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# Homecoming 2000 schedule

## Sunday, Oct. 8

5K Walk/Run; 1:45 p.m. start time for walk, 2 p.m. for run; Campus Recreation Center

## Monday, Oct. 9

Office decorations must be complete by noon; judging begins at 1 p.m.

Lobby decorations must be complete by noon; judging begins at 5 p.m.

T-shirt Swap Day, KUC 208, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

25-cent drink refills w/Homecoming cup from Aramark (get one in KUC 208)

## Tuesday, Oct. 10

"Funflicks" available from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Campus Recreation Center Lounge

Movie, Yellow Submarine, KUC Theatre, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

T-shirt Swap Day, KUC 208, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

## Wednesday, Oct. 11

Sports Illustrated Campus Fair, KUC Knoll

Great Bowls of Fire Chili Meltdown, 5:30, Murphy Center

Raiderfest Fight Song Pep Rally, 7 p.m., Murphy Center

## Thursday, Oct. 12

Sports Illustrated Campus Fair continues

Raiderpalooza Battle of the Bands, 7 p.m., Murphy Center

## Friday, Oct. 13

Raider Pride Day

Canned Food Drive receipts due at 3 p.m.

## Saturday, Oct. 14

Homecoming Day Parade and Float Competition begins at 10 a.m.

Coca Cola Family Festival, 3-5:30 p.m., Tent City at Murphy Center

Raider Walk, 4:30 p.m., Murphy Center

MTSU vs. Louisiana Monroe, 6 p.m., Floyd Stadium



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# Homecoming brings events to campus

By Mary Anna Brown  
SGA Beat Reporter

Homecoming Week is guaranteed to be one MTSU will long remember years down the road and embodies the theme, "Rockin'-N-Rollin with the Raiders."

"The theme for Homecoming was chosen by the Homecoming committee to support MTSU football and to create a sense of school spirit and unity," Homecoming Director Jennifer Jones said.

Traditionally, Homecoming activities yielded individual winners and then an overall winner. "This year, there is no overall winner but there are overall winners of the events," Jones said. "There are two separate competition categories; the Blue group is for 76 members and over and the White group is for 75 members and under. Organizations with 75 and under may move up and compete in the Blue group category, but organizations with 76 members and over may not move down and compete in the white group category."

All organizations placing will be recognized on a master plaque that will be displayed on the Dallas Biggers Wall of Fame located across from the SGA office.

## Homecoming King

The first Homecoming Event will be the Homecoming King "Copper and Silver War," where the Homecoming King Court will be determined by a "money war" between candidates.

"Each candidate will collect coins and will receive points for the change they collect," Jones said. "However, points will be taken away from a candidate's score for every dollar placed in his jar."

The top five candidates with the most points will become the Homecoming Court and the Homecoming King will be announced at halftime during the football game.

All money raised will benefit HEAT (Help End Abusive Tendencies), a domestic violence intervention program that serves both men and women who have been court ordered to attend or have decided on their own to seek

help. Homecoming King candidates will be collecting money all week long.

## Campus Fair

One of the major Homecoming events is the Sports Illustrated Campus Fair which will take place Wednesday and Thursday on the KUC knoll and is sponsored by Student Programming.

"This is the SI's second year to come to our campus and host the fair," Assistant Director of Student Programming Mimi Thomas said.

Booths will be set up from Sports Illustrated, Pantene, Old Spice, Reese, Nutrageous and others. Sports Illustrated will be promoting their new magazine for women's athletics as well as giving out samples of both magazines.

## Chili Cook-off

One of the most anticipated events during Homecoming Week is the "Great Bowls of Fire Chili Meltdown," a chili cook-off on Wed. at the track level of Murphy Center at 5:30.

Student organizations,

university departments, residence halls, special interest groups, community groups and businesses participate in the contest to determine who can make the best chili.

"Judging is based on chili flavor, texture, and aroma," Jones said. "There is also an emphasis given to incorporation of the theme and school spirit in the decoration of each organization's booth. Even more points are given if an organization or business has at least 20% of its members present."

The event raises money for HEAT and the SGA Book Scholarship Fund.

"Fifty percent of the profits go toward the scholarship fund," Marshall said. Tickets for the Great Bowls of Fire Chili Meltdown can be bought in advance for \$5 Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the KUC lobby or at the door for \$7.

## Raiderpalooza

On Thursday, SGA is sponsoring "Raiderpalooza," a

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"If You Dare"

# Indians come calling on Homecoming

By J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

It's Homecoming, and another Louisiana team comes calling.

The University of Louisiana-Monroe makes its third trip to the state of Tennessee on Saturday. The Blue Raiders will look to revenge a shutout loss at the hands of the Indians last year.

Louisiana-Monroe, like MTSU, will join the Sun Belt Conference next season. Both teams, along with the ten other schools in the conference, will compete for the right to represent the SBC in the inaugural New Orleans Bowl in December of

2001. Other future conference opponents on this year's schedule include last week's matchup with Louisiana Tech and the final game of the season versus Louisiana-Lafayette.

ULM and Middle Tennessee are very similar in terms of where their respective athletic programs stand historically.

The Indians made the move from Division 1-AA to 1-A in 1994. They have been independent ever since.

MTSU made its move last season and has only the remainder of the season as an independent.

As an independent since 1994,

ULM has struggled on the road with a 7-35 record against Division 1-A opponents.

Not unlike the Blue Raiders, the Indians have been forced to schedule a seemingly endless stream of top-notch opponents.

Facing the likes Florida, Arkansas and Arizona, the underdog role is familiar to both programs. ULM on the road is giving up 38.0 points per game.

Expect more of the same as the Blue Raiders are 23rd in the country in total offense.

## When ULM has the ball

Indian quarterback Andy Chance has been bothered by

injuries all season. The redshirt sophomore is the key to their offense running and throwing. The coaches changed their offense midway through the season last year to cater to Chance's strengths.

The running game is on the shoulders of Arkansas transfer, Mark Henderson. The senior getting the brunt of the carries this year hasn't lived up to expectations.

The new offense is still just that, new. The much-improved Blue Raider defense should control the line of scrimmage and penetrate the backfield disrupting the Indian offensive scheme.

## When MTSU has the ball

Dwone Hicks and Kendall Newson continue their success moving the football for the Raiders.

Also expect the second team to get some playing time as well. Wes Counts and Jason Johnson should keep the Indian defense on their heels with their balanced attack.

## What to expect

The Blue Raiders will wear down the Indians. It stays close through three quarters, but MTSU revenges last year's loss and picks up their first Homecoming win in two years. ♦

## Events: Parade to be held Saturday

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battle of the bands at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

Bands and artists to perform at "Raiderpalooza" are Jesse Lee Campbell, Mass Transit, Mile Eight, Money Penny, Page 80, Scarlett, and Spiral. Each band will play a 20-minute set and the winner will be determined at the

conclusion of the event. "Raiderpalooza" is free to all MTSU students.

## The Parade

The main event during Homecoming Week is the Homecoming Parade and float competition.

"The parade float and non-float entries offer the most

publicly visual aspects of the MTSU Homecoming festivities," Jones said. "The top three floats will be displayed at the Homecoming football game and the winner will be announced and presented with a trophy at halftime."

Judging will be based on school spirit, incorporation of theme, workmanship, color

scheme and originality.

There are 11 float participants and three non-float participants in addition to appearances by the Homecoming King and Queen Courts, cheerleaders, Band of Blue, community organizations, and the parade Grand Marshall, President Gene Smith.

"The non-float entry is a less costly and more creative way for

organizations to get involved with Homecoming and walk down the parade route," Jones said. "

The parade begins at ten a.m. Sat. morning at the intersection of Maney and Robert. From there, the parade will proceed up Main, across Tennessee, and then up Greenland to the Murphy Center parking lot where the parade will conclude. ♦

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# Homecoming Queen nominees

The five finalists for Homecoming Queen were asked the following questions: "What do you think the ideal qualities of a Homecoming Queen should be?" and "What type of responsibilities do you think the Homecoming Queen should have?" Here are their answers.



**Katherine Batey**  
Senior  
Agribusiness and  
Nutrition and Food  
Science majors

"In addition to representing an organization, a

Homecoming Queen should represent the entire student body. She should be friendly, well-rounded, school-spirited and a good student, as well as a leader. She should be able to interact well with the general public."

"She should be beyond reproach, representing the school in a positive way on campus and within the community."



**Meagan Frazier**  
Senior  
Public Relations major

"A Homecoming Queen should have

numerous ideal qualities. I think the most important quality is that she is representative of Middle Tennessee State University. She should have tremendous school spirit and respect for our school. She should possess all of the characteristics of the average MTSU student including being from a small mid-state town, middle class and the traditional college age. Furthermore the queen should be involved in the MTSU community and have made an effort during her time here to encourage a positive experience for others as well as herself. Also the queen should be very ambitious with plans to pursue her education further and acquire a respectable career. Her future should reflect the education she received from MTSU and help to increase its growing reputation."

"The 2000 Homecoming Queen should have the responsibility of being a symbol of MTSU spirit. On Homecoming day all students, alumni and faculty should see her and feel the amount of pride she has in our university. She should be responsible for being a shining example of the student body today at MTSU as she represents them to the alumni. The queen should be responsible for attempting to make many others as proud of Middle Tennessee State University as she is."

**Andrea Gooch**  
Sophomore



**Elementary Education major**

"Loyalty to your peers, faculty, athletes and your university, be consistent with school spirit and pride, keep a positive attitude about yourself and others, bring out the best in everything you do, remain confident and remember most of all who you were before you became Homecoming Queen."

"The responsibility to attend at least four school functions and student government meetings. The queen should also obtain some community service projects."



**Megan Hearon**  
Sponsored by Alpha  
Omicron Pi  
Junior  
Social Work major

"One quality that a Homecoming Queen should possess is

loyalty, a loyalty to her college in every aspect. Along with being loyal, a Homecoming Queen should be genuine and sincere. Most importantly a Homecoming Queen should be responsive to the needs of student participation at Middle Tennessee State University."

"I think there are several responsibilities that should be added to the title of Homecoming Queen. The queen should assist with the SGA in promoting school spirit by participating in the school wide pep rallies at all home games. I feel the queen should pick a local philanthropy and support the organization throughout her reign as queen. Last but not least, as Homecoming Queen I think that the responsibility of the queen should be to act as a representative of the student body at alumni sponsored event."



**Marcie Tesar**  
Sponsored by Zeta Tau  
Alpha  
Senior  
English major

"I believe a Homecoming Queen should not only display

an immense amount of school spirit, but that she should also be a role model for adolescents and an outstanding community servant."

"I think that a Homecoming Queen should continue her tradition of school representation, but I believe she should also make appearances in the community while performing charitable duties."

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