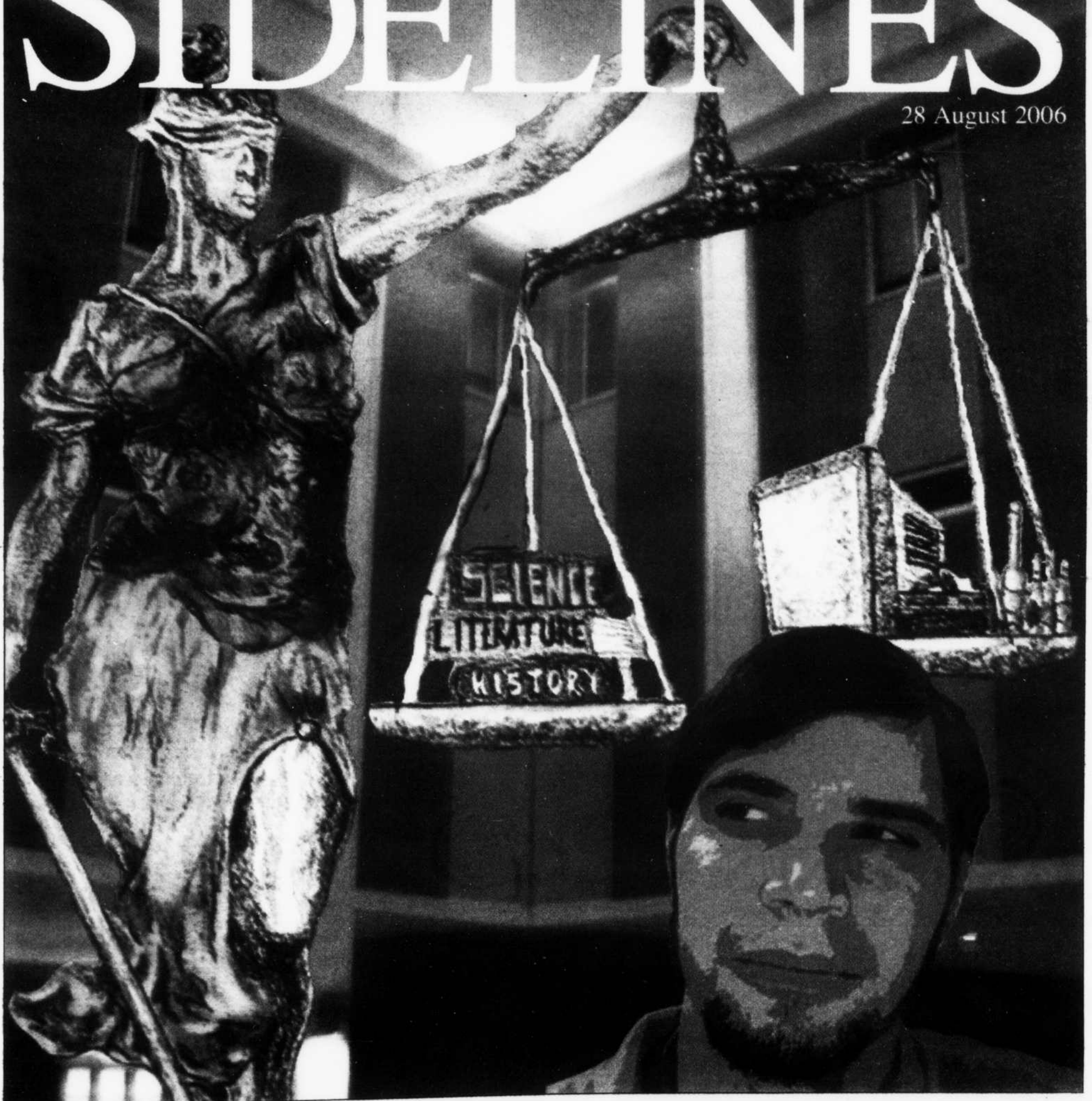


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# McPhee to push for \$5 million from city

By Wesley Murchison

*Campus Administration Editor*

In his State of the University Address Friday, President Sidney McPhee continued to put pressure on local representatives to increase MTSU's operating funds.

In particular, McPhee vowed to obtain \$5 million from the city of Murfreesboro.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I shall not make any excuses in getting \$5 million from this city" he said to the robust audience in Tucker Theatre.

"When we pump over \$700 million in annual, direct and indirect, economic impact.... 5 million is a drop in the bucket."

McPhee also expressed enthusiasm for money granted to the university by the State this school year.

The 2005-2006 year was the first time in



McPhee

eight years the university was given an increase in funding for operating costs by the state of Tennessee, McPhee said.

"You will recall last year there were a number of distinguished gentlemen that I put some pressure on at this meeting," McPhee said of the last year's address, referring to local representatives.

Among the audience of MTSU faculty and staff, McPhee singled out State Senators Bill Ketron and Jim Tracy, along with State Representatives Kent Coleman and John D. Hood, saying "We want more; we want more from these individuals, and they are going to give us more." He then asked the audience to join in applauding these men's efforts.

Last year, MTSU received \$4.3 million in new operating funds, which, according to McPhee, was the highest allocation of money to any Tennessee Board of Regents institution, and second in the state only to University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The 2005-2006 school year also saw the acquisition of money for MTSU's "badly needed" science building.

Speaking of the new science building,

McPhee praised Representative Kent Coleman "who went to the governor and told the governor: 'This year MTSU must get the science building.'"

The new science building will receive \$15 million from Gov. Bredesen's 2006-2007 Appropriations Bill for the phase one planning stage of the \$150 million building.

McPhee recalled the challenge that the university had to face when it lost state funding.

"Some of the challenges that I listed at this time from this podium included operating the university with limited resources from the state," McPhee said. "And I knew, for the first time in many years, the state had a significant surplus, that for years we had the highest reduction because of budget shortfalls in higher education."

McPhee continued by saying, that "We were told that when things get better that higher education was going to get its turn, and it didn't."

Due to the increase in operating funds MTSU will be receiving an additional \$4.3

million for capital maintenance, which will go to fixing basic problems like leaky roofs.

McPhee also spoke about other "challenges and opportunities" that MTSU has been tackling since he became president. There has been a 16 percent "across-the-board" increase in faculty and staff salaries since July 2000, and he has made more recommendations for an increase in salaries to TBR that will include a three-phase, one third salary increase starting in 2007.

Another improvement was the increase of \$17 million for extramural funding rounding out a total of \$38,490,290 in external funding by grants and donations.

"[What is] so impressive about this increase is it occurred in all areas of external funding, including instruction, research and private search," McPhee said.

McPhee also touched on issues of student recruitment and retention, the acquiring of 900 new computers, the creation of the Community and University Partnership Office and new developments in the area of athletics.

## New buildings, degrees, professors for colleges mark start of new academic year for university

Compiled by Wesley Murchison and Andy Harper

*Campus Administration and Campus Life Editors*

*A brief introduction by the editor:*

New faces, new buildings and new course offerings are the annual trappings of renewed scholastic endeavor, and Fall 2006 at MTSU bears no exception.

Continuing construction projects dot the university-campus, and professors put the finishing touches on new curriculum. Students of the fall semester will be taught ethics, Middle Eastern history and hands-on nursing, and professors will embark on watershed years in research and accreditation.

On the following pages lies a mere sampling of the whispers and rumbles echoing through the halls of academia. This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it is enough to whet the appetite of the intellectually curious – a brief sweep of MTSU's best and brightest minds and ideas.

We at Sidelines strive to keep the greater university community informed of your up-and-coming people and projects, but we need to hear from you. Consider this swath of information a jumping point, and in the future, use our newspaper as a public address system. Students, faculty and staff alike: make your voices heard.

This is the start of a new wave of information about this community. You decide what comes next.

### COLLEGE OF BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCES

#### Thomas Cheatham, Dean

*New science building*

The major project will be the new science building. The college just received official confirmation of funding from the state, and work on designs will begin immediately. The planning of the project will take about two years.



Cheatham

*Other projects*

Other major projects include the completion of the nursing building expansion and a new MTSU airport maintenance hangar for the aerospace program. The nursing building expansion will nearly double the size of the nursing class, according to Cheatham.

*New degrees*

The college has proposed two new Ph.D. programs, as well as a new masters degree in horse science. The school currently has

two new masters degrees, including an online version of the M.S.N., Master of Science in nursing, and a M.S.P.S., Master of Science in professional science.

"We are planning for an incredible year with many outstanding folks joining the faculty."

—Thomas Cheatham

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**Deans: New at MTSU**

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**COLLEGE OF BUSINESS****James Burton, Dean***Database*

A major project by the college will be building their new database by updating faculty and award information. The new database will be able to send this information to accredited professional business agencies.

**Burton**

formance in particular classes is more critical in determining whether students will succeed in the college, though, Burton said.

*New department*

Burton said he hopes the creation of the business education, marketing education and office management department will be critical in pushing the college to provide a more efficient and comprehensive educational experience.

"We have about nine or 10 new full-time faculty, and we are always happy about adding new faces into our mix, and as always, we are excited about the fall and really excited about working with the other colleges and developing outside, community relations." —James Burton

*Raising standards*

Another goal of the college will be to focus on standards of admission. One standard that might change would be an increased GPA. Concentrating on the levels of per-

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE****Gloria Bonner, Dean***Accreditation*

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education will be visiting the college in November 2007. The college will spend this year preparing for their visit, and for the renewal of the college's certification.

**Bonner***Collaborative degree*

The College of Education has proposed a partnering with the College of Basic and Applied Science to establish a

duel major of mathematical education.

*Training*

Training programs will be offered to the college faculty that will address issues with different disciplines in the college and how to collaborate. These workshops will enhance the strategic direction of the faculty and strengthen the collaboration, inclusion and participation of everyone on all collegiate levels.

"In my estimate, our college remains the best college in the state, region and nation. And we are looking forward to greater things still in the 06-07 school year."

—Gloria Bonner

**COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS****Anantha Babbili, Dean***Thomas Cooper, national journalism ethicist*

Thomas Cooper will be a visiting, one-year professor to put the emphasis of ethics in the journalism curriculum. Dean Babbili said Cooper's residence is meant "to elevate the study of ethics to another level. (It is) not that we are not doing it — faculty are doing it, students are conscious of it ... But it is nice to kind of sit back and say, 'Let's kind of put this under a microscope because so many things are happening in the media that's related to issues of ethics.'"

**Babbili**

Tennessee. This year, MTSU's Geier Visiting Professor will be Philip Jeter, who has over 30 years of experience in higher education. The addition of Jeter is part of Dean Babbili and Associate Dean Omachonu's diversification of the College of Mass Communication. Along with teaching courses in reporting and advertisement management, Jeter will also be instructing a course in diversity studies.

*International relations and external funding*

The College of Mass Communication has been working to improve in the areas of international relations with other countries and increasing extramural funding from foundations.

"We exist purely for one reason, that is my philosophy, is for the student. If a problem develops, I ask myself, 'What does this mean for the student?' If I can answer that convincingly, then that becomes my calling, my passion."

—Anantha Babbili

*Philip Jeter, Geier Visiting Professor*

Geier Visiting Professorships are awarded annually for outstanding African-American Scholars to visit higher education institutions in

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS****John McDaniel, Dean***Middle East Center*

The Middle East Center is an inter-departmental unit within the college of Liberal Arts dealing with the issues of the Middle East, with a special emphasis on the Arab-Israel conflict. It will pull together studies in history, literature, political science and languages, including language courses in Hebrew and Arabic. The center will also offer those a minor in Middle Eastern studies.

**McDaniel**

sciences. Forensic Anthropologist Hugh Berryman will act as the institute's director.

*Global studies major*

Global studies, which is the study of international culture with a heavy emphasis on travel, will now be offered as a major. It will incorporate courses from several departments and colleges.

"It is clear we are getting bigger, with 23,000 students per semester. But our needed interest is getting better, keeping the quality while quantity is our ever-present challenge."

—John McDaniel

*Forensic Science Institute*

The Forensic Science Institute will be collaboration among departments and colleges including criminal justice, pre-law, criminal anthropology and various departments from basic and applied

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## More Deans: New at MTSU Continued from 4

### COLLEGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION AND DISTANCE LEARNING

#### Mike Boyle, Dean

##### First year for dean

While Boyle was present for some of the summer session, Fall 2006 will be his first full semester as dean of the college. Boyle said he was very excited about the programs and spending the year compiling strategic partnerships with other colleges.

##### Online programs

The college handles the RODP, Regents Online Degree Program, for MTSU and according to Boyle, acts as a support system for everyone else on campus. The program specifically targets working professionals with an easy, online format.

##### Creating classes

The college has the ability to aid other colleges at MTSU in setting up workshops, evening classes and distance classes that will be more convenient and serve the general public. The newest venture is a new M.S. online degree, Master of Professional Studies in strategic leadership.

"We are very excited about our successful distance learning program and will spend this year trying to figure out strategic partnerships with the colleges that will best serve the students."

—Mike Boyle

### UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE

#### Mike Boyle, Dean

##### New Associate Dean Scott Carnicom

Scott Carnicom comes to MTSU from Marymount University, where he was director of the honors program. "He is going to provide a lot of energy and initiative and help and leadership to the Honors College," said Mathis of Carnicom.

##### Undergraduate Fellowship Office

This office will help honors students get "national and international" attention by providing assistance in getting scholarships and fellowships abroad. This office was able to help one student get receive a Fulbright fellowship. Michelle Arnold will be coordinator for this program.

##### Buchanan Fellowship

The Buchanan Fellowship is named after Nobel Prize-winning economist James Buchanan, an MTSU alumnus. The Buchanan Fellowship will offer 20 students per year a full financial package, while providing a higher quality of education through the Buchanan seminars. Students who are chosen through a competitive selective process will be given full tuition that is not affected by increase, a \$1,000 book allowance and the scholarship will cover out-of-state tuition.

"It really services the needs of the Honors College students, but also services the needs of any high-ability MTSU student."

— Philip Mathis

### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

#### Pamela Knox, Dean

##### Ethics

The college spent the summer working on strategies to coordinate a meeting on the responsibilities of conducting research. A faculty committee will meet to discuss these issues and the best way to integrate the solutions into the campus.

##### Guest speaker

The current project is arranging a sponsorship of an Armchair Dialogue on Media and Bioterrorism. MTSU College of Mass Communication Ethicist Tom Copper and a professor will lead discussion of the topics from the University of Wisconsin. This event will occur in conjunction with Scholar's Week.

##### New Doctoral degrees

New graduate degrees include a Ph.D. in literacy studies, offered as a cooperative effort of the College

of Liberal Arts and the College Of Basic and Applied Science. A completed proposal pairs the college with the College of Education in possibly offering a Doctorate in concert.

##### New Master's degrees

The college has set up a collaboration between the College of Education and the health, human performance and psychology departments to create three new Master's degrees, which include a Master's in physical science teacher, leisure and sport management and health behavior and promotion.

"Other programs are in the process of being developed both at the Master's and Doctoral levels and will be announced pending TBR approval."

—Pamela Knox

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# Mud, mess means campus growth

By Elizabeth Jenkins and Wesley Murchison

Contributing Writer and Campus Administration Editor

Sprawling grass fields. Tolling bells. Majestic pillars. These are the sights of the MTSU campus – at least, these are some of the sights.

Take off your rose-colored glasses, and feast your eyes on the underbelly of campus growth: mud and gravel, orange barrels and obtrusive fences. The sights (and sometimes the smells) of progress are unarguably bitter-sweet.

But when those ponds in the gravel parking lots start to get you down, remember this mantra of improvement: it always gets worse before it gets better. Funny smells and the ear-piercing squeal of the saw today mean a more pleasant and accessible learning environment for tomorrow.

You don't have to look very hard to realize that several construction projects are underway as MTSU expands to accommodate enrollment numbers creeping toward 30,000.

"Our construction is a reflection of our growth," John Cothorn, senior vice president, said.

So while you're going to a nursing class in the Murphy Center, or holding your breath because of that horrible smell in front of Todd Hall, just keep whispering to yourself: "Growth. Growth. Growth."

Here's a recap of what's happening in the hard-hat zone.

## Sports Club Complex

The complex will be located on East Main Street, across from the Slick Pig restaurant and the Circle K gas station, on the Paschal property. It will consist of three fields: a game field for the sports clubs, a mud field, which is a specially designed field used in the event of rain, a general field; an 8 feet wide asphalt jogging track, bleachers, a score board and storage facilities for the sports club and maintenance equipment. The complex will also include restrooms.

Originally, the contract with Olympus Construction mandated that the project should not take more than 300 days. The cost of the complex was set by Olympus

at \$2.2 million, which was \$300,000 less than originally projected.

The Sports Club Complex was initially part of a project to remodel the Student Recreation Center and bring the Student Health Services under the same building. The projects were separated and the Health Services Center, is still under repacking for another bid. The Sports Club Complex project was salvaged and repacked independently after the Health Services Center project was came back with a bid of \$5 million over priced.

"Because of budget issues this has been cut down quite a bit," Charles Gregory, director of Student Recreation Center, said about the new Health Services Center package.

## Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building

Located on Middle Tennessee Boulevard, across from Tucker Theatre, the nursing building is going through an enlargement process. It will open for spring classes. The project cost is approximately \$2,513,000.

## Monohan and Reynolds Hall

These residence halls are located on Old Main Circle, near the Cope Administration Building. The dormitories will be closed for renovations all year, but will reopen next fall. Among the renovations, sprinkler systems will added to comply with new fire safety codes.

## Todd Building and Kirksey Old Main

New roofs will be put on these buildings, and construction will start this fall.

## East Rutherford Lot

Parking is considered by students and faculty alike to be a major problem, but this year a new parking lot will be open for the fall semester. The East Rutherford Lot is phase one of a larger project that Ron Malone, assistant vice president of Events and Transportation Services, said "will allow us to move parking

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# MTSU, ASCAP 'Partner in Craft'

By Dana Owens

Community News Ed.

MTSU has partnered with the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) to form "Partners in Craft," a new program that will give students from the recording industry program greater opportunities in their field.

"We're really excited about the new emphasis here," said Tom Hutchison, professor of recording industry management. "[The program] will take young budding songwriters ... and help them develop in their careers."

A major emphasis of the program will be to pair students with professional mentors already associated with ASCAP. Exceptional students will be selected by their professors to be paired with a mentor who will critique their songs, said Christian Haseleu, chairperson of the Department of Recording Industry.

"Our industry is an inverted pyramid that rests on a song," said Ralph Murphy, ASCAP vice president, adding that the new program will coach students in the most elemental aspects of the recording industry.

Along with the mentoring program, Partners in Craft has also brought new courses for RIM majors to not only help them develop their songwriting abilities, but also help them learn how to "act like rock stars," Hutchison said.

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Photos by Jay Richardson | Staff Photographer

Left: The construction of the new Sports Complex includes the leveling of fields along East Main Street.

Right: The renovation of Monohan and Reynolds hall is set to be complete in time for students to move in Fall 2007.





## Construction: Recapping the projects

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from the interior of campus and provide better transportation to campus."

The larger project will include widening all entrances to the university for the inclusion of lanes designated strictly for bus routes. The idea is to free up interior parking on campus to prevent congestion, then have the students take the bus into campus with the assurance that the new bus routes, with designated lanes, will get them to class on time.

### Rutherford Boulevard

A new entrance has been constructed in

conjunction with the completion of the East Rutherford Lot, which connects MTSU Boulevard and Rutherford Boulevard.

"If you take a look the entrance down at the south end of MTSU Boulevard by Greek row, we have placed some bricks there," Malone said.

The Rutherford entrance is also significant for its use of pervious concrete, which is a new, environment-friendly material that allows water to penetrate through to the soil, while the concrete itself absorbs the oil.

While pervious concrete cost a little more, the added benefit of being more environmentally conscious made the money worth it, Malone said.

## RIM: MTSU, ASCAP 'Partner in Craft'

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Emphasis in the courses will be placed on publishing, making demo records, personal selling skills and small business management. Students will be encouraged to seek a minor in entrepreneurship as well, Hutchison said.

The new courses in the RIM program for this semester include advanced song writing, demo studio for songwriting and publishing administration.

Though Partners in Craft is new, MTSU has had a relationship with ASCAP since the RIM program began over 30

years ago.

According to Haseleu, the new program is formalizing the already longstanding partnerships ASCAP has had with student interns and faculty.

Hutchison and Hal Newman, assistant professor in the Department of Recording Industry, worked with ASCAP Vice Presidents Murphy and John Briggs to develop the program.

"We are very eager to step forward in any education way we can," Murphy said. "Knowledge is power."

ASCAP also hosts a yearly concert in December at Dan

McGuinness Pub in Nashville to showcase MTSU singers and songwriters. The series will expand under the new partnership.

ASCAP represents and protects the works of over 250,000 composers, lyricists and music publishers and is the leading Performing Rights Organization in the United States.

"We are forging this special relationship for our students," said Anantha Babbali, dean of the College of Mass Communication. He added that creating the partnership in the industry is important for the "most visible department at MTSU."

# New professors join campus community

By Wesley Murchinson - Campus News Editor

## Phillip Jeter, Ph.D., College of Mass Communications

Prior to arriving at MTSU, Jeter was a professor of communication arts and the associate vice president for academic affairs at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C.

He came to JCSU in June 2004 from Florida A&M University, where he had worked since 1983. At FAMU, Jeter was a professor of journalism, ran WAMF-FM, the University radio station, for 10 years and was director of graduate studies in the School of Journalism and Graphic Arts.

A native of Fairfield County, South Carolina, Jeter holds a Bachelor of Arts in French from Johnson C. Smith University, a Master of Professional Studies in communication arts from Cornell University and a Doctorate of philosophy in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. All his graduate work included minors in business.



Jeter

Jeter has worked for United Press International, Chicago Public Television, Hampton University (formerly Hampton Institute), WMTV-TV (the Madison, Wis. NBC affiliate), The State newspaper in Columbia, S.C. and WHIO-TV (the CBS affiliate in Dayton, Ohio).

In addition to JCSU and FAMU, Jeter has taught at Bennett College, Cornell University, Edward Waters College, Marshall University, Michigan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, the University of South Carolina Columbia campus and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jeter's research interests are media management, black media ownership, telecommunications policy and media coverage of minority groups.

"I look forward to working with the MTSU students in my classes on reporting and advertising management. My goal is to help them develop the professional skills and explore the ethical and social responsibility issues that come with being in the mass media industries." — Phillip Jeter

## Joon Soon Lim, Ph.D., College of Mass Communications

Lim earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida, specializing in public relations campaigns and attitude change. He received his M.A. and B.A. in mass communication at the Korea University in Seoul, Korea.

Lim's professional career is mostly related to data-driven research using statistics. He will be teaching princi-



Lim

ples of public relations and public relations publication this fall.

Lim said he regards teaching in public relations as an ongoing process of building relationships between teacher and students, in which mutual satisfaction and goal attainment can be achieved.

"I'll serve diverse students who have differing motivations and academic goals while I work in accordance with college's goals and objectives. Please feel free to come by my office, Mass Communication room 229B. Geeks are especially welcome!" — Joon Lim

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# Act hopes to send 1 million abroad

By Brittany Washburn  
Contributing Writer

During the 2005-2006 school year, over 191,000 students crossed national borders to further their education, according to the Abraham Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad, and that number is increasing by 10 percent per year.

That means nearly 20,000 more American students are studying every year in places like Prague, China, Italy, New Zealand and Mexico.

"Our goal is to increase the number of students studying abroad to 1 million per year in 10 years," said Peter McPherson, chair of the Abraham Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad and president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

"If we had 1 million students studying abroad per year, it would change the country," McPherson said. "America would be more competitive and competent in the global economy."

In order to meet that ambitious goal, though, the number of students studying abroad would need to increase by about 15 percent every year, McPherson said.

However, increasing the number of students studying abroad would mean an

increased need for funding.

In response, federal legislators passed a financial aid act July 26 to provide the needed monetary compensation.

The Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Act, which was introduced by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., passed, providing grants for both students and universities to compete for sums of money.

From McPherson and the Study Abroad Commission's vantage point, that's a very good development for students.

"This act would also work to make the demographics of those studying abroad be similar to the undergraduate population," McPherson said.

This would mean giving more students the opportunity to study abroad – students who may not have the resources without financial aid. By McPherson's logic, if 50 percent of the undergraduate population in America is blue-collar, approximately 50 percent of students who study abroad should be blue-collar.

"For the American workforce to be competitive in the global marketplace, our students need experience in and knowledge about the world outside of the U.S.,"

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# Study abroad brings new life to learning

By Ebony Pugh  
Staff Writer

Listening to lectures about William Shakespeare's life and work takes on an entirely new level of meaning when sitting just blocks from London's Globe Theatre, where his plays were first performed.

That experience may be literally thousands of miles from what Peck Hall offers, but for students willing to make the trip and take the time, it's not entirely out of the question.

"One of the reasons people should do study abroad is that instead of opening up a book and seeing a picture of the Globe Theatre, you get to go there," said Linda Seward, a speech and theatre professor who has taken students to Italy and

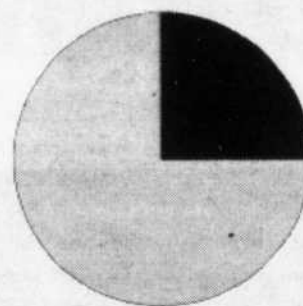
London. "When you encounter something like that personally, it sticks in a way that it just doesn't when you see it in a book."

When students study abroad, they gain knowledge about both that country's culture and about themselves in an environment where learning continues long after the lessons end, Seward said.

"I traveled with some students who had never been out of their region of three or four states, and the experience was big for them," she said. "Many of them had the mistaken view deep down that everyone in the world is basically the same, but it didn't take long for them to learn that that's not true."

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## BY THE NUMBERS...



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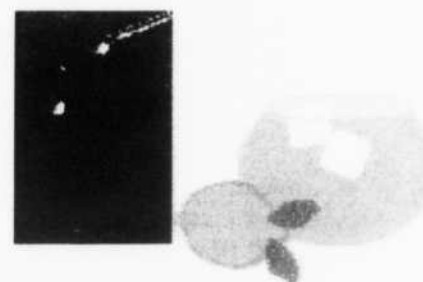
Percentage of the grant that will go to students wanting to study abroad.

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Percentage that will go towards universities to support and promote study abroad.

Source: Abraham Lincoln Commission on Study Abroad

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- Study abroad can provide new perspective and understanding about the complexity of the world's environmental, economic, political and cultural processes.
- Foreign experience can be a strong bullet point on a resume. Being able to better understand and relate with a global community is a desirable skill for industries with international operations. Having foreign experience can also enlighten students about international career opportunities.
- Immersion in a foreign culture can help students of foreign languages improve their fluency far quicker than classroom work alone.
- Living in another culture is an experience in constant learning both inside and outside the classroom. Simply interacting with locals and going about daily tasks builds and expands upon instructor's lessons.

Source: Office of International Education and Exchange



## Abroad: Travel lends life to learning

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For many students, the chance to live and learn in a foreign country was an experience they won't soon forget.

"I really felt that studying abroad really changed my life" said Lauren Tingle, a senior music business major who studied in London for a month. "Studying abroad helped me broaden my horizons and made me understand myself better."

Studying abroad has become popular, and many universities offer programs in a variety of locations for periods lasting from two weeks to several months. At MTSU, students can study abroad

in locations as far flung as India, Hong Kong and Belize.

Taking advantage of student discounts can help make foreign travel a realistic, affordable opportunity, and completing a program can pay dividends in the future, Seward said.

"In an age of globalization, if employers are looking at hundreds of resumes that are basically the same, foreign experience can really stand out by demonstrating that person's flexibility," she said.

Foreign study provides benefits to students on many levels by expanding their worldviews, and helping them learn the differences between their culture and their host country's, speech and theatre professor Dale McGilliard said.

"Anytime you can go to another country, you get to gain an appreciation for things from a different perspective," McGilliard said.

Studying abroad also provides a more expansive understanding of a culture than would be possible with a guided tour.

"Anyone can go to a

country as a tourist, but by studying abroad, you have the opportunity to live in that country and learn that country's culture," Seward said.

In addition to expanding students' worldviews, professors say these trips help mold them into world citizens.

"Studying abroad helps you understand what you encounter, helps you achieve greater success in the work force, broadens your horizons and gives you the opportunity to gain an education while having fun," Seward said. "You really learn about yourself and who you are as a person — you learn what you're like when you're outside your element."

Students shouldn't look at studying abroad as simply learning the same material with a change in scenery, though, McGilliard said.

"A lot of people do not want to study abroad because they get the term confused. They think you will actually just be studying over there, but you will be exploring the country and [its] culture."

## Legislation: 1 million

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McPherson said. "This program over the next generation can change America."

However, it is the student experiences that speak for themselves.

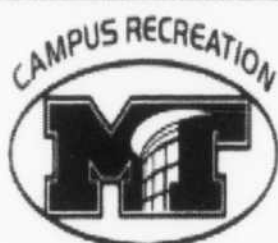
Brittany Skelton and Angie Feeney are two students who recently returned from an MTSU study abroad program in Mexico.

"I would recommend anybody go — not just to Mexico, but any country," said Skelton. "You learn so much inside and outside of the classroom."

The girls and their group stayed in Morelia, a city in Southern Mexico.

"The culture was amazing," Feeney said. In five weeks, the students visited Mexico City and toured the villages and rural areas of Mexico.

"We spent time getting to know the locals," said Feeney, who is vice president of global studies program and president of Americans for Informed Democracy on campus. "It was a very eye-opening experience. I wish we could've stayed longer."



## FALL 2006

## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

EVENT	ENTRIES DUE	PLAY BEGINS
Ultimate Frisbee Tourney (\$25)	Sept. 6	Sept. 11
4-on-4 Sand Volleyball (\$10)	Sept. 7	Sept. 11
7-on-7 Soccer League (\$40)	Sept. 12	Sept. 18
Flag Football League (\$40)	Sept. 19	Sept. 25
Table Tennis Tournament (\$5)	Sept. 28	Oct. 2
Indoor Volleyball League (\$35)	Oct. 10	Oct. 18
Spades Tournament (\$10)	Oct. 23	Oct. 24
2006 TIRSA Shootout	Oct. 20	Oct. 27-29
Dodgeball Tournament (\$25)	Nov. 7	Nov. 19
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (\$10)	Nov. 21	Nov. 27

All dates subject to change without notice. Additional sports have been added since the publication of the Campus Recreation 2006-07 Calendar.

Entries WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED unless they are filled out completely. All team entries require a specified entry fee. All entries are due 5 p.m. on the day of the deadline. LATE ENTRIES MIGHT BE ACCEPTED WITH AN ADDITIONAL LATE FEE! All teams are required to have a representative at the Captain's Meeting.

In the event of inclement weather, players may call the IM Hotline at 898-4FUN (4386) after 4 p.m. (or one hour prior to the first game).

# Campus recreation steps up security

By Noel Rodriguez-Pak  
Contributing Writer

The Student Recreation Center has recently updated their security system to help prevent fraudulent users from gaining access to the gym.

Compared to the past semesters, security has really tightened up, said Jenny T. Crouch, marketing and accessibility coordinator for the Rec Center.

"The goal of this security system is to protect students and educate them in the importance of protecting their identity, and have more accountability for whom is using the facilities," said Ray Wiley, associate director for the Rec Center.

In the past, there were typically 12 people in a week that were caught attempting to illegally gain access to the Rec Center. The attempts were typically due to stolen student identification cards or students lending their IDs to their friends.

"Students should to be more cautious when giving out their personal information even though their student ids may seem like a piece of plastic," according Jamie Arnold, a graduate student of sports medicine.

The new system utilizes software that allows the staff to see the photo on the ID being used to enter the facility and determine if the correct person is using the ID. The system simultaneously monitors all ID scanners and instantaneously sends the picture to a screen behind the front desk.

Individuals that get caught using another student's ID will have the ID confiscated, potentially lose their privileges, and could be sent to judicial affairs for further disciplinary action.

Security is important to the users of the facilities, according to Wiley. Over one year ago, there were a "rash of

thefts" making it unsafe for student to place their personal belonging in lockers provided by the Rec Center. There was a suspicion that the main participants in these thefts were not students of MSTU.

To help students feel more confident storing their personal belonging, staff members will provide locks for students while using the facilities by just showing

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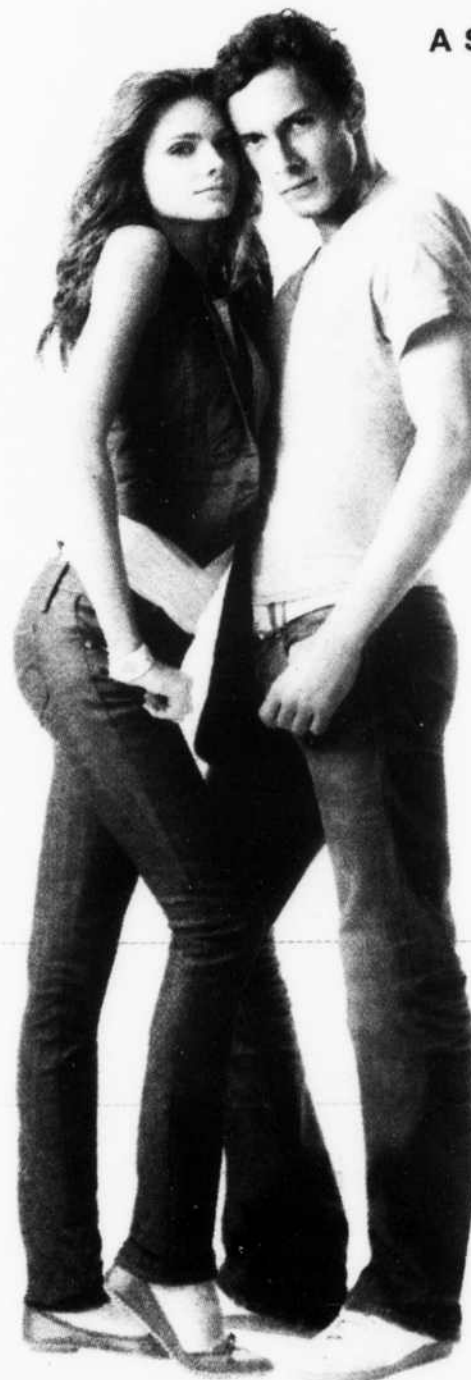
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Junior public relations major Shirley Gerdes swipes her ID at the Rec. Every precaution is being taken in security, due in part to a rash of car break-ins last year.

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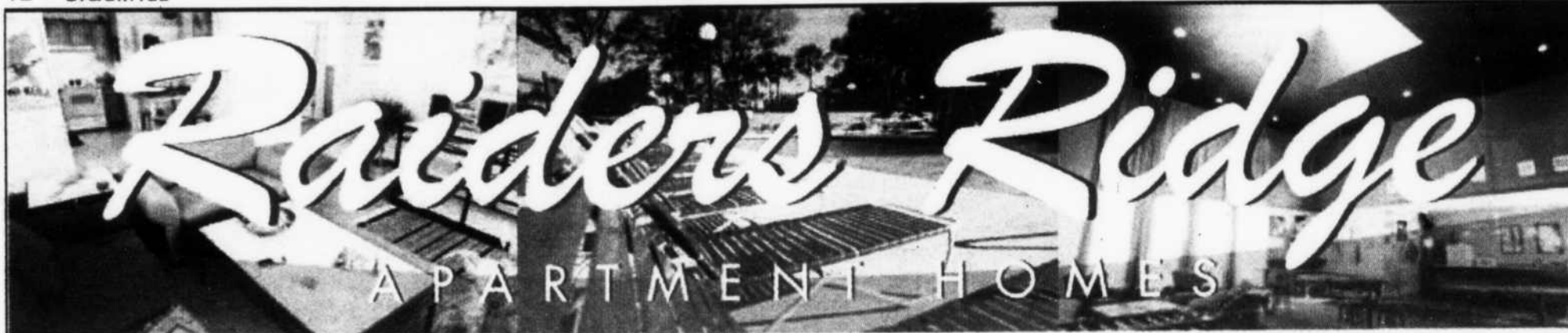


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# Cash calls for more diversity, communication

By Tom Cheredar and Wesley Murchison

Staff Writer and Campus Administration Editor

With over 20,000 students on campus, effective communication at MTSU is more than a little ambitious, but that's not slowing down Student Government Association new-comer Jay Cash.

After being elected student body president in the spring semester, Cash is hoping to turn his momentum into results. To him, that means enhanced cohesion between colleges and a new emphasis on diversity.

Sidelines sat down to talk with Cash, Vice President of Administration & Public Affairs Meagan Flippin and Homecoming Director Shane Fortner about SGA's agenda for this semester.

"Communication is a big problem," Cash said. "If you're not in that college, then you don't know what's going on."

According to Cash, SGA has tried to compensate for the lack of communication on campus by sponsoring campus events that appeal to new students, but that isn't cutting it anymore.

"It doesn't take a whole lot to put up signs of some events out at the KUC that 20,000 people will walk past everyday."

One of the ways that SGA plans to improve communication at MTSU is implementing a new text message service called Mobile Campus, an alert system currently being used by the University of Florida, the University of Texas and Santa Fe Community College.

The way Mobile Campus works, according to the company's Web site, is members of an organization provide their telephone number to a list. When something is changed, for example, a class is canceled, all members on the list will receive a text message informing them.

The service offers a direct advantage over e-mailing or messaging through Facebook, said Mobile Campus spokesman Joe Goldberg, who first used the service at University of Florida.

"This is a good chance for the university to be on the cutting edge of technology," Cash said.

Cash's push to use "fresh ideas" like Mobile Campus also extends the philosophy of diversity within SGA.

"When you think about diversity, it's not just black or white. It is about representing all students, not just the age traditional range of 18-22," Cash said. "It doesn't take a genius to do what we do – anyone can tell you that – just people who want to be fair and care about our university."



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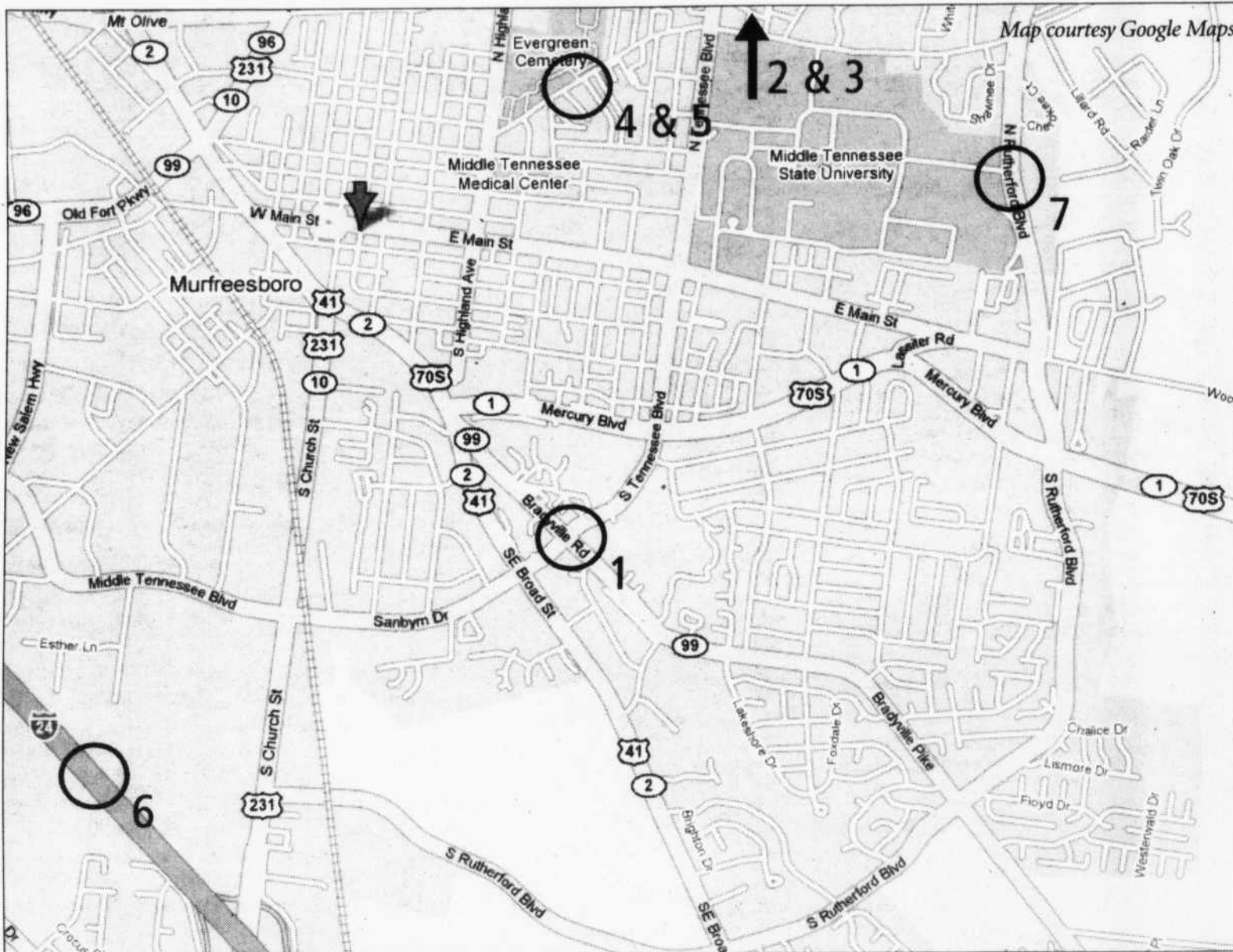


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## More roadwork around campus

Paving projects for the week of Aug. 28 to Sept. 1:

- \$. Obien Drive from Bradyville Pike to Winston Place.
- \$. Wingate Street from Obrien Drive to the end of the road.
- \$. Venada Trail.
- \$. Redland Court.
- \$. Regal Drive.
- \$. Regency Park Drive from Thompson Lane to Hanes Drive.

Milling projects (removing of top layer of pavement in preparation of paving):

- \$. Oak Street from Maple Street to Academy Street.
- \$. Elm Street from Church Street to Academy Street.
- \$. Monte Hale Drive to Battleground Drive.
- \$. Stonewall Boulevard from North Tennessee Boulevard to St. Rose of Lima Catholic School.
- \$. Lynnwood Circle from Maymont Drive to the end of the curb.
- \$. Huntwood Street from Maymont Drive to Leaf Avenue.
- \$. Kingwood Drive from Sunset Avenue to Sulpher Springs Road.

# Road projects continue

By Dana Owens

Community News Editor

The following are road projects around campus that could affect students' commute:

1: The East bound approach at the intersection of Bradyville Pike and Middle Tennessee Boulevard will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week due to the laying of a sewer line.

2: Old Lascassas Pike will continue to be closed to traffic from Hazelwood Drive to Cole Valley Road. Paving will begin in one to two months, weather permitting.

3: Construction on Old Lascassas Pike from Hazelwood Drive to Greenland Drive will continue for a month or longer with no major interruptions to traffic.

4: There will be a new detour on Greenland Drive as of Aug. 28. Traffic

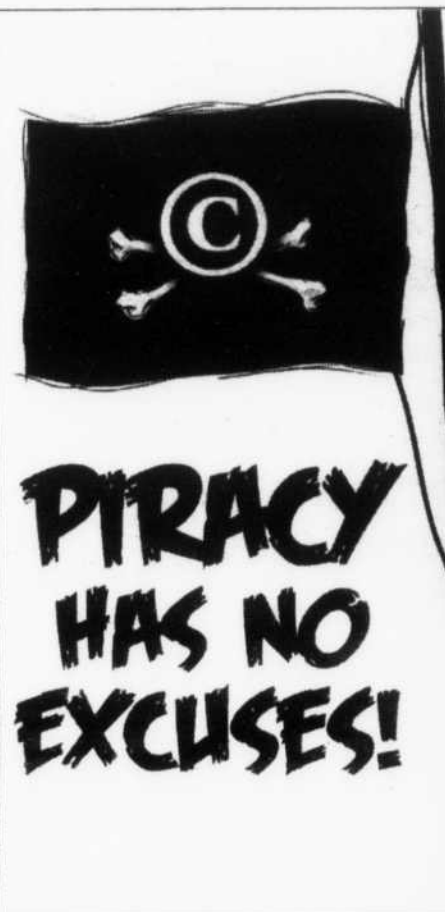
formerly routed through West Street will be using Fairview Street for two weeks only.

5: Construction on Greenland Drive to widen road to three lanes and add sidewalks and gutters will be ongoing for up to a year.

6: The I-24 interstate widening project between Highway 96 and Highway 231 from two to four lanes will continue throughout the semester, along with the installation of a new interchange at Highway 99. The Interstate will periodically go down to one lane for night work. The project is set for completion on June 1, 2008, though it will likely be finished earlier.

7: New traffic signals have been installed on North Rutherford Boulevard at the intersections of Alumni Drive and MTSU Boulevard.

Source: Murfreesboro Traffic Department and Tennessee Department of Transportation.



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# Former senator dies, leaves court vacancy

## Clayton may hold Trail's seat until next election

By Dana Owens

Community News Editor

Larry Trail, who won the seat of circuit court judge, 16th Judicial District, Division II in the Aug. 3 elections, died of liver complications Aug. 19 at the age of 53.

Trail, who served as a democratic state senator from Murfreesboro from 2000 to 2004, was to be sworn in Sept. 1.

According to the office of current Circuit Court Judge James Clayton, Jr., who ran against Trail for the judgeship in the Aug. 3 election, the now vacated position will most likely be filled by Clayton for two years, until another election is held.

The position, which is typically an eight-year term, has been held by Clayton since 1984, before he lost to Trail in early August.

Trail's health had been faltering for the past few months, but he had health problems ever since he was involved in a serious accident as a child, said Andy Womack, a former state senator from Murfreesboro and a personal friend of Trail.



Trail

"He caught us all by surprise," Womack said. "We knew he was ill, but we had no idea that there was a chance it was terminal."

Trail graduated from Woodbury High School and MTSU before attending the University of Tennessee College of Law. He then became an attorney and served as president of the Rutherford and Cannon County Bar Association.

"He was an incredible legislator," said Denise Lawrence, spokesperson for the Democratic State Caucus, adding that he was "a very kind and considerate person."

Monetary gifts have already been made to MTSU in memory of Trail, said Kiplynn Todd, assistant director of the Development and Foundation Office.

"There have been designated gifts of the foundation in memory of Larry Trail," Todd said, adding that the gifts will remain in the foundation until the family directs otherwise.

Todd said while the family is still in the process of grieving, "early indication is that there will be a scholarship."

"Often times, when someone prominent like that passes away, donations will be made to the [MTSU] foundation," Todd said.

From here, the family has the option of creating an endowment or using the money as a one-time scholarship, Todd said.

# Changes help students re-earn scholarship

By Joshua Cross

Contributing Writer

Since its creation in January 2004, the Tennessee HOPE Scholarship has provided a way for many students to pursue higher education.

But now with more money and a longer list of students on the roll, some major changes have been implemented, including allowing students the opportunity to re-earn the scholarship if they lose it.

"It really benefits a lot of students," said David Hutton, director of Financial Aid at MTSU. "On the first night [that the department began receiving student enroll-

ment numbers] there were 5,367."

That was more than last year's total of 5,100 students. This year, the numbers have risen again and there will be between 5,700 and 5,800 students benefiting from the scholarship, Hutton said.

This increase of recipients means more scholarship money will be coming into the school. MTSU will receive over \$11 million in all scholarship money, making it the second largest money-receiving school in Tennessee behind the University of Tennessee said David Chambers, associate director of the Office of Student

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## County Election Results

Dana Owens - Community News Editor

During the summer, *Sidelines* ran an election issue profiling candidates for the primary races for Rutherford County. On Aug. 3, you voted and here are the results:

### PRIMARY ELECTION

#### Tennessee House of Representatives

##### 34th District

Mary Esther Bell (D)

Donna Rowland (R)

##### 48th District

John Hood (D)

Joe Carr (R)

##### 49th District

Kent Coleman (D)

Oscar D. Gardner (R)

##### 62nd District

Curt Cobb (D)

No Republican candidate

#### State Committeeman District 13

Fred R. Hobbs (D)

Tim Rudd (R)

#### State Committeewoman District 13

Brenda Ables (D)

Sarah W. Black (R)

#### State Committeeman District 16

John D. Wiseman Jr. (D)

Lance Frizzell (R)

#### State Committeewoman District 16

Karen Garner (D)

Barbara Blanton (R)

State-wide general elections will be held Nov. 7.

### GENERAL ELECTION

County Mayor: Ernest Burgess

Sheriff: Truman L. Jones, Jr.

#### Circuit Court Judge District 16

Division I: Mark Rogers

Division II: Larry Trail

Division III: Don R. Ash

#### Chancellor 16th District

Robert E. Corlew, II

#### District Attorney General District 16

William C. Whitesell, Jr.

#### Public Defender District 16

Gerald L. Melton

### Commissioner

District 1: Doug Shafer

District 2: Jack Black

District 3: Will Jordan

District 4: Robert Peay

District 5: Carol Cook

District 6: Joe Frank Jernigan

District 7: Gary Farley

District 8: Ronald Floyd Williams

District 9: Steve Sandlin

District 10: Anthony Jordan

District 11: Mike Sparks

District 12: Rick Hall

District 13: Jeff Jordan

District 14: John Rogers

District 15: Adam Coggin

District 16: Bob Bullen

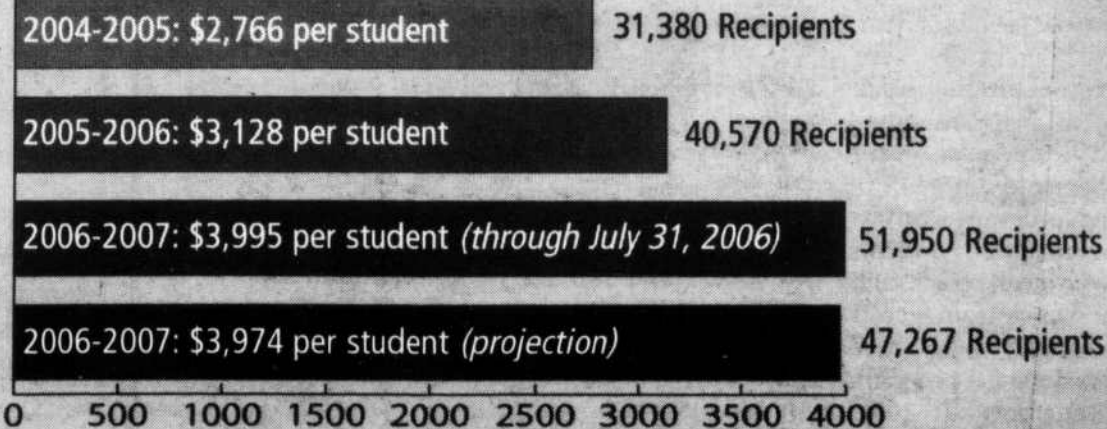
District 17: Jeff Phillips

District 18: Allen McAdoo

District 19: Joyce J. Ealy

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## BY THE NUMBERS



Source: Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation

# University's history full of milestones, stories

By Michaela Jackson

Editor in Chief

MTSU comes from an illustrious history of Nobel Prize winners, honorable soldiers and dedicated teachers.

And then there was that pig.

Every spring, the ladies of MTSU used to don their daintiest dresses and parade themselves before the student body in hopes of wearing the coveted May Queen crown, much as the girliest of girls dream of being in the homecoming court today.

In the spring of 1967, though, the May Queen hopefuls left a lot to be desired – at least that's how Bud Morris and his friends figured it.

"The ladies of choice didn't seem to be as attractive maybe as they had been in the past, and the situation had gone steadily downhill in our opinion," said Morris, a business management major who graduated in 1968. He told his story to researchers at the Albert Gore, Research Center, who transcribed his singular tale.

Morris and his friends acquired a wee piglet

and nicknamed her Paula Mae Queen, "Our Paula Mae," and entered her in the May Queen race. They set up a pen outside the Keathley University Center, and hung signs promoting "Paula Mae Pigg for May Queen."

With a little help from her human friends, Paula Mae became the first ever oinking May Queen – and the last May Queen ever.

"That was the last year we ever had a May Queen," Morris said. "The last time we ever had it."

MTSU's history is part sparkling achievement, part Greek tragedy and part barrel of monkeys (see aforementioned May Pig).

Founded in 1911 as one of three teacher-training institutions for the state, Middle Tennessee State Normal School opened its doors as part of a push by the General Assembly in Tennessee to improve state higher education.

The school began as a two-year program for training teachers, and by 1925, students could receive a Bachelor of Science degree after four years of study. Degree programs

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## New grant to help students with obstacles go to college

Grant aimed at poorest state counties; may not provide aid to minorities

By Chris Barkley

Contributing Writer

Young students in Warren, Coffee and Grundy Counties will continue to benefit from an MTSU-based college placement service, thanks to the renewal of a sizable federal grant.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Education renewed a four-year, \$880,000 grant for Talent Search, a program that aims to help disadvantaged students earn acceptance to college.

The program recruits disadvantaged students between sixth grade and high school from across the country who have qualified for the program, and attempts to place them in college. The long-

term placement process involves mentoring, ACT preparation, help completing college/loan applications and group trips to various cities outside the students' hometowns.

Talent Search at MTSU works with approximately 600 students yearly and has had highly successful college placement rates, which include enrollment into two-year associate colleges, said Thomas Cheatham, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

"This is a labor of love



Cheatham

for me," said Cheatham, who wrote the grant that funds the program. "MTSU has been very supportive of the program."

MTSU's Talent Search program serves Warren, Coffee and Grundy counties and employs three full-time professionals to recruit students.

"Most of the students helped by the program have parents that have not completed the 8th grade," said Megan Benton, coordinator for Grundy County, Tennessee's third poorest county per capita.

One of the qualifications for students wishing to be helped by the program is that their parents do not have a college degree, Benton said.

The Talent Search program has assisted four students currently enrolled at

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Wednesday, April 19, 1967

SIDELINES

## May Queen Contestants

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:  
We make no apologies for the selection of our candidate for May Queen, Paula Mae Pigg. However, we feel that if there is any misunderstanding concerning her desire to enter and win the election, this letter will explain.

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If anyone feels that there is any significance to our using a 4-legged pig for this honor, perhaps they are justified. A few facts:

1. There were ten people at the nominations, including the Attorney General.
2. There were no girls present at all.
3. Only about one-half of the present student body participated in the last ASB election.
4. MTSU is the only college left in the world that still has a Junior-Senior Prom (dance).
5. And above all, who cares anyway?

Signed—  
Everyone you see wearing a "write in Paula Mae Pigg" tag. (I.G.S.)



PAULA MAE PIGG

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The 1967 May Queen crown went to "Paula Mae Pigg" when then-student Bud Morris and friends entered her. This was the last year that MTSU held the competition.

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## Grant: Cheatham: program is 'labor of love'

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MTSU.

Statistics of minority students served are unknown, but Benton said the numbers are not important.

"The target is to help the less privileged, regardless of

skin color," she said.

According to the 2000 Tennessee census, Warren and Coffee counties are over 90 percent Caucasian. Grundy County was 98.3 percent, Caucasian with a census count of only 20 blacks and 141 Latinos.

The three Tennessee counties have low minority populations, but that is not a trend for the program, Cheatham said.

"There are Talent Search programs across the country that help minorities," he said. "This is a program that helps

disadvantaged students of any skin color."

Benton said that the program is not geared toward scoring political points, but to helping those who need a leg up, no matter what their race.

"I don't know if there are plans to go to more diverse areas," she said. "It's political-

ly correct right now to help Hispanics and blacks, but our programs help any student of any color."

The average ACT score for Talent Search enrollees nationally is 17, but students must achieve either a 21 on the ACT or hold a 3.0 grade point average to attend MTSU.

Ultimately, Benton pointed to college as an avenue of personal development, a goal that sits at the heart of Talent Search.

"Some students wouldn't dream of leaving mom and dad," Benton said. "Going to school is a big step, not just academically, but culturally and mentally."

## SGA: Need communication, diversity

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It was this kind of thinking that Cash used when he appointed Lora Hortert as

his attorney general.

"I felt like she had the most assets of all the candidates," Cash added. "She really wants to reach those who feel that they are

not a part of campus."

Besides being SGA's attorney general, Hortert, a 34-year-old pre-law major, is married and has three children. She decided to return to school after being a stay-at-home mother for 7 years.

"It seems that, statistically, non-traditional students make up 40 percent of MTSU students," Hortert said. "This doesn't include just older students but 20-year-old students who have children or are married or both. I want to say to non-traditional students that you can actually get involved in student government as well."

Other officers agree, such as Homecoming Director Shane Fortner, who decided to hold a Homecoming kick-off party at Bluesboro in hopes of boosting participation in the football festivities.

"I sat back and thought: obviously most people aren't drawn into the tradition of Homecoming—so what are they interested in?" Fortner said. "We figured [Bluesboro] was a neutral location; they can come get information [and] have a drink after if they want."

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## Students, consider before adopting pets

By Casey Phillips  
Features Editor

With three roommates, a younger brother and his mother in the same apartment, Larry Howe's living situation is pretty crowded.

Fortunately, his roommates are fastidiously clean, keep him company when he's up at all hours of the night and act much older than their years might suggest. Unfortunately, they also climb the furniture and shed.

Then again, they're cats – it's what they do.

Howe is one of many college students attempting to perform the precarious balancing act of fitting scouring books and the litter box onto the same schedule. But in the end – despite the expense of paying a pet deposit and the potential damage to his furniture – the benefits are worth it.

"They say pets are very calming, especially cats because they're not very high maintenance," he said, while in the background, 1 1/2 year-old Xanax clings precariously to a drying rack shuddering under her weight. "I'm not really worried about damages. I'd like to have

more pets – they're important to me."

Then again, the deposit of \$50 per animal Howe pays to have his cats live with him in Elrod Apartments at the corner of College Heights Street and Elrod Street is far cheaper than other locations, many of which charge as much as \$300 and limit occupants to one animal. That alone is enough to keep many people from enjoying companionship, Howe said.

"I used to work at the mall, and the sole reason many of the people there didn't have pets was because the pet deposit was so expensive," he said.

Bloated schedules are often overlooked when faced with the fluffy fur or floppy ears of a potential adoptee, said Kim Lickteig, the volunteer coordinator for Rutherford County Pet Adoption and Welfare Services or PAWS.

"People bite off more than they can chew with social clubs and a job," she said. "They don't understand the idea of making a commitment and that the animal will not fit into their new lives."

With so many demands on

See Pets, 19

## Professors: Welcome to MTSU Continued from 7

### Sean Foley, Ph.D., *College of Liberal Arts*

Foley is an assistant professor of history and specializes in modern Middle Eastern history, politics and religious movements.

Before coming to MTSU, Foley taught at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. and Georgetown University in Washington D.C., where he earned a M.A. in Arab studies and a Ph.D. in history.

Foley held Fulbright fellowships in Syria and



Foley

Turkey in 2002 and 2003. His writings on Middle Eastern history and culture, Persian Gulf politics, diplomatic history and terrorism have been published widely in both English and Arabic.

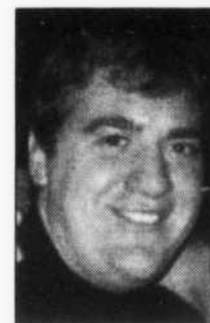
Foley's current book project, *The Arab Gulf States: When Oil is Not Enough*, is being written for Lynne Rienner Press and is about the history and politics of Saudi Arabia and the other Arab Gulf states.

This fall, Foley will teach courses on the Arab-Israeli dispute, world history since the 1500s, Middle Eastern history and an introductory course for the new minor in Middle East studies.

### Patrick Chinnery, M.A., *College of Liberal Arts*

Chinnery is an alumnus of MTSU, graduating summa cum laude from the political science department. He received his M.A. in political science from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University this past May. He's currently on leave from the Ph.D. program there to teach for one year.

At the Maxwell School, Chinnery was a teaching assistant for courses in political theory, public opinion and constitutional law, which are also his primary research interests.



Chinnery

This fall, Chinnery will be teaching introduction to American government, U.S. presidency and politics and film. He will also be an assistant coach for the nationally-renowned Mock Trial team.

In his spare time, Chinnery plays pick-up sports poorly, keeps tabs on his fantasy baseball and football teams and works on developing his palate further in an attempt to better appreciate fine beers.

"My suggestion for new students is to show up to their Friday classes. Nothing warms a professor's heart more than knowing that though their students may have partied hard the night before, they still got up for your class the next day." — Patrick Chinnery

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## Pets: Think carefully

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students' daily lives, finding time to train a pet can be difficult. The result—ing carpet stains, shredded blinds and scratched furniture are just a few of the reasons for high security deposits, many of which are non-refundable, apartment complex managers said.

"What worries me more than anything is the carpet and the cabinets

and that pets can scratch up the vinyl all the way down to the carpet," said Donna Cox, property manager at Nottingham Apartments where nearly 75 percent of residents pay a \$300, non-refundable deposit to live with their animals. "If the pet chews up the carpet or uses it as a bathroom, then the tenant is responsible for the damages — that's not normal wear and tear."

### If You're Interested...

Want to adopt? Here are some local animal shelters and humane societies looking for responsible adopters (be sure to call first as pet introductions may be by appointment only).

•Rutherford County Pet Adoption and Welfare Services (PAWS): 285 John Rice Blvd., Murfreesboro — telephone: 898-7740

•The Humane Alliance of Rutherford County: 975 Bridge Avenue, Murfreesboro — telephone: 907-7092

•Animal Medical Center: 234 River Rock Blvd., Murfreesboro — telephone: 867-7575

Source: Petfinder.com

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Rutherford County PAWS is always looking for volunteers to help them manage the occupants of their 15,000 square foot facility. So, if you're interested in being around animals before you decide to adopt or are just an animal lover, visit the center at 285 John Rice Blvd. or call 898-7740 and ask for volunteer coordinator Kim Lkktieg.

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Interested in owning a pet and taking classes? Here are some tips to help make the experience easier for both man and beast:

- To prevent destructive behavioral problems that may cause damage to your apartment or home, enroll your new puppy or dog in behavioral training classes.
- Consider hiring a dog sitter or walker to get your pet outside while you're in class to prevent anxiety that may lead to destructive activity.
- When deciding whether to adopt, consider the animal's breed — loose skin and big paws are cute on puppies, but they eventually grow into them. If you have neighbors who complain about noise, beagles or other vocal breeds are poor choices.
- Anticipate future expenses over the animal's lifetime from vet bills, pet deposits and potential damage fees when you move out.
- Make sure to check if there's a weight limit for your apartment complex — an overweight collie isn't a good reason to have to move.
- Don't adopt on impulse — this is a lifetime commitment. Consider all the negatives before making your decision.

Source: Rutherford County PAWS

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## Security: Campus Rec steps it up

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them their ID.

The gym is currently being used by students, faculty, and alumni that pay for the right to use the facilities, and it's unfair for people to use the facilities at the expense of others, according to the management.

Would-be violators are warned with warnings placed at the front of the facility and with various fliers placed all over campus.

"I think that it's good for people to not get in that shouldn't," said Matt Young, a senior geology major.

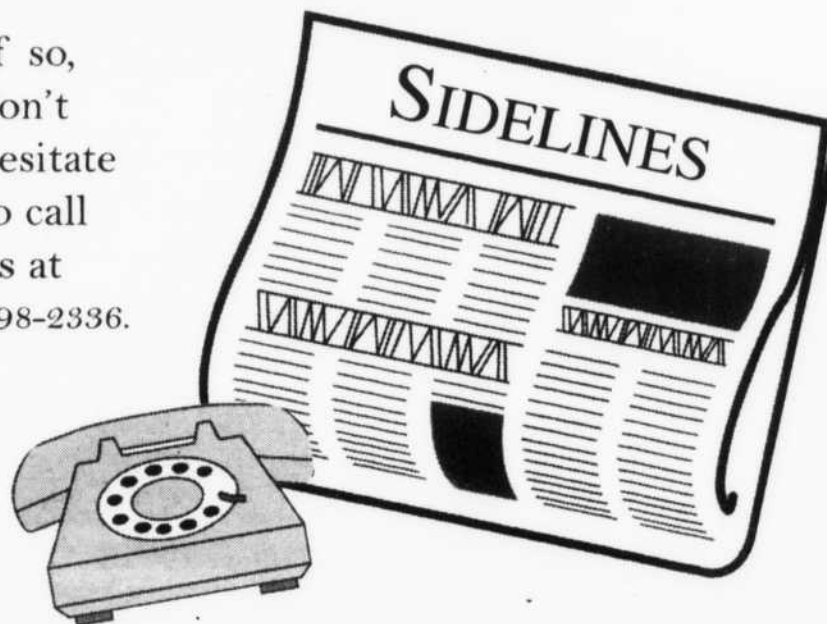
Management believes that this may

seem like an inconvenience during the first few weeks of school since some students may typically forget to bring their ID to school, but in the long run, it is for their benefit.

The new security system is part of a broader Risk Management program which consists of procedures on how to handle medical emergencies, fires, tornadoes or other potential disasters. Over 130 student staff members have been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, how to prevent accidental exposure to blood born pathogens, and how to proceed in handling emergency situations.

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# Building names revere bygone era

By Will Cade  
Staff Writer

Ogling freshmen wander an alien MTSU campus, glancing from their peers to fold-up maps and back again. Lost and excited, they ask someone who looks remotely confident, "Where's Peck Hall?" The experienced student responds, "Down the sidewalk, a square donut on your right."

Most incoming freshmen are most concerned with where each building is, not who it was named after or why. Then, after a year or two, a building's nickname or acronym calls to mind quicker than its history, assuming the student bothered to learn it in the first place. So who are the people behind the names of these buildings? Where do they come from and what do they mean?

Austin Renfro, a sophomore recording industry major, refers to the E.W. Midgett Building as "the Midge," yet he does not know who "the Midge" was. Elwin W. Midgett went by the nickname "Wink," according to the 1955 edition of MTSU's now-defunct yearbook, *The Midlander*. He supposedly received the name due to his "cat-like agility as a player." In a 1995 interview, though, Margaret Nell Midgett, Wink's wife, said he received the name "because he winked at the girls."

Some students may never enter the Midgett Building, which is attached to the back of Kirksey Old Main, and might never think about the origins of its name. At the other end of the spectrum, though, nearly every student sets foot in the Keathley University Center. The KUC was named after Snider Belt Keathley — and no, those are not nicknames. Belt Keathley had "the potentially dangerous task of calling errant students on the carpet," an antiquated

phrase referring to some type of punishment, according to a 1957 *Midlander*.

Are these the defining characteristics of E.W. Midgett and Snider Belt Keathley? They sound more like snippets written in jest by students, but administration officials say the naming process is a slightly more involved than adopting that.

**I call it a Uranidrome ... I deliberately avoided a proper name. A word I invented doesn't have any baggage that could be perceived as negative.**

Eric Klumpe, associate professor of physics and astronomy, speaking of his observatory on campus

"Buildings or significant facilities can be named for individuals due to their exceptional accomplishment or a unique and significant contribution," says Joe Bales, vice president for development and university relations.

The naming process itself is lengthy and involves multiple steps. A nomination must first be made to the university's Ad Hoc Building Naming Advisory Committee where, "The committee considers it, and then makes a recommendation to the president who then submits it to the Tennessee Board of Regents for approval," Bales says.

Even though this chain of events

seems cumbersome, anyone can set it in motion with a nomination. Students can even nominate themselves.

Specific criteria may prevent someone from having a building named after them. For instance, according to MTSU's Policies and Procedures, "no building may bear the name of an individual convicted of a felony." It may also not be named for an individual still employed at the university or within one year of the person's death.

If felony charges stand in the way of a personal nomination or the administrative red tape turns someone off to the idea of a nomination, buildings can still receive unofficial nicknames.

What is sometimes referred to as the Naked Eye Observatory in front of Cope Administration Building has not been officially titled, yet it has already received a name from its designer, Eric Klumpe, an associate professor of physics and astronomy.

"I call it a Uranidrome," says Klumpe, adding that the term means a building specifically built for the sky. "It's Greek, because I was inspired by Greek Astronomers. I deliberately avoided a proper name. A word I invented doesn't have any baggage that could be perceived as negative."

A naming ceremony has not occurred, but his associates in the Physics and Astronomy Department collectively use Klumpe's name for the construction, he says.

"I'm not a ribbon-cutting kinda guy. You probably have to get a big pair of scissors that don't do anything but open and close. I'm just guessing that kinda junk is sitting in a

closet somewhere on campus."

With or without a ceremony, the Uranidrome attracts attention both because of its unique name

and its interesting architecture. Once a freshman sees the Uranidrome, though, maps won't likely be necessary to find it again.

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## History: Filled with milestones, stories

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were added steadily for the next 50 years, with the Bachelor of Arts arriving in 1936, the Graduate School established in 1951, the Doctor of Arts being offered in 1970 and the Specialist in education in 1974.

The college achieved university status in 1965.

In the course of its 95 years, the university and its students have seen the world transform. If the walls of Kirksey Old Main could talk, they would tell stories of social dances, stories of women's liberation, stories of war.

Buleah Davis graduated from the State Teacher's College of Murfreesboro in 1936. She lived in Lyon Hall, but she might as well have been a prisoner. She, like Morris, told her story to Gore Center researchers, making an offering from the past to the present.

Girls at the time were not permitted to leave the dorms late at night without permission, and they could not go home for weekends without written permission from

their parents or guardians, received by the dormitory hostess no later than Friday, of course.

The plus side of going to MTSU in the 1920s was that parking wasn't the obstacle it is today.

"You didn't have anything to park but your shoes," said Davis, who said she distinctly remembered when the 600th student registered.

With many of today's incoming freshman graduating from high school classes almost twice as large, 600 may seem insignificant. To a campus that started out with 125 eager learners, though, 600 was a real milestone.

In 1944, Davis returned to Middle Tennessee State College as a teacher. A student population of 600 would have been significant then, too, as the headcount had dwindled to 200, with only 20 men, due to World War II.

"The whole existence during that time was directed toward World War II," Davis said through tears. "Almost daily, there were

### A Sampling of Rules and Regulations for the Girls Dormitory

1932-1933

Young men may call at the dormitories from 3 until 5 o'clock. Special arrangements for out-of-town callers must be made with the hostess. In such cases callers may remain in the sitting room until 9 o'clock. Callers are not to smoke in the reception rooms.

Young women are not allowed to sit in cars with young men.

No electrical appliances are permitted to be used or kept in the dormitory rooms.

Young women have the privilege of going to town three times a week without permission, returning not later than 5:40 p.m. Young men may accompany young women to the picture show on these afternoons.

Loud laughing, screaming, running in the corridors, calling or talking from windows are considered inappropriate for college women.

Source: Albert Gore Research Center

reports of some who had been on this campus that would never come back, or some who came back in a box."

The sun parted the clouds at the end of the war, though, and everyday life resumed.

"In the next year, '45 or '46, the boys began to come home and people began to smile more and think about things to do for fun."

The men returning from war and utilizing of the Ground Infantry Bill brought a sharp rise in male enrollment at the college, according to the Gore Center. In 1945, there were only 43 male students on campus, but that number grew to 513 in 1946.

One side effect of the influx of males after the war was a swing away from female dominance in student government.

During World War II, there were four consecutive female student body presidents, but with the influx of men, the women moved behind a male face of leadership, long to stay.

There was not another female president for approximately 40 years.

One man on campus appreciated the female influence, though. Despite running a pig for May Queen, Bud Morris, who left his mark on campus more than 30 years after Davis graduated, cultivated a love for the female charms.

The girls, who still had to be in their dorms by 9 p.m. for bed in the 1960s, may not have appreciated the hawk-like oversight of their daily lives, but Morris certainly did.

"That's probably what got me out of college, because if the girls hadn't had to be back in the dorms, I would've never studied, ever," he told researchers. "And so, luckily they had to be in the dorms, and that got me through about three years of college."

The dress code was stringent, as well.

"At that time on campus, girls could not wear shorts," Morris said. "If they were going to [physical education] class, they had to wear a raincoat over their shorts."

All of MTSU's history, massive as it is, converges to form a cohesive picture of the institution as it now stands.

"The history of MTSU is very important for understanding the university as it is today," said Lisa Pruitt, the director of the Gore Research Center, in a written statement. "For example, many people might think that the presence of 'non-traditional' students and 'commuter' students is a recent thing – but it actually dates back to the period right after World War II and the passage of the GI Bill, which paid for many veterans to pursue college degrees all over the United States."

These new, non-traditional students are the very same Davis spoke of in her oral history – the very same students who made everyone smile.

MTSU fits in perfectly with the greater history of the nation – the students' perspective on national issues.

"MTSU students should be interested in the university's history because of its great importance to the region, but also because, in some ways, that history is a microcosm of broader American history," Pruitt said.

"Progressivism's reform of public education in the 1910s, military training in World War II, the GI Bill, integration, the expansion of women's sports in response to Title IX legislation in the 1970s, expanding access to disabled students beginning in the 1980s – those are just a few examples."

From soldiers and shorts bans to pigs and parking, MTSU's history has it all – and then some.

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**HOPE: Scholarship amount increases.**

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## Financial Aid.

One of the reasons that that amount keeps climbing higher is because there is more money available. The money that a student can receive has increased from \$3,300 to \$3,800 this year, and if that person is from a foster home they can receive even more.

If a student has a cumulative grade point average less than 2.75 after 24 attempted semester hours, and lower than a 3.0 after 48, 72, 96 or 120 hours, they will lose their scholarship.

A major this year change is that it is now possible for a student to get the scholarship back by raising their GPA to 3.0 at the next benchmark period, Hutton said.

Of all of the classes that receive HOPE, these rules affect freshmen the most. While 90 percent of freshman

get the scholarship, their drop-off rate of half is the highest of any other class.

"That first year is a killer," Hutton said. "After the freshmen year, [the drop-off rate goes real slow.]"

According to the Tennessee Lottery Board, \$636 million has gone toward education to date. For every dollar spent on the lottery, 50 percent goes toward prize money, 30 percent goes toward scholarships, and 20 percent goes toward administrative purposes. A total of \$93.4 million was awarded to students last year alone.

For more information about the Hope Scholarship or any other scholarships you can visit [mtsu.edu/scholarships](http://mtsu.edu/scholarships) or call the Office of Financial Aid at 898-2830.

**Election**

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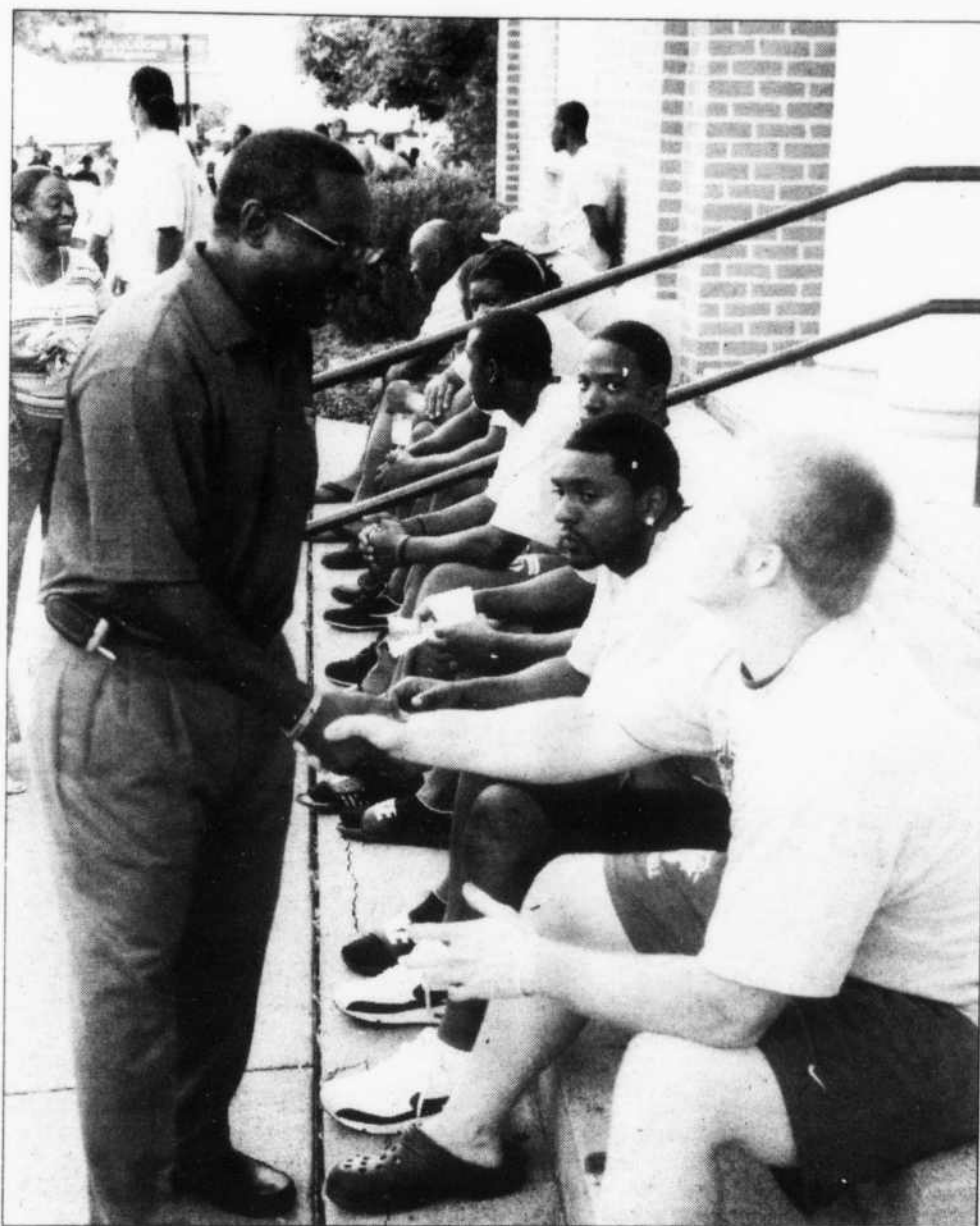


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President Sidney McPhee shakes hands with junior MT football player Josh Dutton at the Blue Raider Bash in downtown Murfreesboro Friday. Dutton and his teammates take the field Thursday night.

By **Andy Harper**

*Campus Life Editor*

Break out the airhorns and the hot dog buns: Week of Welcome has arrived.

Staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to make the approximately 3,000 freshmen and 20,000 returning students feel right at home.

"This year we have 3,327 incoming freshman joining our school," said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. "We always enjoy students and faculty returning after a nice rest."

The schedule for Week of Welcome will extend from today until next Wednesday, and will include organization fairs, a football game and a lot of freebies.

"The breakdown looks great," said Rob Patterson, coordinator of Student Development. "The week has something for everyone and we highly encourage all students to participate."

Today is the MTSU department fair, held outside the Keathley University Center, and the Nashville Star concert at Tucker Theatre located in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts building.

"There will be about 30 departments on campus promoting themselves, including Women's Studies, the Recreation Center and Multicultural Affairs," Patterson said. "They will also be passing out cookies and punch starting around noon."

Tonight is the Nashville Star concert with its winner, MTSU local, Chris Young.

Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer

Anna Moore, a freshman fashion design major, collects her box of textbooks at Phillips Bookstore on campus. The bookstore offers a book-retrieval service to freshmen. By using the students' class schedules, store employees collect the books for the students, and hold the books for pick-up.



Admission is free to all persons with MTSU student identification.

"Tuesday will be a 'Meet Murfreesboro' in the KUC and we will have about 34 local businesses offering their services to new students unfamiliar with the area," Patterson said. "There will be everything from doctors to churches, banks and clothing stores"

Later on Tuesday, students can attend a grill-out beside the Cummings Hall. The Blue Raider Bash includes free tailgating food and a 10-foot long cake donated by Aramark, Patterson said.

"The Bash is really a chance for students to do a meet and greet with the athletic department," Patterson said. "Many of the athletic teams will be there, including basketball, softball and football. We will also be giving out prizes including autographed jerseys, sweatshirts and other MTSU athletic apparel."

The cookout also serves as a mini-fair for the Recreation Center clubs. Games and informational booths will be set up and will include dodge ball, volleyball and tug-of-war clubs.

The Blue Raider Bash will also include the annual Big Fat Blue Raider Bake-Off. Entries will be judged on taste and school spirit, and the winner will receive a tailgate party for 10 people, Patterson said.

Wednesday, Meet Murfreesboro will return to the KUC and "Saturday Night Live" comedian Seth Myers will perform at Tucker Theatre. Like Nashville Star, Myers' show is free to all with MTSU identification.

"Thursday will be the first home football game and we encourage everyone to attend," Patterson said. "ESPN+ will be

attending, as well."

The game will be MTSU facing Florida International at Floyd Stadium, with free admission for MTSU students.

"After the Labor Day weekend, Tuesday and Wednesday will be the Student Organization and Volunteer Fairs," Patterson said.

The Volunteer Fair is next Tuesday and is expected to have 48 on- and off-campus volunteer organizations showcasing their causes and recruiting members, said Matt Demonbrun, graduate assistant for Student Organizations and head of the Volunteer Fair.

"We will have everything from the Boys and Girls Club to Up Til' Dawn," Demonbrun said. "We will want to help anyone looking for volunteer opportunities and encourage every student to do at least one activity."

The Student Organization fair is next Wednesday and provides an opportunity for the 300 plus student organizations on campus to showcase and recruit, said Amanda Newman, graduate assistance for Student Organizations and head of the Organization Fair.

"We have so many different and unique clubs on campus," Newman said. "Anime club, Dance and Theatre and even an Air Challenger Alliance. There is literally something out there for everyone."

"All Week of Welcome is really about is all the students getting out and meeting each other and enjoying the activities," Patterson said. "I know this one will be the best we've done yet."

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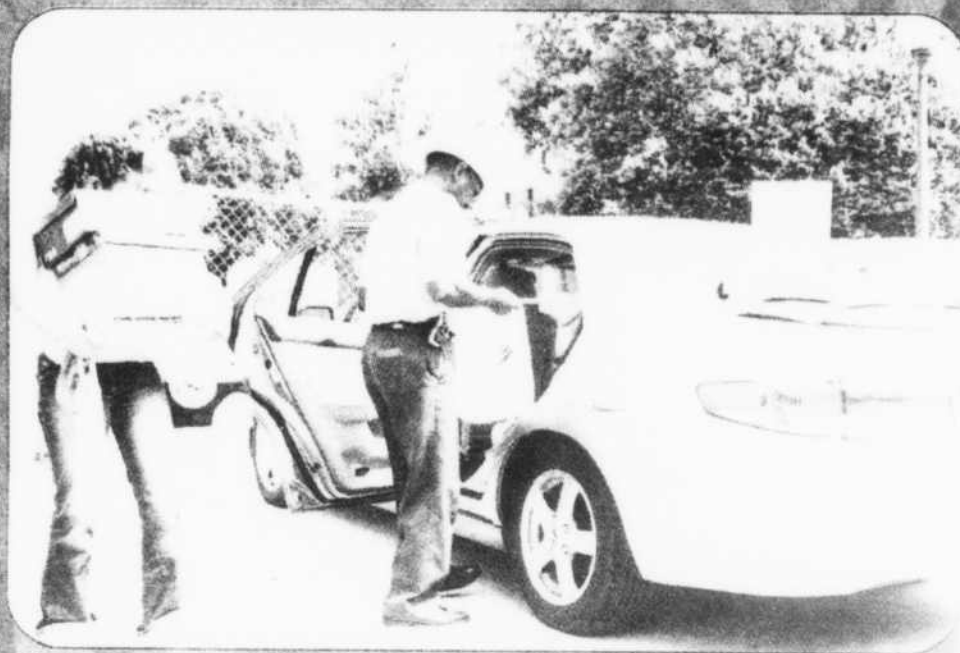


Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer  
 Freshman chemistry major Bethany Gardner and her dad Bill unload their car in front of Corlew hall after arriving from Chattanooga Sunday



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 Above: Maley Smith (right), a freshman Mass Communications, checks into her dorm at Corlew Hall Saturday with her mom.  
 Left: Dining halls opened to hungry students Sunday, giving new freshmen the opportunity to cash in their meal plans.

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# OVER THE WEEKEND . . .

## Friday, Aug. 25:

- §. *Blue Raider Bash* – Welcomed the start of a new athletic season
- §. *We-Haul* – Volunteers helped freshmen get moved in.
- §. *Dinner and a Movie* – *Top Gun* blasted across campus.

## Saturday, Aug. 26:

- §. *We-Haul* – Volunteers helped freshmen get moved in.
- §. *Information Booths* – Get involved on campus.
- §. *Dinner and a Street Fair* – It's like little Italy...in Murfreesboro.

## Sunday, Aug. 27:

- §. *Convocation* - Speaker Greg Critser wrote the recommended summer reading book *Fat Land*
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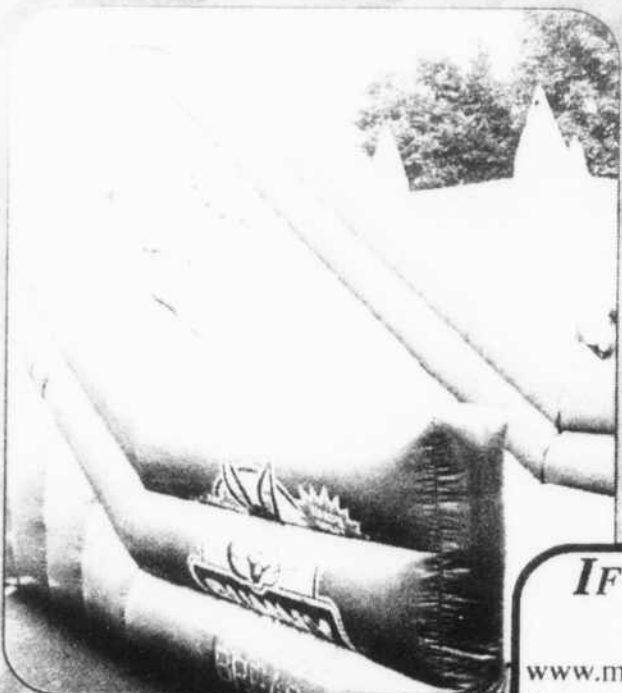


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Top: Freshman Anna Moore, right, moves into Corlew Hall Friday with the help of sophomore education major Autumn Hailsip, left, and Taylor Smith, second from left, a senior education major. Hailsip and Smith volunteered as part of the We-Haul event to help new freshmen get settled in the dorms.

Left: The Blue Raider Bash in the downtown Murfreesboro square Friday offered food and entertainment to the community in celebration of the new athletic season.

Right: Dave Franklin, a sophomore recording industry transfer student from Auburn walks Sunday with his father, Dave, looking for his classes in preparation for Monday.



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# SPORTS

## Fresh faces look to breathe life into Blue Raider football

By Casey Brown

Staff Writer

It's almost gotten to the point of becoming cliché, but it's true.

The 2006 season marks the beginning of a new era in Middle Tennessee football, in more ways than one.

The turf is new (and state-of-the-art). The uniforms are new (and eye-catching). The non-conference opponents are new (and tough). But perhaps most importantly, the outlook is new.

One cannot mention Blue Raider football without discussing new head coach Rick Stockstill, a former assistant coach at South Carolina. Stockstill brings along a stable of new assistants, completing MT's new look.

A palpable excitement can be felt surrounding the upcoming season. There are even new Facebook groups dedicated to Coach Stockstill and the team, including one for students who did not

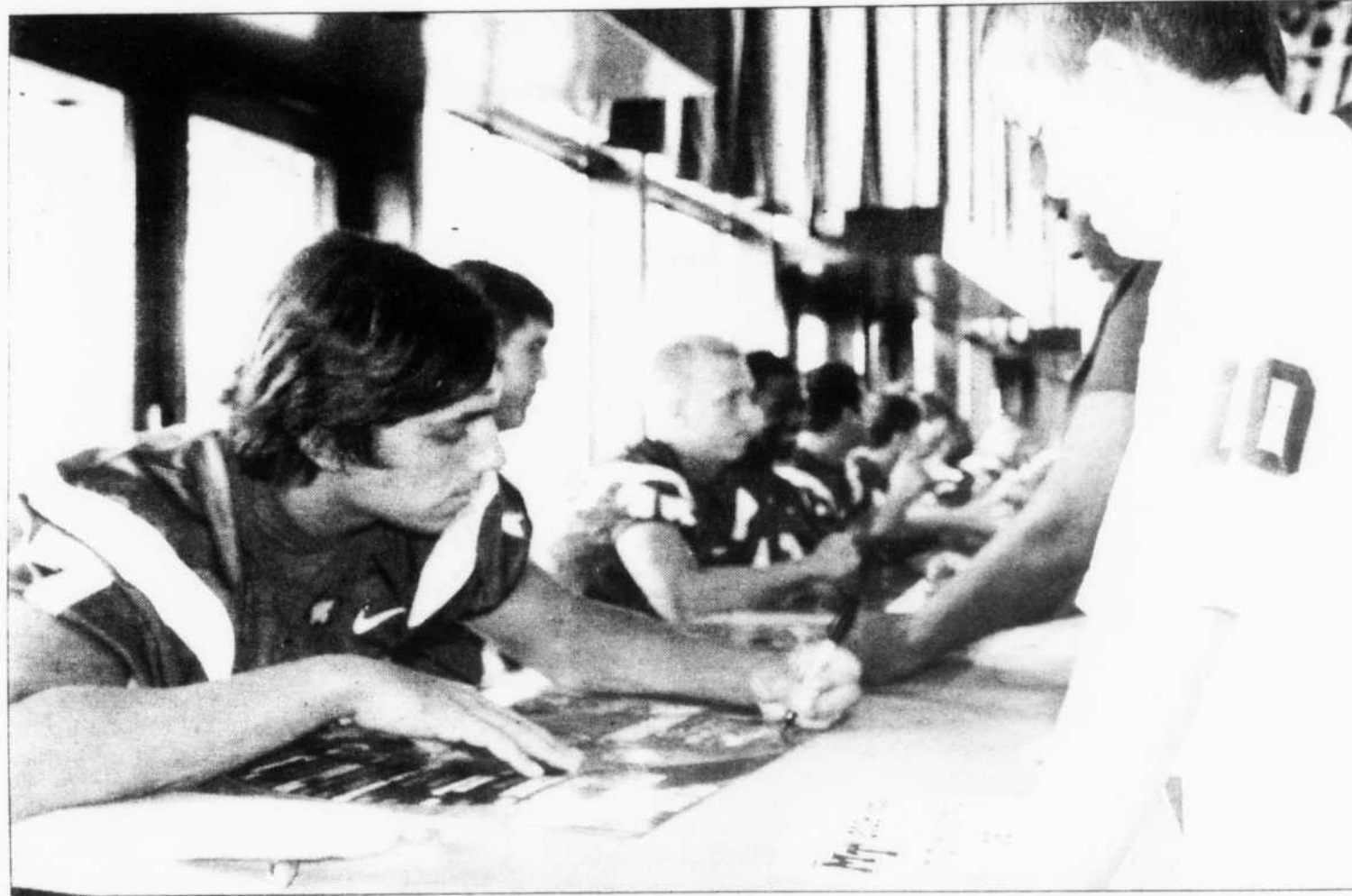


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Senior Blue Raider Quarterback Clint Marks signs an autograph to a young fan at the Blue Raider Bash in the Murphy Center last week. MT football players will kick off their season Thursday night against Florida International, playing on their brand new turf in Floyd Stadium.

previously attend games that say they now will.

But what of the product on the field? Most preseason polls, including CBS and ESPN, have MT sitting at around 100 among the 119 Division I-A teams. Despite the lack of faith in the Blue Raiders among the media, the new staff insists that the team will be better than advertised.

Though no team belongs to one player, much of MT's success will begin and end with senior tailback Eugene Gross. Already known as a capable receiver out of the backfield, Gross has been conditioning heavily in the offseason and rushed for 158 yards in the Blue/White Spring Game.

While Gross is expected to carry a heavy load, there will also be plenty of attention on senior quarterback Clint Marks.

Despite putting up impressive passing numbers the last two seasons, Marks has been criticized for his poor judgment and drive-killing interceptions. The quarterback has one more season and a new system with which to prove himself.

The wide receiving corps, typically a strength of the program, begins the season with very little experience. Fifth-year senior Pierre Ingram is the elder statesman of the bunch, and Ingram, notorious for strong springs followed by disappointing falls, will be counted on to carry over his offseason success.

The Blue Raiders suffered fairly heavy losses from a unit that ranked 17th nationally in scoring defense last season, allowing 18.7 points per game. Linebacker J.K. Sabb returns after leading the team in tackles last season.

Sabb was overcome on the depth

chart during the spring by senior Justin Rainey, who spent much of last season injured on the sidelines.

Special teams should be solid for MT, as preseason All-Sun Belt selection Colby Smith will handle the kicking and punting duties.

A conference showdown with Florida International on Thursday will serve as a litmus test of sorts, while the team will renew an old rivalry with Tennessee Tech on Sept. 14.

Some say a winning record might be a stretch in season one of the Stockstill era, but the coach has pledged that the Blue Raiders will be hardworking, improving and worth the price of admission.

So far, he seems to have plenty of believers.



## 2006 Football Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:	Location:
<b>Aug. 31</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Florida International Beach Bash on ESPN+</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Sept. 9	5 p.m.	Maryland	College Park, Md.
<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>	<b>Tennessee Tech Faith and Family Day</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Sept. 23	6 p.m.	Oklahoma	Norman, Ok.
Sept. 30	6:05 p.m.	North Texas	Denton, Tex.
<b>Oct. 6</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Louisville</b>	<b>Nashville, Tenn. (LP Field)</b>
Oct. 21	6 p.m.	Louisiana-Monroe	Monroe, La.
Oct. 28	4 p.m.	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.
Nov. 4	2:30 p.m.	Florida Atlantic Homecoming/Hall of Fame	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Nov. 11	2:05 p.m.	Arkansas State	Jonesboro, Ark.
Nov. 18	TBA	South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.
<b>Nov. 25</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Troy Salute to Veterans/Senior Day</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Dec. 22	7 p.m.	CUSA New Orleans Bowl	New Orleans, La.

Bold denotes home game.

Italics denotes Sun Belt Conference opponent.

Courtesy of MT Media Relations

# MT starts season on new turf

## No other school in country boasts 'Powerblade' surface

By Casey Brown

Staff Writer

Workers recently completed the installation of the new synthetic playing surface at Floyd Stadium. Part of the "Powerblade" line by Sportex, the new turf costs about \$800,000 according to preliminary projections.

Middle Tennessee is the first school in the country to have Powerblade turf installed. The surface is billed as the most durable on the market.

The Blue Raiders' previous field of play, a thinner layer of bright green carpeting, has been replaced with a softer, more natural surface similar to that used by the Baltimore Ravens of the NFL in M&T Bank Stadium, which was voted best turf in the league by NFL players.

MT will have less than two weeks to adjust to the change before hosting Florida International on August 31. Coaches and staff expect the new turf will significantly reduce injuries.

For almost a month in July and August, Blue Raider supporters had the opportunity to purchase "Stock" (after head coach Rick Stockstill) in the new turf for \$250. The stockholders were given sideline passes to the FIU contest in two weeks.

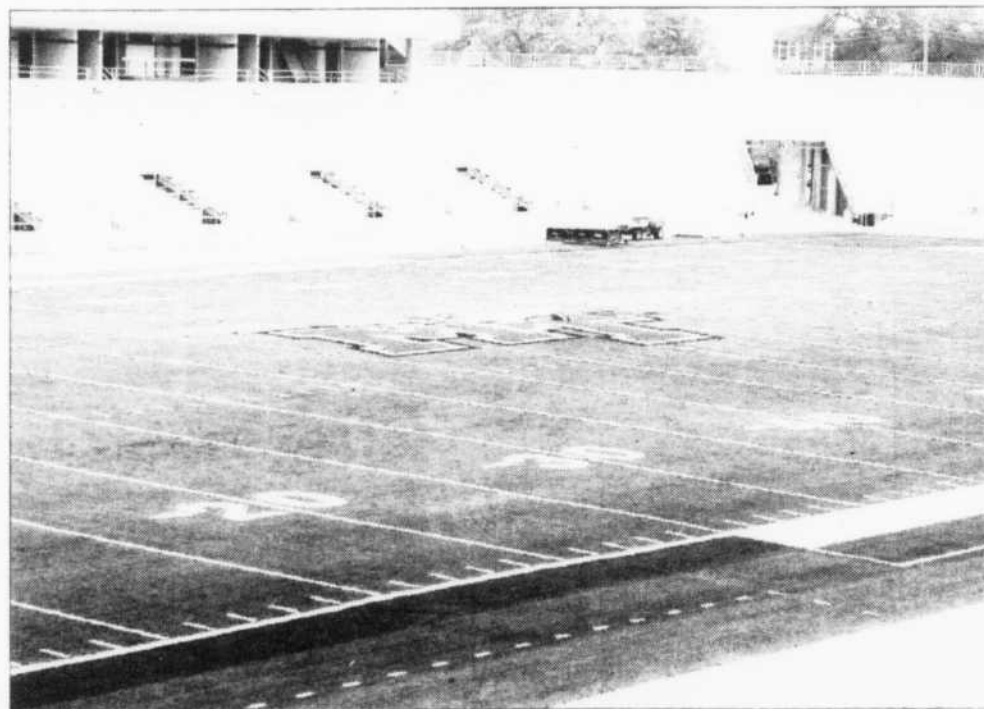
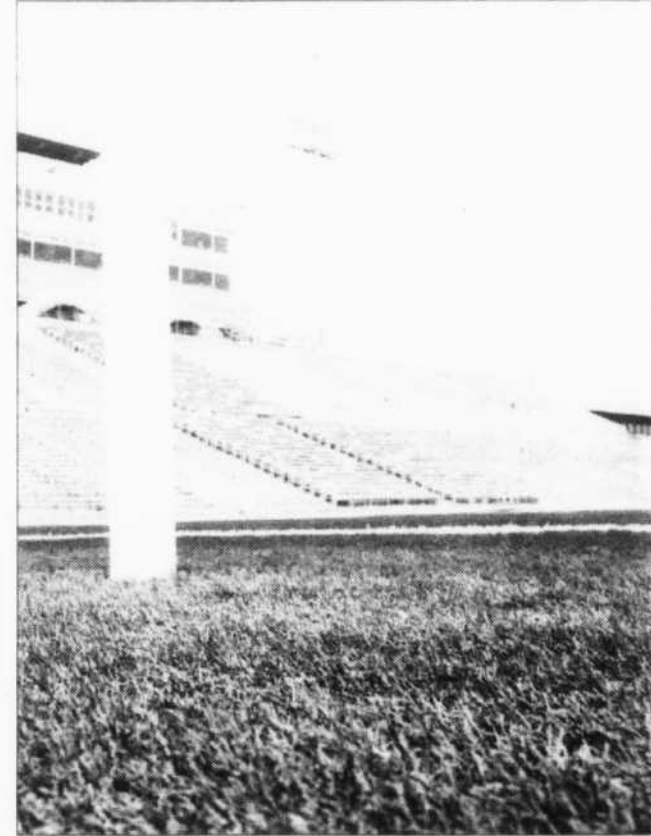


Photo by Jay Richardson  
Senior Photographer

The MT Blue Raiders will be the only college athletes to start their season on a "Powerblade" playing surface this year. The field, which cost approximately \$800,000, is similar to that at the Baltimore Ravens' stadium. The turf is not grass, but a softer and more natural-feeling imitation than that on which the team is used to playing. Coaches said they anticipate the turf will reduce injuries.



# 2006 MT Football Roster

Head Coach: Rick Stockstill  
Asst. Head Coach/BB: Larry Kirksey

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (Prev. School)
1	Justin Rainey	LB	6-0	222	r-Sr.	Rock Hill, SC (Northwestern)
2	Desmond Gee	RB	5-8	163	Fr.	Greenville, FL (Madison Co.)
3	Salin Simpson	QB	6-3	205	Fr.	Lexington, KY (Henry Clay)
4	Pierre Ingram	WR	6-4	210	r-St.	Stockbridge, GA (Stockbridge)
5	Damon Nickson	S	6-0	177	Jr.	Milton, FL (Milton)
6	Roy Polite	CB	6-0	188	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL (Fletcher Sr.)
7	Alex Suber	RB	5-9	163	So.	Tampa, FL (Thomas Jefferson)
8	Jonathan Harris	S	5-10	202	Sr.	Montgomery, AL (Jefferson Davis)
9	Jay Robinson	WR	6-3	200	r-Fr.	Wetumpka, AL (Wetumpka)
10	Patrick Jackson	QB	6-2	192	r-Jr.	Macon, GA (First Presbyterian Day School)
11	Chance Dunleavy	LB	6-2	239	Sr.	West Covina, CA (South Hills)
12	Joe Craddock	QB	5-11	188	r-So.	Birmingham, AL (Briarwood Christian)
13	Taron Henry	WR	6-1	189	r-Jr.	Murfreesboro, TN (Riverdale)
16	Gene Delle Donne	QB	6-5	240	r-Fr.	Wilmington, DE (Salesianum)
17	Clint Marks	QB	6-2	200	r-St.	Fort Myers, FL (Estero)
18	Ronald Steed	S	5-11	207	r-Sr.	Kennesaw, GA (North Cobb)
19	Tavares Jones	DE	6-2	236	Jr.	Swainsboro, GA (Swainsboro)
20	Eugene Gross	RB	5-9	208	r-Sr.	Statesboro, GA (Statesboro)
21	Phillip Tanner	RB	6-0	200	Fr.	Dallas, TX (Kimball)
22	DeMarco McNair	RB	5-11	192	r-Jr.	Thomson, GA (Thomson)
23	Albert Webb	RB	5-6	160	r-Fr.	Swainsboro, GA (Swainsboro)
24	Bradley Robinson	CB	5-10	170	r-Jr.	Duncan, SC (James F. Byrnes)
25	J.K. Sabb	LB	5-11	221	Sr.	Augusta, GA (Lucy Laney)
26	Jordan Wilson	CB	5-10	168	So.	Tampa, FL (Chamberlain)
27	Reggie Doucet	CB	6-0	190	Sr.	Prunedale, CA (North Monterey County)
29	Lonnie Clemons III	LB	6-1	214	r-So.	Milledgeville, GA (Baldwin)
30	Cam Robinson	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	Stevenson, AL (North Jackson)
31	David Raymond	WR	5-10	174	r-Fr.	Atlanta, GA (Dalton)
32	Dana Stewart	S	6-0	198	r-Jr.	Springfield, TN (Springfield)
33	Coy Williamson	FB	5-11	243	Fr.	Niceville, FL (Niceville)
35	Matt King	PK	5-10	190	r-So.	Valdosta, GA (Valdosta)
36	Michael Zacco	K	5-10	182	Fr.	Ocala, FL (Trinity Catholic)
37	Anthony Glover	S	6-2	211	Jr.	Decatur, GA (McNair)
38	Hunter Birtsch	FB	5-11	233	r-Jr.	Knoxville, TN (Bearden)
39	Marcus Brandon	LB	5-11	215	r-St.	Clarksville, TN (Kenwood)
40	Josh Dutton	FB	6-0	228	r-Jr.	Lenoir City, TN (Lenoir City)
41	John Marc Stephens	TE	6-4	256	r-So.	Murfreesboro, TN (Blackman)
42	Jonathan Parks	DS	6-0	230	r-Jr.	Nashville, TN (Hunters Lane)
43	Erik Walden	DL	6-2	232	r-Jr.	Dublin, GA (Dublin)
44	Danny Carmichael	LB	6-0	218	Fr.	Woodstock, GA (Woodstock)
45	Sean Mosley	DE	6-2	255	r-Jr.	Sylvania, GA (Screven Co.)
46	Colby Smith	PK/P	5-9	190	r-Sr.	Franklin, TN (Franklin)
47	Walt Bell	WR	5-10	188	r-St.	Dickson, TN (Dickson Co.)
48	Adam Wade	LB/DS	5-10	210	Fr.	Florence, SC (South Florence)
49	Andre Wicker	DL	6-1	254	Fr.	Atlanta, GA (Booker T. Washington)
50	Paul Cantrell	OL	6-5	326	r-Sr.	Canton, GA (Sequoayah)
52	Gary Tucker	DL	6-2	245	Fr.	Maryville, TN (Maryville)
54	Franklin Dunbar	OL	6-5	327	r-So.	Waycross, GA (Ware County)
55	Christopher Sapp	DL	6-4	276	r-Sr.	Albany, GA (Dougherty)
56	Wes Hofacker	DL	6-2	247	r-So.	Allen, TX (Allen)
57	Marcus Gates	OL	6-2	289	r-St.	LaGrange, GA (LaGrange)
61	Cade Becher	OL	6-3	270	r-Sr.	Peoria, AZ (Peoria)
62	Evon Lettsome	OL	6-4	295	Fr.	Apopka, FL (Apopka)
63	Chris Ritter	OL	6-2	316	r-So.	Shalimar, FL (Choctawhatchee)
65	Darrell Howard	OL	6-5	278	r-So.	Covington, GA (Eastside)
70	Richard Bortner	OL	6-6	340	r-So.	Crestview, FL (Crestview)
71	J. C. Moore	OL	6-6	305	Fr.	Forest, MS (Forest)
72	Mark Thompson	OL	6-4	298	r-Fr.	Old Hickory, TN (DCA)
73	Germayie Franklin	OL	6-4	314	r-Sr.	Waycross, GA (Ware Co.)
75	Chris Hawkins	OL	6-3	285	Fr.	Lexington, KY (Henry Clay)
76	Jamal Lewis	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	Huntsville, AL (Butler)
77	David Price	OL	6-4	312	r-So.	Jacksonville, FL (Mandarin)
78	Derek Mason	DL	6-4	271	r-Jr.	Starkville, MS (Starkville)
79	Brandon Nix	OL	6-4	296	Jr.	Talladega, AL (Coosa Valley Academy)
80	Clinton Corder	TE	6-3	240	r-Jr.	Brentwood, TN (CPA)
81	Luke Paschall	WR	5-10	181	r-Sr.	Dickson, TN (Dickson Co.)
82	Alvin Ingle	TE	6-2	230	Fr.	Madison, TN (Pope John Paul II)
83	Jonathan Grigsby	WR	5-9	183	r-Jr.	Franklin, TN (Fred J. Page)
84	Dale Galvin	WR	6-1	197	r-Fr.	Bunnell, FL (Flagler Palm Coast)
85	Stephen Chicola	TE	6-4	253	Jr.	Jacksonville, FL (The Bolles School)
86	Patrick Honeycutt	WR	5-9	162	r-Fr.	Pelham, AL (Spain Park)
87	Bobby Williams	WR	6-3	177	So.	Jacksonville, FL (Raines)
88	Michael Cannon	WR	5-10	184	So.	Memphis, TN (Whitehaven)
89	Rod Taylor	WR	6-2	190	r-Fr.	Atlanta, GA (Rockdale)
90	Chris Anderson	DL	6-2	274	r-Jr.	Jacksonville, FL (Mandarin)
92	Brandon Perry	DL	6-1	323	So.	Hawkinsville, GA (Hawkinsville)
94	Matt Long	K	5-7	195	r-Fr.	Shelbyville, TN (Cascade)
95	Jonathan Presley	DL	6-4	244	So.	Jacksonville, FL (Forrest)
97	Trevor Jenkins	DL	6-2	280	So.	Macon, GA (Stratford)
98	Chris McCoy	DL	6-4	263	r-Fr.	Villa Rica, GA (Villa Rica)



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# MT glows on first night under stadium lights

## More than 1,300 fill the stands

By Casey Brown  
Staff Writer

Things usually get hotter under lights.

Friday night was no exception for Middle Tennessee soccer, as the Blue Raiders reached a

variety of milestones in their 3-1 season-opening win over Southern Miss at the newly-renovated soccer field.

Though MT had been winless against the Lady Eagles in three previous meetings, the home team

finally got over the hump with goals by senior defender Katy Rayburn, freshman Mary Zapapas and senior Rebecca Rodriguez.

The goal by Rodriguez marked her 29th career score and gave the Dallas,

Texas native the all-time lead in that category, surpassing former teammate and current graduate assistant Laura Miguez-Howarth.

"Laura set really high marks here so it was exciting to break that," Rodriguez told MT Media Relations. "It's a huge relief."

Rodriguez capped the scoring in the 62nd minute off a Holly Grogan assist. The Blue Raiders got on the board in the 14th minute when sophomore Kala Morgan led a near-perfect cross to freshman Zapapas who easily carried the ball in the back of the net and gave MT a 1-0 advantage.

The 31st minute saw the Lady Eagles tie the score at 1-1 when Southern Miss's Carly Barkley found a short equalizer.

A mere two minutes

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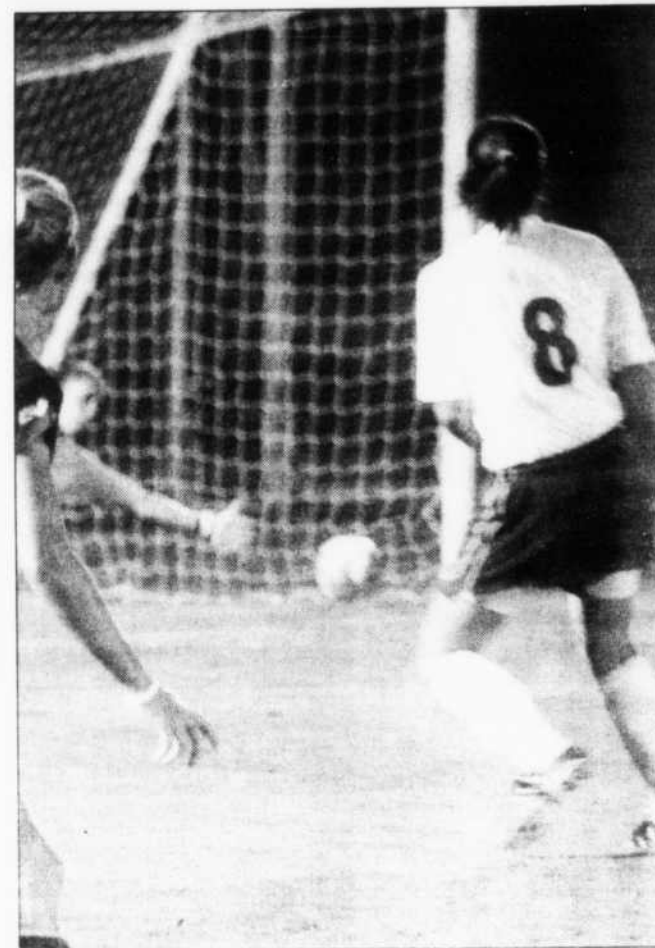


Photo by Casey Brown Staff Photographer  
Freshman Mary Zapapas scored the first goal of Friday's game against Southern Miss, setting off the blitz to a 3-1 win.

## MT mixes old, new players for success on field

By Casey Brown  
Staff Writer

Under the guidance of head coach Aston Rhoden, the Middle Tennessee soccer team has established itself as one of the elite squads of the Sun Belt Conference.

With an overall record of 38-16-5 and a 17-3-4 conference mark the last three years, the Blue Raiders have suddenly become the team no one wants to face.

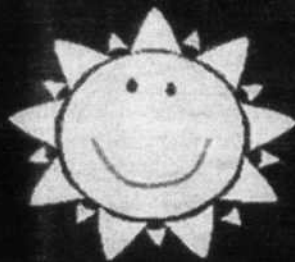
Will the trend continue in 2006? Much of MT's success will rely on how quickly the team comes together. With a massive influx of newcomers, it will be Rhoden's responsibility to integrate new talent into an established system.

Not to say, however, that the Blue Raiders are short on experience. Returning up front are senior Rebecca Rodriguez, junior Holly Grogan and sophomore Kala Morgan.

Rodriguez will be the one of the focal points of a high-octane offense. Friday the Dallas, Tex. native leapfrogged over current graduate assistant and former teammate Laura Miguez-Howarth for first on the career goals list with 29. Grogan started off the exhibition season with a

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Above: Freshman Kala Morgan, right, prepares to assault the pack.  
Below: Junior Ingrid Christensen beneath a Southern Miss foe.



## Soccer: Mixing it up

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hat trick against Carson-Newman after being named first-team All SBC in 2005.

Kaley Forrest, Nenita Burgess, Ingrid Christensen and Katie Daley all return to man the midfield positions, while the defense should be solid with returners Sara Wohlhueter, Katy Rayburn and Elise Hutter plugging up the holes down the pitch.

While the upperclassmen should provide leadership and tenacity, the 2006 season may very well come down to how steep the learning curve is for some of the fresh faces.

Rhoden amassed another impressive recruiting class with a grand total of eight new Blue Raiders in the fold: Kate Donnelly, Jennifer Threlkeld, Mary Zapapas, Kathrine

Andresen, Lauren Eaton, Jeanette Heltne, Sara Beth Lee and Erynn Murray.

Whoever stands between the pipes for MT will have large shoes to fill after two seasons of great goalkeeping from Danielle Perrault and Jenny Manis. Either sophomore Courtney Fortner or Murray could start, and both are more than satisfactory in net.

In the preseason coaches' poll, the Blue Raiders were picked to finish fourth behind North Texas, Denver and FAU in very close voting.

If Rhoden's squad experiences normal growing pains, then MT will end up more or less in that position. However, if Friday's 3-1 drubbing of Southern Miss is any indication, a conference crown may not be out of the question.



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Left: Kala Morgan set up the first goal of the game, scored by freshman Mary Zapapas.

Right: Ingrid Christensen's and the other defenders allowed just one goal to Southern Miss.



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# MT volleyball seeks Sun Belt supremacy

By Casey Brown  
Staff Writer

Perhaps you're familiar with the old concept of the irresistible force battling the immovable object.

This season, Middle Tennessee volleyball assumes the role of the former, while archrival and defending Sun Belt Conference champion Western Kentucky represents the latter.

Last year the Blue Raiders enjoyed their best-ever season statistically, posting a 28-4 (10-2 SBC) record. Junior Alicia Lemau'u was voted Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year.

Despite the successes of the season, MT could not overcome WKU, who

defeated the Blue Raiders 3-2 in a best-of-five Sun Belt Championship at Murphy Center.

In fact, three of the team's four losses came at the hands of the Hilltoppers, the lone exception being an early-season defeat at the hands of Texas-El Paso.

The Blue Raiders have been picked to finish second in the Sun Belt East Division, behind WKU. The voting was close, as the Hilltoppers received 71 overall points and seven first-place votes to MT's 70 and six.

Predictions aside, there are a myriad of reasons for optimism in the Middle Tennessee camp. The Blue Raiders return all six starters from the breakout

campaign of 2005, including Lemau'u, the libero.

Seniors Andressa Lyra and Megan Sumrell are expected to lead the team. Lyra received All-American Honorable Mention honors, while Sumrell currently ranks as the all-time leader in assists at Middle Tennessee.

Sophomore Ashley Adams broke onto the scene last season, earning national player of the week honors. Head coach Matt Peck has been working with Adams to hone her skills.

While only losing one senior, MT brings in a wealth of new talent. North Alabama transfer

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## THE BREAKDOWN...

Friday night: Shut out Radford 3-0 (30-20, 30-27, 30-19)

Saturday morning: Defeated Marshall 3-1 (30-28, 24-30, 30-22, 30-27)

Saturday night: Shut out Appalachian State 3-0 (30-22, 30-16, 30-16)

## MT claims tourney win

Courtesy of MT Media Relations

BOONE, N.C. - Middle Tennessee volleyball (3-0) won its first tournament of the season, defeating Marshall and host Appalachian State Saturday to take home the tournament trophy at the Mast General Store Appalachian State Classic.

Sophomore Ashley Adams had a big weekend, logging in 49 kills in the three matches, and was rewarded with the tournament MVP trophy. Blue Raider juniors Alicia Lemau'u and Quanshell Scott were also voted to the All-Tournament team.

"Ashley Adams was amazing this weekend, she was really unstoppable," said Head Coach Matt Peck. "She was a go-to player all weekend and when the team wasn't playing well as a whole she carried us."

The Blue Raiders began the day with a 3-1 (30-28, 24-30, 30-22, 30-27) victory over Marshall (1-2). Middle Tennessee had 71 kills in the match but also committed 35 errors. Adams led both teams with 25 kills.

The win over Marshall set up a meeting between two undefeated teams as the Blue Raiders faced host Appalachian State to close out the tournament Saturday night. Middle Tennessee proved it was sharp and ready to play, shutting out the host team 3-0 (30-22, 30-16, 30-16) notching a scorching .439 attack percentage as a team and holding Appalachian State (2-1) to a .116 attack percentage. Three Blue Raiders registered double-figure kills, led by Adams with 14. Scott and fellow junior Victoria Monasterolo each had 13.

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Jessica Robinson, Kansas Player of the Year Leslie Clark, Georgia A-AA Player of the Year Ashley Mead, Alabama Gatorade Player of the Year Savannah Pegg, and middle blocker Sasha McGlottin are all expected to contribute.

Perhaps most significantly, the Blue Raiders had a somewhat shocking spring season. The team posted a perfect 8-0 record, including wins against Georgia, Ole Miss, Mississippi State and Alabama.

The jewel in MT's off-season crown was a stunning 3-0 defeat of Tennessee, a 2005 Final Four participant, at the Lady Vol Tournament in Knoxville.

The Blue Raiders enter the fall with the Hilltopper monkey still on their backs. Many observers feel that this season will shift the balance of power in SBC volleyball.

Now, the task at hand for Middle Tennessee is to prove it.

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## 2006 Soccer Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:	Location:
<b>Aug. 25</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Southern Mississippi</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Alabama A&amp;M</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Evansville Middle Tennessee Classic</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>	<b>Jacksonville State Middle Tennessee Classic</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Sept. 8	4:30 p.m.	Mercer University of Tenn. Tourney	Knoxville, Tenn.
Sept. 10	2 p.m.	Tennessee University of Tenn. Tourney	Knoxville, Tenn.
<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Lipscomb</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Sept. 17	2 p.m.	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.
Sept. 22	4:30 p.m.	<i>Florida Atlantic</i>	<i>Boca Raton, Fla.</i>
Sept. 24	12 p.m.	Florida International	Miami, Fla.
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>South Alabama</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Oct. 1</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Troy</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Oct. 6	4 p.m.	<i>Arkansas-Little Rock</i>	<i>Little Rock, Ark.</i>
Oct. 8	1 p.m.	<i>Arkansas State</i>	<i>Jonesboro, Ark.</i>
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Louisiana-Lafayette</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Louisiana-Monroe</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Oct. 20	4:30 p.m.	Denver	Denver, Colo.
Oct. 22	12 p.m.	North Texas	Denton, Tex.
<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Western Kentucky Senior Day</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Nov. 1-4 n/a		<i>Sun Belt Championships</i>	<i>Lafayette, La.</i>

Bold denotes home game.

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## Lights: Record crowd

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later, MT took the lead for good as the Blue Raiders offensive aggressiveness paid dividends with a free kick. Katie Daley's ball was deflected by a defender, but Daley calmly sent the ball back in, where Rayburn pounced on it for the finish and a 2-1 lead.

Friday the Blue Raiders also set a single-game attendance record with 1,309, playing at night under the lights for the first time. The win was MT's 12th consecutive at home. Coach Aston Rhoden described the energy of the crowd as a powerful force.

"This was an electric atmosphere and we are so appreciative of all the support," Rhoden told MT Media Relations.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action under the lights Monday against Alabama A&M at 7 p.m..

In the three-match tournament, Middle Tennessee dropped just one game, sweeping Radford on Friday and host Appalachian State on Saturday. Freshman Savannah Pegg saw her first action as a Blue Raider against Appalachian State becoming the fifth newcomer to see action in the weekend tournament.

"We played better in each match we played this weekend," Peck said. "The match against Appalachian State was probably the best I have seen the team play since I took over the team."

Middle Tennessee returns to action on Friday Sept. 1 in a tournament at the University of Nebraska. The Blue Raiders open the tournament against Long Beach State at 5 p.m.

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# 2006 Volleyball Schedule

Date:	Time:	Event:	Location:
Aug. 25	6 p.m.	Radford Mast General Store Appalachian Cl.	Boone, N.C.
Aug. 26	11 a.m.	Appalachian State Mast General Store Appalachian Cl.	Boone, N.C.
Aug. 26	6 p.m.	Appalachian State Mast General Store Appalachian Cl.	Boone, N.C.
Sept. 1	5 p.m.	Long Beach Nebraska Tournament	Lincoln, Neb.
Sept. 2	7:30 p.m.	Nebraska Nebraska Tournament	Lincoln, Neb.
Sept. 3	12 p.m.	St. Mary's (Calif.) Nebraska Tournament	Lincoln, Neb.
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Miami of Ohio Blue Raider Bash</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>	<b>Illinois-Chicago Blue Raider Bash</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Sept. 9</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>St. Louis Blue Raider Bash</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
<b>Sept. 10</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>	<b>Creighton Blue Raider Bash</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
Sept. 15	4 p.m.	Temple Albany Tournament	Albany, N.Y.
Sept. 16	9 a.m.	Syracuse University Albany Tournament	Albany, N.Y.
Sept. 16	6 p.m.	Albany Albany Tournament	Albany, N.Y.
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>South Alabama</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>
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Nov. 4	7 p.m.	Troy	Troy, Ala.
Nov. 11	7 p.m.	Western Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.
Nov. 16-18	n/a	Sun Belt Championships	Denton, Tex.
<b>Nov. 24</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Auburn</b>	<b>Murfreesboro, Tenn.</b>

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# 2006 Volleyball Roster

**Head Coach:** Matt Peck  
**Assistant Coach:** Jeff Motluck  
**Assistant Coach:** Amy Hendrichovsky

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Prev. School)
1	Megan Carter	OPP	6-0	r-SO	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Blackman)
2	Ashley Waugh	LIB	5-6	FR	Indianapolis, Ind. (Roncalli)
3	Ashley Asberry	MB	5-9	SO	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Oakland)
4	Megan Sumrell	S	5-8	SR	Chattanooga, Tenn. (Notre Dame)
5	Theresa Slowik	DS	5-6	SR	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
6	Jessica Robinson	MB	6-0	SR	Enterprise, Ala. (Univ. of North Alabama)
7	Ashley Adams	OPP/S	6-1	SO	Columbus, Ohio (Marquette/Wildwood, Mo.)

8	Alicia Lemau u	LIB	5-5	JR	Long Beach, Ca. (Polytechnic)
10	Quanshell Scott	MB	5-11	JR	Bakersfield, Ca. (Bakersfield)
11	Victoria Monasterolo	OH	5-9	rJR	Cordoba, Argentina ()
14	Leslie Clark	S	6-0	FR	Olathe, Kansas (Olathe South)
15	Hannah Randolph	DS	5-4	SR	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Blackman)
20	Sasha McGlothlin	MB	6-1	FR	Abilene, Texas (Abilene)
21	Katie Brush	OH	5-7	r-FR	Jackson, Tenn. (Univ. School of Jackson)
23	Ashley Mead	OH	5-9	FR	Newnan, Ga. (Landmark Christian)
25	Savannah Pegg	OH	5-10	FR	Madison, Ala. (Bob Jones)



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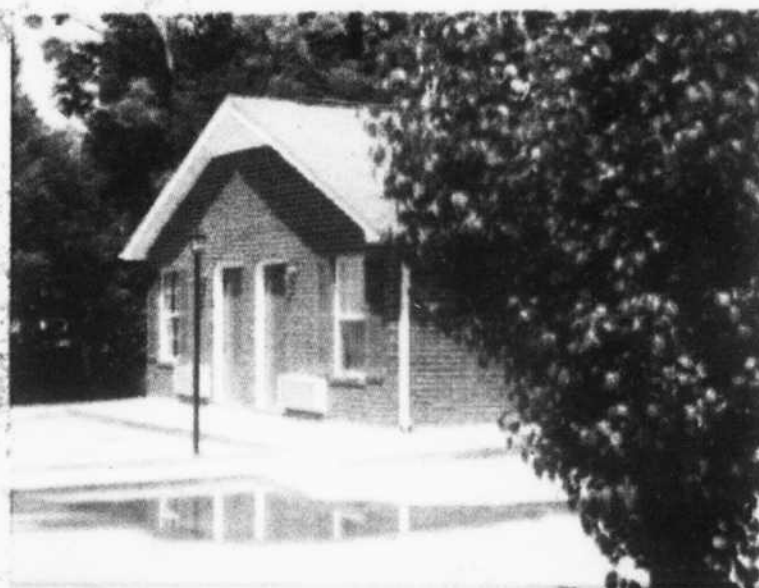
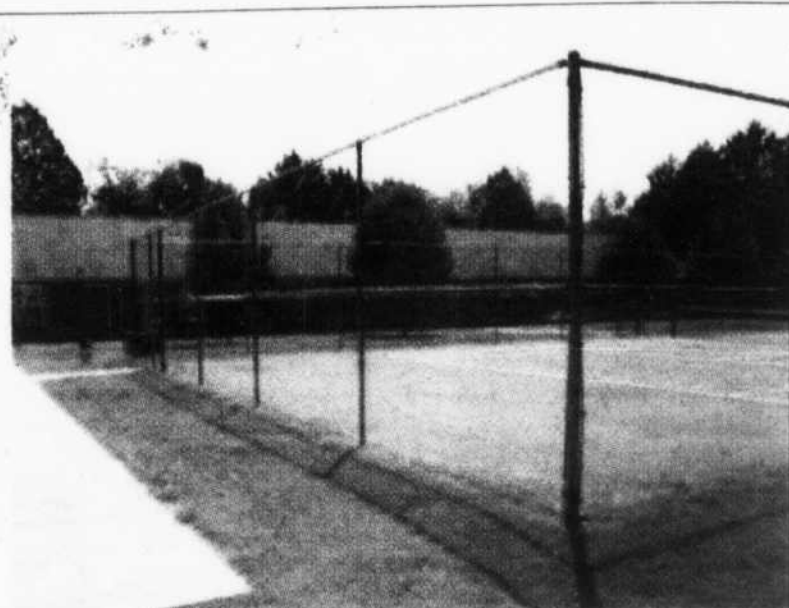
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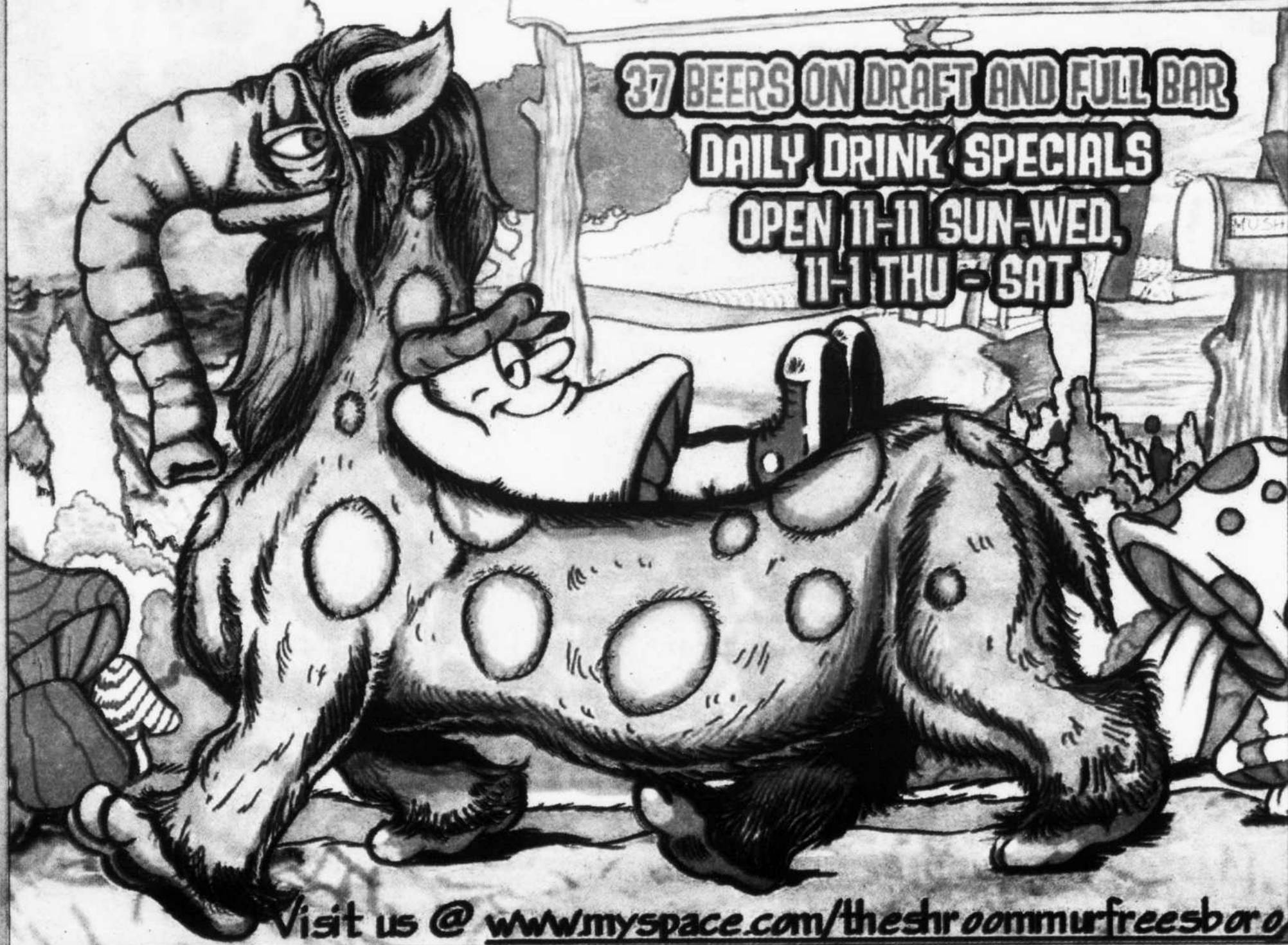
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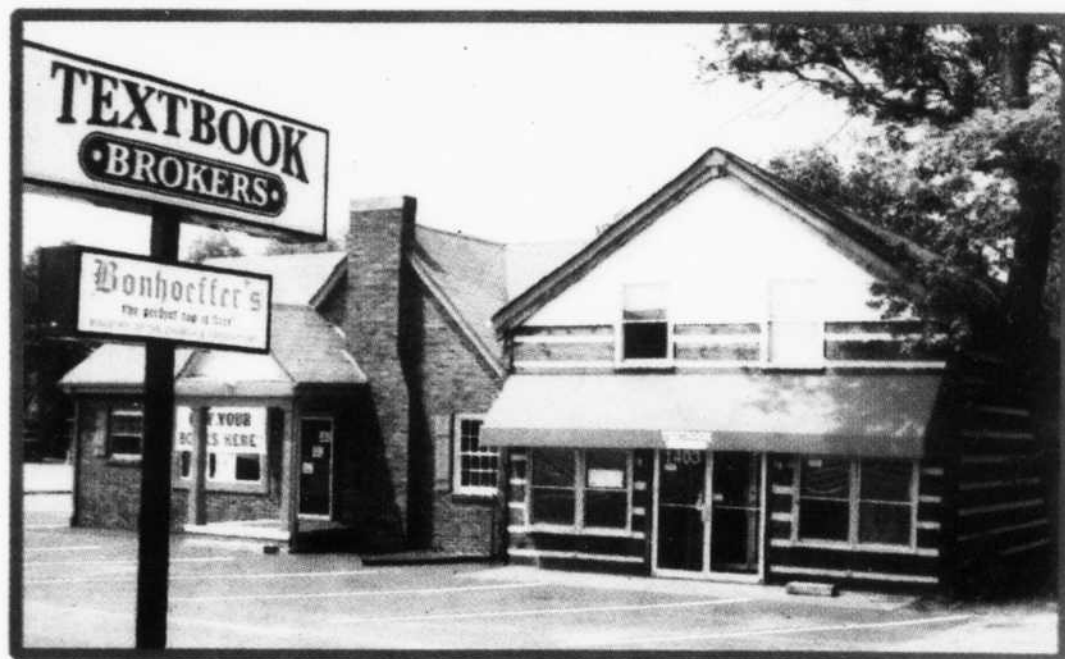
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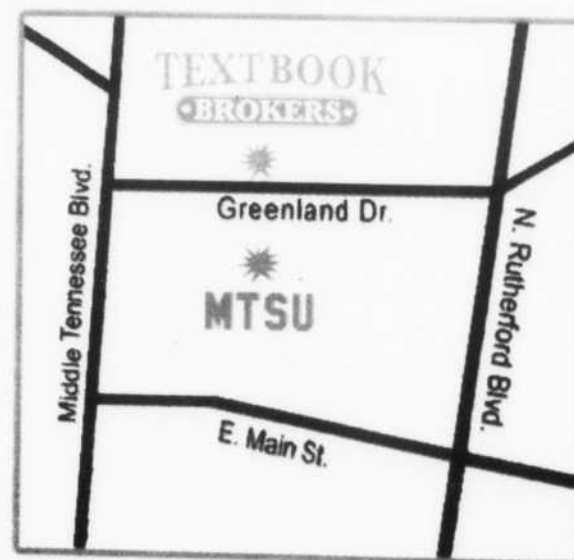
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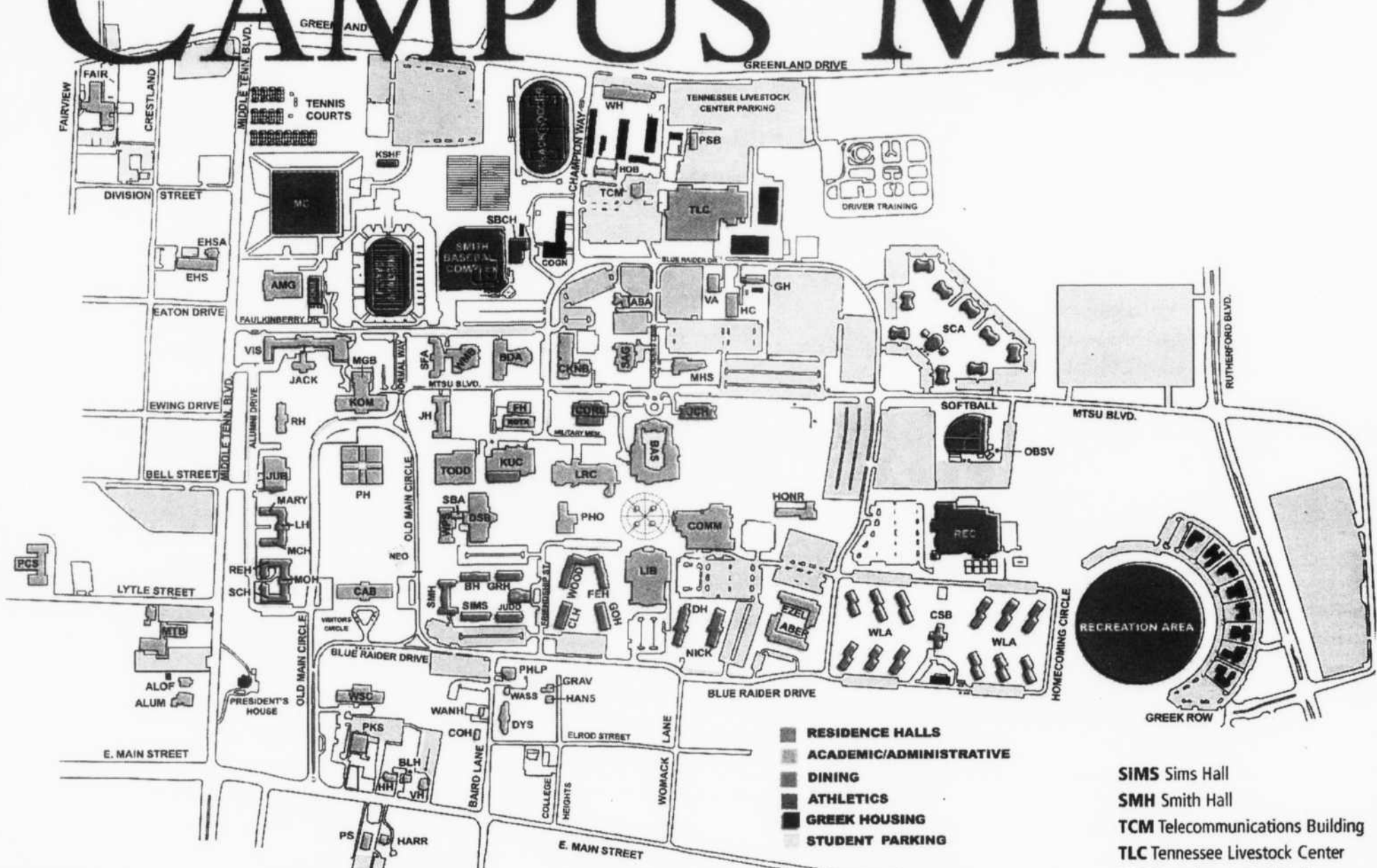
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- CLH** Clement Hall
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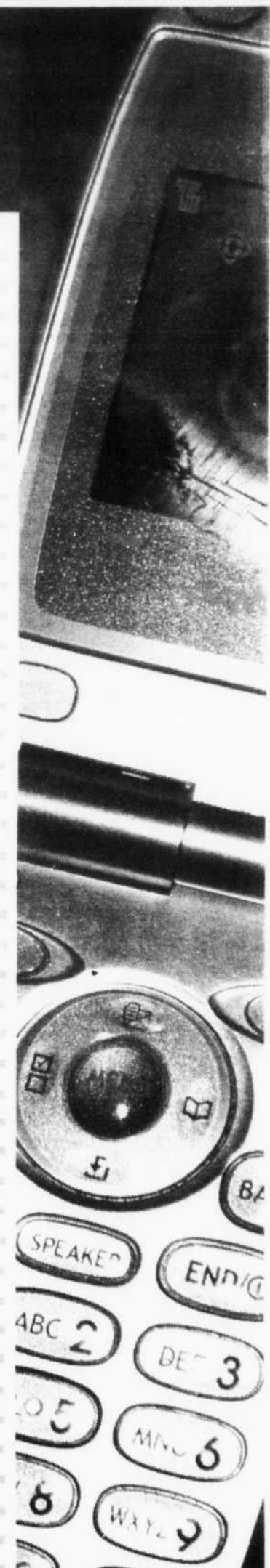
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# OPINIONS

*From the Editor*

## College is cumbersome ordeal, but don't wish it away too fast

Is it August again already? I must have done something to anger the season gods. They've cheated me out of yet another summer. Unabashedly, I shake my fists and the unforgiving seasonal tribunal – after all, like all the rest of the seniors on this campus, I have nothing to lose. My last summer is gone.

As a senior, I've earned a few swagger-rights. I've put in nearly four long years on this bustling, flood-prone swath of earth, and countless hours fretting over my responsibilities here.

So underclassmen, this week when your teachers make the inevitable sweep across the classroom, asking each student what their major is and when they graduate, forgive the seniors if they seem a little uppity. They've earned it.

These years have been long. In fact, I can barely remember a time when I wasn't in college. But even so, it seems like last week when I braved my first day on campus, wandering around the parking lot and Peck Hall, hardly knowing the difference.

Freshmen, I know don't want to hear some codgy old senior lecture you about "the good ole days," or "stopping to smell the roses," but seriously. Stop and smell the roses.

I spent my first three years of college thinking about one day: graduation. But now that I'm just 30 credit hours and two semesters away, I'm having second thoughts.

Don't worry, mom and dad. I'm not thinking about becoming a professional student. I'm not even thinking about sticking around for an extra minor (unless minoring in snark suddenly becomes an option).

But when I think about leaving college, I feel a little twinge – nothing serious, just a tiny tug, like when the mean lawyer gets eaten off the john in "Jurassic Park."

It's not MTSU that I'll miss, not class, and certainly not all-nighters with nothing but an extra-large diet coke and a bottle of caffeine pills. No, I think what I'll miss most is the adventure of knowing that my life is still going places.

When you are little, you think about how cool you will be in high school. In high school, you idolize the college kids. In college, you want to be like the hip young professionals with their loft apartments and ipods, or like the family guy or girl, with a squalling brood to go home to every night.

But when you've got the ipod, or the brood, depending on your fancy, well, what then? Then... more of the same. Forever.

It's like dreaming of sugar plums for weeks on end before Christmas, and then opening all your presents, and just feeling empty inside.

I'm sure being a grown-up will be the greatest, and I know that life doesn't end when you get your diploma, but some of the mystery does disappear. I just can't help but reach back in vain for all those months I spent wishing I were older, cooler, richer. I just want to feel like I have something to look forward to. Is that so much to ask?

So freshmen, I'm not going to tell you how to spend your four years here in Murfreesboro. Like as not, you would ignore me anyway, like good little non-conformists. But take it from someone who's been there: in four years, you'll want every minute of it back. So just relax.



## Make changes, not just noise: students need to get involved

By Matt Hurtt

Staff Columnist

Summer is finally over, and I would like to welcome everyone back, as well as welcome incoming freshmen to their first semester. Where else besides *Sidelines* can students find informative news, touching features and opinions that would make anyone's grandmother cry?

The political atmosphere exploded at the conclusion of the spring semester, reaching a crescendo on Election Day – Aug. 3. In a ballot that numbered thirteen pages in length in most precincts, over 100 candidates battled it out for nearly 50 positions this election cycle.

For the first time in county history, citizens elected Republicans to two county-wide positions. Ernest Burgess will succeed current County Mayor Nancy Allen on Sept. 1, while Teb Batey will assume the role of County Trustee, a position held by Evans Maples for over a decade. Democratic candidate and incumbent Truman

Jones will enter into his sixth term as Sheriff.

Rutherford County residents elected Democrat Larry Brandon to General Sessions Judge Part III and former Democratic State Senator Larry Trail to Circuit Court Judge. Unfortunately, Trail passed away from liver complications last week.

What role did students play in this election? Political analysts and statistics propose college students did very little to affect voting patterns in this or any other election cycle. Some even suggest that the groups on campus make an awful lot of noise, but do very little in the way of affecting public opinion. I – for the most part – agree with that sentiment.

Most on-campus groups such as MT Solidarity, Lambda and Pro-Life Collegians keep to themselves. This sequestered trend affects both left-wing and right-wing groups. It seems that all they do is sit in front of the Keathley University Center and blow their horns.

Where is the community involvement?

Where is the change?

Where is the discussion?

Some groups wear clothes hangers in protest while other groups display graphic pictures. Still others unplug Coke machines in an attempt to destroy capitalism, but who cares? How does it affect the individual?

The point is to organize a group, create a message and convey how that message affects the average college student. If those three criteria are not met, the group exists only to pat its members on the back. To ensure a purpose and the success of the group, be able to counter arguments, not just exclaim, "I'm right! You're stupid," – that solves nothing.

We have the opportunity to make great changes, not only on campus, but in our community as well. We should, therefore, utilize our talents to advance our agendas positively. If no groups on campus exist that suit your needs, create one.

Pick up a form from Jackie Victory in KUC 326-S for more information. This semester, let's get out and do something.

# No more smoke, mirrors: students can't afford debts

By Matthew Adair

Staff Columnist

The world has you fooled.

By coming to college, you've trapped yourself in a vicious financial cycle from which there is little hope of escape. You thought you would pay your money and get your degree? That as soon as you receive your diploma, you will head right into a job in your field?

Wow, we really do have you fooled. You forgot one thing: you're in debt. So far in, in fact, that your life will probably be half-over by the time you pay it off.

There are, of course, your student loans. That is a big one: the average student finishing a four-year degree leaves school with somewhere around

\$20,000 worth of loan debt, which you start having to pay shortly after graduating. Not to mention the interest rate on federal Stafford loans was raised this summer to just over seven percent, up from 5.3 percent. You better hope you find that big job, fast.

Then, there is everything else. Gas, food, supplies and books require money. So do dorms or apartments, entertainment and the clothing. Unless you are especially privileged, the cost of being a student adds up quickly. According to the Nellie Mae Corp., a student loan company, the average college senior has a balance of at least \$3,200 in credit card debt.

So, students work to earn the money they need to support themselves. In a way, this only puts you further behind. Taking classes limits the hours you can

work. This means that if you take all of your classes during the day, you will mostly work nights. Since you will be doing part-time work, you will not get paid as much as your full-time counterparts and you will get few – if any – of the benefits they receive. If you are already in debt before you start working, as much as 25 percent of your income will go to paying it off, leaving you little to avoid going further into the red ink.

Somewhere in there, you will need to fit time for being social, not to mention sleep. While sleep is free, when you can get it, going out with friends drains even more money from you, money you already don't have.

Wouldn't it be nice if someone cut you a break, already?

Members of Congress have repeatedly introduced legislation that would relieve the burden. One would halve interest rates on new student loans. Others have tried to raise the limit on allowed income for the Pell grant, so more students can take advantage of this 'free money.'

Who could say no to helping young people get ahead in life?

Congressional Republicans, apparently. The party that seems to be more about 'conservatism' and less about 'compassion' couldn't care less about

our financial burdens. In a tie-breaker vote this past July, Republicans opted to increase our debt in order to finance the political blunders of the past few years, cutting subsidies to lenders that allowed rates on student loans to remain low. After all, we're supposed to be pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps, right?

The government should not give us a handout to keep all of us afloat financially, and we desperately need to teach people from an early age how to manage their money without ruining their lives. Still, we should acknowledge that even if we cut back on expenses, we still cannot keep up with all of the debts that come with our college careers. We are being taken for a ride by the government that is supposed to help us, but not enough people are saying that they won't take it anymore.

College should not be a financial 'Catch 22' where, even if we work every moment we're not in class, we still cannot keep up. We need to take a long, hard look at how we pay for college if we want more than a workforce full of tired, poor, huddled masses yearning to break even.

The joke's over, folks. Cut us some slack before we are forced to cut class for good.

## "Nights I'll never remember with friends I'll never forget"

By Sarah Lavery

Staff Columnist

The ever-eloquent Tom Petty has some words of wisdom to share about college: "You have four years to be irresponsible here. Relax. Work is for people with jobs. You'll never remember class time, but you'll remember time you wasted hanging out with your friends. So, stay out late. Go out on a Tuesday with your friends when you have a paper due Wednesday. Spend money you don't have. Drink 'til sunrise. The work never ends, but college does."

Now, don't get me wrong; "Free Falling" and "Last Dance With Mary Jane" are damn good songs. Maybe I'm just an oddball, or a wacko or a 30-year-old trapped in a 20-year-old's body, but I don't understand the "Animal House" mindset.

If you know me, this might not make a whole lot of sense because, yes, I do party. I was an idiot – albeit, an idiot who had a lot of fun – in high school, and I don't exactly exude 'braininess' or a 'homebody' demeanor, but my first two years of college boast a lot more than "nights I'll never remember with friends I'll never forget."

Those nights do occur – some of your best friendships may stem from them – and an appetite for socializing and breaking out of routine are nothing but healthy. However, isn't there

more to college than booze, sexual conquests and 'oh-my-god, like, craaaaaazyyy' parties? I hope so.

My favorite memories of high school all include stupidity, attempts at rebellion and suspension from school resulting in the latter. Nowhere – and I mean nowhere – do the words 'education' or 'curriculum' appear in my cache of good times. High school was fluff, a buffer course for what was to come, and I am thankful I didn't waste my time trying to impress arguably incompetent teachers for the sake of a special ribbon on my graduation gown. There comes a time to grow up, though.

Despite the handful of inevitably dull professors, most actually know what they're talking about – what a concept! Becoming enthralled by their teaching may result in something more valuable than a conversation-starter at the next frat party. My time in college so far has left me with several valuable memories of crazy nights with friends, yet, of equal importance, a newfound hunger for success, accomplishment, and an education.

Nevertheless, there is something appealing about the idea of four years of no responsibility, of nothing but amazingly fun nights, of bullshitting enough to get by until graduation rolls around and you have to face the 'real

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## Students, state should stop to consider death penalty

By Melissa O'Flinn

Contributing Columnist

The purpose of the Tennessee Coalition to Abolish State Killing, or TCASK, is to see the abolishment of the death penalty in Tennessee. We believe the death penalty is wrong under all circumstances. The administration of the death penalty in Tennessee is particularly disturbing.

Just this summer, the state executed a man who may have been innocent. In the case of Sedley Alley, the state refused to allow DNA testing of the evidence – a simple test that would have cost the state nothing.

However, the state of Tennessee refused to release the evidence for testing. The fact that an innocent man may have been executed should be of great concern to all of the citizens of this state.

They should also be aware of the case of Paul House.

House is an innocent man sitting on death row. Earlier this year, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Paul House's favor, indicating that they believed that if the original jury had heard the DNA evidence and additional witnesses who have come forward, it would not have found House guilty.

Still the state of Tennessee continues to drag its feet, and House sits on death row.

We are confident that in the next legislative session, we will pass a moratorium and study bill that will call for a three-year moratorium on all executions while the death penalty system in Tennessee is carefully examined.

We are expecting a study of the death penalty in Tennessee by the American Bar Association to be released this fall. We fully expect this

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study to agree that the death penalty system in Tennessee is broken, which will support the fundamental rationale for the moratorium and study bill.

On Sept. 9, we will be having a student conference here on the MTSU campus. High school and college students will have the chance to learn about organiz-

ing TCASK chapters on their campuses, fund raising and many other opportunities. This conference is free to students, and a lunch will be provided. To register, and find more information, please visit our Web site at TCASK.org.

In addition to the student conference, we will be hosting Bud Welch here on campus in October. Welch's only child, Julie, was killed in the Oklahoma City bombing, yet he befriended Tim McVeigh's father and speaks out against the death penalty. He

brings a great message of hope and forgiveness. Finally, we will be sending a delegation to the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty meeting at the end of October.

Anyone who has any questions or would like to join TCASK to its fight to abolish the death penalty should contact Andrea Eller at are2b@mtsu.edu or Melissa O'Flinn at mro2h@mtsu.edu.

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world.'

However, when does this 'real world' begin and end?

I feel sorry for the people in class that, despite the most charismatic and genius of professors, who spend their time whispering about how drunk they were last night.

"Dude, I was so drunk last night."

"No, dude, I was so drunk last night."

I want to tape record their conversation and play it back to them in ten years while they're working at dead-end jobs so they can say: "Oh, now I get it!"

The 60s and 70s had the hippies, the 80s and 90s had the punks – what do we have now? Where is our intellectual, rebellious, socially influential

movement? Does it lie in the hands of the uninformed and uninspired who would rather debate levels of inebriation than real issues?

Follow Tom Petty's advice and you will surely have a great time. Go out the night before the paper is due, and fail the class. Spend money you don't have, and be 20,000 in debt by the time graduation comes, and engage in as little work and effort as possible. Sounds like the recipe for success to me.

Don't hold me accountable if you see me at a party, because I just might be there, letting go of my responsibilities for a night.

That's not the point. The fact is, there is more to college and more to gain from your time here than living out a cliché.

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