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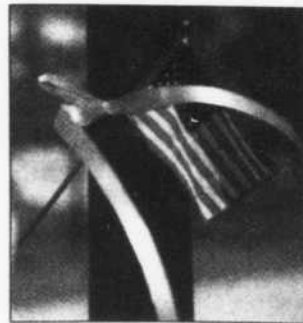
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Bush releases list of 22 wanted terrorists

By David Espo
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — With American pilots bombing at will from the skies over Afghanistan, President Bush declared Wednesday that "our calling" is the eradication of terrorism around the globe. "Now is the time to draw the line in the sand against the evil ones," he said.

At the FBI, Bush unveiled a new list of 22 most-wanted terrorists, Osama bin Laden among them.

Earlier, Secretary of State Colin Powell credited the military for claiming "free range" over the Afghan skies but said much more remains to be done.

The skies came alive with anti-aircraft fire over parts of Afghanistan a few hours later, apparently heralding a fourth straight night of bombing by American warplanes.

Bush, at FBI headquarters, made only passing reference to the conventional military campaign.

Instead, flanked by Powell, Attorney General John Ashcroft

and other senior administration officials, he said the creation of the new most-wanted terrorist list was designed to "shine the light of justice on them."

"They must be found. They will be stopped, and they will be punished," he added.

Battling terrorist networks "is our calling. This is the calling of the United States of America, the most free nation in the world," he said.

In an interview on CNN, Powell said analysts were looking at the statements, including one made Tuesday by al-Qaida

spokesman Abu Ghaith praising the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and warning there would be more.

Bin Laden has been blamed by administration officials as the mastermind behind the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon across the river from Washington. More than 5,000 people perished in the strikes, the worst act of terrorism ever in the United States.

He was listed as being wanted in connection with the bombings of the U.S. embassies

in Kenya and Tanzania in 1998.

Others were listed as wanted for a World Trade Center bombing in 1993; the Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia in 1996 and the hijacking of a TWA flight in 1985.

With officials exercising extraordinary security measures, Bush bluntly accused lawmakers Tuesday of leaking classified information to the press and made the point in person during Wednesday's breakfast meeting with Gephardt,

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Names released on list

- Osama Bin Laden
- Ayman Al-Zawahiri
- Abdelkarim Hussein Mohamed Al-Nasser
- Abdullah Ahmed Abdullah
- Muhsin Musa Matwalli Atwah
- Ali Atwa
- Anas Al-Liby
- Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani
- Hasan Izz-Al-Din
- Ahmed Mohammed Hamed Ali
- Fazul Abdullah Mohammed
- Imad Fayed Mugniyah
- Mustafa Mohamed Fadhl
- Sheikh Ahmed Salim Swedan
- Abdul Rahman Yasin
- Fahid Mohammed Ally Msalam
- Ahmad Ibrahim Al-Mughassil
- Khalid Shaikh Mohammed
- Muhammad Atef
- Ali Saed Bin Ali El-Hoorie
- Saif Al-Adel
- Ibrahim Salih Mohammed Al-Yacoub

Faculty senate leaves meeting without vote

By Jason Cox
Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate met Monday to vote on a change in tuition, but left without a vote and with a sense of frustration.

In July, the Senate drew up a proposal that would eliminate a financial distinction between full-time and part-time students. If the proposal passed, it would have served as a recommendation to the Tennessee Board of Regents. The vote on the proposal was deferred to this month's meeting.

Students would pay a certain amount, now \$97, per credit hour regardless of how many hours they were taking.

This would affect full-time students — those who take 12 or more credit hours. Full-time students now pay a flat rate.

However, it was revealed at the meeting that TBR was already discussing the change without the Senate's input.

Several senators said they felt they had little influence on the university or the TBR.

"[TBR] has done a lot of dramatic things without us knowing about it," said Kathy Mathis, professor of engineering and industrial technology.

A discussion on whether to send the proposal to a Senate committee for further study left some senators feeling frustrated by the delay.

Terry Lee, chemistry professor, said the Senate should not delay making decisions by sending them to committee.

"I have discovered that the Faculty Senate is timid," said Jim Williams, history professor and first-year senator.

The board also discussed TBR's "Defining Our Future" report, which was mandated by the state legislature.

The legislature also ordered the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to produce a similar report.

The report is to include a comprehensive mission and goals statement as well as a financial breakdown for all TBR universities.

The Senate discussed ways to get a copy of this report prior to its finalization, but senators were unsure as to how to propose a copy and how they would get one in time for their input to be considered.

"I think the legislature is justifying the existence of three higher education boards," Mathis said.

Mathis noted that no other state agencies were required to submit a similar report.

Williams added that the University of Tennessee-Knoxville Faculty Senate passed a resolution for the state legislature to visit the campus and see how the statewide funding shortage has affected their campus and said MTSU's Senate should do the same.

Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, opened the meeting by discussing the goals of the Student Affairs office.

The goals included an extensive renovation of the residence halls, which Glenn, in what he described as his children's vernacular, said "suck big time."

Glenn said renovations to get the halls "on the trailing end of technology" will cost \$70 million, which, under university policy and state law, would be rent-derived.

He added that some halls, including Rutledge, Ezell and Abernathy, would not be able to be cost-effectively renovated.

Glenn effectively enhanced the Placement Center and Health Services and the construction of a student union as other priorities. ♦

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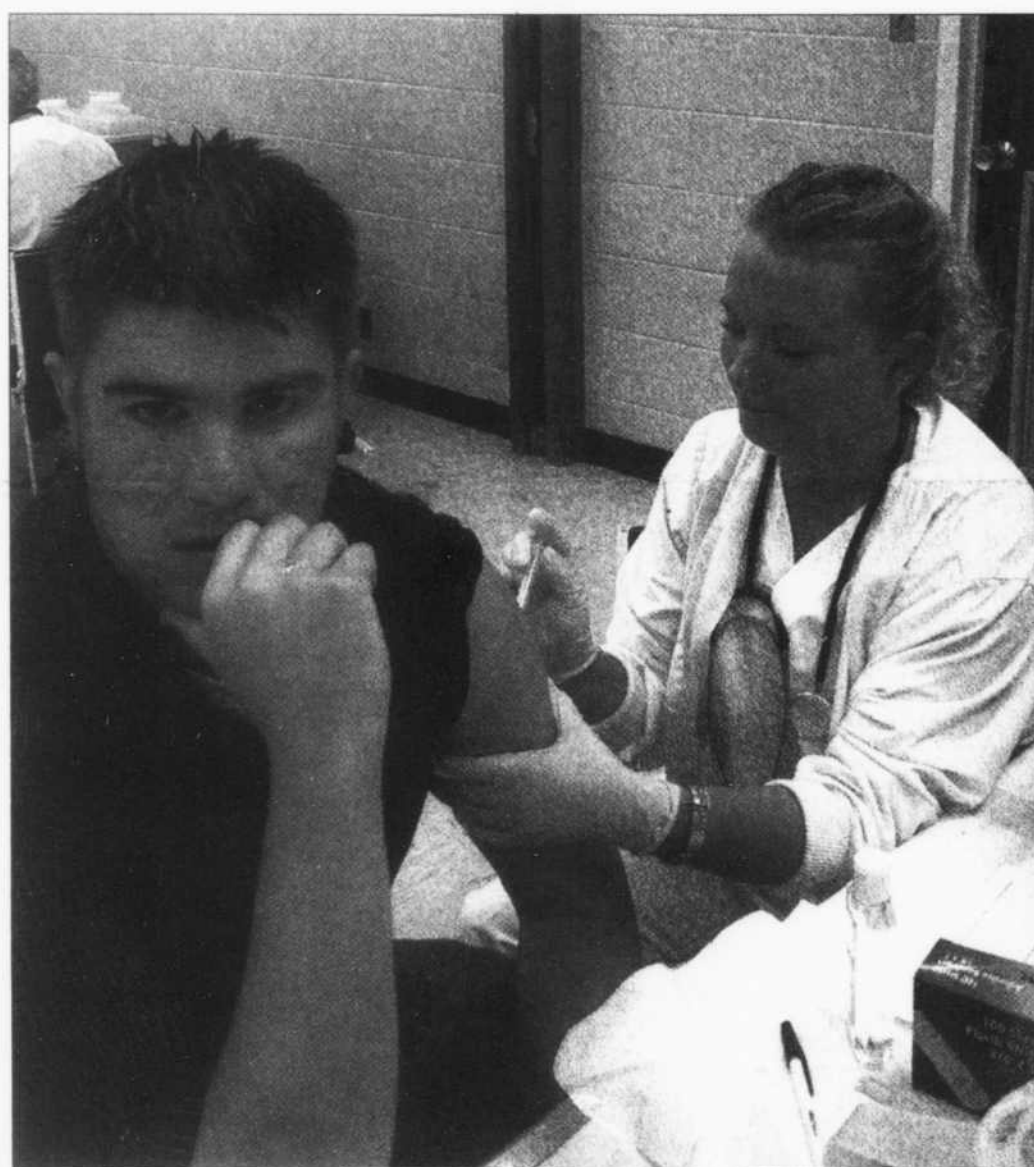


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Freshman Josh Kirby braces himself as Jackie May pricks him with a syringe full of a liquid that might save his life. Meningitis vaccinations were available from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Keathley University Center. The vaccination cost Tuesday was \$85, but many doctors say it's worth the money because college students are highly susceptible to the potentially deadly disease. Flu shots were also available at the KUC Tuesday.

City to widen streets, add bike lanes in next few years

By Allison Gilliam
Staff Writer

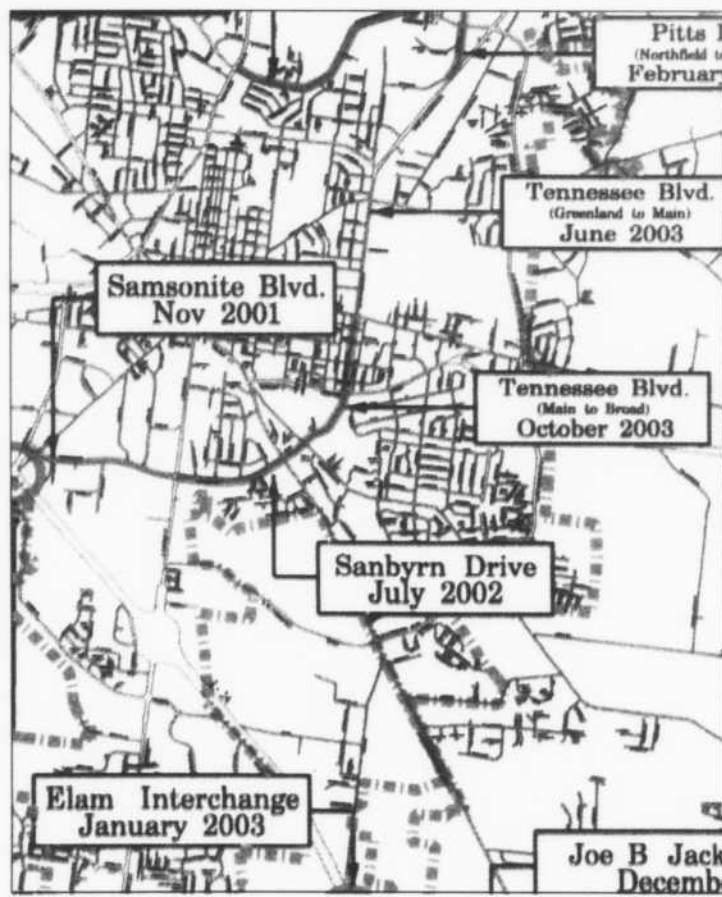
Commuting to campus by bike, car or on foot will be a little easier come fall 2003.

Tennessee Boulevard will be expanded to five lanes in two phases of construction, the first beginning May 2002 for the area between Greenland Drive and Main Street.

The second phase will widen the area between Main Street and Broad Street, beginning August 2002. Both projects include plans to implement bike lanes and sidewalks, in regards for the need to improve safety for bikers and pedestrians near campus.

"We have been working closely with MTSU, especially the campus police department, on this project," said Ram Balachandran, traffic engineer for the city of Murfreesboro. He said the Tennessee Boulevard expansion, as well as other construction projects in Murfreesboro slated for 2002, is a result of a comprehensive

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Widening of many streets near campus will begin in 2002. The Tennessee Boulevard, Sanbyrn Drive and Samsonite Boulevard projects will cost the city more than \$7 million.

Genetic research controversy to be focus of Monday's lecture

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

The controversial effects and implications of genetic engineering will be addressed Monday as part of the fall 2001 Honors Lecture Series.

Matt Elrod-Erickson, assistant professor of biology, will present a lecture titled "Human Genomics and Genetic Engineering: Curing Disease and Creating Disease."

Elrod-Erickson said his lecture will cover two basic components of genetic technologies, the medicinal benefits brought about through new diagnostic techniques and treatment options and the ethical dilemmas they create because of their potential for abuse.

He cited the Human Genome Project as one example of genetic research that has the

potential to be very beneficial.

"We have essentially sequenced the entire human genome and now have in hand the 'instruction book' for making a human being," he said.

"We don't yet completely understand the instructions, but we're in the position to make large leaps forward in our understanding of the genetic components of human disease."

Because of biomedical research like the Human Genome Project, Elrod-Erickson said doctors can now assess a person's risk for developing diseases like Alzheimer's disease and heart disease. The research also has provided possibilities for new treatments in the form of gene therapy.

"In just a few years, the number of diseases for which we could determine risk will be quite large indeed," he said. "We

will rapidly be developing drug therapies for many of these diseases, and for some of them, treatments like gene therapy will likely become possible."

Elrod-Erickson will also address some of the questions that have been raised and that are likely to be raised as a result of new genetic technologies. Some of these questions concern whether or not employers and insurance companies should have access to genetic information and whether genetic knowledge will compound issues of prejudice.

"Perhaps the most profound kinds of questions will be about the limits of these technologies," he said.

"If we devise gene therapy treatments to go in and correct the defective gene of someone

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From the left

America inviting more terrorism

By Angela White
Staff Columnist

The crusade has begun. Better buy some armor.

On Sunday, Bush did what his revenge-seeking constituents were clamoring for — he began to bomb the hell out of Afghanistan. Military bases, airports, communication towers and other targets made the list of places to level.

The Afghan people are fearing for their lives, the Taliban are forcing its prisoners to fight in its "jihad" and United Nations relief workers have been killed in the attacks. To continue this ongoing "war against terrorism," the United States has told the U.N. Security Council that it may have to attack other countries in order to "root out terrorism." Talk about an ambitious task. Bin Laden could be located anywhere in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Tajikistan or Uzbekistan. His supporters are all over the world, including Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which both issued passports to some of the terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attack. And what about other terrorist organizations? Are we planning to attack the Irish Republican Army? What about terrorist cells located in our own country?

The justification given by the United States for our attacks on Afghanistan is ironic, to say the least. We claim the attacks are "designed to prevent and deter further attacks on the United States." Increased security across the country doesn't give the impression that Americans are any safer now than we were before Sunday. If anything, we are provoking another attack, or in the words of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, "further harden[ing] the mindset of terrorists." Apparently Bush doesn't only want to solidify the probability of further attacks on the United States by a group that has already managed to hit us once — he's willing to provoke terrorists that have been relatively silent into targeting us as well.

Yes, terrorism is bad. It should be stopped. It kills innocent people, promotes terror in the populace (hence its name) and has the capability to make our lives a daily hell. News flash — so does war.

Why is it that when thousands of Americans are killed, it's an unprovoked tragedy that calls for war, but we kill thousands of civilians, it's justifiable homicide for the "greater good?" The number of innocents that we kill if we widen our attack could easily surpass those killed in our country (so far). We can't kill terrorism. We couldn't kill communism, drugs, premarital sex or gangsta rap either. If we stick with this, it will indeed be a long, tedious war that will never end. Terrorism is everywhere. It has no central base; no easy target. Terrorists can act in groups or independently. They can accomplish their goals physically, cyberly, violently or passively.

Did the terrorist attacks on the United States really end Sept. 11? People are afraid to travel, congregate in large groups and breathe the air. We're afraid of knife-slashing bus riders, anthrax in keyboards and nail clippers in carry-on bags. The terrorists are still attacking us without lifting another finger.

So what can we do? Obviously, we can't destroy terrorism any more than we can destroy any other crime. All we can really do is punish it. We are, in our own warmongering American way, doing this already. But punishing terrorists by terrorizing the innocent is hypocritical to say the least. The best way to end terrorism is to not allow it to happen in the first place. We were cocky. We're the only standing superpower on the planet, and we allowed three commercial planes to be hijacked and flown into national monuments. We had the resources to prevent it, but we just didn't see it happening to us. National security never should have been so lax.

Nonetheless, the innocent victims of the Sept. 11 attacks do deserve justice. They are not to blame for their own demise. But indiscriminately bombing country after country hoping to permanently cripple terrorism is foolish and self-defeating. We must selectively find and punish those who are guilty of this crime. The innocent should not have to pay for the actions of the guilty.

I hope we can handle the wrath we are provoking. ♦

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Briefs compiled By Jeremy Davis — Staff

Political Briefs

Taliban air defense destroyed

After three days of heavy bombing from American and British warplanes and cruise missiles, Afghanistan's Taliban militia air defenses have virtually been destroyed. Afghan aircraft can now fly unchallenged day and night above Afghanistan. President Bush has called the mission a success and said the skies are now free. American aircraft can now fly over Afghanistan to drop needed relief food and anti-Taliban leaflets. Any additional bombing would most likely be used to cover Taliban opposition forces and American special forces in Afghanistan.

Seattle democrat criticizes Bush

Representative James McDermott, D-Wash., was the first federal lawmaker to speak out against the attacks on Afghanistan, breaking the spirit of bipartisan support on Capitol Hill. McDermott issued a two-paragraph statement questioning whether President Bush had "thought this action out completely or fully examined America's cause." McDermott cited the bombings in Iraq as evidence that bombs do not remove leaders from countries. These comments go against recent polls that show overwhelming public support as high as 94 percent for the attack and support as high as 92 percent for President Bush. McDermott is one of Congress' most liberal members and has one of the safest seats in the House. He had no GOP opposition in 2000, but the Green Party candidate received 20 percent of the vote.

Bush restricts congressional briefings

President Bush announced Tuesday that only eight members of Congress would continue to get intelligence briefings from the White House. The shift in policy came after reports from an Oct. 2 briefing made it into some newspapers. Bush and other administration officials were outraged. Intelligence briefings will be given to the House speaker, House minority and majority leaders, Senate majority and minority leaders and the chairmen and ranking member of the Intelligence Committee. Some legislators said the move was too drastic; others said the president was doing the right thing because lives were at stake. ♦

Lecture: Debates imminent on genetic-related topics

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who would otherwise develop Huntington's Disease, most people would see that as a good thing.

On the other hand, changing the genes that control hair and eye color or intelligence makes most people uncomfortable."

Elrod-Erickson explained that his topic should be considered an "urgent issue" because of the media attention it has received and the lack of understanding maintained by the general public.

"We as a society will, within the next decade or two, be faced with many debates about public policy issues that will be equally as difficult and complex as the embryonic stem cell and cloning debates of the last six months.

These are going to be difficult issues and people need to be better informed."

Elrod-Erickson's lecture will be presented Monday in Peck Hall, Room 109A from 3 to 3:50 p.m.

The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦

From the right

The real question: Who's next?

By Jeremy Davis
Staff Columnist

President Bush has made comments that suggest this war on terrorism will continue after the attack on Afghanistan is over and Osama bin Laden has been apprehended or killed. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld has even compared this struggle to the Cold War. There are constant reminders from the government that this will be a long fight and Americans should be prepared for a drawn out conflict over a period of years.

The question is, who's next and why are they next? There has been a conflict within the White House over Iraq and whether they should be targeted next. Secretary of State Colin Powell does not want to go to Iraq because he is sure we would lose our delicate coalition of Arab states. Rumsfeld and Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz see Iraq as unfinished business and a continuing threat to the region's stability.

President Bush has made his position clear, and he is following through with it. The Bush Doctrine says any country that harbors or supports terrorists are targets for possible American attack. Bush has been careful in his approach to military action. He gave the Taliban an ultimatum, they ignored it and they are now being attacked. I think we can use this first phase of the war on terrorism as an example and a precedent for what is to come.

Whether other countries respond positively to Bush's demands will determine how far this war goes. One of the likely next targets is the Egyptian Islamic Jihad. This group is associated with bin Laden, has global reach and has made its opposition to the United States clear. The difference between Egypt and Afghanistan is leadership. The Taliban support terrorism; Egypt does not. Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has been one of the United States' most reliable allies throughout the past decade. An attack on the jihad group in Egypt would most likely be a joint effort by the United States and Egypt.

There are many other countries in the world like Egypt that will most likely cooperate, but, of course, there are those who won't. Iraq is one who we are sure will not. Saddam Hussein oppresses his people and rules without any popular mandate just like the Taliban. Hussein has been working on building up his military and developing weapons of mass destruction since the United States left Iraq in 1991. Whether he has been successful in developing weapons of mass destruction is unclear. Hussein has been calling for a massive response to America's attack on Afghanistan, and he also has called for the formation of an Arab army to push the Israelis out of Palestine. He is evil and needs to be disposed of.

The problem is we don't have a reason to attack Iraq in force right now. Hussein did not attack us; bin Laden did. The goal of the administration should be to provoke Hussein into giving us a reason to attack him directly. The Iraqi people are suffering not because of U.S. and British sanctions but because of Hussein's iron-fisted rule. Hussein picks which groups get food and which don't. The ones who don't are the Kurds who live in northern Iraq. When I lived in Washington, D.C., this summer, the bus I took home in the afternoon passed by a park that had signs of protest to the American government for not helping the Kurdish people. The signs begged the United States to get involved, and we should.

As the world's lone superpower, it is our responsibility to reach out to the less fortunate and oppressed people around the world, and sometimes that means ridding the earth of their oppressors. The Egyptian Islamic Jihad, Lebanon's Hezbollah, Syria's Hamas, Saddam Hussein and any other radical force of evil and oppression needs to be brought to justice for their countless crimes against humanity. America has been silent and appeasing for eight years and that silence was broken Sept. 11. President Bush has shown true leadership since taking office, and I pray the country continues to follow his example of patience, tolerance and justice until peace reigns again in America. ♦

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List: Defense officials say bombings successful

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Speaker Dennis Hastert, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle and Senate GOP Leader Trent Lott.

At the same time, Bush eased up on his decision to severely restrict congressional briefings on the anti-terrorism effort, and congressional leaders said they were satisfied they would get the information they need.

"The president has made his point, and we all are going to be careful," Lott said. "We'll get what we need, and he'll be able to do what he needs to do."

Bush and the congressional leaders also tried to work through sticking points over airline security and the administration's legislation to strengthen the hand of investigators in pursuit of suspected terrorists.

The counterterrorism bill

was pending in the House and the Senate, where Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., blocked passage Tuesday night, saying he wanted more time to propose changes. Airline security was hung up in the House, where Republicans dug in against a proposal to federalize the employees who screen baggage at the nation's airports.

Bush also was playing host to Lord Robertson, the NATO secretary-general, at the White House.

Officials have previously said the alliance would be sending some of its sophisticated AWACS aircraft for defensive use over the United States. Robertson said yesterday the planes would be protecting American airspace this week, which would free U.S. planes for redeployment in the air campaign against terrorists overseas.

"The allies are committed not just to deal with Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida, they are determined to get to the root of the terrorism which was behind this atrocity and which might be behind future atrocities," Robertson said on CBS.

Defense Department officials labeled the bombing campaign a success thus far.

"I think essentially we have air supremacy over Afghanistan," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. American planes were dropping bombs in daylight and darkness.

Other officials said the U.S.-led assault has rained bombs and missiles on the meager military forces of the Taliban, rulers of Afghanistan. The result has been to disable all but one of their air bases, blind their air defenses and pound a pocket of ground troops and several suspected terrorist training camps of the al-Qaida network and bin Laden, they said. ♦

Roads: City to pay majority

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study of Murfreesboro traffic over the past five years.

Balachandran also confirmed that the rapid increase in the number of students attending MTSU in recent years was a consideration in the need for improvements in traffic flow.

Traffic signals along Tennessee Boulevard from Broad Street to Main Street will be coordinated to help automobile traffic move more smoothly and ease congestion. The city also will add more closed-circuit cameras at intersections to observe traffic volumes and manipulate traffic signals if needed.

The two projects are continuations of the state's plans to build a new Interstate 24 interchange at New Salem Road, which is expected to be completed in September 2003. The new exit will be located between exits 78 and 81, allowing commuters to travel to campus from New Salem to Samsonite Boulevard, then to Sanbyrn Drive and on to Tennessee Boulevard. Both Samsonite and Sanbyrn are currently undergoing construction to expand to five lanes. The roadways also will have new sidewalks and bike paths.

Phase one of the Tennessee Boulevard widening will cost

approximately \$2.8 million, the majority of which will be federally funded, and be complete by June 2003. Phase two, funded entirely by the city of Murfreesboro, will cost \$4.94 million and be complete by October 2003.

The Samsonite phase is nearing its completion date of November 2001 and cost the city almost \$2.3 million. Sanbyrn is expected to be finished in July of 2002 and cost the city almost \$1.8 million.

Patti Miller, director of MTSU Campus Planning, approves of the plans. "The construction of the interchange is desirable for getting students to campus," she said, adding that campus and Murfreesboro city planning officials have exchanged concerns for the safety of pedestrians in the campus vicinity.

"Everything is being done to make it safe for pedestrians crossing the streets," Miller said. She also added that the university "appreciates the work the city is doing by building the bike lanes."

The Office of the City Engineer has not yet selected a contractor for the Tennessee Boulevard expansion projects, as the plans are still in the design stages. Hoover, Inc. is completing the construction on Sanbyrn Drive. ♦



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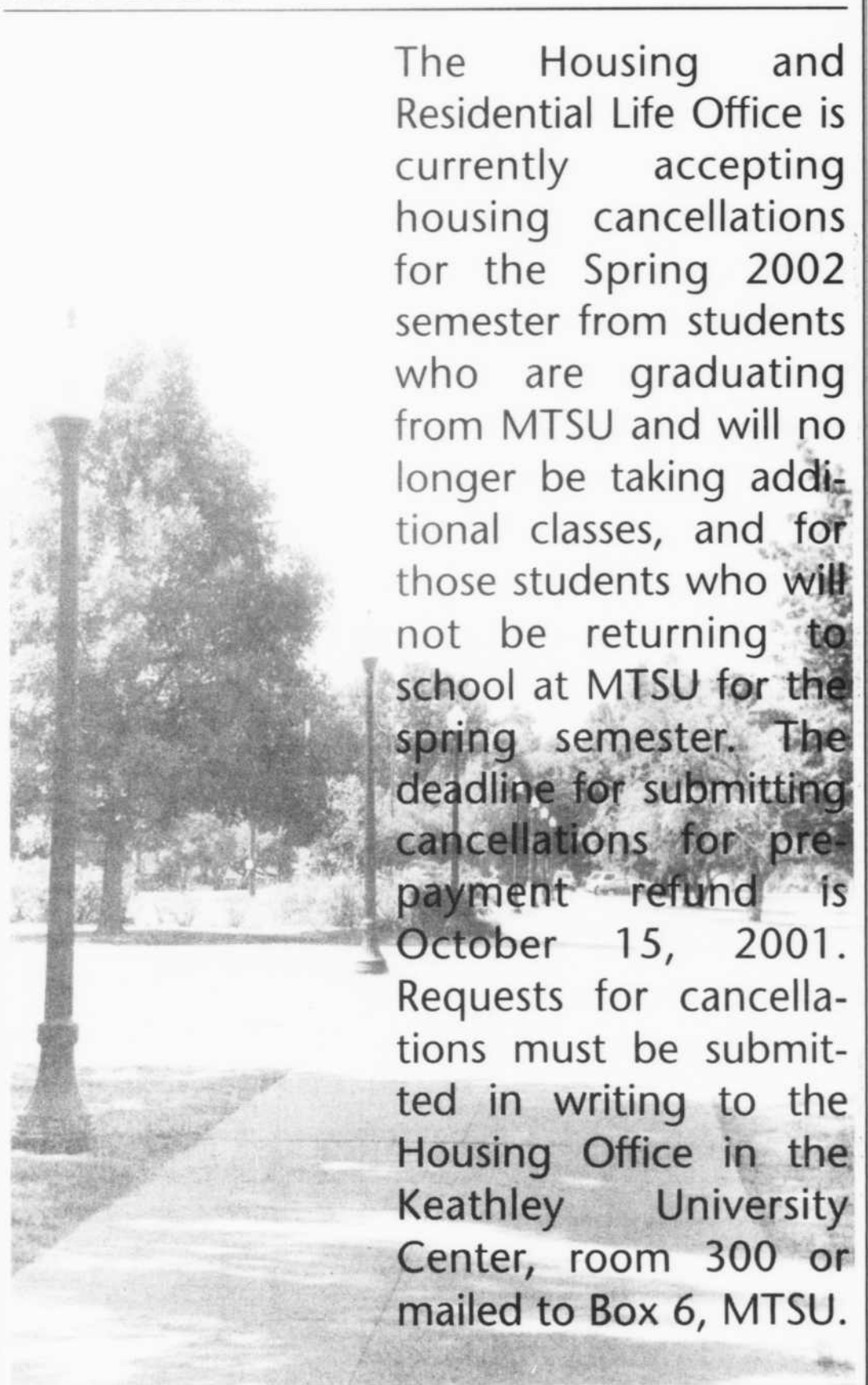
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The Housing and Residential Life Office is currently accepting housing cancellations for the Spring 2002 semester from students who are graduating from MTSU and will no longer be taking additional classes, and for those students who will not be returning to school at MTSU for the spring semester. The deadline for submitting cancellations for prepayment refund is October 15, 2001. Requests for cancellations must be submitted in writing to the Housing Office in the Keathley University Center, room 300 or mailed to Box 6, MTSU.

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Thursday, October 11, 2001

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the staff

We're sorry, so sorry

Sidelines has made a colossal mistake.

In last Thursday's paper, we ran a photo of a police car with a dreaded yellow ticket envelope neatly tucked under its windshield wiper on the front page. We, like most students on campus, found it a bit humorous that the tables had turned, and, for once, it wasn't our car being ticketed.

We, however, could not have been more wrong. Thanks to an anonymous source, who through numerous correspondences has yet to disclose his identity (due to departmental regulations), we have come to see the light.

According to Parking Services, police officers are NEVER given tickets on campus under ANY circumstances. The envelope on this particular officer's car apparently held a friendly note from ticketer to officer. How silly of us to think the envelope held a ticket.

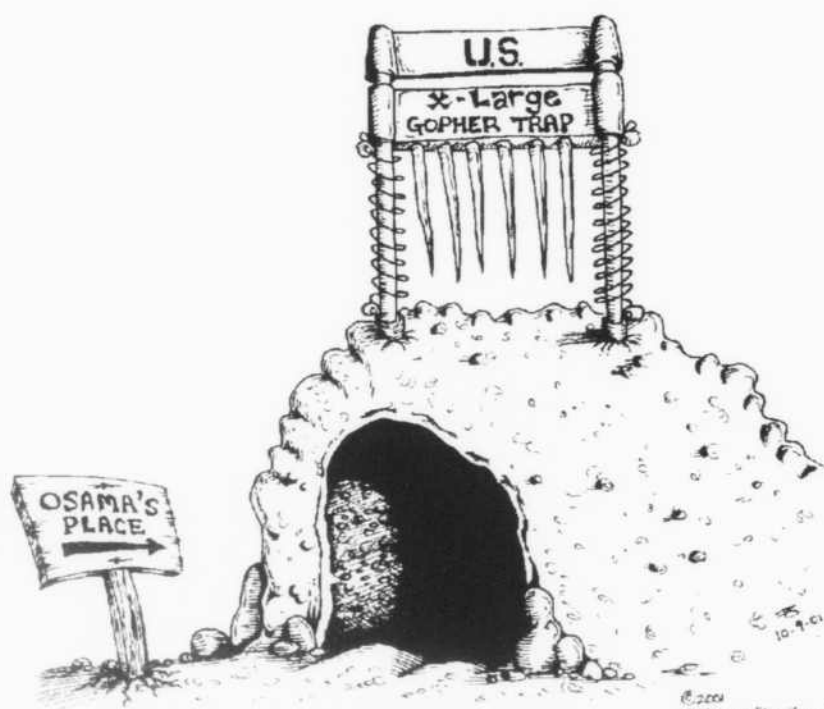
We would like to point out at this juncture that the money wasted by the improper use of Parking Services resources (the yellow envelope) could most likely be defined as wasteful spending. We believe this incident should be on the top of the list of the new committee appointed to look at such inefficient expenditures.

We were wrong. We say we were wrong. It was so amazingly foolish of us to think that police officers have to obey the same traffic laws as the rest of us lowly campus patrons. They are, of course, above the law.

We are certain that this particular officer was parking illegally for an excellent reason – perhaps a burglary in the bookstore or a cat stuck in a tree on the Knoll. Otherwise, we are sure that the officer would be setting high standards for all other citizens, since the police are the epitome of goodness in our society.

We truly apologize for misleading our campus to think that a police officer had been reprimanded for breaking the law. We highly regret the error.

Ouch. We just bit our tongue. ♦



Ring the death knell for student opinions

Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery
Opinions Editor

It was my chance to shine. When I became opinions section editor in May, I resolved that it would become the most widely read section of the paper. It would be innovative, thought provoking and a credit to the institution.

That's what I thought it would be, anyway.

Since the school year began, I have become inundated with numerous columns on various topics. While there are some columnists who insist on returning to the same topic seemingly every week, the majority of writers have presented to our readers a smorgasbord of topics, ideas and viewpoints. And I would like to publicly thank those writers for their efforts. Thank you.

However, as the hours spent in classrooms mount and more and more events of extreme historical importance unfold throughout the world, I have been overcome with a strong sense of relevance.

Two towers that I used to walk by every day have vanished. Afghanistan is now considered a major threat. We are bombing a third-world country that the vast majority of Americans, even now, could not point to on a map.

These things happened seemingly overnight, yet they have already had a powerful impact on how we all conduct our daily lives. By contrast, the op-ed section of a newspaper is laid out in advance. There are never any big surprises in content.

Many studies show that the op-ed is the least read

section of the newspaper (although the letters to the editor section often gets the most reads). This is not some rash generalization; there is empirical evidence to back it up. Sadly, it is true not only in major papers, but it pertains to campus papers as well. *Sidelines* is no exception.

It has been my observation in the three semesters I have been writing for *Sidelines* that there are some columnists who have built a loyal following, and their columns are eagerly anticipated eagerly every week. There are also columnists who are read with disgust every week. It doesn't matter that they receive both positive and negative attention; in fact, I personally would be pleased if I had either a positive or negative following. The positive point is that they have a following.

Sadly, that is not the case with most, or even several, columnists. If a poll were conducted today, I would wager that Joe "MTSU" Average could not name five columnists from national, local or campus media.

With such a limited following, columnists who consistently write complimentary columns about the same topic make circumstances worse. It reminds me of an old Canadian folk story about a little boy who lived in the Yukon.

Johnny Canuck lived in an igloo because all Canadians live in igloos. Day in and day out, he would walk to school through the deep snowdrifts wearing his snowshoes and eventually make it to class. Every day Johnny would complain to his classmates about the cold, and every day some would politely nod in agreement and others would smile politely (because all Canadians are polite).

One day when it was especially cold outside,

Johnny came in to class and launched into a tirade against the weather. His classmates, however, had had enough. "Johnny," they said. "Take off. We know it's cold, but there's nothing we as students can do. So put on an extra cardigan, sit down and quit complaining."

The moral of the story is that while Johnny had a legitimate complaint, he complained about it so often that no one cared about it. The few students that listened to him stopped caring and eventually turned against him. There are some legitimate problems in the world, but a column in a campus newspaper 5,000 miles away from the issue won't help any situation.

You may call it pessimism, I call it realism, but the end result is still the same. One lone student voice cannot and will not promote real change in how the world works. It's just too big for that. Research can be done 'til the cows come home, but at the end of the day, Farmer Bill's opinion counts the same as bio-engineer Chrissy's. Only when voices are united can real action take place.

I believe that our nation has been too divided for too long to agree on any issue that does not directly affect a sizable population of Americans (like the terrorist attacks have). Once the immediate threat of terrorism has been erased, we will go back to our old partisan ways and the spirit of camaraderie will disappear.

I do not believe in wasting time, money or space. I like to think that *Sidelines'* op-ed section has never squandered any of those things, at least never under my watch. But at this day and time, I seriously question the need for an opinions page in our campus newspaper. ♦

Constructive criticism: An American right

The Way It Should Be



Pam Hudgens
Editor in Chief

I love my country, but when did that start meaning I have to love our president?

Disliking President Bush six months ago meant that I was probably a Democrat. Now all of a sudden it means I'm un-American.

I didn't like war and violence as a solution six months ago either. That was just my personal opinion. Now it makes me un-American.

But how many of the people who think these opinions suddenly make me un-American have any facts on which to base their feelings of what's right and wrong?

I find myself confusing in this time of confusion what people are basing their suddenly strong sentiments on. Do they actually have valid reasons for their beliefs about Afghanistan and the Taliban or are these just knee-jerk reactions to the horrible things that have happened to our country? Had these people even heard of the Taliban over two months ago?

I bet a surprising number of those who are calling for war don't know much about those they suddenly want to go to war with.

I have always been proud to be an American, and that pride grows stronger the more

I learn about what goes on in other countries around the world and how people are treated in other parts of the world. My dislike of the actions this country has taken in the last week in no way lessens my pride in being an American, but it does make me worry about the possibility of losing some of the freedoms that make this country so great.

When did our country stop looking to the court system to get justice? When did violence become the only answer? People seem to think that those of us who don't believe in war believe nothing should have been done in response to the terrorist attacks on this country. They think that because we disapprove of bombing an entire country and its people because of what could have been the actions of individuals, our solution is to sit back and do nothing.

But what do we do in this country when someone is murdered or when somebody steals a car? We put them on trial.

Yes, this may be an idealistic solution, but that doesn't mean it can't work or that we shouldn't even try. The leaders of our country haven't even considered all the options. They just went straight for revenge.

Why should we settle for anything less than true justice? Bombing a country and killing probably everyone but the one true person you were after is not justice. It's payback, revenge. That's not the answer. ♦

Letter to the Editor

Paper needs more conservatives

To the Editor:

Maybe Angela White should have quit *Sidelines* on Sunday. I am of the opinion that the bombing of the Taliban government is just. It has nothing, I repeat nothing to do with women's rights! That staff article which she has included in the response to the platform is absurd. The United States has had ongoing conflicts with China over civil rights. It is, however, not an issue here. The issue is that a statement was made (with a disclaimer in the first line) saying that the bombing was what was deserved. Does she honestly think that harboring a terrorist such as Osama bin Laden does not subject the Taliban dictatorship to bombing?

I think that it is refreshing to read some conservative comments such as the ones that Mr. Chinnery and Mr. Martin put in the paper. For a long time, "our" paper, "the voice of MTSU," has been a very liberal news source. It has never been as good a voice for representing the student body as some think that it has been.

Furthermore, the representation of men on your editorial staff is quite inadequate as well. If you are so concerned about the representation of the student body then I propose getting more men and a few more minority editors.

I am proud to see that at least someone at *Sidelines* has a view that is along the lines of the "minority" of this school.

Michael Schulz

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Today's music lesson: The art of the remix

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Asst. News Editor

One day, in a conference room somewhere in a metropolitan area, a recording industry executive with slick hair and a bad goatee came up with an idea. While pondering how to dress some poodle-haired metal band on their next tour, dollar signs appeared in the iris of his sunken beady eyes.

"Why don't we add something to a song that already exists, call it a remix and sell another 500,000 records," this guy said.

Thus begins the era of the remix.

Since the mid '80s, remixes have been part of the popular music business. The first one anyone remembers was The Police's remixes of "Don't Stand So Close to Me" and "Message in a Bottle" for their greatest hits album.

The latter track didn't really sound any different; however, the former was an eclectic take on the classic song. It featured revamped vocals and additional music tracks.

Another notable remix was Madonna's "Secret." The original was a laid-back, soulful song with Madonna singing about her baby's secret.

The remix in and of itself sounded pretty unremarkable, adding a dance track and increasing the vocal tempo.

However, the most impressive thing I took

away from watching the special about the remix on MTV (yes, I was a very bored child in middle school) was how they managed to increase the tempo of the vocals without raising the pitch of Madonna's voice.

Similar dance remixes have been done of songs such as the 4 Non Blondes' "What's Up," Filter's "Hey Man, Nice Shot" and some bluegrass singer's "Rocky Top."

I'm not kidding. Someone actually released a promotional CD with five versions of Rocky Top, which featured several dance mixes in addition to the bluegrass version of the song.

As for Filter, I guess even a song about a politician shooting himself in the head on live television isn't exempt from being

bastardized for the dance floor.

This was on my mind as of late because of two prevalent remixes in heavy rotation on MTV and radio that highlight the best and worst of the remix. Ever the eternal pessimist, I will first address the bad one.

Singer Alicia Keys had one of the most beautiful, soulful R&B songs released in the last five years with her single "Fallin'." You've probably heard it.

However, the remix included the Marvin Gaye-esque Busta Rhymes in a remix that pretty much destroyed the song. It's too bad people can't leave good enough alone.

On the other hand, Jennifer Lopez's first version of "I'm Real" was an upbeat song about female empowerment and self-

esteem. It also sucked. The song glaringly showcased the limitations of Lopez's vocal ability and was generally pretty annoying.

The remix of said song, which featured Ja Rule, is a remix only by name. It is, in fact, a completely different song with different lyrics. The only words that stayed around were "I'm real."

This song, which is about a woman who needs a confident man who also loves her, has rhythm, soul and is extremely catchy. It made Lopez sound like a much better singer, even with Ja Rule's occasional over-the-top cockiness.

So what did we learn today, kids? Like it or not, a remix is a way to make easy money, and we all love that, don't we? The remix is here to stay. ♦

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Patriotism flies high after attacks

By Stephanie Saujon
Staff Writer

Since Sept. 11, the American flag remains out of stock in virtually every retail store. Wal-Mart, the largest retailer in the world, reportedly sold more than 500,000 flags in less than 48 hours, while fabric stores were bombarded by Americans searching for patriotic-colored ribbon.

According to popular legend, Betsy Ross, a Virginian upholsterer, was asked to sew an official flag for the United States of America in 1776. Ross's design consisted of 13 white stars on a blue background in the upper left corner, surrounded by 13 red and white horizontal stripes. In 1777, this design was approved by the Continental Congress and adopted as a symbol of unity, perseverance and freedom.

Two hundred twenty-four years later, Americans are realizing that this symbol of freedom becomes more important with each generation. In the past, Americans have displayed their national loyalty during national

struggle, grief, war and tragedy.

In 2001, however, patriotism has exploded in every corner of the country and led to record sales of flags and nationalistic paraphernalia.

People across Tennessee are feeling the patriotic surge in their communities. Here in Murfreesboro, flags are spotted waving in front of homes, stuck to car windows and posted in business display windows. A walk down our historic Main Street would make any American proud. Flags and patriotic decorations adorn every house and many electrical poles. There is even a sign stretching across the tree-lined street exclaiming, "United We Stand!"

In addition to homes, patriotic Americans also are decorating their bodies. Jessie Basinger, a Tennessee resident from California, has been wearing various forms of red, white and blue since Sept. 11.

"The colors remind us of how we are all bonded," she said. Basinger's typical outfit since the attacks is a combination of red, white and blue

shirts, pants, skirts, shoes and hats. She also wears an American flag pin on her lapel with a matching bracelet on her wrist. "It makes me feel good," she said.

Though the show of national pride is presently abundant, some feel that the display is long overdue. "This country definitely needed something to unite us as a whole," said Jonathan Wright, a father of three and a student at Tennessee State University. "Unfortunately, it took such a devastating tragedy to bring our pride to life."

Chrisanne Dickey, a Hermitage-based MTSU student, is among the Americans who were highly patriotic before the terrorist attacks occurred. Although she was brought up by military-oriented parents who taught her the importance of nationalism, she has learned something new about patriotism along with other Americans.

"Tear is the only thing that has become patriotic for me," Dickey said. "Tear for my fellow Americans, fellow humans and the hope that they all do the

right thing."

Kristy Robinson, another student at MTSU, feels prayer is the most important way to show patriotism. Robinson said she prays on a daily basis for the victims, their families and the entire country.

Even television networks and corporate Web sites are joining in the show of pride. MTV and NBC have altered their normal screen insignias to forms of patriotic display. AAA Auto Club has added a small but noticeable flag to the opening page of their Web site, while news companies such as CNN and MSNBC are using their Web sites to prominently exhibit images of a waving American flag. eBay, a popular online marketplace, is advertising an "Auction for America," from which 100 percent of proceeds will go to those directly affected by the attacks.

Some people think the new American pride is just a "fad" or "trend."

A typical response to this accusation is exemplified by Charles Dougherty, a waiter at a popular Nashville restaurant: "I



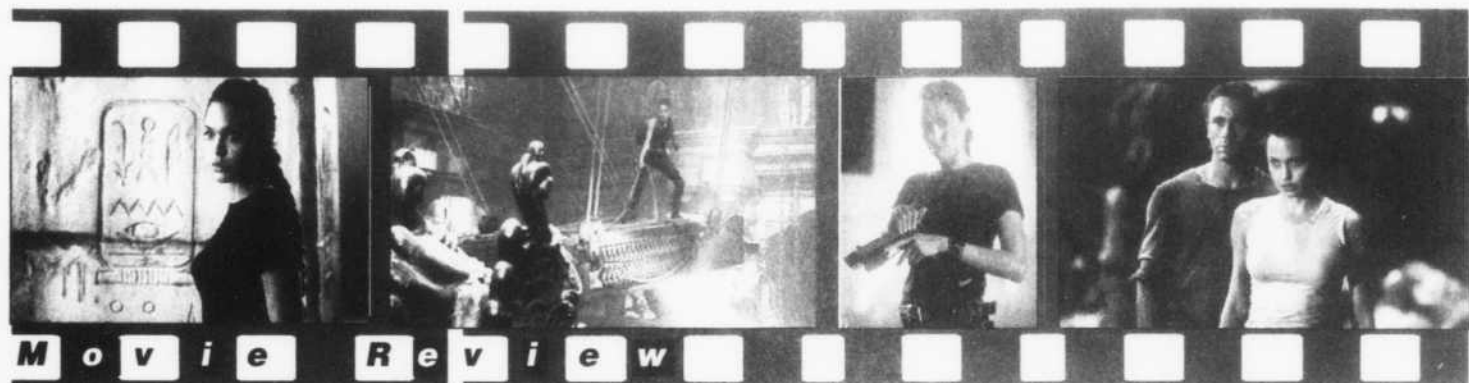
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A yellow ribbon holds a flag to a telephone pole in honor of the tragedies of Sept. 11.

hope [patriotism] is not a fad. I would genuinely like to see a permanent improvement in American pride." Dougherty chooses to show his pride by wearing a red, white and blue ribbon around his wrist. When asked how long he plans to wear his ribbon, Dougherty replied, "Until it falls off."

Jenyfer Driggers, a seam-

stress from Centerville, thought for a while before answering why she feels patriotism is important. "The people of America need to come together and support our country. The easiest way to do that is by flying the flag. It's good to remind people how proud we should be to be Americans and live in a free country." ♦



'Tomb Raider' does justice to video game

By Stephanie Saujon
Staff Writer

The latest addition to the "video games turned into blockbuster movies" genre is *Lara Croft: Tomb Raider*, featuring Angelina Jolie as the title character. While not quite as disappointing as, say, *Double Dragon*, *Mortal Kombat* or *Super Mario Bros.* movie, the film relies heavily on its star-power to lure audiences.

Fans of the Tomb Raider video game will surely enjoy this screen adaptation. The opening scene will have audiences wide-eyed at the special

effects and action sequences that were obviously choreographed to resemble the game as much as possible. Jolie even does the trademark side-step pistol draw that made Lara Croft so famous.

Jolie is a dead ringer for Croft, who is known across cyberspace as the sexiest computer-animated character in a video game. Jolie, who some consider to be the sexiest actress in showbiz, has chosen an appropriate professional outlet for her penchant for knives and seduction. Her character in Tomb Raider also has a fetish for sharp objects and alluring

poses, even if she doesn't have much to say.

And when she does speak, some may be shocked to hear a British accent come out of her mouth. That's right. Croft's home base is in London, where she lives a pampered life in a palace and practices ballet while hanging from bungee cords in a cavernous foyer.

While Jolie may seem to have it all, she is haunted by the memory of her father, a once-great archaeologist who mysteriously died while searching for an artifact that can control time and space.

Croft, known to her col-

leagues as a "tomb raider," is determined to find this lost relic, even if it means globetrotting across the world from Cambodia to Iceland to discover it.

Fans of the game and Jolie will delight in this film. Also starring Jon Voight (Jolie's real dad) as Croft's father and Noah Taylor as her combat trainer. The film is directed by Simon West, also known for his direction of *Con Air* and *The General's Daughter*. Showing at the Keathley University Theater tonight at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is \$2. ♦

Risque Renee on making love: part 2

This is a continuation of my previous column about making love.

As I said before, to truly make love to someone, you have to make their mind climax as well as their inner treasures.

Give them a smile. We have all heard the phrase, "It's written all over your face. You don't have to say a word." This is so true. Just take the time to smile at your partner. We have our sexy smile, teasing smile, bashful smile, excited smile, horny smile, secretive smile and the list goes on. Your smile can speak louder than your words. It is a way of mentally making love.

Dress for them. When you know what a person looks for and what turns them on you should make a conscious effort to cater to their liking. This can give you the upper hand in mentally making love, for you don't have to do anything difficult. Just walk by them and you'll have them on the verge of a mental climax.

The gifts of little whatnots. What might not seem like a lot to you may seem priceless to your significant other. It doesn't have to be anything extravagant, but maybe pick up a T-shirt you thought they may like or give them some cotton candy that you bought from the carnival. Simple little tokens of love always work.

Space with understanding. I don't know what it is people, but no matter how much we love someone, we appreciate moments away from them. Give your significant other a chance to miss you and reflect upon moments that you have shared together. This has a reverse psychological way of making them want you more. They begin to think about your voice, the way you laugh, smell and look. It's funny because they are mentally making love to you and you're not even there.

The shy dates. Last but not least we have the one that is most frequently used by virgin teenagers. There's something that is just so refreshing about going on a date and just having pure fun. I guarantee you that it does something to the mind that no touch could ever do.

Well, this concludes this issue of mentally making love. Hit me up at Risque r@aol.com and tell me how you like it. In the meantime, let's put some of this into practice, and if it works or does not, please let me know.

This is Risque Renee' dropping sex, love and relationships issue on you as hard, or as soft as you like it. ♦



Risque Renee



Campus Events

Sun., Oct. 14

The Stones River Chamber Players will perform at 3 p.m. in the Wright Music Building. Admission is free. For more information, call 898-2496.

Mon., Oct. 15 - Wed., Oct. 31

"The Space Between" by Jenny O'Conner will be presented at the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

"Human Genomics and Genetic Engineering" by Matt Elrod-Erickson will be presented at the Honors Lecture Series in Peck Hall, Room 109A from 3 to 3:50 p.m. For more information, call 898-2152.



MT tries to stay undefeated in Sun Belt play

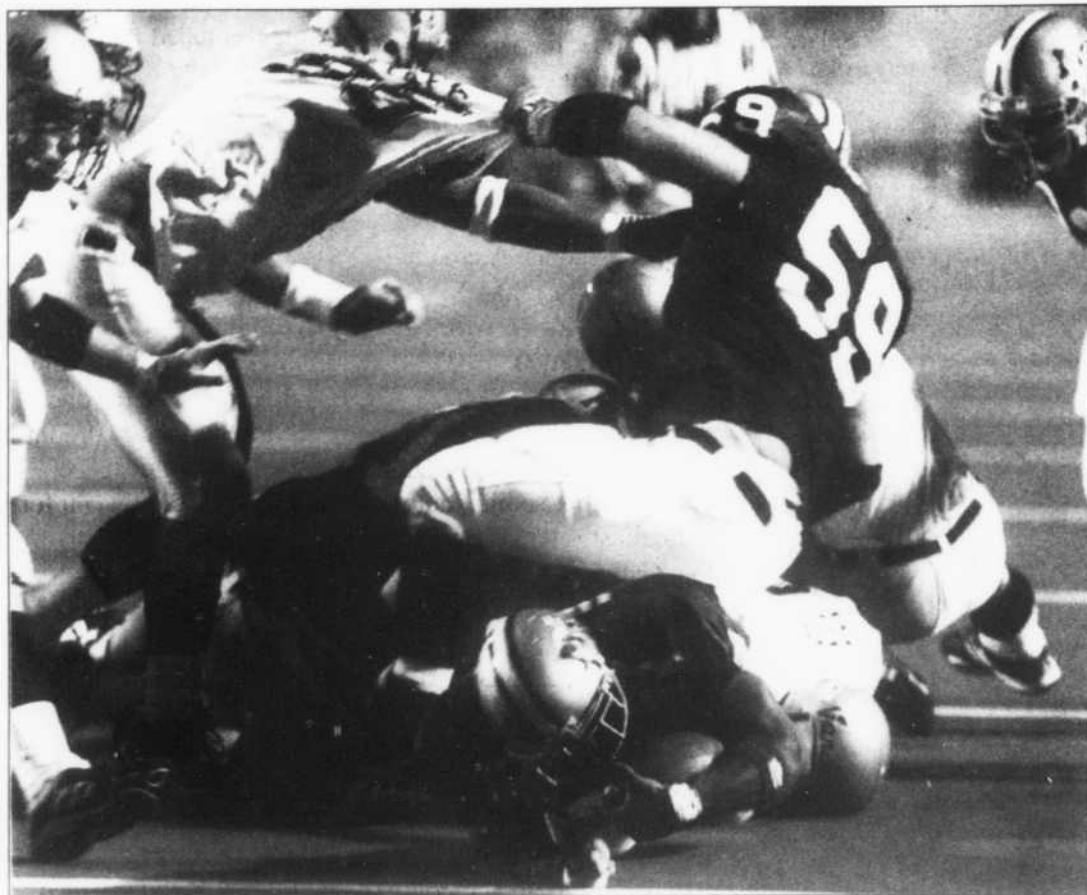


Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor
An MT running back struggles across the goal line for a touchdown in the Idaho game.

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

Another Sun Belt Conference match-up awaits the Middle Tennessee football team when they collide with North Texas Saturday. The Mean Green have yet to corral a win this season but will be more than happy to take their first one in a Sun Belt Conference game against the undefeated Blue Raiders.

"They'll be gunning for us," linebacker Michael Woods said. "We know we can do better [than the defense did against Idaho]. We just have to come out and prove it."

It is unlikely that the MT defense will have to work as hard as it did against Idaho, which scorched the Blue Raiders for 760 yards in Floyd Stadium Saturday, but NT does offer big guns within their offense.

NT has four returning offensive linemen looking to further slow an MT defense that hasn't shown it can put pressure on an

offense.

The MT defensive line will have to overcome NT's Nick Zuniga, a second team All-Big West lineman, and J.R. Randle who took honorable mention all-conference honors in his first two seasons.

It helps that the Mean Green are primarily an option oriented attack, taking pressure off a Blue Raider secondary that allowed Idaho 637 yards through the air. But quarterback Scott Hall does have the ability to throw the football downfield. The Blue Raiders will need to make Hall's offense one-dimensional.

"Things could be a lot different if we got pressure on the quarterback or made tackles that we missed before plays got in the secondary," MT head coach Andy McCollum said.

The MT defense can't afford to miss opportunities in North Texas. The Blue Raider offense will have its hands full against the Mean Green defense who ranks second in total defense in conference play.

"[North Texas'] defense is particularly good," McCollum said. "They have had some good defensive performances against teams like Oklahoma and Texas Tech. We have a great challenge in front of us."

The MT offense has yet to shy from a challenge, but this will be the best Sun Belt Conference defense it has faced since Louisiana-Lafayette.

The Mean Green will have two anchors in the middle of the defensive line with the assignment of shutting down All-American candidate Dwone Hicks. The NT defensive tackles, Brandon Kennedy and Chris McIver, both second team All-Big West Conference members, will be focused on making sure the running game is grounded.

"This game is important because it's our next opportunity to move closer to our goals," McCollum said.

NT has only goal in mind, and that is taking a win from the top dog in the Sun Belt Conference. ♦

Hicks runs to national recognition

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

"Dwone Hicks is not the Iron Horse, he is the horse," MTSU President Sidney McPhee said during the Family Day brunch.

Hicks' 5-foot-11-inch frame of 225 pounds is enough to make most defensive coordinators cringe. In the Sept. 24 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, Hicks was nominated as the Iron Horse candidate for the Heisman trophy.

Hicks is currently 10th in the nation in rushing with 600 yards on 110 carries and is averaging 5.5 yards a carry.

However, this is far from the first time that Hicks has received this kind of recognition. He has been named the Sun Belt Player of the Week twice, and on the week of Sept. 22, he was named the honorary 10th best player in the country by collegefootballnews.com. He is also a Doak Walker candidate, which honors the best running

back in the nation. He also has numerous other honors.

It's not like there are too many people who actually disagree with McPhee on Hicks' work ethic.

"When you saw how hard he played and saw how physical he was, you knew there was something special," MT head coach Andy McCollum said.

Off the field, Hicks has displayed appreciation for his fans. In an article that was written on Hicks in New York on Sept. 29 by the *Times Herald-Record*, the following story was recorded.

"A kid was wearing a white, blue and silver football jersey with No. 33 on the front. Dwone Hicks saw it across campus last year and chased the guy down. He thanked him for wearing his jersey. 'I thanked him for wearing it and coming to games to support the team. That was the first time I ever saw someone wearing my jersey.'"

Hicks is also highly thought of by his teammates as well, and

they don't seem to mind all of the media attention he gets.

"That doesn't bother me. You just have to wait for the opportunity," fellow running back Jamison Palmer said.

"It's an inspiration for us to want to reach higher," fellow running back Rashard Lee said.

Despite Hicks getting all of this media coverage, he still continues to focus on the team.

"It's the team that goes out and wins the Sun Belt Conference championship and gets the ring, not just me," Hicks said.

After playing college football, Hicks hopes to turn professional. However, his chances of going pro after this year aren't very good.

"I am going to continue to play here and get bigger and stronger and faster," Hicks said.

According to Hicks, his immediate goals for this season are to get more yards this year than last, even if it is by only one or two and to avoid fumbling the ball.

Off the field, according to his teammates and coach, Hicks is just another guy and is really close with his teammates. Lee and Don Calloway, who were both laughing during the interview, said at the same time, "Outside of football we are just like brothers."

Then, still laughing, all three echoed at the same time, "and give me a high five!" They said they just like to have fun.

From McCollum's point of view, Hicks is a very quiet and serious but easygoing guy.

"He's just around here, is very solid and has great character, cares about his community and cares about his teammates," McCollum said.

"When I actually got to go visit the high school, visit the coaches, visit the family, visit with Mom and Dad, you could tell that he comes from a great family. He's a very humble person, and his character just shines through."

See Hicks, 7

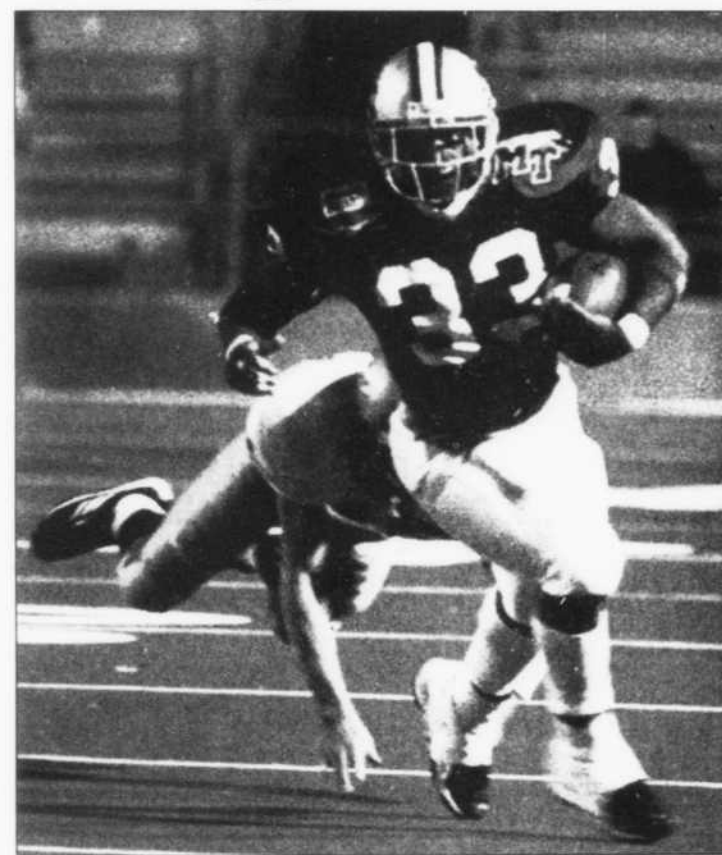


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Dwone Hicks breaks away as the diving defender misses.

Are power ratings trustworthy?

View from the Top



Michael Edwards
Staff Columnist

Don't look now, but the Middle Tennessee football team leaped more than 30 spots in the foremost authority on football power rankings, the Sagarin Poll.

The Blue Raiders, who last week were rated 79, are now sitting at 47. That's higher than any team on their schedule, including Louisiana State University and Ole Miss. If this poll holds true, and it has for the first five games, MT would lose to LSU in Baton Rouge in front of 91,000 LSU fans by one point. I came to this by adding the home advantage to the rat-

ing.

The Blue Raiders are merely 16 spots behind Florida State. Barring a loss to North Texas, MT should be favored in this particular poll to beat Ole Miss over fall break.

How can this be? The Blue Raiders have been I-A for only three years, and we are conceiving the idea that they could possibly beat a team like Ole Miss, which has won more than one national championship. Does this poll suggest that, given the right circumstances, MT could come within a field goal of the Seminoles, who were rated with the best recruiting class in America? Surely, that isn't what Jeff Sagarin's poll is telling me.

Here are a few major teams, over whom MT sits. It starts with Mississippi State, Auburn, LSU, Ole Miss, Arkansas, Vanderbilt and Kentucky. That's five of the six teams in the Western Division of the Southeastern Conference, and seven of the complete 12. If

these polls hold true, the Blue Raiders will finish the 2001 season with a 12-0 record. If you think this is bogus, check the poll yourself. It's all there.

Sagarin is not alone. The creator and founder of the Massey system, Kenneth Massey, rates MT at 32, which is 12 spots ahead of FSU. Stop the insanity! Where is Susan Powder when you need her?

Both of the polls, though they seem a bit off, have been validated by and used by the NCAA to determine the Bowl Championship Series. But, before you start buying your tickets to the Rose Bowl featuring MT, remember the SBC is not eligible for the BCS, but that's for another time.

In a compilation of 43 power ranking systems, the Blue Raiders stand at position 41, still ahead of LSU and Ole Miss. Think the pollsters out west are smarter? The *Seattle Times* has MT at 24. Again, this poll is used for the BCS.

I am amazed at these rankings. I checked these 42 every week. I was shocked when I saw MT rated highly earlier this year but played it off to not having played many games. Now that we are halfway into the season, I have narrowed this down to one of two conclusions. Either the Blue Raiders have gone from the worst team in Division I-A football only three seasons ago to the top third this season, or these rankings, all 42 of them, are incredibly off base. And if the latter is true, how messed up is the BCS system?

Should we really be basing our entire National Championship system on these polls if, in fact, they are nothing more than something I would concoct in my dorm room on a used napkin? I mean, what about the children? ♦

View from the Top appears every Thursday. Michael Edwards can be reached at slsports@mtsu.edu or 898-2816.

MT shoots 12th

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee women's golf team shot a season best 963 to finish 13th at the Price's "Give 'em Five" Intercollegiate Wednesday.

Tamara Munsch fired a three-round 231 to tie for 41st. The Lady Raiders moved into 12th place Tuesday after moving up two spots.

"We played a little better today, but we got ourselves in a hole with Monday's round," head coach Kim St. John said.

"Tamara and Amanda played well today, but we still

could have been a whole lot better. Hopefully, we will put it all together Wednesday."

Kandace Burnett recorded a total score of 240 to finish in a tie for 59th.

Kristin Lynch shot a final-round 83 to tie for 63rd place.

Amanda Harter shot a 79 in the second round and finished play with a 247 total. She finished in 67th place.

Nicole Biles rounded out the Lady Raider scoring with a 266 to place 77th.

MT will play in the Arkansas-Little Rock Women's Intercollegiate Oct. 15-16. ♦

MT Scores:

Tamara Munsch 75-76-80
Kandace Burnett 81-80-79
Kristin Lynch 81-81-83
Amanda Harter 85-79-83
Nicole Biles 88-92-86



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THURSDAY

- **Men's Tennis**
All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga.
All day
- **Women's Tennis**
ITA Rivera All-American
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
all day

FRIDAY

- **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders at Denver
Denver, Colo.
7 p.m.
- **Soccer**
Blue Raiders vs. Denver
Blue Raider Soccer Field
4 p.m.
- **Women's Tennis**
MT Fall Classic
Buck Bouldin Tennis Center

SATURDAY

- **Football**
Blue Raiders at North Texas
Denton, Texas
3:05 p.m.
- **Cross country**
Austin Peay Invitational
Fort Campbell, Ky.
10 a.m.

SUNDAY

- **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders at New Mexico State
Las Cruces, N.M.
2 p.m.
- **Soccer**
Blue Raiders vs. North Texas
Blue Raider Soccer Field
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MONDAY

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University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Fall Invitational
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Little Rock, Ark.

Hicks: Football wasn't only game he played

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"Dwone was always a good student and always went to class. He was very mild mannered, always went to classes and was down to earth. This is very hard to do being a star athlete and all," Hicks' high school principal Andrew Fuller said in the Nov. 25 issue of *Sidelines*.

Growing up, Hicks was an army brat. Before coming to Middle Tennessee, Hicks was born in Kansas, lived in New

York, Alabama, Texas and Germany.

While he was growing up, Hicks was not only a great football player, but also a great baseball player. When asked if he was the star in football he is now during his peewee years, Hicks said, "I guess. When I was in Little League, I had my jersey retired."

According to Hicks, he only played until he was about nine or 10.

"I chose football because my

brother played it. At the time I was in Texas, I loved to run and it seemed like it was something special when I got a football in my hands," Hicks said.

He started playing football at age six and started playing baseball at age seven.

Although there is a possibility Hicks will not win the Heisman trophy, he will always be Middle Tennessee's Heisman hero. ♦

Some of Hicks' records and awards

Single-game rushing yards (311)
Touchdowns in a game (6)
Points scored in a game (36)
Single-season rushing touchdowns (19)
Points scored in a season (126)
2001 Doak Walker Award Candidate
2001 preseason honorable mention All-American by NationalChamps.net
2001 preseason first team all Sun Belt by CollegeFootballNews.com

Sun Belt action heats up

By R. Colin Fly
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Louisiana-Lafayette
at Arkansas State

Both Louisiana-Lafayette (1-4, 0-1 Sun Belt Conference) and Arkansas State (0-4) come into Saturday's game looking for their first conference win of the season.

Last weekend, Arkansas State played against Mississippi, losing 35-17. Doak Walker Award candidate Jonathan Adams rushed for 173 yards in the losing effort.

The game also renews a former rivalry — both teams played in the Southland and Big West conferences in the past. They last met in 1999 with Arkansas State winning 31-27.

Game time is 2 p.m.

Idaho
at New Mexico State

The preseason No. 2 and No. 3 teams in the conference face off Saturday night in Las Cruces, N.M.

New Mexico State (2-4, 1-0 Sun Belt Conference) is looking for its third win of the season behind Kenton Keith, who has

six rushing touchdowns this season.

Idaho (0-5, 0-1) will bring the air attack led by Josh Lindgren, who threw for more than 600 yards and 6 touchdowns against Middle Tennessee last week, en route to 58 points in the losing effort. He's now thrown for 1,167 yards in two games.

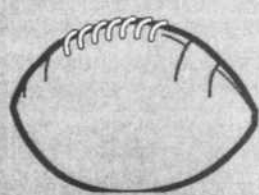
Idaho leads the series history 7-1, but the teams have split the last two meetings, IU winning in double overtime 44-41 last season and NMSU winning 42-14 in Las Cruces in 1998.

Game time is 7 p.m. ♦

Colin's Conference Picks

MT 37, UNT 21
ASU 27, ULL 24
NMSU 35, UI 28

Last Week: 1-1
Overall: 3-2



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