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Locals come together for 9/11

By CHRISTOPHER MERCHANT
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Nine years after the devastating terrorist attacks on the United States, the local community gathered together at the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office on Saturday to remember the tragic loss of the more than 2,900 victims of 9/11.

"We are here to remember the unfortunate accident of 9/11," Deputy Greg Dotson said. "We are trying to renew the bond that [the community] had before the event and hopefully make it stronger."

While the events that transpired nine years ago cause many to call to mind the horrific tragedy of the terrorist attacks, the purpose of the ceremony Saturday was to strengthen the bond between neighbors, officials said.

"The purpose for our event is to get involved in the community together [and] to have fun," said Sheriff Office Community Service Coordinator



Lost in Attacks on 9/11

Total number killed: 2,976
Emergency response workers killed: 836
Countries who lost citizens: 90+

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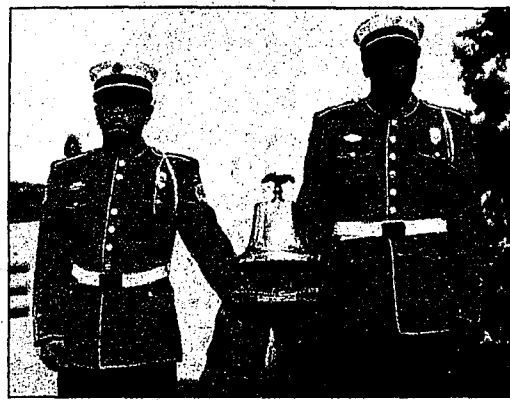
The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office Fair Saturday brought Murfreesboro locals together for a day of reflection and remembrance for the people lost during the 9/11 attacks on America.

Jimmy Cassidy. "But, while we are here, we want to make sure 9/11 is something we don't forget."

In order to commemorate the victims of 9/11 and those who

risked their lives to save others, 21 locally elected officials rang the Murfreesboro Fire Department's bell.

"We did a fire-bell salute rather than a 21-gun salute be-



cause more firefighters died on 9/11 than police officers," Dotson said. "We respect the sacrifice of our fellow police officers, but the ringing of the fire bell is more symbolic."

Next year, for the 10th anniversary, the Sheriff's Office wants to ring the bell at the same time as all the other police and fire departments across Tennessee, Cassidy said.

Country-music singer Lane Turner started the remembrance ceremony by singing the national anthem. After the anthem was sung and the fire bell rung, members from Tennessee Chapter 1 of Rolling Thunder, a nonprofit organization that honors prisoners of war and soldiers missing in action, were present to raise the POW and MIA flag.

"This started out as a flag ceremony nine years ago with about 20 people," Cassidy said. "It's grown into a community gathering because everyone wants to get involved."

The coordinators of the event predicted between 5,000 and 7,000 people would attend the ceremony this year, Cassidy said.

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Republican candidate highlights economic agenda

By MARIE KEMPH
News Editor

Until small-business owners feel more confident about the economic climate, the unemployment rate will not improve, said state Sen. Diane Black while attending the Rutherford County Community Fair on Saturday.

"I believe we should cut taxes and make less mandates, so that [small-business owners] can keep their money in their pockets, grow their businesses, and hire more people," Black said, referring to the lingering high-unemployment rate that has plagued the country for more than a year.

Black narrowly won the Republican Party's nomination for the 6th Congressional District in August by 31 percent, defeating Lou Ann Zelenik and state Sen. Jim Tracy, both of whom are Rutherford County natives.

Zelenik fell short of victory by fewer



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer
State Sen. Diane Black attended the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office Community Fair on Saturday to discuss her upcoming election and show respect to the people who lost their lives on 9/11.

than 820 votes, and while Tracy finished third by only 15 fewer votes districtwide, he won by a large margin in Rutherford County.

"I would be honored to be their representative," Black said, speaking of the crowd outside of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office this past weekend. "I will represent the people of this district, [and] their values."

Black said she believes Rutherford County residents are family oriented, fiscal conservatives

looking to elect politicians who will understand that members of U.S. Congress have been irresponsible with taxpayer dollars.

The Gallatin native has campaigned in Rutherford County several times since winning the GOP ticket on Aug. 5 in an effort to gain support from voters who are used to having a Murfreesboro native represent them - Democratic Congressman Bart Gordon.

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Officer assaulted; third suspect sought

STAFF REPORT

Authorities are searching for a third suspect wanted in connection with the assault of an MTSU Office of Public Safety sergeant on Aug. 29.

Campus police said Sgt. Misty White was pushed down concrete stairs and thrown into some bushes, while trying to arrest MTSU student Zakiya J. Brown for disorderly conduct.

Detective Lt. Jason Wofford said two men intervened during the arrest about 10:43 p.m. After a physical altercation, he said the two men got into a white Volvo sedan and tried to hit White with their vehicle.

"Sgt. White could have been seriously hurt due to this subject's reckless disregard for her, as well as the public's safety," Wofford said. "Turns out the driver had a

warrant out for his arrest for violating his probation."

The driver, Micah J. McClure, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest, Wofford said. The other male suspect escaped.

Brown was arrested two days later for disorderly conduct and evading arrest. Other details weren't immediately available.

"We are working very hard to identify the third, and final, suspect and would very much like the public's help in this matter," Wofford said.

Anyone with information can call Crime Stoppers at 615-893-7867 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All callers will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if information leads to an arrest.

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10% CHANCE OF RAIN
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CRIME BRIEFS

Vandalism

Sept. 6, 7:01 p.m.
Scarlett Commons
Apartment 8
Damage was reported to the building.

Traffic

Sept. 7, 12:17 a.m.
Rutherford Boulevard
Caitlin White, 18, was issued a state citation for failure to obey a traffic control signal.

Theft

Sept. 7, 1 a.m.
Sims Hall
Laundry was reported stolen.

Alcohol

Sept. 7, 8:52 p.m.
Womack Lane Apartment 8
Ashlee Cunningham, 19, was issued a state citation for underage consumption of alcohol and was issued a criminal trespass warning.
A juvenile was also issued a state citation for underage consumption

of alcohol.

Assault

Sept. 8, 1:02 p.m.
Greenland Drive Parking Lot B
A subject reported being assaulted over a parking dispute.

Theft

Sept. 8, 6:54 p.m.
MTSU Campus
A cell phone was reported stolen.

Alarm

Sept. 8, 9:01 p.m.
Corlew Hall
A fire alarm was set off.

Alarm

Sept. 8, 9:20 p.m.
Corlew Hall
A fire alarm was set off.

Alcohol

Sept. 9, 11:45 p.m.
Rutherford Boulevard
Parking Lot
Joseph Marsit Tucker and James R. Griessel, both 19,

were each issued state citations for underage consumption of alcohol.

Alcohol

Sept. 10, 1:59 a.m.
Alumni Drive
Nathan Woloshin, 18, was issued a state citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

Assault

Sept. 10, 2:31 a.m.
Greek Row -
Kappa Alpha House
Dustin Cooper, 19, was arrested on assault charges and for outstanding warrants.

Vandalism

Sept. 10, 6:47 a.m.
MTSU Boulevard
Vandalism of a construction trailer was reported.

Theft

Sept. 10, 10:29 a.m.
Womack Lane Apartments
Parking Lot
Bicycles were reported stolen.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor
Nine years after the tragic events of 9/11, Murfreesboro locals joined together at the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, to honor the memory of Americans lost that day.

Locals remember terrorist attacks

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In addition to local law enforcement and the fire department, the 117th Military Police Battalion and 1/230th Air Cavalry Squadron of the Tennessee Army National Guard 30th Troop Command had displays and vehicles set up on the grounds.

"9/11 is really why we're here," said U.S. Army Capt. Casey Lodes, a Reserve Officer Training Corps graduate from MTSU. "We want to remember those that went before us... we are just trying to remember their lives and honor them."

Lodes was describing the features of a LUH-72 helicopter on display, and members of the Military Police were presenting several 10-25 Humvees.

"We are here to show our support to the victims of 9/11 and for Rutherford County," U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Edward Hamilton said. "Go Blue Raiders."

County officials also expressed their support of the men and women in uniform who were present for the event.

"Any time we can have an event that honors our first-response teams, our firefighters, our police officers and our military, it's worth the effort," said Ernest G. Burgess, mayor of Rutherford County. "They are our first line of defense."

State Sen. Diane Black also expressed her appreciation.

"We honor the men and women that lost their lives, both civilian and public servants," said Black, who is the Republican Party's candidate for the 6th Congressional District.

There were other more playful, light-hearted booths set up in the parking lot and on the grounds, including dunking booths, inflatable jumping houses, face-painters, lemonade stands and a petting zoo.

"I have been here with the [petting zoo] animals since they've had [a 9/11] memorial," said Bill Boner, the property assessor for the Rutherford County Commission. "I have seen it grow quite a bit since it started."

The petting zoo was populated by a wide variety of animals, including a camel, an alpaca, a miniature mule, pygmy goats, sheep and two miniature ponies, including one named Melissa, which drew a buggy to give children free cart rides.

"We just want to help the event grow, to help people to remember the events of 9/11," Boner said.



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Visit us online to see the full coverage of the 9/11 ceremony, including photo galleries, video of the event, as well as, audio clips from MTSU students and their reflections on 9/11.

CURRENT EVENTS

Guest Lecture:
"Womens' Secret Script in Small Villages in Southern China"
Monday, 3 p.m.

Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, Room 106
Free and open to the public.

"Rep Your Roots Day"

Tuesday
Campus-Wide
Students are encouraged to wear apparel that represents their ancestry.

Future Farmers of America Judging Contest

Tuesday
Tennessee Miller Coliseum

McCallie Greek Night

Tuesday, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
McCallie Dining Hall
Open to students

Play:
"Harriet Beecher Stowe: Literary Soldier"

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Tucker Theatre
Free and open to the public

Concert:
Grand Ole Opry with Carrie Underwood

Thursday, 7 p.m.
Ryman Auditorium
\$42 to \$54 per person

Concert:
Ghostland Observatory

Thursday, 9 p.m.
The Cannery Ballroom
\$22 per person in advance, \$25 per person at the doors

Concert:
Campfire Starter Kit

Friday, 6 p.m.
Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Free and open to the public

Concert:
Mean Mary

Thursday, 6 p.m.
Frist Center for the Visual Arts
Free and open to the public

Play:
"The Sound of Music"

Friday, 6:30 p.m.
Lamplighter's Theater
\$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children

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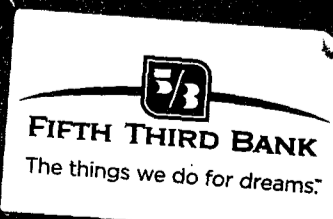
An editorial error occurred in the Aug. 30 issue in Christopher Merchant's story on MTSU students accepting more federal loans, "Students line up for federal loans." A quote about the volume of calls being received by the temporary Financial Aid call center was attributed to Financial Aid Director Stephen White. That quote was actually made by Debra Sells, vice president of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services.

Sidelines regrets these errors.

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Black puts focus on small business

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Although Gordon has represented the 6th District for more than 25 years, political analysts predict the district will swing Republican this November. This year's congressional election has been ranked as the No. 1 district mostly likely to "flip party control this fall" by The Washington Post.

The ranking was based on three well-known political analysts' predictions: Charlie Cook, editor of the Cook Political Report; Larry Sabato, a political science professor at the University of Virginia; and Stu Rothenberg, editor of the Rothenberg Political Report.

"Black's victory in the primary, while a narrow one, all but ensures that she'll take the seat of retiring U.S. Rep. Gordon in this Republican stronghold," according to The Washington Post.

On Nov. 2, Black will face off against U.S. Army Capt. Brett Carter, a Nashville-based lawyer who won against U.S. Marine Capt. Ben Leming in the Democrat Party's primary election last month.

During an MTSU de-



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer
GOP candidate Diane Black attended the 9/11 remembrance ceremony at the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office on Saturday and explained her platform to local community.

Republican Candidate
U.S. House of Representatives

Opponent: Brett Carter, D-Tenn.	Born: Jan. 16, 1951
Incumbent: Bart Gordon, D-Tenn.	Residence: Gallatin, Tenn.
Political Party: Republican	Spouse: Dave Black
Occupation: State Legislator	Children: Three children

For more information on state Sen. Diane Black visit www.votedianeblack.com

bate in July, Carter expressed concern that voters have not given President Barack Obama and Congress, which is controlled by Democratic leadership, enough time to improve the economy.

On Saturday, however, Black said she disagrees with how the federal government has tried to improve the economy.

"The thing I'm hearing from people the most is that [Congress] is spending too much money, so I plan on dealing with the debt," Black said.








She added that in order to reduce the national debt, it would involve making sure Congress lives within its means, instead of borrowing money to pay for spend-

ing programs that are "putting our children and grandchildren in debt for generations."

"Small businesses are the agent of our economy," Black said. "Businesses create jobs, not the government."

Christopher Merchant, assistant news editor, contributed to this report.

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Student Government Association fall elections slated for October

By MARIE KEMPH
News Editor

With the 2010 fall elections fast approaching, students who were not a part of the MTSU community prior to the fall semester will have the opportunity to become more familiar with their student body representatives during the next few weeks.

The SGA is responsible for being the voice of the student body population, and represents more than 25,000 students.

During the past year, the SGA has tackled several hot-button issues, including a gender-identity bill and a controversial veto by the MTSU administration of a 2009 student body referendum that rejected building a new parking garage on campus.

In January 2010, MTSU administrators announced that despite the fact that students voted against increasing student fees to pay for a new parking garage, the construction project would move forward.

Tuition for the 2010 fall semester included an additional fee to pay for the cost of building a new parking garage on campus, but there has been no official construction date announced to the public.

The fall elections are being held to fill vacancies in the freshman senate and graduate senate positions.

For those students who are interested in running for a position in the SGA, all election packets must be submitted to Election Commissioner Darrin Johnson by 4 p.m. on Tuesday in Room 208 of the Keathley University Center.

Eligible candidates will be announced Sept. 21, and a mandatory meeting is scheduled for qualified candidates on Sept. 23 to learn about all of the rules and regulations students are required to follow during election week.

The SGA elections are scheduled for Oct. 5 through Oct. 7, and the results will be announced on Oct. 8.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Watch for more information about the Student Government Association, including up-to-date coverage of the freshman senate, graduate senate and Homecoming Court elections.

Charity in need of shoe collections

STAFF REPORT

Soles4Souls Inc., a Nashville-based non profit charity that provides footwear for people afflicted by natural disasters or in other cases of need, is making a call for more shoes.

"Now, more than ever before, we need our friends and partners to stand with us and send us all the shoes they can spare," said Wayne Eley, founder and CEO of the charity, in a press release. "We've sent everything we had to suffering people."

According to the press release, Soles4Souls has "responded aggressively to the many natural disasters around the world and has nearly depleted its stock of both new and gently worn shoes."

The charity is encouraging supporters to host shoe drives with their neighborhoods, friends, churches or any other social networks, according to the press release.

"We have the most amazing support network," Eley said in the press release. "Today, we need them to engage

their family and friends to clean out their closets and help us respond to the needs of people around the world, and here in the U.S."

Soles4Souls has teamed up with Suddath, a group of companies that specializes in moving household goods, warehousing, freight transportation as well as portable storage and logistics. Suddath offers Soles4Souls discount transportation and collection facilities, according to the press release.

In addition to sending shoes to those in need, Soles4Souls will take old, worn-out shoes and have them recycled into materials for playgrounds, insulation and other uses.

The organization attributes the slowed contributions of shoes to heavy donations to victims in the Gulf Coast, survivors of the Haiti earthquake, and the recent flooding in Pakistan, and a sluggish economy.

Individual donations may also be made at a variety of locations. You can find a collection point near you at www.giveshoes.org.

THROUGH THE SIDELINES LENS



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer
Children take turns riding a horse-drawn carriage during Rutherford County's Community Fair on Saturday, Sept. 11.

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History uncovers extraterrestrials

Author highlights
foreign activityBy JESSE CLOWER
Staff Writer

The last time Michael Tellinger was in Nashville was in 1985 recording an album. He graduated from the University of Witwatersrand Medical School in Johannesburg, South Africa with a pharmaceutical degree but wasn't ready to dive into the industry.

"I soon came to realize that the market of white South African music lovers was dreadfully small," Tellinger jokingly says.

After spending some time in Los Angeles trying to get his music heard, he decided to take up what he was most passionate about — unraveling the mysteries of ancient civilizations.

As the titles of Tellinger's books would imply, his research led him on a crusade to discover the origins of the human species, even he wasn't ready for where it took him.

His books include: "Adam's Calendar: Discovering the Oldest Man-Made Structure on Earth," "Temples of the African Gods: Revealing the Ancient Hidden Ruins of Southern Africa" and "Slave Species of God: The Story of Humankind from the Cradle of Humankind."

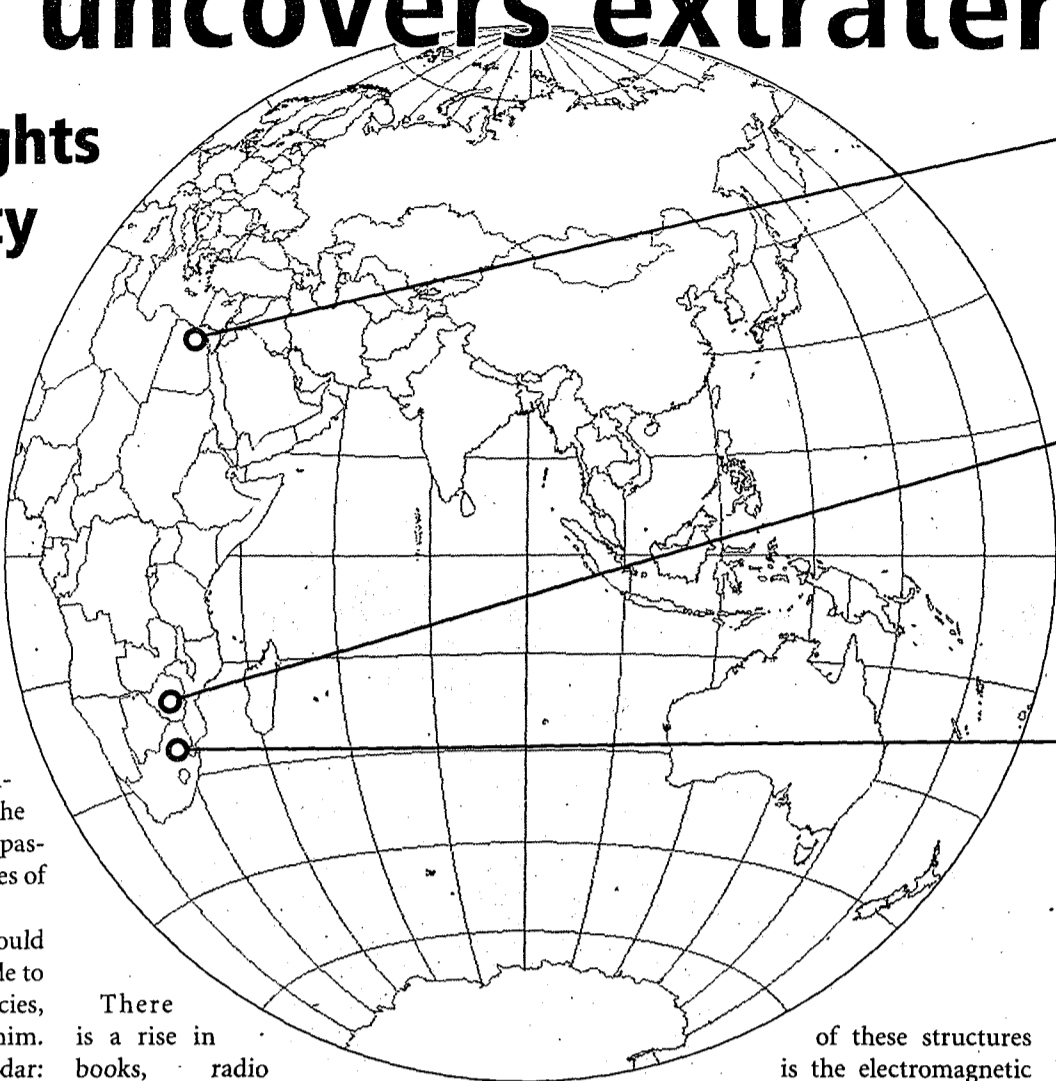
"The history of our planet is stranger than most people realize, and I'm telling you it's a lot stranger," Tellinger explains. "Many of you are already aware of this, so I'm not going to insult your intelligence by going into great detail."

Tellinger's reason for not elaborating about how bizarre this planet's history is has much to do with the fact that only 16 people came to hear his four-hour presentation.

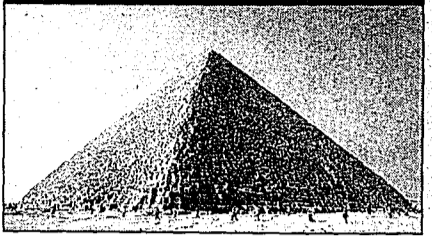
Anyone who follows Tellinger's work undoubtedly considers themselves a part of the UFO community, and judging by the meager attendance, it's not a hot topic around here.

The idea of extraterrestrial interference with human history sounds absurd, but there is a rising community that firmly believes this is true. Even given the small turnout for what would be an epic journey, the focus and enthusiasm in the room was rich as gold.

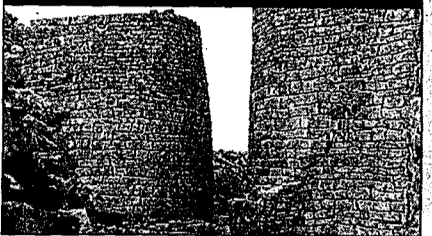
These theories are gaining momentum. One of the History Channel's most recent series, "Ancient Astronauts," has leading archeologists and scientists investigating the evidence that extraterrestrials visited Earth in the past.



Great Pyramids at Giza, Egypt



Conical Tower at Masvingo, Zimbabwe



Adam's Calendar in South Africa



There is a rise in books, radio shows and websites dedicated to the UFO community, and people such as Tellinger, are devoting their lives to answering the questions posed by the remnants of lost civilizations bathed in mystery.

Tellinger's presentation focused on explaining how and why an ancient civilization in South Africa from 75,000 years ago built a precise astrological calendar and millions of structures in sacred geometric patterns using a specific type of rock with unique characteristics.

"This can get a little freaky at times," Tellinger jokes.

This rock made up of 54 percent of a type of crystal has a "similar makeup seen in ancient structures all over the world, including Stonehenge," Tellinger says.

An additional peculiarity is where these structures are found. Many are often built far from the quarry of rocks where they originated. In some cases, the distance is over 100 miles away, making the transportation of these stones an incredible engineering feat. Some of which are so heavy, modern engineers can't duplicate the process of moving them because the technology to lift them doesn't even exist.

The final oddity surrounding the sites

of these structures is the electromagnetic anomalies they often possess. Just like in the Bermuda triangle, a compass won't help you find north.

Two questions arise: How were these rocks moved? What was the reason for the specific placement and design of these structures?

"They are all part of an energy-grid system that surrounds the planet," says Aaron Lewis, a junior majoring in art and UFO enthusiast.

This grid system, also called "ley lines," is still in its theoretical state. It was first suggested in 1921 by archeologist Alfred Watkins in his book "The

Old Straight Track."

This system of lines creates a platonic solid called an "icosahedron," which is one of Plato's sacred geometric shapes. The faces, edges, vertices and angles of a Platonic solid are all congruent, with the same number of faces meeting at each vertex.

"Every ancient megalithic structure ever found has fallen on one of these lines," Lewis describes.

An excerpt from Tellinger's book, "Adam's Calendar," explains what he discovered about Adam's Calendar, a structure located in South Africa.

Adam's Calendar is built along the same

longitudinal line as Great Zimbabwe and the Great Pyramid, Tellinger reasons.

It is aligned with Orion's Belt as it rose horizontally on the horizon 75,000 years ago.

"Adam's Calendar takes us further back in time closer to the emergence of Homo sapiens, than any other structure ever found to date, and it will force historians and archeologist to reconsider ancient human activity," Tellinger says.

The question of how these stones were moved falls in with Tellinger's understanding of sound frequencies, and the acoustic properties of the rocks in which these ancient structures seem to require.

Tellinger's passion for music proved to be beneficial. His understanding of harmonic resonances and wave formation, paved the way for his discoveries into the ancient ruins of South Africa.

If it's true that the ancients were somewhat versed in the areas of flight, something the Wright brothers toyed with only a century ago, is it then also possible that their ancient structures were built by technologies we haven't harnessed? Is it just coincidence? Did these ancient civilizations have access to knowledge allowing them to know what type of rock to use in specific locations around the planet?

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Tellinger is an author and songwriter who studies ancient civilizations and the role of extraterrestrial interference with humans. Tellinger has embarked on several odysseys around the world to discover the origins of the human species through ancient structures that civilizations left behind.

Students find practical, creative
jobs with Bachelor of Fine ArtsBy JIMMY SUDEKUM
Contributing Writer

The last career field an incoming MTSU freshman would probably consider financially viable is art, especially with an economy that seems to be getting worse and a job market that seems to be oversaturated.

But, this view could not be further from the truth, according to Seth Johnson, an associate professor of graphic

design in the art department.

"We have literally hundreds of students with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a concentration in graphic design working in the Nashville design and advertising community," Johnson explains.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is a division within the U.S. Department of Labor, an estimated 37,000 new jobs relating to graphic design are projected to be created by 2018. Graphic

design artists earn an average of \$45,000 a year, while corporate design directors earn more than \$95,000 annually.

"Studios, galleries and individual clients are always on the lookout for artists who display outstanding talent, creativity and style," according to the Labor Statistics website.

Janet Higgins, a professor of letterpress printing in the art department, says a graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts is not limited to art-specific careers.

"We are trained to be creative problem solvers — how to observe and how to see unlike things come together in a variety of ways," Higgins said.

This makes individuals, trained in art, valuable in business and other seemingly unrelated fields, offering different insight into problems and providing unique solutions, Higgins said.

Though specialties like multimedia and animation are experiencing the fastest rate of growth, commercial and industrial design is another way for artists to express themselves, while working directly with business executives and engineers. The income for commercial

designers can exceed \$97,700 a year.

The MTSU art department offers many classes and workshops in graphic design for video and DVD production. Other classes include interactive design, digital illustration and a workshop in professional practices for artists. Fine art students in studio and graphic art are also required to exhibit their work in the Todd Art Gallery, which provides students a chance to gain real experience in the display and promotion of their own art.

Alumni of the MTSU art department include the Emmy-winning and internationally respected, Wayne White. White's resume includes art direction for music videos for musicians like Peter Gabriel, as well as set design for "Pee-wee's Playhouse."

Just like every other degree and career, it's very hard work, according to Melody Vaughan, a junior majoring in printmaking.

"You start the program thinking it will be easy, but you have to be ambitious to succeed," Vaughan says, "but I really like the program a lot, [and] I haven't met a teacher who wasn't willing to step out and help me outside of class."



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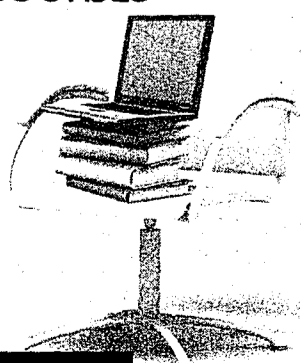
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People must help stop suppression in Uganda

Children as young as 10 years old are being coerced into kidnapping other children, and recruiting them for the Lord's Resistance Army. At first glance, you would probably think this is the introduction to a "Frontline" documentary – sadly it isn't.

For more than a decade, the notorious LRA has raped, murdered and displaced thousands from their homes in Uganda and surrounding areas. About 1,300 civilians have been murdered, 1,400 people abducted, and 2 million displaced, according to the BBC and United Nations.

More recently the LRA, which was formed in the late-80s after the country's civil war, has been on the move, and the war has been spilling out of Uganda into Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic.

There have been numerous attempts by the Ugandan government to work toward a peace agreement between the LRA and Uganda President Yoweri Museveni. But its efforts have been in vain, and the government has been aloof with other attempts since 2006. That same year, Jan Egeland was the secretary general of the U.N., and he personally met with Joseph Kony, leader of the LRA, to discuss releasing child brides, arrest warrants and a peace treaty, but nothing seemed to prevail.

Kony, while seemingly interested in the needs of the Ugandan people, is more concerned with his own freedom, and it is past time that the U.N., as well as the rest of the world, realizes that as long as they are playing Kony's game, they are not going to gain any advantage or make any improvement toward alleviating the Ugandan people from suppression.

Kony's chief negotiator, David Mastsanga, told authorities he was too sick to be present at the peace signing, and again, on April 10, 2009, he delayed negotiations saying he needed to consult Ugandan elders. This was solely an



Jessica Harris

Perspectives

excuse to continue pushing his own political agenda, subsequently denying the Ugandan people freedom.

Kony and several of his top commanders currently have warrants issued for their arrest due to "crimes against humanity," according to the U.N. Kony has failed to make court appearances in International Criminal Court, and since has replenished his resources; obtaining more child soldiers, child brides and weapons.

It is getting harder for the Ugandan government to keep track of his whereabouts because he and his supporters are constantly moving into tougher terrains. The U.N. should not be waiting to see what Kony's next move is, or watch the Ugandan government stand with its hands in its pockets. Rather, the U.N. should be making plans to appoint a new government and change the state of Uganda.

The situation is beyond dire, the U.N. is aware of the heinous acts that have, and are, taking place in Uganda, yet they continue to slap him on the wrist and turn the other cheek.

Throughout history we've been given examples of what happens when corrupt governments imprison its citizens. However, the U.N. has not made any drastic steps toward improving these peoples lives, and no real effort to imprisoning the people responsible for these crimes against humanity. The U.N. just isn't doing enough, it continues to mismanage resources that could be used to help the impoverished country and to

stop the war.

When tragedy struck America on 9/11 the United States government stood up for its citizens and vowed to not only protect them, but also bring the people responsible to justice. However, the Ugandan government will not stand up for its people – it is the one suppressing the citizens of Uganda. It is allowing the people of Uganda to be mutilated, and their country destroyed by extremists. People are dying before they reach the age of 18, yet people continue to look at the genocide in Uganda as another African tragedy.

The turmoil is sadly similar to the heinous acts of Rwandan genocide. The world stood up after these horrific acts and vowed not to let something like this go unnoticed, but we have. These people are being murdered and the only people who can really make a difference aren't. Sure, there are countless nonprofit organizations helping fight the cause, but these people don't have the power to write legislation or to declare war. Other nations should be using the money they pay to the U.N. to help end such an outrage. We are talking about human beings.

Uganda has been consumed by the war and any inkling of normalcy has ceased to exist. School attendance has declined over the years because of the abductions, and the people have resorted to enlisting former rebel soldiers in the Ugandan army to hunt down Kony and his army.

Despite the odds, there is a chance for peace to be restored, but the people of the world are going to have to stand up against it – fight to stop it.

If we do nothing, then we are all sending the message that it is okay for things like this to happen. Many of us have become disengaged and insensitive about the world around us and it is time to take a stand and protect the people of our world.

Don't give up just yet

Learning about school, not just academia



Rozalind Ruth

Step into my office

College can be a very confusing environment for new students. It is a place where one meets different types of personalities only thought to exist in movies – if one even knows they existed at all. It can be scary being pushed into a dorm with strangers, taking classes that were different from anything else ever experienced and having freedom like never before.

I attended Nashville School of the Arts, a small, magnet high school. I knew all of my teachers and all of my peers. I even felt like the custodial staff members were friends.

When I began college at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, I quickly felt like I was just a number, another of the unwashed and uncounted masses. It was a complete culture shock.

Even more shocking than the size of the school, were the people. I was fortunate to attend a high school that encouraged individuality, and growing up in an artistic family, I was used to an environment where creativity and self-expression were prized above all else.

My first college experience was the exact opposite of what I had been accustomed to prior to enrolling at UTC. I felt like my professors weren't approach-

able, and my classes were uninspiring. I wasn't getting the same intellectual thrill from the knowledge I was allegedly acquiring.

I almost gave up. I was ready to throw in the towel half way through the semester and just be another college dropout – and I sort of did.

I moved back to my parents' house to attend Nashville State Community College, where I had the option of leaving after class and going to hang out with old friends.

It was a good experience, but I still wondered what would have happened if I had stayed enrolled at UTC. I eventually decided to transfer to MTSU.

I realized that MTSU was going to be the best option for continuing my scholarship, but I was terrified. I was scared to go back to a large university – and this one was even bigger than UT! There were 25,000 undergraduates, and I was one of them!

After my first week of classes, one of my professors suggested that I become involved with MTSU's

student-run newspaper. The decision to walk into the *Sidelines*' office changed my entire college career.

Getting involved with *Sidelines* helped me realize my own strengths and weaknesses. It gave me a reason to go to school – a reason that was more than just earning a bachelor's degree. I'm becoming a learned woman.

I know, I know, it's cheesy-tastic, but sometimes all a new student needs is an anchor to the university to help ease the flow into a new chapter of their lives – a home away from home.

Sidelines became a touchstone where I felt safe and could catch my breath.

Now, I feel like I have people here in Murfreesboro that I can hang out with and blow off some steam. I even feel like I finally have a plan for what I'm going to do with my life and career after college.

While I had a lot of great and useful events happen to me during my time at community college that prick of curiosity would never go away.

My advice: Don't give up just yet.

If and when, you feel homesick or lost during your first few weeks on campus. Get involved. Make some friends. Join an organization.

Most importantly, know that many students have felt just as bewildered and awkward at one point or another when they joined the big, wide world of college.

Sidelines opinions page [Sahyd-lahyns uh-pin-yuhns pey]

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publication *Sidelines*, based in Murfreesboro, Tenn., that provides a voice for those who are in some way associated with Middle Tennessee State University and the outlying community. The editors of the section are known for urging those with opinions to e-mail them to slopinio@mtsu.edu and include their names and phone numbers for verification.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This letter is in response to the Aug. 30 cover story "More issues in mosque debate than just religion."

Could we please stop using the, now iconic, photograph of the pastiche poster board "Murfreesboro Coexist" moral that was so proudly displayed on the Rutherford County Courthouse lawn at the rally in July?

It is, I think, fairly obvious to any sentient person that all parties – pro, cons and neutral – are currently engaged in a state of "coexistence." The anti-mosque crowd "exists." The pro-mosque crowd "exists." People who could care less "exist," as well. See? "Coexistence!" If this "existence" were a point of contention, then the issue of the mosque being built would be rather secondary. That is to say, I think that most of your readers would take "coexistence" to be a presupposition. So why belabor the point?

In addition to the phrases' tautological

nature, "coexist" is a flaccid, impotent, liberal mea culpa – an unfortunate vestige of the traumatized monism of the '60s hippie movement. At least that generation was innovative enough to formulate its own identifiable linguistic personality, so why can't this one?

Please find someone to interview who is both in favor of the mosque and adamantly opposed to the idea of apologizing for supporting its construction. This probably rules out religious people, such as Imam Bahloul, given the fact that religious people seem psychologically compelled to apologize or ask for forgiveness for everything they do – whether they actually do it or are just thinking about doing it.

Were those people who were chanting in unison toward the inevitable arrival of Shariah law asking for forgiveness? Are they promising to be good neighbors? If so, I don't hear it. So, why should mosque

supporters be so contrite? Maybe being sorrowful is a necessary condition of "co-existence," but is it sufficient?

Stop trying to overcompensate for your own liberal bias by giving an inordinate amount of column space to the anti-mosque crowd. We, as your readers and fellow students, have a pretty good idea of where your sympathies lie. After all, we know you. This overt attempt at "objectivity", while no doubt thrilling to your journalism professors, comes across as, at best, being snide and, at worst, duplicitous.

This is a very important issue. Your paper is the journalistic organ of the institution upon which the entire economic validity of this town is predicated. Stop being such wimps!

You're journalists. You're supposed to be cranky, cynical and jaded! Stop trying to merely "coexist." Middle Tennesseans for Religious Freedom is already dedicated to

that particular brand of banality.

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Digital job hunting eases graduation stress

As I sifted through the Sunday edition of The Tennessean, I couldn't help but notice the lack of jobs in the classified section. When I moved to Tennessee six years ago, I was amazed that the nursing section alone was between three to four pages. Now, the entire job section is three to four pages, at best.



Jolina St. Pierre

Contributing Columnist

Some of this could attribute to the declining number of available jobs due to the down economy, but I believe part of the problem lies with the rising cost of newspaper ads, dwindling newspaper circulation and the online presence of job boards.

Job boards, such as Monster and CareerBuilder.com, have become increasingly popular, and occasionally Craig's List even offers legitimate job postings. Of course, these aren't the only places to look for jobs.

What does this have to do with the price of tea in China?

Well, I'm not sure, but I do know that I'll be graduating in less than nine months, and I'll need to find a job - preferably one that I've been preparing myself for these past few years.

We already know that the job market isn't the best right now, so in addition to countless hours of studying, it's imperative that we, as students, really prepare ourselves for that coveted entry-level position. Despite a bleak job market, you can improve your chances of finding a job after graduation.

One of the hardest things about finding a job after graduation is a lack of experience. You

need experience to get a job, but you need a job to get experience.

The solution to this conundrum is finding an internship. In fact, many majors require an internship or practicum in order to graduate, and in reality, you're going to need the experience just to stand out against other graduates in your field.

These days, it's not just a matter of earning a degree to secure a job. You have to prove that you're willing to go above and beyond so that potential employers will want to hire you. You want your resume to stand out, and an internship, or two, will add substance to your repertoire.

Fortunately, as a student, you have access to some of the most valuable resources that will not only help you find an internship, but many will also help you prepare your resume and fine tune your interviewing skills.

In addition to the Career Development Center, located inside of the Keathley University Center, MTSU offers online access to help through the Lightning Job Source. Here, you can find valuable career advice, learn how to create and post your resume on-

line, and search for internships and jobs.

I also recommend attending the many on-campus career fairs that take place each semester because you never know when an opportunity will present itself. For these, you'll want to be prepared.

Have many resumes on hand and don't forget to dress professionally. Trust me; it's not a good idea to show up in sweatpants or jeans. Prospective employers take time out of their busy day to staff the booths at career fairs, and they expect students to be serious about their internship search. This is your chance to show them you're serious - first impressions really do matter.

Another way to gain experience and add to your resume or portfolio is to become involved with an organization on campus. Whether it's an honor society, a professionally affiliated organization, or a fraternity or sorority, you can add to your skill set by volunteering for and participating in various activities.

You can also use online social media to your advantage. Find a mentor, network with professionals in your field, and create a public profile on LinkedIn.com. As the age-old saying goes, 'it's not what you know, it's who you know.'

Not only did I find my fall semester internship using online social media, I found it with the help of a friend who referred me to her friend who referred me to the person to whom I needed to submit my resume. I do believe it's a small world after all.

How To Find An Internship:

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Thanks to this internship, I'll gain relevant experience to add to my resume and portfolio, increase my skill set and meet a new network of people in my industry. Oh sure, I might have to work for free this semester, but in the grand scheme of things, the experience will be priceless.

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THE SLEEP DEPRIVATION MADNESS WORSENS.


THINGS SEEM UNREAL. AM I EVEN AWAKE? MAYBE I'M DREAMING.

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A QUICK WORD

From the Opinions Editor

- Aimee Schmittendorf, slopinio@mtsu.edu

“Obama was never supposed to be an ordinary president,” Brian Williams said Aug. 23 on “The Late Show with David Letterman.”

I’m wondering if President Barack Obama will be just a one-term president? Maybe he wants to be. It’s got to be impossible to keep the presidency and his family polished the way the American people want and expect.

After a summer of discontent, and after watching too much television and news, I am formidably convinced that what I’m seeing is an ominous government portrayed as if it were a sitcom on “Good Morning America” or “The View” every morning.

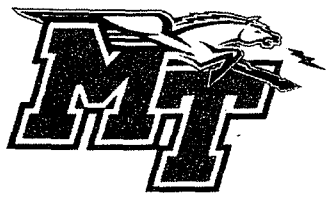
I’m seeing BP’s technology fail and nationalized health care vs. Medicare and Medicaid - it is all becoming a slush-slosh of raw anger translated on the down-

side of a bad economy.

Glenn Beck told Newsmax magazine that Obama’s administration qualifies as the most corrupt administration in U.S. history - I doubt it, Glenn.

To be fair, I feel like any extreme is probably not a good thing. However, I feel like our leaders now are less innovative - their being set up like little puppets.

I wish someone would write an opinions column about which leaders are making the good differences. Because between all of the conflicting news media outlets, and all of the biased information floating around, it would be great if people could present both sides of the story, or at least a side of the story that is well educated and not solely fueled by political affiliation. So let your opinions be heard and let’s clear up all of the conflicting ideas.



SPORTS



Polish student reflects on volleyball career Four years, two countries, and Izabela Kozon still spikes strong for MTSU

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

It doesn't take much time with Izabela Kozon to realize she is not your typical MTSU student.

Standing at a stout 6 feet, the long and lean blonde is physically imposing. A second glance, and her braided ponytail and MT athletic wear confirm any remaining doubts that she is an athlete.

One sentence out of her mouth also exposes a thick accent not found anywhere on American soil.

This is because Kozon is a Polish exchange student and a four-year starter for Middle Tennessee's volleyball squad. The senior outside hitter has earned the respect of teammates and opponents alike during her tenure as a Blue Raider and hopes her last season will be her best.

Through the team's first 11 games of the season, Kozon is leading the team offensively with 169 kills, moving her up to 3rd place on MT's all-time list for career kills. She was named tournament MVP in the Middle Tennessee Invitational this weekend after leading the team to the championship.

Sidelines sat down with "The Polish Won-

der" as named by her teammates to discuss her final go around at MT.

SL: What are your goals for this season?

IK: For sure winning the Sun Belt Conference, both the regular season and the tournament. The tournament is at home this year, so we want to be on the court for the final game with a big home crowd to cheer us on. And a goal I have for the team that we talked about, is reaching the Sweet Sixteen again.

SL: How does it feel knowing this is your last season with the team?

IK: It's sad. I am so used to living here now, but because I am an international player, I have to go back home. As a senior now too, I feel like all the girls on the team are my kids. I love them even more than in other seasons.

SL: What is your most memorable moment as a Blue Raider?

IK: Beating Hawaii to make it to the Sweet Sixteen is my favorite memory, for sure. I was a freshman and starting. They were ranked eighth or ninth in the country, and then, MT was nobody. It was one of the best moments for our team.

SL: How was your transition moving here from Poland?

IK: Actually, it wasn't too bad. It took a year or so before I became comfortable speaking English, but everyone here was nice, I guess because it's the South. Murfreesboro feels like home to me now.

SL: What is the biggest challenge of being a student athlete?

IK: Missing so many classes is really hard, because we are still treated as regular students. They don't care if we are athletes or not. During the season, it's especially hard because sometimes we have to make a choice between school or volleyball. Do we want to rest up for a big game, or do we need to stay up and study? It's a hard decision.

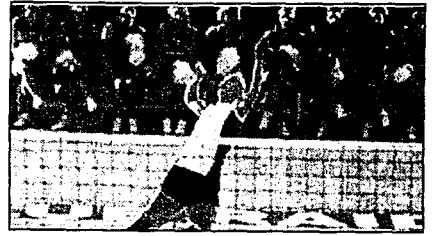
SL: What do you enjoy doing when you're not playing volleyball?

IK: Partying, (laughs) watching movies and hanging out with friends, of course. And I like dancing like a black girl. That was one of my goals when I moved here, to learn to dance like that, and I did.

SL: What are your plans after you graduate?

IK: I want to play professional volleyball in Europe. I wish USA had a professional league,

MT SPORTS SPOTLIGHT



IZABELA KOZON

Class: Senior **Major:** Psychology
Hometown: Warsaw, Poland
Role Model: Mother
Favorite Movie: "Save the Last Dance"
Favorite Band/Singer: "I like all kinds of music, especially rap, techno and country."
Favorite Food: Pierogi
Pre-Game Rituals: "I listen to techno music to get pumped up."

because I want to stay here in America, but more than anything I just want to play volleyball as long as I can.

School record broken, MT takes first win at home



Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer
Running back Phillip Tanner takes the ball down field. Tanner scored three of the eight touchdowns on Saturday.



Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer
Defensive end Jamari Lattimore tackles APSU quarterback Jake Ryan.



Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer
Defensive end Jamari Lattimore blocks an APSU field goal attempt.

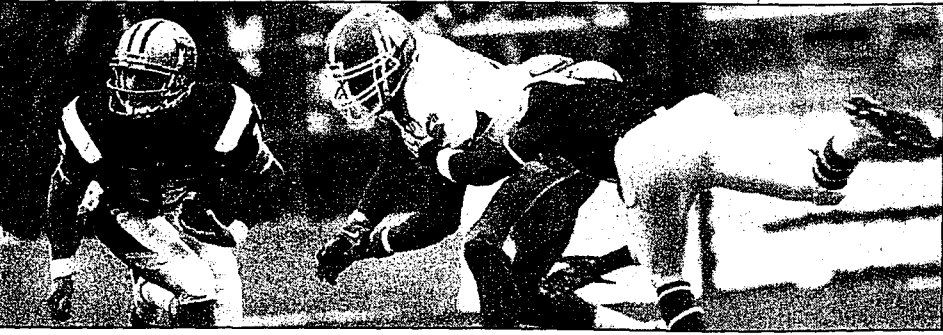


Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer
Quarterback Jeff Murphy runs the ball to the outside in his first game as starting QB.

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee's 56-33 victory over in-state foe Austin Peay Saturday provided, both a wild game for fans of all levels to enjoy, as well as, a record setting night for Blue Raider followers to feel optimistic about as they look ahead to the remainder of the season.

While not reflected in the final score, Austin Peay gave MT a scare that wasn't expected by many. However, the Blue Raiders persevered and came through with big plays when they needed them.

Offense was the name of the game for the blue and white, as MT's 97 offensive plays broke the previous school record of 94. Their total of 654 yards from scrimmage marks the third-highest total in program history as well.

The Governors of Austin Peay had a hard time slowing down the Blue Raiders' running game, particularly in the red zone. Seven of the eight touchdowns for MT came on the ground.

The offense wasted little time in setting the tone for their monster night, with just over 11 minutes remaining in the first quarter, Middle Tennessee had already established a 14-0 lead. Senior running back Phillip Tanner scored the first of his three touch-

downs on the night to put the Blue Raiders on the scoreboard first. The score also moved Tanner into the top 10 for touchdowns scored at MTSU.

Three other Blue Raiders joined Tanner in the scoring column running the ball. Sophomore running back Benjamin Cunningham

scored on a five-yard run in the second quarter. The touchdown capped off what was a career night for the Nashville native. Cunningham rushed for 86 yards on 14 carries, both career-highs. Redshirt junior D.D. Kyles ran two touchdowns during the pivotal fourth quarter, and in his starting debut, quarterback Jeff Murphy scored his first collegiate touchdown with a 11-yard-rushing touchdown in the second quarter.

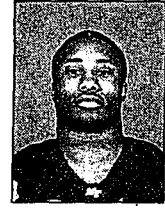
Murphy became the third MTSU quarterback to win in their first start. The junior college transfer was a late addition to the starting lineup after first game starter Logan Kilgore injured his toe in practice. The Alameda, Calif. native proved an adequate replacement however, as he threw for

301 yards while completing 23-36 passes. Murphy showed some versatility as well. Along with his touchdown run, he ran the ball 13 other times for a total of 59 yards.

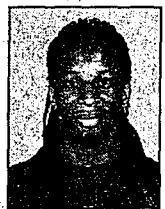
Murphy's favorite target for the night was senior wide receiver Garrett Andrews who led the receiving corps with four catches and 97 yards. The duo connected twice for 30 and 35 yards respectively to bust all momentum Austin Peay began to build.

Tanner led all players with 127 rushing yards. It was the third time for his career the Dallas, Texas native ran for triple digits. With his three rushing touchdowns in the game, Tanner is now tied for ninth place for rushing touchdowns in the MT record book with a total of 24. The senior now has 26 touchdowns of any kind, placing him eighth on that list as well.

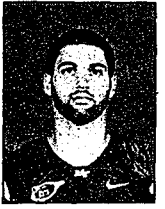
MT returns to action at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 in Memphis. The Blue Raiders knocked off the Tigers 31-14 in last year's home opener.



Cunningham



Kyles



Murphy

University Hall of Fame inducts MT baseball coach

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Baseball coach Steve Peterson has been a part of the Middle Tennessee State athletic department for two stints totaling almost 30 years. That longevity received its ultimate reward with an induction into the Blue Raider Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday.

When first told he was entering the Hall of Fame, his reaction may not have displayed the excitement one might expect.

"I was told, I think, the day of a ball game, so I probably didn't give the reaction that [Varsity Club Director] Jim Simpson really expected, because my mind was geared to that game," Peterson said in an interview before the induction ceremony.

Perspective has come with time, however.

"Most [Hall of Fame athletes]

have a four-year career, and they've got to accomplish all that they have to do in four years," Peterson said. "It took me [about] 29 years to even gain merit that I could be a Hall of Famer."

Peterson is quick to spread credit for his induction among the many players and assistants who have donned Middle Tennessee uniforms over the years.

"As a coach going in, it's all a result of who you brought into the program," he said.

One of his former players, pitcher David Richardson, also entered the hall this weekend. Richardson was the senior staff ace in Peterson's first year as head coach. The coach acknowledged the significance that Richardson had on his early tenure at MTSU.

"Without Dave Richardson," Pe-



Peterson

terson said, "my first year might not have been a championship year, and I may not have been immediately accepted by the MTSU fans and administration."

Richardson pitched a complete-game victory over Texas A&M in a 1988 NCAA regional. Texas A&M had been a top-five program all season, and the win still ranks as one of the biggest in MTSU history.

The Hall of Fame honor, while appreciated, may have come a bit prematurely for Coach Peterson's liking.

"I still have games to win," he said. "To me, I should be at the end of my career, I should be retired...I just hope they don't take the Hall of Fame away if I have some bad seasons."

The man who is now MTSU's all-time leader in baseball coaching victories wasn't quite sure

what he was getting into when he first arrived in 1975.

Recounting his first day as a graduate assistant under then-Raider baseball coach John Stanford, Peterson said, "I was in shock when I was told I had to go to class."

Peterson was working toward his master's degree at the time, but confessed, "I just thought you coached, and you got a master's degree."

Early misunderstandings aside, by 1985, when Peterson returned for his second tour of duty at MTSU, he had fully cemented a desire to be a collegiate head coach. He had come from six years as head coach at Roane State Community College in Harri-man, Tenn., an experience, which he credits with teaching him how to relate to players.

When Stanford made the surprising move to become MTSU's athletic director and designated

Peterson as his successor, the new coach knew the bar had been set high. "(Stanford) had won conference championships, been to regionals, come close to winning regionals and going to the World Series," Peterson said. "Now, the program had to take greater steps, giant steps."

Peterson admitted to some trepidation about maintaining the level achieved by his predecessor. Over two decades and 742 victories later, Stanford's choice appears to have been validated. Peterson, for his part, chalks up his career as one more blessing bestowed by his coach.


"I owe everything to baseball," he said. "I met my wife through baseball, I stayed out of trouble because of baseball, and I surrounded myself with everyone good in my life because of baseball. If you treat baseball right, it'll take care of you."


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