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Raiders uproot reputation



Students parade through campus carrying the goalpost that they removed from Floyd Stadium after defeating the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs 49-21 Saturday night. The post was taken to Greek Row and placed on the columns at the entrance of the houses. A set of new goalposts have been ordered and will arrive later this week, in time for the Homecoming game against Louisiana-Monroe. The replacement posts cost approximately \$5,000.

Photo by Michael Barrett | Staff

Smaller crowd did not dampen Raider spirits

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Beat Reporter

Approximately 300 people attended Friday's Raider Rally, 200 less than the first rally.

"We were expecting less people this time," Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders said. "I think it had to do with the cold weather."

The rally began at 6 p.m. with MTSU's Band of Blue and the cheerleaders opening the festivities.

"The band works so hard and it's part of what gets everyone excited about MTSU athletics," sophomore Grace Henrikson said. "I'm really proud to come out and show my spirit by supporting not only the football team but the band too."

Head Football Coach Andy McCollum took the microphone and excited the freezing football fans as the football team circled around the Knoll.

"They kept telling us that we would never get anywhere but we are here to stay," McCollum said. "We are playing a good football team this weekend, but we are going to go out there and show them who MTSU really is."

Attention then focused on Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Glenn as he welcomed students to the rally.

"I'm really happy to see you all here tonight even though it's very cold out here," Glenn said. "Help yourself to the free food and get out there tomorrow and support our team."

By this time, the line to the food tent was growing longer and students were beginning to make their way over to the stage for the night's performers, the band All Star United.

Phi Beta Sigma fraternity took home Lightning Rod, the spirit plaque, after displaying the most school spirit as judged by the cheerleaders.

"It's freezing out here but it's great to be part of a school who actually wants to show their school spirit," junior Tom Kinnard said. "We have a long way to go but I think we are getting there."

House speaker calls for special session, quorum not reached

By Mary Anna Brown
Staff Writer

Speaker of the House Matt Walker called a special session meeting Thursday concerning upcoming legislation deadlines, but the meeting was not legitimate because the group did not meet quorum.

"We did not meet quorum at the meeting," Walker said. "However, it was informal and unofficial because I called the special session on such short notice."

The meeting was scheduled to find out what types of legislation House members were interested in writing legislation for each of the seven categories created at the previous assembly.

"It's go-time for legislation and it's time we start getting things done," Walker said.

John Marshall, Student Government

Association president, was also present at the meeting to offer advice on the best way to approach the administration with student concerns.

"The easiest and quickest way to get things done is to communicate with the administration," Marshall said. "We need to target the appropriate department and take our concerns to the administrators willing to help us make change."

The heads for the seven committees are sophomore Khalilah King for parking and transportation services, junior Adrienne Trammell for financial aid, senior Chevonne Wrenn for facilities access, junior Carson Carlisle for security, junior Michele Hatchett for academics, sophomore Willie Nelson for school spirit and junior Sara Rainwater for organizational concerns.

Firm foundation for the future

By J. Michael Neal
Staff Writer

Austin Cheney, associate professor of the Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies, was awarded a grant for \$150,000 for his ongoing research and product testing of Ultra Thin White topping.

Sponsored by the Concrete Industry Management program, the funds will be used over the next five years to not only continue research on this technology, but also to finance functions in the industry.

While the UTW technology itself is not new, "not every state has caught on to its benefits," says Cheney.

UTW is approximately five to

six inches thinner than regular white top concrete, and "has more cementitious material," which allows for a lower water to cement ratio, and results in more rapid strength development and higher long-term durability than standard mixes. These pavements typically last 10 or more years, as compared to the usual three years of the existing asphalt pavements they are replacing.

To combat the expense of the high cement content, industrialists usually add fly ash or slag. This process not only makes it cheaper to process and produce, but actually makes it stronger, less permeable and reduces the heat emission during the hardening

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University babysits drug and multiple alcohol offenders

New law mandates school officials to notify parents

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

A new law will make it harder for students to hide on-campus drug and alcohol offenses from their parents.

The law — which was recently passed by the United States Department of Higher Education — mandates universities to notify parents after their children have been convicted of three alcohol violations or one drug violation. Parents of the student will be notified by the dean of Student Life.

According to the Family Educational and Privacy Act, any student's disciplinary actions and records are not to be shared with anyone other than that student. However, this new amendment makes an exception to that law.

"After three alcohol offenses if a student is under the age of 21 we are required to notify their parents," explained Drew Bergman, judicial coordinator for MTSU. "When it

comes to drugs, it's the first offense. If somebody is caught in their dorm room with marijuana [or any illegal drug] we automatically notify the parents."

MTSU is a dry campus and according to Bergman, if you are on school grounds with alcohol, that is a violation.

"If you have alcohol on campus, no matter what your age, and you're picked up by campus police for DUI or anything like that, is a one alcohol offense," stated Bergman. "Typically, unless it's a really strange situation, you have to have three of those before we notify your parents."

Student Government Association House Speaker Matthew Walker agrees with the newly amended process.

"A lot of people are funded by their parents," stated Walker. "and I think it's a good thing to include the parents in the process."

Although Walker feels that this new parental notification law is positive, he

admits that there will inevitably be a great deal of unease with those under 21.

"There's always tension because you have students who are now grown-ups and they ought to be able to handle themselves," explained Walker. "So now that they're on their own they get a little carried away and they sort of need to be brought back in just a little bit."

"The students are certainly not going to like it, but I think in the long run it will be beneficial," said Walker.

The amendment will be instated this semester and any previous offenses will be added toward the final three.

"If you've got two alcohol violations and you get a third, we'll have to do it," stated Bergman.

This law is being enforced by MTSU in hope that the partnership between parents, students and school officials may be developed.

"One little nudge from the home front is sometimes a necessary thing," Walker said.

Dope study:

Majority have tried drugs

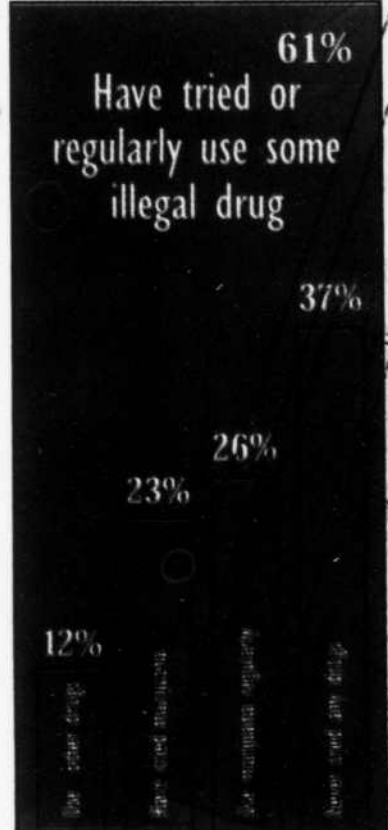
Sidelines Online asked students last week how often they used illegal drugs. Of those that responded, 61 percent admitted to using some form of illegal substance at some time.

Thirty-seven percent said they had never tried an illegal drug.

Forty-nine percent said they had experimented with marijuana, and of those, 26 percent said they were regular users.

Twelve percent of the respondents said they had used narcotics or other illegal substances.

Total votes: 98



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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

They still kiss babies

"Campaign materials have continued to be colorful, even flashy," says Lisa Pruitt, director of the Albert Gore Sr. Research Center at MTSU, which starting Oct. 16, will feature an exhibit of campaign collectibles and memorabilia from the time of Andrew Jackson to the present. "From Stumps to Web Sites: A History of Political Campaigning in Tennessee."

Even though technology has transformed campaigning, photographs show that some things have remained constant. "Getting out and meeting the people- shaking hands, kissing babies-continue to be an essential part of political campaigning, as it has been for 200 years," Pruitt notes.

The exhibit will remain open through Nov. 10, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, in MTSU's Learning Resources Center. ♦

Round writing

MTSU will host Writers in the Round on

Thursday, Oct. 12. The Writers in the Round symposium is held yearly in association with the Southern Festival of Books.

MTSU professor and author of 16 books, Charles Wolfe will read from his latest book "A Good Natured Riot." Wolfe will share the stage with Grand Old Opry member Whisperin' Bill Anderson, who composed songs such as "City Lights," "Once a Day" and "Mama Sang a Song."

The symposium will be held at 7 p.m. in the Business Aerospace Building, Room S102. The program and reception that follows are free and open to the public. ♦

Chamber Players open season

As the debut of its 12th season, the Stones River Chamber Players will present the first of four on-campus performances beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday Oct 15, in the Wright Music Hall.

Compositions by Franz Schubert, Morton Gould, Roger Quilter, Franz Doppler, Aaron Jay Kerin and Franz Joseph Haydn will be performed by the ensemble. The players will emphasize American works this season, in addition to delivering eclectic and diverse programming. ♦



Photo by Michael Barrett | Staff Photographer
Lightning leaps down an inflatable slide at the tailgating party near Floyd Stadium before Saturday's football game against the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

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Evaluating historical scars

The Hiroshima-Nagasaki Atomic Bomb

Exhibit will be on display throughout the month of October in the 2nd-floor lounge of the Keathley University Center. Exhibition hours are 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The purpose of the exhibit is to present the facts of the atomic bombings and foster international sentiment regarding the abolishment of nuclear weapons. This event is being hosted by MTSU Special Events and Symposium 2000—World Peace through Reverence for Life. ♦

Male pregnancy prevention

The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Omicron Sigma Lambda and Kappa Xi chapters will present Project Alpha, at 8 a.m. on Oct. 14 in room S118 of the Business and Aerospace Building.

Project Alpha is the first teen pregnancy-prevention program that examines the problem from the young man perspective. Through the program young men learn about the dangers and the social barriers created by premature fatherhood. For more information, contact Tyson King-Meadows at 898-8232. ♦



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Foundation: Cheney to promote program nationally

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process.

The finance functions included in the grant involve joining with colleagues to discuss Tennessee Department of Transportation regulations and procedures in building roads, particularly in the "sequencing and specifications used in building roads to prevent hassles" to motorists. The task of these meetings is to adjust and modify TDOT's specifications to better serve the public.

The CIM department at MTSU is the only department of its kind in the United States that offers a four-year degree combining business administration and management with the mechanics and techniques used in the concrete industry. The first class of the department graduated last spring.

Cheney said that the eight graduates all "have jobs in the industry, with an average starting salary of \$41,000 a year." A few of them even reported receiving a signing bonus and company car.

The program now includes some 80-90 students that will by January represent 18-20 states.

The program has given out about \$80,000 in scholarships, and another \$75,000 in endowed scholarships.

The students attend national conventions in the field. They went to Baltimore last fall and to the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, where the students representing MTSU received applause from NRMCA executives and others in the industry for their outstanding advancements.

Cheney has been pushing for grants since his arrival in 1998. There have been some opponents to the type of program and research. Some people feel that this could create tension and competition between his department and the area engineering schools.

Cheney believes that the research he does has little in common with that of the engineering schools, and also that "they don't have the contacts we have." The CIM department works closely with corporations in the field.

Cheney has two main goals for the program. One is to promote the program nationally, so that more schools across the nation will add such a program

to their own curriculum. To do this, he intends to show them how profitable such a program can actually be for the school, not to mention how beneficial it is for students, by providing them with both an education and a career opportunity. On a smaller scale, his other goal is to provide his students not only with the knowledge of the field, but also "to help them grow as professionals." As the faculty advisor for MTSU's student chapter of the American Concrete Institute, he has provided these students with opportunities for work experience by arranging "at least one job per semester" for the group to complete.

Another of Cheney's goals for the distant future is to initiate an executive style Master's Program, such as an executive MBA. This program would involve a few weeks of intense, condensed format study over the summer and a few days in the fall of concentrated study. The remainder of the degree would be completed utilizing distance learning.

To learn more about the Concrete Industry Management program visit www.mtsu.edu/~concrete/home.html. ♦

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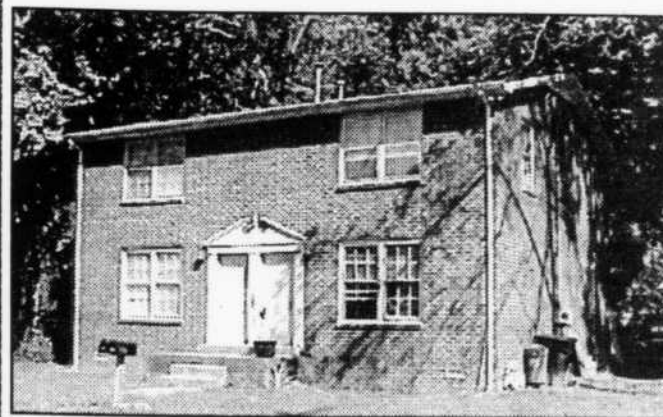
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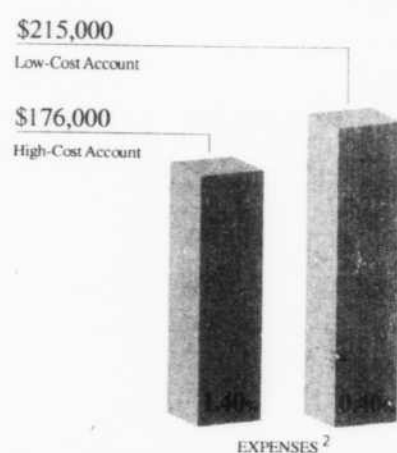
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Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff

Get everything you can out of your education

Wouldn't it be nice if we could attend college for free like they do in Mexico? We wouldn't have to worry about competing for scholarships, applying for federal assistance, going into debt or how we going to pay for tuition.

Unfortunately we do have to pay for our education, so we should take advantage of every facet of our university.

Think about all the benefits that come along with being a college student, like being in an environment that fosters learning in various forms.

No matter what career path you choose to take, professions and technology are always evolving. You have to be prepared for almost anything, and college is where you can get this preparation.

No matter your major, there are experiences all over campus you can take advantage of. You can approve your journalistic skills by getting involved with *Sidelines*, you can learn to

become a radio DJ at WMTS, you can learn about the music industry through groups like the Urban Music Society and the Christian Music Society. The possibilities are limitless.

Some of you may argue that getting your degree is your only goal and everything else is irrelevant.

That's perfectly fine, but sometimes getting a degree and getting an education are two totally different things.

Employers will be looking for multi-talented employees who are capable of handling different situations, some of which are simply not taught in a classroom.

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After all, since we pay to be here, we might as well milk this college for all it's worth.

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On the Real



Shawn Whitsell
Opinions Editor

I was watching "BET News with Ed Gordon" one night while I was chillin' at work. One of the feature subjects that they tackled was why young people, particularly young black people, were apathetic about voting in the election.

A reporter interviewed a couple of college students about why they have chosen not to vote, and one of the guys said something extremely interesting to me. He basically said that he isn't voting because he doesn't see anybody "that looks like me" running for the presidency.

The student was referring to the racial differences between himself and the presidential candidates as well as his disbelief that a white president could possibly understand the struggles of the black community and properly represent them. At least that was my interpretation of his comments. I understand where the brotha is coming from because in order to put your support behind someone, you have to (or at least you should) believe in them 100 percent. You have to be convinced that this particular person has your best interests in mind. If you don't see anyone that you can identify with in some form, why support them? Get my point? So I agree with the guy from that standpoint. Voting is his right, and he has the right to abstain from voting if he chooses to.

Now don't misunderstand me, I really don't think that the person's racial background makes a difference because we're human beings. Honestly, I would like to see a black man or woman in the position of president (because it's been a long time coming), but I'm not going to vote for anybody just because the color of their skin. This black man or woman has to come correct with the issues just like anybody else, or I would gladly throw my vote to the best candidate.

I've held office in organizations that were predomi-

nately white, but does that mean that I can't represent my fellow white students? No, it doesn't. As long as I'm open-minded, aware of our differences, respectful and fair to everyone, then I can do the job. Now, I'm not comparing myself to the president of the United States nor any organization to our country, but you understand the analogy I'm trying to make.

I understand not throwing your support behind someone you don't believe in. That's perfectly understandable. But how about putting people that you do believe in into positions of power? Yeah, I wish we had more candidates to choose from. If I could, I would vote Mos Def for president (for those of you who don't know, Mos Def is a socially conscious/political rapper, actor and activist).

What I'm saying is, if you want to see someone who looks like you in a position of power, then you have to do your part to help get them there. You can't lie in the trenches and expect for the world to eventually evolve into the world you want it to be because you'll be disappointed when it doesn't happen.

This is not about the presidential election - it is much greater than that. It's about life. If you want to see a black man as president, then you should find one who's interested in running and put your support behind him. If you want to see an Asian woman as president, then go out and find one. If you want to see a gay president, then find someone fit for the job. If you don't like the candidates, whether it's in church, school or the U.S. presidential election, then find someone you do identify with and support them, or run for office yourself one day. Don't just sit on the "Sidelines" and watch things happen - jump in the game and make things happen.

If this world were mine, Mos Def would be president. Common would be vice and Hip Hop would rule the world. Sound far fetched? Look at the impact hip hop is making today. Don't sleep on it, especially with people like me behind the campaign. That's just my dream. What's yours?

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Letters to the Editor

Rowdy Raiders looking for members to join them at 50 yard line

We've got spirit - yes we do. We've got spirit - how about you?

Yes, that's right, the Rowdy Raiders are getting rowdy here at MTSU. Dr. David Hays, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs, had a vision of a group of students getting painted up and attending pep rallies, games and other university functions. His idea derived from watching NFL games and larger colleges who have fans and students who paint their faces and bodies to show their pride and enthusiasm for the team.

So far, we are off to a great start. The group had about 25-30 members participate for the pep rally, and by game day the group had almost doubled to 45 members.

Thanks to all the students who participated and made the first weekend such a success. By your individual and group efforts, we were able to increase our size overnight and create a new tradition here at MTSU. We are always looking for students full of spirit that like to have good clean fun.

If you missed the pep rally and the first game, then you are probably not familiar with this

group. It is open to males and females. We paint our faces in Raider blue and white and join the cheerleaders and band down on the field to bring out the players. Our group has its own roped-off section which is now moving into the 50 yard line section of the stadium.

None of us had any experience with face/body painting so we asked the Speech and Theater Department to assist us. Laurie Gann-Smith, a faculty member, was overjoyed to show us what supplies we needed and how to properly apply the paint.

Thanks to Mrs. Gann-Smith and to the Speech and Theater Department for helping us.

Again, we are looking to grow, and if you are interested, please call 898-5672 or email jmn2d@mtsu.edu.

John Norrell
Rowdy Raiders Coordinator

McCallie Cafeteria making positive changes this semester

Dear Sidelines,

Despite all the disagreements of major issues on campus currently, I would like to report one good thing - and maybe you guys could write an article on it.

Since last year, I have seen drastic changes at McCallie Cafeteria. During my first semester here at MTSU as a transfer student, I refused eating at the cafeteria. The staff was not friendly, and the food was very mediocre. It was so bad, in my opinion, that it was not worth the money, and so I did not buy a spring semester meal ticket.

This semester is quite different. The biscuits in the morning are actually soft. A conscious effort is made to keep a pot of fresh coffee out. There are more variety of desserts. Most notably, the service is more than friendly and the food quality is better.

I have really enjoyed the theme nights. In fact, I was very impressed. The Mexican food was restaurant quality, and the Italian was not as exciting but still good. They even go as far as to put ethnic music and decorations. My compliments on the flan (Mexican dessert).

Lastly, the new pasta station fills the seating area with the aroma of sizzling garlic. They actually prepare upscale pasta dishes in front of you. It's nice to know that Aramark cares about us and our expectations. I would now recommend the food plan to new students.

Thanks Aramark for making a positive change.

Sincerely,
Sara B. Smith

INTERESTS

Murfreesboro, TN

Monday, October 9, 2000

SIDELINES ♦ 5

Exploring socio-political views of living *Lower Depths Rocks*

By Julie Fitzgerald
Staff Writer

We've all wallowed in our own desperation at one time or another, with life and dreams and all the losses we've had, whether it be our innocence or our loves.

The MTSU production of *Lower Depths*, written by Maxim Gorki, delves further into the exploration of the hopelessness of society's poor, sickly and drunk, along with those who attempt authoritarian rule over them.

While the play itself lacks a well-developed storyline, the character development and the underlying meanings they hold sustains interest and provides for a thought-provoking adventure into early 20th century Russian life. Each of the characters provide their own philosophy to reason the vulgarity of their lives.

In the beginning, a coarse-looking man and his worn, sickly wife take their place in the section of the room that is the congregation of the many vagrants. The man lays down his wife, then trumpets on his steel, his supposed work, while his wife suffers, feverishly coughing, ignored by the many who populate this small living space.

There is no simple sympathy that each of these people feel for the other. Many pity the young, suffering woman, Anna (Melissa Goldhamer), solely because her husband beat her into her illness.

Many of the residents are drunk, finding that this antithetical sobriety is their only escape from themselves, for many of them realize their own lacking yet feel that their lives as they are lived are the only solution to their curse.

Actor (Daniel Bond) was a deeply moved actor who had come to rely on alcohol until it poisoned his "organism" and poisoned his mind until he could no longer remember the lines from the poems and plays he had so relished in before.

At the center of this drama is the love rectangle from hell. Sibling rivalry and soap opera love, murder and mayhem enters into this plot as the evil Vasilissa (Whitney Childs), wife of the greedy landlord, tries to persuade her once lover, Vaska (Troy Blackwood), to provide her with the freedom she needs, with his reward being the reception of her sweet and loving sister, Natasha (Andrea Eller).

Nastya (Katie Massari) plays an intellectual whore who dreams of a love that she swore before existed, yet none of her roommates believe, especially Baron (Paul Hull), a supposed ex-nobleman, who tastelessly pushes Nastya to the point of violence towards him.

Enter Luka, the old man who breeds love and tries to encourage all and bring faith to the lowly residents. This breeder of false hope exits as his fallacy is discovered.

Ultimately, the characters save the play for the unfocused and provide a fulfillment of the mind. Comparing the disparity of their lives and situations and how they handle the shackles that bind them down, light shines through, all involving their passion, whether it be pretenses, love, intolerance, dejection or humor.

The actors and actresses involved in this play all did a phenomenal job — all were true to their character, realistic and involved. The stage design and costumes were as well produced — they honestly portrayed the situation the characters were in and added true life to their position.

To learn about life, sometimes we cannot rely on our own experiences, for they are narrow 21st century American life — it gives an understanding of the misfortune of those involved, and the MTSU theater did a fabulous job representing that life. ♦

Great Scott

Plaid-clad Celts converge on campus

By Rachel Robinson
Staff Writer

This Saturday's chilly weather was met by a wide variety of kilt-wearing men and young boys at the 2000 Tennessee Highland Games.

MTSU's intramural fields took on an entirely new look this weekend as Scottish and Scotch-Irish people from all over the world attended this event. The Highland Games is put on by the all-volunteer and nonprofit Heart of Tennessee Scottish Celebration, and sponsored by MTSU and the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce.

The fields were scattered with tents all displaying Scottish pride. At the center of the field were the athletic events where over 25 amateur athletes competed. Some of the games were invented about 900 years ago by Scottish farmers such as the Turning of the Cabar, the Clachneart or Stone Throw (resembling the Olympic Shot Put), the Tossing of the Sheaf (resembling tossing a burlap bag of hay or straw over a wire with a pitch fork), and the Weight Toss and Throw (one weighs 28 pounds and the other weighs 56 pounds).

The most difficult looking one of all of these though, was the Turning of the Cabar. The cabar is a 19-foot log weighing 100 to 135 pounds. The object of the game is to lift the Cabar, flip it and have it land straight ahead of the tosser. The tradition is thought to have been originated by woodsmen who wanted to cast their logs into the deepest part of the river or across the river to the other side. Naturally, the tosser would have to be pretty muscular and stout, and the men competing on Saturday were definitely that. A new event just added this year was Barrel Rolling. This event consists of a race in which teams roll ten full-size whiskey barrels from the Jack Daniels Distillery across the athletic field. The team has to go the length of the field and then has to turn around and go back. Anyone going to the festival could participate in this event by signing your team up at a Clan tent. Clan tents surrounded the perimeter of the athletic field.

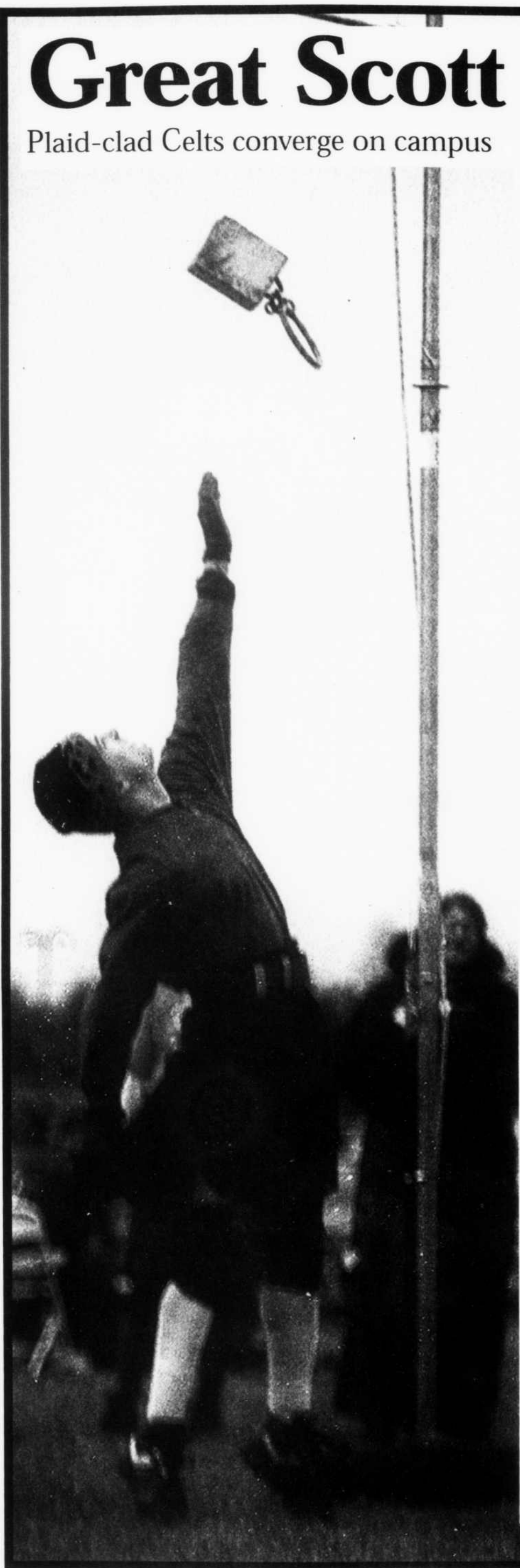
At first I was a bit confused about how the whole "clan" thing worked. I was not sure what a clan was and what a tartan and sept were either. The word 'clan' is Gaelic for children, and the central idea of clanship is kinship. So, generally a clan is a family. I was curious about this. I had no idea if my family was Scottish or not, so I decided to trace my family name, so with the help of the ladies at the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee tent, I traced my heritage. Come to find out, my name is Scottish and my clan is Clan Gunn. Then I learned about septs. A sept is either a small clan whose lands neighbored those of a larger, stronger clan, a clan who lost their chief or families created by descendants of the chief. In plain English, septs are all the family names under one clan name. For example, my name Robinson is a sept to Clan Gunn. A tartan, on the other hand, is the plaid design of the kilts or cloths of a clan. There are usually at least three basic tartans: ancient, weathered and modern. Some bigger clans will have more than three though. At this year's Tennessee Highland Games, over 60 clans were represented and the honored clan was Clan MacDonald.

Just beyond the main gate of the Tennessee Highland Games was the Highland Dance Stage. On this stage were the competition dances where boys and girls of all ages competed for prizes in Highland dancing. Melissa Gentry, a Highland Dancer from Independence, Ky. who has been dancing for four years, explained to me that there is "a story behind each dance. The ones performed in kilts were done primarily by Highland warriors and were victory dances." Many of the dances have been changed for female interpretation and are less aggressive and more graceful. The Sword Dance was one that had to be performed by all of the age groups at the festival. The story behind it is that if the warrior could dance before a battle and not touch a sword, it was believed that he would have luck in that battle. Some other dances that were performed were the Highland Fling, the Pas de Basque, the Scottish Lilt, and the Seann Triubhas. There were ten different dancing groups with a first, second and third place in each.

Throughout the day there were many eye and ear catching activities going on. Everything from kilts to bagpipes were happily embraced this weekend at MTSU. There were Scottish vendors, dancers, athletes, clans, and Scottish food. One thing that I am glad was not there was Hags. (If you have a weak stomach, stop reading now!)

"[Hags] is an oatmeal like food," said Jocelynn McCall, vice president of the Scottish Society of Middle Tennessee. "It is the vital organs of sheep, cooked in their stomach. Scott's did not waste anything."

Maybe I was not ready to embrace my new heritage completely, so I had a hotdog. Regardless, I was extremely excited to see this new splash of culture in our community. It brought some old Scots out into the cold weather and made some of us new ones discover a little about our heritage. ♦



Edward Scissorhands cuts clear picture of life

By Philip Duncan
DVD Columnist

Tim Burton is one of my favorite filmmakers and it seems that lately a lot of his work is showing up on DVD. In the past month *Edward Scissorhands* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas* have been released as special editions. These editions perfectly complement the other Burton DVDs on the market.

This review will focus on *Edward Scissorhands* because *Nightmare* is not out as of this writing. I'll provide a brief summary of the film for those who are not familiar with it.

A long time ago, an inventor (Vincent Price) created a helper named Edward (Johnny Depp). Edward's main purpose was to help the inventor with everyday chores. Because of this he had scissors and other sharp objects for hands. Despite his differences, and his heart made of cookie dough, Edward was a loveable and artistically talented person. The inventor was like a father

to him and he taught Edward everything he would ever need to know.

The day came when the inventor was to present Edward with his final and greatest gift, real hands. Sadly, the inventor fell asleep and never woke up so that the operation could be completed. Edward remained in the hilltop castle alone.

Edward is found by a local saleswoman named Peg (Dianne Wiest). Feeling sorry for him, she brings him home to live with her family. Here he must learn to cope with the outside world and the feelings within himself.

So the story of *Edward Scissorhands* begins. This is probably the most autobiographical film that Burton has made. In each of his films he presents a piece of himself, but with Edward, he paints an eerie, distorted view of his life.

This brilliant fairy tale interprets and updates the Frankenstein myth for a suburban lifestyle. Edward is feared and hated for his differences, rather than appreciated for his gifts.

The community grows to accept Edward by abusing his talents, rather than understanding them.

This DVD reproduces the striking colors of Burton's childhood suburbia with exquisite detail. The THX certified video is presented in its original 1.85:1 anamorphic wide-screen mode. No detail loss can be seen in the film's sharp contrasts of lights and darks.

Some may object to the sound, which is reproduced in its original Dolby 4.0 mode. Despite the lack of discrete rear or sub channels, the audio still shines in this digital format.

Part of that can be attributed to Danny Elfman's haunting score. Burton's ever-present partner never fails to deliver some of the most memorable and fitting music in his scores. To highlight and acknowledge his musical masterpiece, Elfman is given his own isolated commentary track.

Compared to Burton's sparse, slightly informative track, this one provides an inside look at the scoring

process. Elfman informatively relates his thought process relating to the score. He provides details like why and where he intersects certain sounds and themes. At the same time, this feature also allows an almost uninterrupted listen to the score.

It's sad to say that the remaining features are not as exciting. Behind the unique pop-up storybook menu are a selection of extras that do not live up to the rest of the film. What is referred to as a "featurette" is nothing more than a 4-minute teaser that would have been shown on "Entertainment Tonight." It's interesting, but hardly anything new. A more in-depth documentary would have been appreciated.

Also included are the standard television spots and theatrical trailers. There are 6 pieces of production art as well. While more would have been nice, the pictures included are amazing and show off Burton's artistic ability.

Several sound bites also have been included. These are somewhat informa-

tive, but frustrating to navigate through. Each one must be watched individually. It would have been nice to have them linked together as one presentation.

For all the complaints about the extras, this disc is one that belongs in anyone's collection. There is something about the fairy-tale character that Depp so innocently portrays. It is a modern day fairy-tale that can be enjoyed by adults as well as children. Edward views the world as a child and approaches things differently than others normally would. It turns out that this is not such a bad thing after all.

It was recently brought to my attention that at least one reader had a question as to why I never write a bad review. It is as simple as this. I buy these DVDs. Since I spend my money, I buy what I like. I have recently contacted several studios about review copies of upcoming releases. Perhaps in a few weeks the reviews will be a little less biased. Any more comments can be directed to: ruid0014@mtsu.edu. ♦

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ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

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

Oct. 11

Phi Beta Lambda, the collegiate division of Future Business Leaders of America, is holding an interest meeting from 3-4 p.m. in the BAS SunTrust reception Hall. Contact Robert Blair at rblair@mtsu.edu or 898-5284 for more information.

June Anderson Women's Center's Brown Bag Lunch Series meets in the SunTrust Room from 12-1 p.m. The topic is "Surviving Under Stress: Skill and Techniques to Get You Through a Rough Day" by Rhonda D. Johnson, LCSW. Contact JAWC at 898-2193 for more information.

Oct. 12

Concern about Tennessee's rivers? Tim Diehl of the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey is presenting a talk titled, "The River that Survived: The Response of the Hatchie River to Human Impacts." The department of geography and geology are hosting a seminar at 3:30 p.m. in KOM Room 326. A reception is at 3 p.m. Contact Mark Abolins at 898-8372 or mabolins@mtsu.edu for more information.

The General Studies Committee is holding a meeting at 3:30 p.m. at the library in room 475. Contact Bill Badley at 904-8416

for more information.

Oct. 13

Rowdy Raiders are meeting in Cummings Hall at 4 p.m. to get painted up. If you are going to attend the pep rally or home game please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or email him at jmn2d@mtsu.edu.

Oct. 14

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is sponsoring Project Alpha at 8 a.m. in the BAS, Room S118. Project Alpha is a teen pregnancy program that looks at the problem from the young male perspective. It provides education on sexuality, fatherhood and the role of males in relationships. Contact King Meadows at 904-8232 for more information.

Oct. 26

The General Studies Committee is holding a meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. Contact Bill Badley at 904-8416 for more information.

Ongoing

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

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly Bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132

or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly Bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

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

Champions for Christ holds weekly athletic Bible studies every Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Scarlett Commons Club House. Come and learn from God's word how to be a champion in every area of life. Contact Andy Roller for more information at 217-3132.

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

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The Two Minute Drill

R. Colin Fly Sports Editor



Football

With an increase of student attendance at football games this season, the facility managers in athletic department had a hunch. And, they were right.

Following the Blue Raiders 49-21 romp of Louisiana Tech, students in the south end of Floyd Stadium stormed the field and took home a goal post.

When the celebrating was over, the question of how quick — especially with Louisiana-Monroe coming to "The Big Horse" for homecoming this week — can the athletic department replace the post and at what cost.

Fear not Blue Raider fans. At a cost of \$5,000, a set of two posts had already been ordered Friday afternoon.

Guess they're ready for another "post-parade" following the Monroe game!

Volleyball

In the midst of a season-long six game road trip, the Lady Raider volleyball team has struggled, winning just one of the first five games.

The Lady Raiders, 8-10 overall, have fallen to 2-4 in Sun Belt Conference play after a tough loss Saturday at Arkansas State.

The match, which went five sets, saw the two teams battle back and forth in what could become a fierce conference rivalry.

The Indians took the first game 17-15, the Lady Raiders took the second, 15-12. They split the next two sets, with the third going to the Indians 15-12 and the fourth to the Lady Raiders 15-10.

However, the Indians proved too strong, winning the fifth and decisive set 15-7.

Sophomore Katie Thiesen led the Lady Raiders in kills once again with 20. Five Lady Raiders recorded double digits in kills, including sophomore Erin Hillstrom, who also had a .421 hitting percentage for the night.

In Friday night's game against Arkansas-Little Rock, the Trojans swept the Lady Raiders 3-0 (15-6, 15-7, 15-9).

Thiesen led the team in kills with 12, but the Lady Raiders were on the defensive and clearly overmatched against the Trojans.

The Lady Raiders travel to Starkville, Miss. to play Mississippi State on Tuesday and will return to Murfreesboro Friday to play Denver.

Golf

The Middle Tennessee golf team began to shoot the final rounds of the fall season Tuesday with a seventh place finish at the Hillman Robbins Memorial Intercollegiate tournament in Memphis, Tenn.

Alabama won the tournament, shooting 873, 35 shots better than the Blue Raiders, over the two day event.

The highest individual scorer for the Blue Raiders was sophomore Hunter Ingram, who placed 19th. On the final day, Ingram tied for the lowest round of the day with three other players with a two under par, 70.

The Blue Raiders will compete in their final fall tournament today and tomorrow, at the Oral Roberts Classic in Arkansas.

Homecoming

Kickoff for Homecoming is set for 6 p.m., not the 2 p.m. that was accidentally printed on season ticket packages.

The Blue Raider Athletic Department apologizes to any season ticket holders for the error in printing.

Need your event in "The Two Minute Drill"?

E-mail the sports desk at slsports@mtsu.edu or call and leave a voice message at 898-2816.

Raiders run over La Tech

Rushing records, goalpost fall in first I-A win



Photo by Michael Barrett | Staff

The goalpost students took Saturday night was hung triumphantly on Greek Row.

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

Super sophomore Downe Hicks rewrote the record books Saturday night, while the Blue Raiders won their first Division I-A game since Northern Illinois in 1992.

The 49-21 victory showcased the greatest rushing performance in one game in Middle Tennessee history. Hicks rushed 32 times for 311 yards scoring six touchdowns breaking Kelverick Green's single game record of 259 yards.

The game got off to a shaky start with three penalties on the first three plays of the game, including a rarely seen delay of game penalty against Middle Tennessee on the kickoff.

The Blue Raider defense came out hitting — including a crushing shot by senior defensive back Jermaine Francis on the Bulldogs' first play from scrimmage — forcing the potent Louisiana Tech offense to go three downs and out.

On fourth down, Blue Raider defensive back Michael Woods, a freshman walk-on from Valdosta, Ga., broke through the middle untouched, blocking Dustin Upton's punt and returning it five yards for a touchdown.

That play gave the Blue Raiders momentum that seemed to snowball throughout the game.

"That's when Uncle Mo (momentum) came our way," said senior

Delvin Pikes of the block punt returned for the touchdown.

Hicks got the snowball rolling as he scampered 79 yards up the middle on the Blue Raiders first play from scrimmage.

Junior quarterback Jason Johnson started the game, breaking Wes Counts' streak of 24 consecutive games as a starter. Johnson proved he deserved it when he completed his first eight passes.

Head coach Andy McCollum said he and his offensive staff felt that Johnson had a good game against Maryland and deserved the start following two good weeks of practice.

The first quarter was a track meet with Hicks setting the record breaking pace. The performance was not a detriment to the team's game plan.

"We wanted to put a complete game together," Hicks said. The "complete game" included 28 points in the first quarter.

Louisiana Tech looked like their old self, scoring on consecutive drives following the blocked punt.

Louisiana Tech started true-freshman Luke McCown at quarterback. McCown, showed leadership skills, even during a tough loss.

"The game is about field position and it is the offense's job to carry the weight," McCown said. "We punted three times inside the fifty, we just didn't execute."

See Goalpost, 8

Hicks breaks three rushing records

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

See Downe. See Downe run. See Downe score six touchdowns.

In a record setting evening across the board, Downe Hicks sent more than 11,000 Blue Raider fans — and one goalpost — home happy with a win.

It was the cheerleaders who likely worked as hard, having to do 196 push-ups in a 49-21 victory over Louisiana Tech Saturday night.

"Every game it seems like we played one quarter, some games we played two quarters. The last game we played three quarters," Hicks said. "We wanted to put a complete game together."

The sophomore sensation, who came into the game 20th in the nation in rushing, tallied the best performance ever by a Blue Raider, running up 311 yards on 32 carries.

East Carolina's Scott Harley holds the all-time NCAA sophomore rushing total for a single game with 351 yards in 1996.

"We knew going into the game it was going to be a good running

game," Hicks said. "Coach put in a new formation [in the gameplan] that worked against them last week."

The formation included Hicks in the backfield, with two wide receivers and two tight ends.

Hicks' performance overshadowed the fact that head coach Andy McCollum started junior Jason Johnson at quarterback, ending junior Wes Counts' streak of 24 consecutive starts.

"It was a great game for him against a good football team. I would have never thought it, but he's physical and he keeps on going."

Johnson, a beneficiary of Hicks' ground assault, threw for 201 yards, completing his first eight passes of the evening.

On the first Raider offensive play

See Records, 8

Raider Runs Wild

Dwone Hicks vs. Louisiana Tech	311
Kelverick Green vs. UT-Martin	259
Torin Kirtsey vs. Tennessee St.	251
Vince Hall vs. Morehead St.	250
Walter Dunson vs. TN-Martin	244

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Soccer team shuts out EIU, 5-0

Staff Reports

The Lady Raider soccer team has reason to celebrate.

A season long six-game losing streak ended Thursday with an offensive explosion.

The Lady Raiders dominated Eastern Illinois 5-0, a team that the Lady Raiders had never defeated in four previous tries.

The seniors of the team called a players-only meeting after practice on Wednesday. Thursday they came out playing their most motivated soccer of the season.

Senior midfielder Lindsay Henderson opened the scoring with a goal at the 35.30 mark.

Less than two minutes later, the Lady Raiders struck again.

Senior forward Kenya Hickey received a pass from freshman midfielder Jenny Cox and buried it, put-



Photo by Amanda McMahon | Staff

Kenya Hickey (11) moves into position on a corner kick while Morgan Guoan (10) prepares for a rebound.

ting the Lady Raiders up 2-0.

Middle Tennessee scored once again before halftime when freshman midfielder Lindsey Bopp earned her first ever collegiate goal with less than four minutes to play.

The Lady Raiders started as hot in the second half as they ended the first

with 12 minutes to play, recording her fifth goal of the year. The Lady Raiders moved their record to 4-8, while the Panthers fell to 9-3-1.

The Belmont Bruins come calling at Lady Raider Field on Tuesday at 4 p.m. ♦

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7 Day Sportscast

MONDAY

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

TUESDAY

■ **Soccer**
Lady Raiders v. Belmont
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 4 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

WEDNESDAY

■ **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders at Mississippi St.
Starkville, Miss., 6 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

THURSDAY

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

FRIDAY

■ **Soccer**
Lady Raiders at Murray State, 4 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

■ **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders v. Denver, Murfreesboro, TN, 7 p.m.

■ **Women's Tennis**
Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational, Murfreesboro, TN., All day

SATURDAY

■ **Football**
Raiders v. Louisiana-Monroe(HC)Murfreesboro, TN, 6 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**
National All-American Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

■ **Women's Tennis**
Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational, Murfreesboro, TN., All day

SUNDAY

■ **Volleyball**
Lady Raiders v. New Mexico State, Murfreesboro, TN, 2 p.m.

■ **Soccer**
Lady Raiders v. UL-Lafayette, Murfreesboro, TN, 1 p.m.

■ **Men's Tennis**
Nat. All-Amer.Championships
Stone Mountain, Ga., All day

■ **Women's Tennis**
Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational, Murfreesboro, TN., All day

Goalpost: Raiders avenge loss last season

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The Blue Raider defense held the Bulldogs to only one other score the rest of the game. The 21 points scored by Louisiana

Tech are the fewest points given up by the Blue Raiders defense this year.

"When they rush three and drop eight in coverage it's

tough," Louisiana Tech head coach Jack Bicknell said. "We're going to get a lot of that if we can't run the ball and put a little fear into linebackers."

Said McCollum, "I was very proud of our defense, they made some big plays."

Hick's performance gave Middle Tennessee its first win against a Division I opponent as a Division I program.

After the game, the students rushed the field, tearing down the goal post and carrying it as a trophy celebrating the milestone win for the program. They finally gathered in the southeast corner where the band played the "Tennessee Waltz."

The players joined the students and the band in a salute to each other signifying a complete team effort that has the Blue Raider football program heading in the right direction. ♦

Records: Hicks runs for 311 yards

Continued from 7

of the game, Hicks started with a bang, blasting right past the tackle of Bulldog defensive back Michael Lenard en route to a 79 yard touchdown scamper. That run was the longest for a Blue Raider since Brigham Lyons' 85 yard run in 1992.

In the first half, Hicks followed his first rushing attempt up with touchdown scores from 2, 26 and 8 yards out.

Hicks had four touchdowns at the half, tying the Raider record for touchdowns in game with two quarters left to play.

Hicks opened the second half almost identically as the first. On the fourth play of the second half, Hicks scampered another 57 yards to paydirt. Hicks added one more on the night for an even half-dozen touchdowns.

After his final touchdown,



Photo by Sarah Anderson | Staff

Dwone Hicks (33) prepares for Louisiana Tech.

the students began eyeing the goalpost — taking down the south endzone post and parading it through the Floyd Stadium and on to Greek Row.

Hicks broke three Raider records, including points

scored by a single player in a game with 36, rushing touchdowns in a game with six and rushing yards in a single game with 311.

"I want to continue to set records," Hicks said. ♦

2000 Sun Belt Conference Standings*

Team	Stk.	W/L
Middle Tennessee	W1	2-3
Idaho	L3	2-4
North Texas	W1	1-4
New Mexico State	W1	1-4
UL-Monroe	L3	1-5
Arkansas State	L6	0-6
UL-Lafayette	L6	0-6

*Sun Belt Conference play begins in 2001

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ROCKIN' - N- ROLLIN' WITH THE RAIDERS HOMECOMING 2000

Monday, October 9

Office and Lobby Decorating Contest
Homecoming King "Money Wars"

Tuesday, October 10 -

"Funflicks" —11:00 to 4 :00— Rec Center

Wednesday, October 11

Great Bowls of Fire Chili Meltdown at 5:30 Murphy Center
Raiderfest Fight Song Pep Rally 7:00 pm Murphy Center

Thursday, October 12

Raiderpolooza—Battle of the Bands 7:00 pm Murphy Center

Friday, October 13

Raider Pride Day
Canned Food Drive

Saturday, October 14

HOMECOMING
Parade 10:00
MTSU vs Louisiana Monroe 6:00

