. She expressed that "safety on the streets is an essential part of the community as a whole."

Rosovsky also thanked the other sponsors, including the Domestic Violence Program, Inc., the Sixteenth Judicial District Coalition Against Domestic Violence, MTSU's Office of Public

Safety and the Murfreesboro and Laverne's police departments.

Rosovsky then introduced Rutherford County Executive, Nancy Allen. Allen read a proclamation officially declaring October 26 Take Back the Night Day.

Also speaking was Deborah Johnson, director of the Domestic Violence Program.

Johnson who has worked with the program for 14 years hopes that "maybe in a few years this rally won't be necessary."

Marlene Hull, deputy chief of police, gave safety tips to those attending. She said that "Even if one person is affected," she said, "it's one too many. By taking precautions such as walking with a group will greatly decrease the odds of being attacked."

The crowd also heard words from Al and Tipper Gore and Congressman Bart Gordon, through letters read by students.

The couple assured that "we will not rest until the day every woman can walk the street in complete safety." Gordon said, "it is my dream that every child will grow up in a safe neighborhood."

Following the night's speakers, victims told their stories and a candlelight vigil concluded the rally.

When asked to comment on the night, Kirsten Julsgard, a junior at MTSU and student coordinator of Take Back the Night just wanted to say "thank you everyone who came, spoke and volunteered." ♦

**Senate vying for extended library hours**

By Mary Anna Brown  
SGA Reporter

The Student Government Association senators met with library officials last Monday to campaign for extended library hours.

Senators Missy Warren and Travis Blunt discussed the Senate's proposal will have to go all the way to the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"Increasing tuition doesn't be the only way we will be able to keep the library open more hours," Craig said. "In all honesty, it probably will not happen this year because the proposal will have to go all the way to the Tennessee Board of Regents."

For one semester in 1994 the library hours were extended to midnight and open on Sundays at 1 p.m. instead of 2 p.m.

"The time change on Sunday was a positive one," Craig said. "However, we found that visitation dwindled drastically after 11."

Craig said that the library is understaffed now, operating with only 22 full-time staff.

"It is very expensive to run the library," Craig said. "We not only have to pay employees, but simply an extra hour tonight could cost us hundreds of dollars in utilities."

Despite these obstacles, the Senate is arguing that visitation to the library since 1994 has increased considerably due to advanced student population and advancement in technology.

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**Greeks team up to treat local children**

By Lindsey Turner  
Staff Writer

Alpha Omicron Pi and Pi Kappa Alpha are joining together this Halloween for Harvest Fest 2000.

The two organizations are coming together to host a Halloween celebration for the children of the Murfreesboro chapter of the Boys and Girls Club of America. This year, the children from campus family housing are invited to attend the festivities as well.

Harvest Fest 2000 will feature a haunted house inside the Pi Kappa Alpha house, games on the back lawn and face painting. Children can also have their pictures taken in front of a mural painted specially for the occasion.

Tonight, from 6 until 8 p.m., members from Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha will be lending a hand to help manage the festival for

the children from campus family housing.

Tomorrow, at the same time, children from the Boys and Girls Club will be attending.

According to Pike member David Dodd, this year's celebration will be a little different from those in the past.

Traditionally, the fraternity has constructed large wooden frames around the front door of their house. The structure was then draped with either cloth or a plastic tarp and painted to make a spooky tunnel-like entrance to the haunted house inside.

Each year, the entryway has a different theme. With designs ranging from a jack-o-lantern to "Bozo the Psycho Clown," the displays across from Murphy Center were seen by many motorists and passers-by.

"In previous years we've always built onto the front of our house when we lived on Tennessee Boulevard," Dodd

explained. "But since we moved over into the new house [on Greek Row], we can't build anything onto it. So it's kind of like the end of a tradition."

However, Dodd asserted that, in a way, the tradition will continue — just not at the new house. Instead, Bongo Johnny's, formerly 527 Main Street, will feature a large, decorated entryway.

This year's design is a looming devil's head with an open mouth as the entrance. The club's \$5 cover charge will go toward the sponsorship of Harvest Fest 2000 and other programs for the Boys and Girls Club.

Dodd is confident that the festival will be a positive experience for both the children and the members of the involved Greek organizations.

"The reason we do this is so we can try to give back to the community as much as possible," he said. "It's a way to reach out to the kids of Murfreesboro and give back to them." ♦



Photo by Becky Pickering | Staff

Chrissy Wenzke, daughter of Bob and Peg Wenzke, picks the family pumpkin at St. Mark's Methodist Church on campus. Chrissy says she will be a butterfly for Halloween.

# CAMPUS BRIEFS

## Staff Reports

### Geologists display technology

The department of Geography and Geology at MTSU is hosting an exhibit and demonstrations of Geographic Information Systems technology on Nov. 15, which is GIS 2000 Day.

The event, free and open to the public, will be held in the MTSU Alumni Center from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. GIS Day 2000 is a global event that illustrates the technology of GIS. It is being held during Geography Awareness Week (November 12 through 18) and is principally sponsored by the National Geographic Society, the Association of American Geographers, the University

Consortium for Geographic Information Science, the U.S. Geological Survey, the Library of Congress and the Environmental Systems Research Institute.

The Nov. 15 celebration at MTSU and elsewhere is for the purpose of raising awareness of GIS technology and the important contributions it is making in the fields of science, technology, information and the humanities. ♦

### TBR Employee Giving Campaign to kick off

Diane Sawyer, holder of the Katherine Davis Murfree Chair of Excellence in Dyslexic Katherin, will serve as this

year's chair of the Tennessee Board of Regents Employee Giving Campaign, with the theme "Partners in Giving."

The campaign kick-off will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., today, in the football stadium press box. All volunteers representing various departments on campus are invited to attend to receive instructions and pick up their pledge packets for distribution.

There will also be refreshments and door prizes. ♦

### MTSU celebrates 'Nontraditional Student Week' Nov. 5-11

The Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education has designated Nov. 5-11 as Nontraditional Student Week.

The MTSU Adult Services Center, along with the Older Wiser Learners, has planned a week of activities dedicated to these individuals.

All faculty, staff and students are welcomed to attend. On Nov. 6-7, the OWLs will sponsor an open house to the faculty and staff. Throughout the day, the Adult Services Center in KUC 320 will serve hot cider and snacks to those who tour the center.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 8, Nontraditional Student Day, representatives will be stationed on how to become an OWL.

Jugglers also will perform, symbolizing the many responsibilities nontraditional students must shuffle while receiving an education. Night OWLs Open House will be held 4:30-9 p.m. Nov. 6-9 in KUC 320.

This event is geared toward students who work late cannot be on campus until the evening. The Adult Services Center invites students to stop by and enjoy hot cider and refreshments while learning about the services offered. ♦

### Honors Lecture Series focuses on 'Revolution'

Penicillin, birth control and LSD have more in common than one might first observe, says Dr. Larry Gentry, professor of English.

As part of the Fall 2000 Honors Lecture Series dealing with the "Revolution" theme, Gentry will present his research-based observations on the youth rebellion of the 1960s in a free public lecture, "Counterculture Revolution," from 3 to 3:50 p.m. Oct. 30 in Room 109A of Peck Hall.

Sometimes dubbed "the hippie phenomenon," the revolution popularly known as the "counterculture," explains Gentry, "was a culture running counter to the prevailing culture; hence, its name."

For more information on the "Revolution" Honors Lecture Series, which will be held weekly through Dec. 4, call the Honors College at (615) 898-2152. ♦



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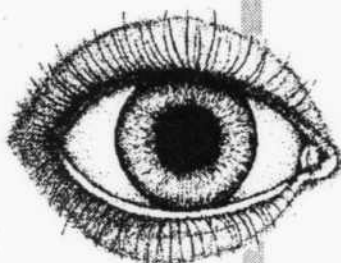
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# PRESIDENTIAL RACE 2000

## Nader, Gore supporters turn to Internet in effort to 'trade' votes

By David Ho  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Call it Election 2000 meets Napster.

But instead of getting music, the Web sites getting increasing attention are helping supporters of Democrat Al Gore and the Green Party's Ralph Nader exchange their votes, the site owners said Saturday.

The handful of sites seek to have Nader supporters in contested swing states vote for the vice president. In exchange, Democrats would vote for Nader in states already dominated by Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

While not sanctioned by the campaigns, the sites want to help Gore win the presidency while still giving Nader 5 per-

cent of the popular vote so the Green Party can qualify for federal money in 2004.

Jeff Cardille, 33, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, said that his Web site NaderTrader had received more than 37,000 visitors since it launched on Monday. Cardille doesn't know how many want to trade votes.

"I had hoped there could be enough distribution of this idea that it would take on a life of its own," Cardille said, noting his site encourages friends and family to make informal agreements to swap votes.

Justice Department officials did not immediately return calls Saturday seeking comment on the legality of the sites.

While Cardille's site seeks to encourage and inform,

VoteSwap2000, a site launched on Thursday by free-lance Web designers Jim Croy and Ted Johnson of Los Angeles, automatically matches Gore and Nader supporters interested in swapping votes.

"We did it to see what would happen," Croy said. As of Saturday afternoon, more than 1,400 people had signed up for the matching service.

The Gore campaign did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Nader spokeswoman Stacy Malkan said her campaign wasn't interested in giving votes to the vice president. "Some people are encouraging tactical voting, but our campaign is encouraging people in every state to vote for Ralph Nader," she said.

Bush campaign spokes-

man Tucker Eskew said they weren't concerned about the vote swapping. "Gov. Bush will win on issues. The rest of it is static," he said.

On Monday, however, Republicans are set to begin airing pro-Nader ads in Wisconsin, Washington and Oregon in hopes that Gore voters will choose Nader and tip the balance to Bush.

One Nader supporter, Charlie Levenson, 42, of Aloha, Ore., has already signed up with VoteSwap2000 to exchange votes with a Democrat in Texas.

"My conscience absolutely wants me to vote for Nader, but I don't want to see Bush in office," Levenson said. "I don't think it's fair that I'm being told I can't vote my conscience, so I really like this alternative." ♦

## GOP group airing pro-Nader ads

By Laura Meckler  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - Hoping to boost Ralph Nader in states where he is threatening to hurt Al Gore, a Republican group is launching TV ads featuring Nader attacking the vice president.

The ads by the Republican Leadership Council will begin airing Monday in Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington, all states that are part of Gore's base and where Nader is polling well. The group plans to spend more than \$100,000 at first and hopes to raise more over the weekend.

While the ads boost Nader, they are a clear attempt to help Bush.

Gore's supporters fear that Nader, who is more liberal than either Bush or Gore, will throw the election to the Texas governor if voters who might otherwise vote for Gore vote for Nader instead. In a tight national race, one or two states could make the difference in who is elected president.

The ads feature clips of Nader from a National Press Club speech on Tuesday, where he laid into both Bush and Gore, though the ad only includes his criticism of Gore.

"Al Gore is suffering from election year

delusion if he thinks his record on the environment is anything to be proud of," Nader says. An announcer interjects: "What's Al Gore's real record?" Nader says: "Eight years of principles betrayed and promises broken."

Nader has been equally critical, if not more so, of Bush, calling him "a big corporation running for president disguised as a person." But the RLC ads are a clear attempt to help Bush, not Nader.

A Gore spokesman suggested that the ads may backfire. "Voters are going to ask why these shadowy groups are running attack ads on behalf of George Bush," said Doug Hattaway.

He added that there are stark differences between Bush and Gore on abortion and the environment, and "people who are thinking about voting for Nader care deeply about those issues and would not want to see them put at risk by George Bush."

Nader, running a low-budget campaign, is not airing any television commercials of his own and it's possible that the RLC will end up spending more on pro-Nader media than Nader himself.

A spokeswoman for the Green Party nominee said that his campaign had no control over what other organizations do with Nader's speeches. "The tactics of the other

two parties are not our concern," said spokeswoman Laura Jones.

Asked if the campaign welcomed the outside help, she added: "Not really because they (the ads) are misleading in that they don't indicate that we are campaigning against Al Gore and George W. Bush."

Nader has had to repeatedly defend himself against people arguing that his candidacy will help Bush. He has responded that it makes little difference whether Bush or Gore is elected and has said he is running to give voters an alternative.

"We're building a progressive political movement. That's the most important thing," Nader said Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "Whether Gore or Bush gets into the White House doesn't mean that much, because the permanent corporate government in Washington is really determining policy."

The Republican Leadership Council, a centrist GOP group, has been helpful to Bush before, airing ads during the Republican primaries critical of challenger Steve Forbes. Several members of the RLC board were early Bush supporters.

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Students are invited to attend any of these public sessions. For more information, contact the History Department at 898-2536.

#### Public Presentations

##### Public Lecture

*Visualizing Ideology:  
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Thursday, October 26, 2000 7:00 p.m.  
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Monday, October 30, 2000, 6:30-9:00, PH 227

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*Saving and the Fast Life: The Roaring Twenties*  
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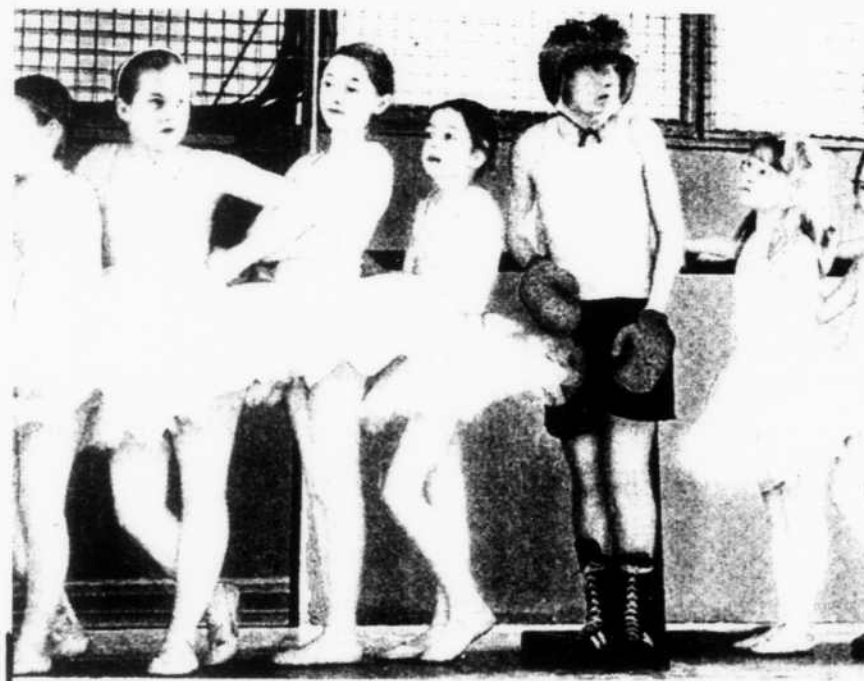
*The Great Depression: Poverty, Despair and  
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*Youth Culture and Rebellion in the 1950s*  
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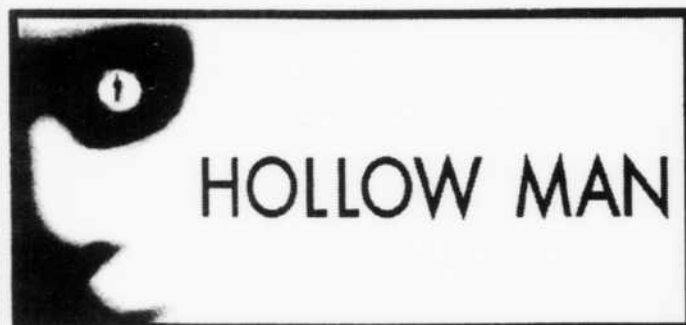
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## Poll: meant to measure present diversity

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said. "Without student participation as part of their classwork, we simply could never afford to do the poll."

Blake said that students are "obligated to give back to the public and the state," because the state subsidizes approximately 56 percent of each student's tuition.

"Taxpayers give \$6 per every \$4 that students spend on their tuition," Blake continues. "The state gives students a lot of money and this is what they need back." "Universities are

about more than teaching," he says, "like this service work."

"Most students acknowledge that service work is a part of their study," adds Campbell.

"This poll is valuable because it is the only opportunity for Middle Tennessee to sit down and have a conversation with itself about regional issues," said Blake. "An earlier poll told us that about 20 percent of people in Middle Tennessee think that Hispanics are making our lives worse," he said. "Middle Tennessee needs to think about this stuff, and we need to know what we are thinking."

Campbell adds that this poll opens [to diversity] now than 10 years ago." He also said that another important application of this poll is to give inside information on how polls work.

The poll also asked questions about our current tax structure.

"This poll can only happen here," Blake maintains. "The expertise of the Journalism staff, the communication skills of the students and the agreements we have with the media, collectively get important stuff done." ♦

## Senate: Pounders announces new senators

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A survey will be administered after Thanksgiving to evaluate the need for an extension of library hours.

SGA Senate met Wednesday, and Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders announced the addition of freshman senators to senate committees including April Burke to Student Life, Michelle Butler to Academic Affairs and Keisha Goodman to Internal Affairs.

The Internal Affairs committee will begin impeachment proceedings for Liberal Arts Senator Adam Tune while a mistake was made concerning Junior Kelly Stuard and her status as an undeclared studies senator.

"There were some miscommunications during the transitional period for senators last spring," Pounders said. "Kelly declared a major and was therefore no longer eligible for a senate position. It was a clerical error and by no means her fault." ♦

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## From the staff Mention of race not focus of coverage

Last Thursday, we ran a story about a violent incident in front of the KUC. There has been some criticism of our coverage due to the inclusion of the race of the women involved.

We want to make it perfectly clear that we would have run the story with the same prominence, regardless of the race of the people involved. It was a rare and shocking occurrence on the MTSU campus, and we have a responsibility to report occurrences such as this.

The inclusion of the race of these women was in the context of a direct quote from an eyewitness. Most of the eyewitnesses were unwilling to talk. Of the two eyewitnesses who would give us an interview, only one would give us a name. Because of this, that person's quote ran first.

We all feel that it was irrelevant for our eyewitness to include the racial identity of the individuals involved in the incident. However, it's exactly what she said, and it is our job to

publish the quotes accurately. Perhaps if we had more witnesses willing to give their account of the incident, we would have had more socially conscious quotes to choose from.

As journalists, we do have the right to edit direct quotes in certain contexts. However, in the interest of accurate journalism, we almost never do. We do not want to begin altering people's quotes because that opens the door for us to alter other things. We do not want to do that.

We cannot apologize for a person's quote, but we are truly sorry if anyone feels that we purposely tried to misrepresent any group of people. We want to make clear that we as a staff have no interest in promoting any sort of racial conflict or stereotyping.

We would also like to say the we have deep sympathy for the woman injured in the incident and have every hope that nothing like this will happen again.

We welcome all your comments on the issue.

## Casting your vote only the beginning

### On the Real



Shawn Whitsell  
Opinions  
Editor

In the Friday edition of "BET News with Ed Gordon," Gordon interviewed the Nation of Islam leader, Minister Louis Farrakhan. In this candid interview, Farrakhan spoke honestly about the outcome of the Million Family March and this year's presidential election.

In comparison to the Million Man March, some critics deemed the Million Family March "a big picnic" and unsuccessful. Farrakhan explained that the Million Man March crowd was made up of all black men, while the Million Family March had a lot of children, which is something that critics need to consider. He also explained that the Million Family March was basically just a kick-off of a year-long movement to get young people (between ages 18-35) more active in politics and to raise money to support their agenda. He added that if they aren't able to reach their goal within a year, then the march would have been in vain. But it's really too soon for critics to pass judgement because the march was only the beginning.

Then Farrakhan went on to discuss the presidential election and why everyone needs to vote. He admitted that the Green Party's political platform was more in tune with what the Nation of Islam represents, but realistically speaking, the Green Party candidate probably won't be voted into office.

Farrakhan then added that it doesn't matter who becomes the next president of the United States. He supported this statement with a quote from the late Honorable Elijah Muhammad. "Even the devil can do good under the gun."

This may sound like a harsh quote, but Farrakhan explained the significance of Muhammad's point. He said that a lot of times, people complain about the "lesser of two evils," which he feels is often the case. Then he went on to say that it doesn't matter who is elected into office as long as we, the people, apply pressure to that person to serve us adequately. As long as we make our presence felt, we can make our president work for us regardless of our racial, cultural, political, eco-

nomics and social differences.

Before everyone gets all upset at Farrakhan's statement, allow me to give you my interpretation of what he's saying.

I'm sure we all agree that the devil is the epitome of the highest level of evil. Now, Farrakhan is saying that if we apply the right pressure, then even the devil can be persuaded to change his actions, so persuading the president (a human being) would be no problem. I think he is exactly right.

For the record, I don't think he was referring to any of the presidential candidates as devils.

As citizens of this country, we can vote and maybe try to persuade others to vote for a particular candidate, but the reality is we only have one vote. All we can do is support our candidate, cast our vote and hope that our candidate wins. At times we want "our candidate" to win so badly that we forget that there is a chance that "our candidate" may lose. But like Farrakhan said, if we as a people will apply pressure to the president in the manner that it should be applied, then we can get him to work for us.

I hate to say it, but I honestly feel that a lot of people are caught up in the hype of election year. Everybody is screaming, "vote vote vote," which is good, but after the president is announced, will the same number of people be as excited and involved in politics over the next four years?

I'll admit, this is an exciting time in politics, and there will be times when political affairs will be boring. However, it's important that we stay involved and not just cast our votes and get elected. We have to be prepared to deal with whoever walks elected as our next president.

There will never be a presidential candidate that is perfect or can please everybody, but if we, the people of the United States, mobilize behind the president, then we can have a lot of impact on his agenda.

Let's hope we get a president that truly has our best interests in heart and mind. If Gore gets elected, all the Bush supporters need to get over it and be prepared to deal with Gore, and vice versa. Our president impacts our daily lives tremendously, even if it doesn't seem so, so we need to support him when he does good and apply that pressure when he does something we don't like.

Election Day is merely the beginning. ♦

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### PEEK (Special Scare Witch Project Edition)

By Andre Harris

Day 1: Three kids are lost in a dense forest, while looking for the Scare Witch.



Day 3: Their friends came up missing and fingers are pointed.



Day 2: Strange Sightings Start to Take place, Sounds spook them.



Day 4: All is lost!! Beware!!



## Letters to the Editor

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

### We need to support our football team, school

They say that teams, as well as organizations, are only as strong as their weakest member. And if that were the case for MTSU students in general, MTSU would be in one miserable shape.

More specifically, if all the students who attended Saturday's Homecoming game against Louisiana Tech had the same spirit level that Mr. Minor so poignantly displayed in yesterday's (October 16, 2000) letter to the editor, I firmly believe that WE would be the team finishing with their tales tucked between their legs.

I confidently think that if Mr. Minor truly feels that way about his school, then perhaps he should be spouting off hateful expressions elsewhere. To me, there is no greater institution than Middle Tennessee State University. The students of this college, and the alumni as well, have put great pride into their school and expect the most out of everything it does.

Granted, we may not win every football game, but you know that Blue Raider fans will be there regardless with smiles on their face cheering them on in hopes of victory.

I think it takes a great deal of courage and strength for our football team to be playing their first year as a I-A Division team. They are doing extraordinarily well for the obstacle they have

taken on. I can only hope for more success in the future.

As far as I'm concerned, the Blue Raiders are number one in my book! I congratulate the football team on their win! I hope they know that there are more fans out there rooting for them instead of putting them down!

You're doing an excellent job, and the real fans are incredibly proud of you!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer D. Church

### Tearing down goalposts just part of celebration

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this time to respond to the two letters to the editor that were printed in the October 16 issue of Sidelines. These two letters really bothered me. Apparently A.J. Miner and Eric Vaughn don't seem to understand what the words "school spirit" mean.

First of all, A.J., you did miss something. Our football team's victory against Louisiana Tech on October 7 was our first victory against a Division I-A opponent since moving to Division I-A football. Call me crazy, but I think that a milestone victory such as that deserves a little post-game celebration.

Also, our victory against La Tech was retribution for our loss to the Bulldogs last season. No, we did not win a national championship or beat UT, but our victory was a milestone in the history of Blue Raider football.

Now let me talk to you, Eric. Apparently you do not know much about college football. Let me explain it to you.

You see, when a college football team wins an important game, it is not uncommon to see the team's fans celebrate the victory by tearing down a goalpost or two.

Most of the time, these goalposts are not left in the stadium. Once they are torn down, people usually take them for souvenirs.

Why do you expect the university to punish the team's fans after our first Division I-A victory? Do you see schools like Tennessee, Georgia or Louisiana State punishing their fans for celebrating a big victory?

Also, being Greg has nothing to do with the tearing down of the goalpost. I saw it as a group of fans celebrating. You guys could learn a lesson about school spirit from our Greek students.

I have been a member of the MTSU Band of Blue for the past three years. I have been to every home football game and several away games since 1998. In the past three years, I have never seen as much student support of our football team as I have seen so far this season. I applaud all of the students who have decided to support

our Blue Raiders.

I would also like to thank Coach McCollum, the rest of the Blue Raider staff and most importantly the players for all of the hard work they have put forth to represent MTSU. You all are doing a great job! Keep up the good work!

Josh Vooris  
Senior RIM Major

### Somebody likes us!

To whomver deserves the credit...

I am a senior at MTSU and have read almost every issue of Sidelines since I arrived four years ago. AND WOW HAS IT CHANGED!!

This semester has seen a dramatic new look of professionalism - full color cover, better layout, better articles, just more all-around professional looking. I am not sure if there was ever any mention of how the new look was created, but it would be interesting to know.

I just wanted to let you know that all your efforts have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Our Sidelines newspaper is a reflection of all students, and its improvement only makes MTSU look better than ever!

Thanks to all of you "behind the Sidelines!"

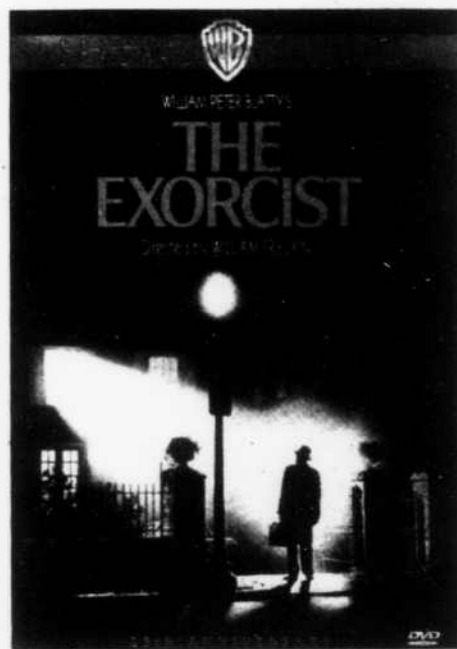
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# Welcome to Hell

Recapping the best horror flicks of all time

By Philip Duncan  
DVD Columnist

In honor of Halloween, I would like to present my picks for the Top Ten Best Horror Films available on DVD. This is by no means a complete selection, but I feel it is a good variety of films. I included a mix of classics, as well as films that took the horror genre to new realms. Enjoy, and have a happy Halloween.



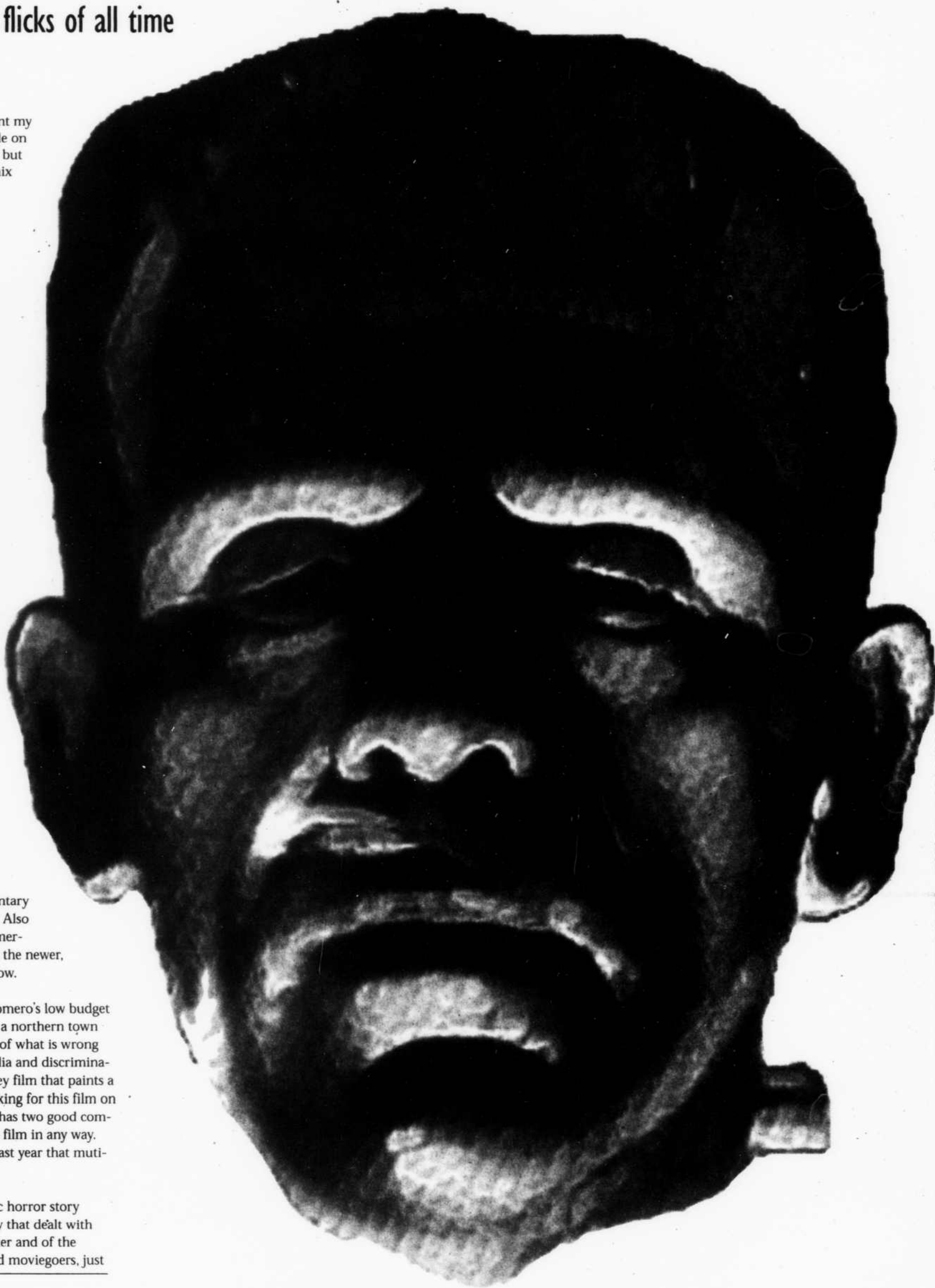
## Top Ten Horror Films on DVD

**The Exorcist:** This is truly one of the most disturbing films ever. Brilliantly directed by William Friedkin, this adaptation of William Peter Blatty's novel maintains its scare factor by not relying on makeup or gore, but instead delivering the chills with atmosphere and emotionally disturbing scenes. The 25th anniversary edition of the DVD packs in several great features. The deleted scenes recently restored in theaters are included, as well as a great 75-minute documentary that offers a fascinating look behind the scenes. Also included are the standard trailers and TV commercials. Pick this disc up before it is replaced with the newer, lesser-quality director's cut that is in theaters now.

**Night of the Living Dead:** George Romero's low budget success about zombies mysteriously walking in a northern town remains one of the most disturbing depictions of what is wrong with society today. His attitude toward the media and discrimination are subtly revealed in this powerful, low-key film that paints a disturbing portrait of American life. While looking for this film on DVD, the only version to pick up is by Elite. It has two good commentaries and trailers, but does not change the film in any way. There was a 30th anniversary edition released last year that mutilated the film beyond belief.

**Jaws:** Steven Spielberg's ocean-based, realistic horror story worked so well because it was a believable story that dealt with primal fears. His exploitation of the fear of water and of the unknown has ruined the beach for many scared moviegoers, just

See **Horror**, 9



## Making over charity

Students donate hair to children in need

By Callie Butler  
Staff Writer

Last Friday, Clairol's "Heads Up America!" campaign came to MTSU with two missions: to help students with hair care and product selection and to aid in the charitable efforts of Locks of Love, an organization dedicated to the construction of wigs for children who have permanent hair loss due to medical reasons.

"The purpose of 'Heads Up America!' is to make people more aware of Locks of Love, give out samples and help people choose products," said Dana Alicea, a consultant on the project. "I would say that our main purpose is to make people happy."

While on campus, Clairol was collecting hair for Locks of Love. Long-haired students willing to give at least five inches of hair, but preferably ten inches or more, were given free hair-



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

**Students offer their hair for charity as part of Locks of Love. Those wishing to donate more than five inches of hair were given free haircuts, and their hair is given to children who have lost their hair due to disease.**

cuts. Hair between five and nine inches is sold by Locks of Love for funding, while hair measuring ten inches or more is used for making wigs.

Kim Cabany, a resident assistant on the second floor of Corlew, got more than ten inches chopped for charity.

"Somewhere there's going to be a girl who needs red hair [because] no

other color will match her complexion, and now, damn it, she has mine," she said. "It's so short!"

She also experienced the death of a friend to cancer, which compelled her to join the fight.

This was Clairol's first year affiliated with Locks of Love, and it was a great success, according to Alicea. ◆

## Trick-or-Treat without cavities

Freshman Forum creates an alternative Halloween

By Amanda Maynard  
Staff Writer

The time for Trick or Treat is not far away, but some members of the MTSU Freshman Forum began their Halloween a little early this year.

On Wednesday, many members of the Freshman Forum sponsored a can drive to benefit the Rutherford County Food Bank. Members came disguised in their favorite Halloween characters and retrieved trunk loads of canned goods from a local subdivision.

Forum organizer Becca Wilson led the procession of can collectors as neighbors gladly donated their soups and vegetables. Good samaritans Richard and Barbara Stickney were more than happy to donate to the cause and praised the forum for the "wonderful thing they were doing." Forum members were invited into homes and received a more than hospitable welcome.

Not only did the forum members get satisfaction from giving to others, the simple act of dressing as goblins and monsters was a thrill in itself.

Freshman and Frankenstein impersonator Justin Groce, accompanied by Frankenstein's bride Brooke Newsome, enjoyed dressing up for the event. "It's fun," he said. "I haven't dressed up in ten years. Although washing all this stuff off is going to be a pain."

Other characters included a vam-

pire portrayed by Katie Hughey, a pink lady by Jessica Fanning, a flapper girl by Kristi Crafton and two trash-bag pumpkins by Sara Anderson and Amanda McMahan.

Throughout the neighborhood, children swarmed their front porches to get a view of these pre-Halloween do-gooders as they roamed Brentmead subdivision.

The forum's efforts collected hundreds of can goods as well as dry baking goods. The members were jumping with excitement as they unloaded their trunks full of cans. Each member felt that they had been a part of something good and gained many good friends along the way.

Freshman Sara Anderson agrees that, "participating in these activities is a great way to get involved at MTSU."

The can drive had not been the only event for the Freshman Forum this year. The group held a cook-out for all freshmen before the first home football game. The cook-out was not a smashing success, but members are undeterred.

They are looking forward to their Angel Tree project as they get closer to Christmas. The forum also has a more immediate project lined up. Forum members are participating in "Up All Night," a lock-in at the Recreation Center to benefit St. Jude's hospital.

All are invited to come, and the group is welcoming any freshmen to help out. ◆

# ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

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

**Nov. 1**

Mirielle Hardy, a guest speaker from Normandy France, is giving a lecture at 9:10 a.m. in the BDA Room 303B. The lecture is titled "La France and au debut du 21e siecle: ou va le francais?" Contact Rosemary Kew at 898-2283 for more information.

**Nov. 16**

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

**Nov. 18**

Attention Flag Football Teams! Come try your skills against other schools—men's, women's and co-rec teams to participate. Campus Rec is sponsoring an MTSU/TIRSA Flag Football Tournament at 9 a.m. on the Intramural Fields. Register early at Campus Recreation. Contact Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

**Nov. 30**

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

**Ongoing**

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC Room 303.

Chi Rho Lutheran Fellowship holds "Experiencing God Bible Studies" on Sunday nights. Any college students interested in a three month weekly bible study in order to grow into a personal relationship with God are welcome to attend every Sunday night from 7:45-9 p.m. in the JUB Lobby. Contact Jason Dail, pastor, at 904-0570 for more information.

Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

Alpha, a practical introduction to the

Christian faith, meets every Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 315 E. Main St. There is no cost to the participant. For more information contact the church at 893-3780 or the Ministry Center at 904-7948.

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA, Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Horror: Scary movies for Halloween

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as the next film did for the shower. The DVD for the film does a nice job of providing extra info, but it is lacking in more ways than one. There is a great commentary, but little else is provided other than the standard trailers and deleted scenes. Perhaps Steven Spielberg will stop being scared and do a commentary track.

**Psycho:** While not as scary as some of the other films, it has to be listed for a perfect combination of camera work, story, shocking editing, score and acting. Hitchcock's adaptation of Robert Bloch's novel, based on Wisconsin serial killer Ed Gein, fathered modern slasher horror and influenced movies for years to come.

This film shows how Hitchcock was the master manipulator. He made audiences think and see exactly what he wanted them to see. It is yet another great DVD with an excellent documentary that revisits nearly every key player involved in the original. Also included is Hitchcock's original, shocking trailer.

**The Texas Chainsaw Massacre:** This more faithful adaptation of serial killer Ed Gein played upon America's innermost fears following the Vietnam war. The dissolution of family values, lack of gas and the hash brutality of the country and media at the time are all touched upon by this disturbing film. A great commentary and deleted scenes help this DVD as well.

Cast and crew put aside years of differences and a long feud to come together and record one of the best commentaries on DVD. Other *Chainsaw* series trailers are included, as well as a blooper reel and alternate footage.

**Bride of Frankenstein:** The one classic from the Universal Studios period of films in the '30s that still holds up today. James Whale's clever tale of love, death and betrayal works on so many levels, it remains the perfect combination of sci-fi, horror and slapstick. The care and features that Universal puts into this classic series is amazing.

Each DVD has commentaries by noted film scholars as well as behind-the-scenes documentaries, and this one is no exception. To learn more about this film, pick up the 1998 Academy Award winning film, "Gods and Monsters" by director Bill Condon. It is a semi-autobiographical account of *Frankenstein* director James Whale that

details the events leading up to his death.

**Nosferatu:** This 1922 vampire film by German director F.W. Murnau is still the best and eeriest depiction of a vampire ever filmed. Visually stunning with its gothic style, this reworking of the Dracula story was ahead of its time. This silent classic has aged well and remains hauntingly simple and scary to this day. Similar in style to the Universal series, Image treats fans with a commentary by film scholars along with an explanation as to why this film was almost lost completely 80 years ago.

**Evil Dead 2:** This sequel by director Sam Raimi is included because of its masterful incorporation of humor into the horror genre. This slapstick horror film gave rise to the popular splatter-punk style of horror, but the original remains the best by combining humor, attitude and horror perfectly. Recently re-released in a collectors tin, this THX-approved DVD comes packed with an entertaining commentary by both director Raimi and actor Bruce Campbell. It also has the standard images and a nice documentary included as well.

**Alien:** Much like the previous film, this one is important because it took the slasher film and set it in outer space. Directed by Ridley Scott, this organic look into sci-fi horror remains the best of the popular series. It serves up a double dose of fear by endangering the characters on several fronts and threatening them with the ultimate killing machine. Included on the DVD are the standard director's commentary and a few deleted scenes. The highlight of this disc would have to be the isolated score that can be selected.

**Blair Witch Project:** Considered by many to be a letdown, it couldn't possibly have lived up to the hype. Aside from that, this film presented a fresh and new take on horror and left audiences literally dangling with an ambiguous ending that was missed by most. The highlight of this disc would have to be the excellent documentary done by the Sci-Fi Channel that treats the Blair Witch as if she were real. Extra footage and other actors weaved into this intricately-created program strengthens the understanding of the film. ♦



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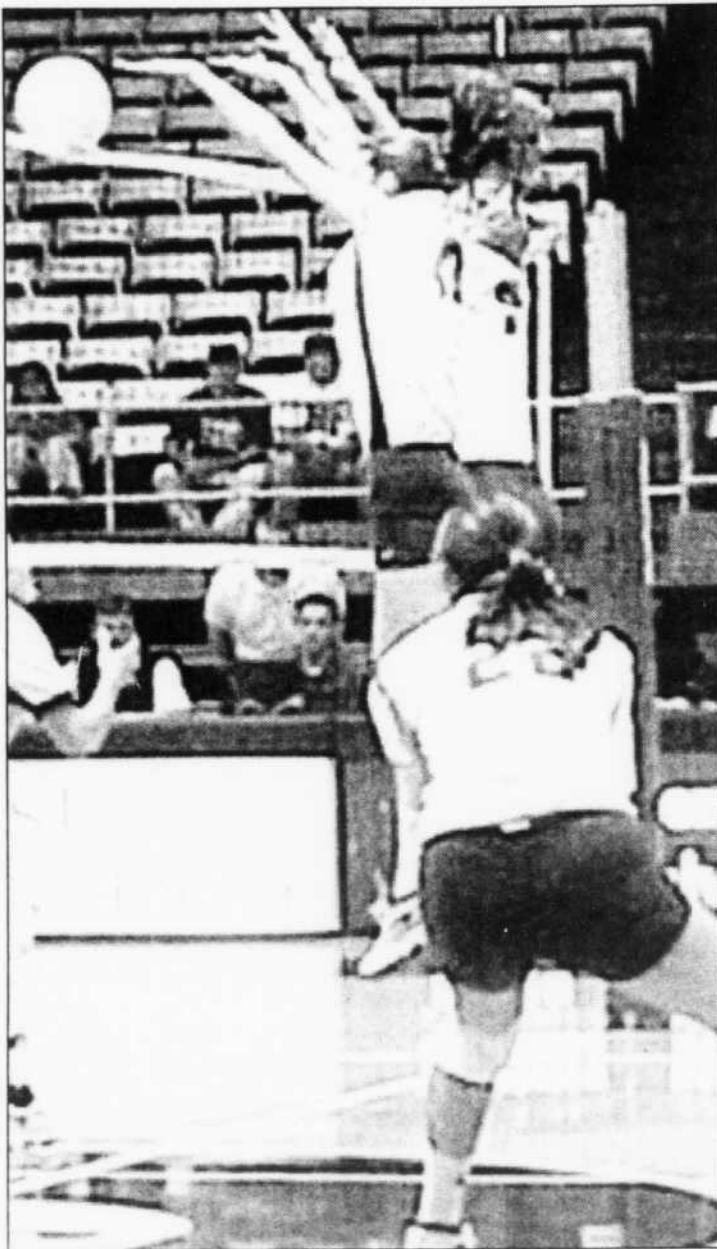


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## Lady Raiders lose to Indians

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team suffered a tough conference loss 3-0 at the hands of Arkansas State Saturday.

Arkansas State jumped out to a quick start gaining a six point (8-2) lead in the first game. The Lady Raiders fought back, getting as close as 13-11, but couldn't finish the comeback. Arkansas State took the first game 15-11.

The second game saw the

two teams exchanging leads. Each team took turns having a two point lead until finally Arkansas State took control and won 15-8.

Arkansas State dominated the third and final game taking a 15-4 win.

Sophomore Katie Thiesen had twelve kills for the Lady Raiders. Senior Erin Hillstrom had eleven digs.

Arkansas State swept the season series.

The loss dropped MT to 11-16 on the year. ♦



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Sophomore Beth Maskey (12) battles for possession.

## Soccer: MT wins at home

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man midfielder Lindsey Bopp fired a shot over the goal.

With only five minutes to go, the ETSU keeper came out to try to intercept a pass from Cox. Hickey almost scored off the pass by Cox, but couldn't capitalize on the opportunity.

The winning goal finally came at 87:52. Schultz made a pass from the left post to Hickey, who softly placed it in the corner of the goal.

With only two minutes to play, ETSU desperately tried to score again, but MT kept their cool and held on to win their

eight game of the season.

"This was our last game, and it is always good to win that last game," said Ginn.

The Lady Raiders will play their first game in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament against Denver. The Lady Raiders lost to Denver 2-0 earlier in the season.

"The team is excited about the tournament," said Ginn. "We are a totally different team than we were earlier this year, and we are playing much better and smarter."

The tournament will be played at South Alabama University in Mobile, Ala. Nov. 2-4. ♦

## Dogfight: Bulldogs, Raiders pile up more than 1,000 yards.

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While McCollum doesn't concentrate on the numbers, he did note that the offensive line "did a good job." The Blue Raiders rushed as a team for a 190 yards, 133 more yards than the Bulldog average against the run coming into the game.

The Middle Tennessee receivers returned into their usual selves this week after a disappointing performance at UAB. Both junior

Kendall Newson and sophomore Tyrone Calico continued their streaks of consecutive games with a catch. Newson had a career day, catching nine passes for 180 yards. Calico did his part with three catches for 89 yards and two touchdowns.

Counts got the Blue Raiders off to the quick start with the touchdown pass to H. Johnson and finished 13 of 28 for 242 yards, two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Junior Jason Johnson received some valuable playing time as well completing five of 12 passes for 95 yards, one touchdown and one interception. J. Johnson also ran two times for 28 yards and a touchdown.

Down 33-9 at halftime, Middle Tennessee showed signs of life early in the second half as they stopped MSU on fourth down. Following the defensive stop, the Blue Raiders moved the ball 46 yards, ending with a 28-yard touchdown pass from J. Johnson to Calico that cut the lead to 19 points at 33-16.

But the momentum was short lived as the Bulldogs scored on their ensuing drive, putting the game at 40-16.

The Blue Raiders were never able to catch up as they could only get as close as 18 at 47-29, and later at 19, 54-35.

At that point in the second half, Middle

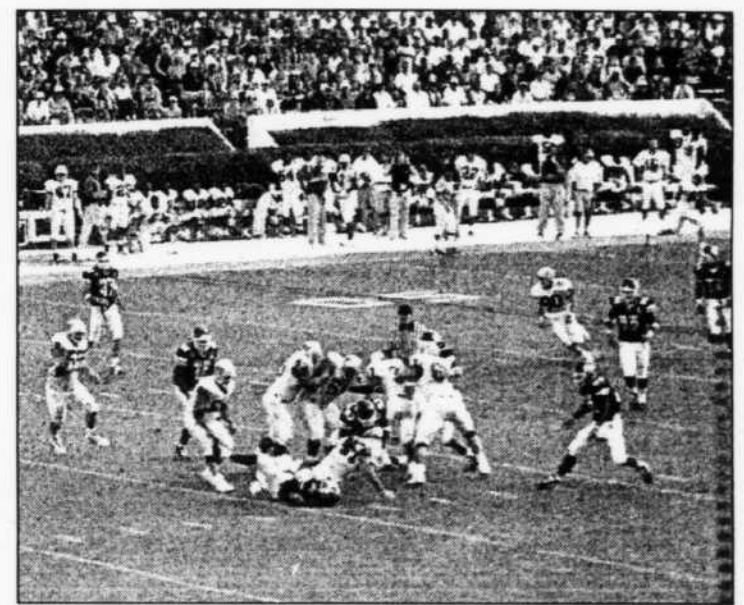


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The Bulldogs dropped the Raiders 61-35.

Tennessee had outscored the Bulldogs 26-21. But as MSU ran the clock down, the Blue Raider defense wasn't able to stop them from scoring one more time with just under a minute to go in the game.

McCollum was really disappointed, saying, "We didn't keep them out of the end zone in the end."

The Blue Raiders continue their three game road swing next week as they travel to Storrs, CT to face the UCONN Huskies, who are making the transition from I-AA to I-A as well.

A winning season is still possible if Middle Tennessee can win out.

McCollum said, "We've got three games that we can look eye to eye with."

With the loss, the Blue Raiders fall to 3-5 on the season. ♦

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