

Photo by Kristin / Staff Photographer  
The football player is one of his three brothers.  
He was injured Thursday night.

## Administration supports rights of free speech

Submitted by Bob Glenn  
Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Vice Provost for Enrollment Management

From the beginning of time, men and women have fought and died so that they could be free. Long before basic human rights were guaranteed by notable, powerful instruments of freedom such as the Magna Carta and the United States Constitution, it was recognized that basic human rights could never be full obtained until the most basic freedom of all was a reality – the freedom to think as we wish and to express our thoughts as we wish.

At a time when the limits of free speech are under challenge from various groups – including some campus interests – MTSU is proud to defend the right to free expression and to make this official declaration to that end.

University officers recognize the value of supporting the right of any individuals to speak unpopular views and the powerful views of the majority and the powerful.

No MTSU employee has the authority to intervene in the free exchange of ideas (although it should be noted that the University may regulate time, place and manner of distribution of any printed materials).

Thus it would be inappropriate for any employee to engage in any prior restraint, censorship or in any activity that would create a chilling effect on freedom of expression.

Various methods of control have been held unconstitutional when used by schools to direct, alter or eliminate editorial content. Some of these examples include:

- Cutting off funding
- Terminating editors or news directors
- Reduction of circulation
- Elimination of controversial materials
- Requirements for advance approval for controversial matters
- Removing or stealing newspapers

Courts have ruled that the right of free speech embodied in a student newspaper cannot be controlled except under special circumstances, and courts have been reluctant to establish any such circumstances.

The methods cited above cannot be employed when the purpose of them is to alter or block editorial content. We are reminded in *Stanley v. Magrath*, 719 F.2d 279 (1983), that a public university may not use any of the above methods because of a dislike of editorial content.

"It is clear that the First Amendment prohibits the Regents from taking adverse action against the (paper) because the contents of the paper are occasionally blasphemous or vulgar."

Moreover, the university's top-level administrators accept the responsibility of educating its employees regarding the principles embodied in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and seeing that the broad definitions of the First Amendment are understood and that they gain special favor by all who are employed by the institution.

We are reminded that the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no laws respecting an

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## Abortion controversy Genocide Awareness Project returns to campus

By Christin Pepple

Campus News Editor

The Pro-Life Collegians and the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform will showcase graphic images for an anti-abortion campaign at the Keathley University Center Knoll this week.

The campaign, called the Genocide Awareness Project, juxtaposes photos of aborted fetuses side-by-side with photos of genocide, such as the Holocaust and Cambodia, to promote their idea that abortion is genocide.

There will be crowd-control barricades surrounding the billboards to prevent damages to the images, which will be on campus from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

This is the third time CBR has come to the MTSU campus to present their opinion on abortion through a series of graphic images, said Porsche Kristina, sophomore organization communications major and president of the Pro-Life Collegians.

According to Kristina, the GAP project is the Pro-Life Collegians' main event that they spend a year working on.

"Until people see pictures of an actual abortion, they don't really understand it," said Fletcher Armstrong, the Southeast director for the CBR. "Abortion, properly understood, is an act of violence; you can see that in a photograph of an aborted child with its arms pulled off."

Armstrong said that the mission of CBR is to show people that a fetus is an unborn child and that abortion is "as real as any other form of genocide in the world."

"We could bring it on a number of levels, the most important being the issue of personhood," Armstrong said. "If you look at abortion in this country and look at the Supreme Court decision, we have said as a nation that the unborn child does not meet the criteria as a

person. They said the same thing about the black man earlier in our history and we used it to deny the right of personhood under the law."

Last year CBR came to campus and it prompted many to protest in favor of abortion alongside the display of graphic images. This year, concerns have already been raised by many, including several concerned Jewish students who are protesting the use of images of the Holocaust next to those of aborted fetuses.

"It's a bastardization of our history," said

Herby Dorfzan, junior recording industry major. "They are comparing a medical procedure to the systematic slaughtering of millions of our people."

"Say you are walking down the street and you have to see pictures of your dead family surrounded by dead fetuses," said Zach Rowe, junior organizational communications major. "It is just wrong."

Several of the Jewish students on campus spoke with Jackie Victory, director of Leadership and Service, about the rights CBR and the Pro-Life Collegians have to make such an explicit presentation.

"As far as I can see, this is going to happen, because these groups are full within their rights to make their statement," Victory said. "They have gone through all the proper channels and they have the right, just as you have the right to protest them being here."

Kristina said that she is anticipating protesters and is glad they will be there to state their opinions.

"I'm excited about the protest-speech because it supports free speech," Kristina said. "It's great when people get out there to point out their opinion if they are standing up for what they believe."

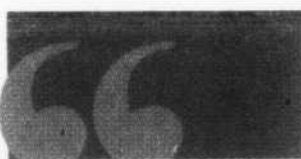
In a letter to the editor, Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for Enrollment Management, said, "The rightness

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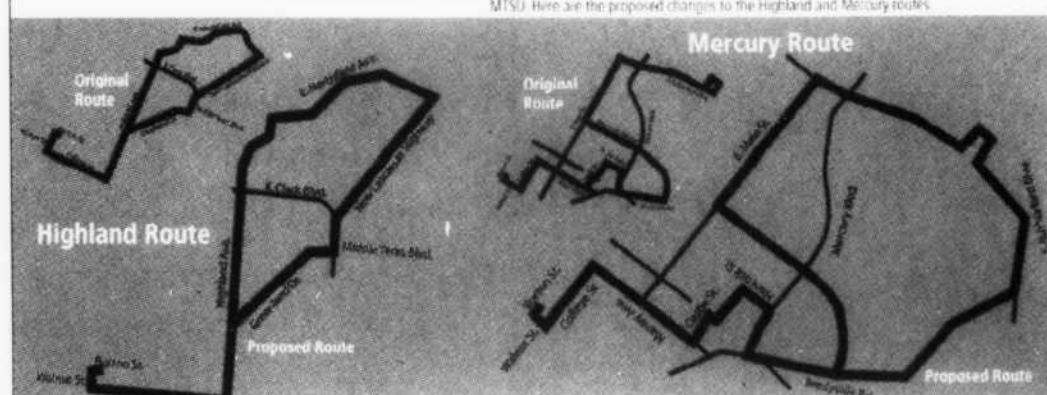
—Fletcher Armstrong



Photos contributed by Porsche Kristina  
Supporters, onlookers and protesters flock to the Keathley University Center Knoll during last year's Genocide Awareness Project. The GAP is a program run by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and sponsored by the Pro-Life Collegians.

## Proposed changes to Rover routes

Murfreesboro is planning to lengthen several Rover routes, including two that pass by MTSU. Here are the proposed changes to the Highland and Mercury routes.



Graphic by Matthew Adair | Production Manager

## Rover routes may change

By Shanda Kruse

Contributing Writer

Murfreesboro's bus system, Rover, may undergo route changes within the next 30 days, said Bob Nugent, director of the city's public transportation system.

"This is an editing phase," he said. "Right now we haven't heard a lot of issues that we can't deal with pretty quick." The department will take the current routes and make them better for the riders, Nugent said.

At a meeting Wednesday night, changes were proposed to five of the six routes, affecting South Church, Memorial, Highland, Mercury and N.W. Broad Routes. Only the Old Fort Parkway Route

will remain the same if the changes go through.

"I'm not worried about [Rover] going away," Nugent said, adding that the system averages 400 passengers a day and has served over 30,000 passengers since it started.

One change is for Rover to have a stop at the convention center, which would also run near surrounding businesses.

"The convention center is going to be a big turning point, I think," Nugent said.

Although there are currently no benches and shelters, they will be placed as the amount of passengers increase, Nugent said. Shelters cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 each.

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## New 9/11 Security bill

Staff Reports

Last month the U.S. Congress passed a new security bill meant to protect the country from future terrorist attacks. The legislation enacts the recommendations originally submitted by the 9/11 Commission back in July 2004, according to a statement released by U.S. Representative Bart Gordon.

Right now, only 5 percent of containers are scanned before they leave overseas ports and most of the 3 million tons of cargo transported each year on passenger aircraft goes unscreened, the news release stated.

This law will require 100 percent screening of containers bound for the United States and 100 percent screening of cargo on passenger aircraft.

It also creates a grant program at the Department of Homeland Security to help first responders get the interoperable communications equipment that can save lives and be invaluable during an emergency, the news release stated.

Better equipment at airports will allow for improved screening of checked baggage and to detect explosives on passengers. The law also includes measures to prevent terrorists from traveling and from acquiring weapons of mass destruction. And it takes steps to protect bridges, power grids, dams and other infrastructure, the release stated. ♦

### LOCAL FORECAST

Monday



HI: 87°  
LO: 66°

Tuesday



HI: 82°  
LO: 64°

Wednesday



HI: 84°  
LO: 66°

Thursday



HI: 85°  
LO: 67°

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# Library asks students to conserve, limit printing

By Amanda Warner

Contributing Writer

For the past year, the MTSU Library Staff has been looking for ways to cut down on the amount of paper that students are using during the printing process.

Amy York, a reference librarian at MTSU, said that in a one-year span, 6.3 million pieces of paper were used in print jobs. Last April, York gathered up three recycle bins full of abandoned paper on campus in one week.

"We're happy students have free paper, but it's not really free," York said.

In 2006, the library had to pay about 35% of printing costs, which amounts to around \$20,000. The other 65% comes from the small fee included in tuition but it is not enough to cover the total cost of the paper.

Although some students would not mind paying an extra printing fee, many would feel outraged.

"We pay enough for school and the paper should be included in the tuition," said Ashley Pinkerton, a senior and journalism major.

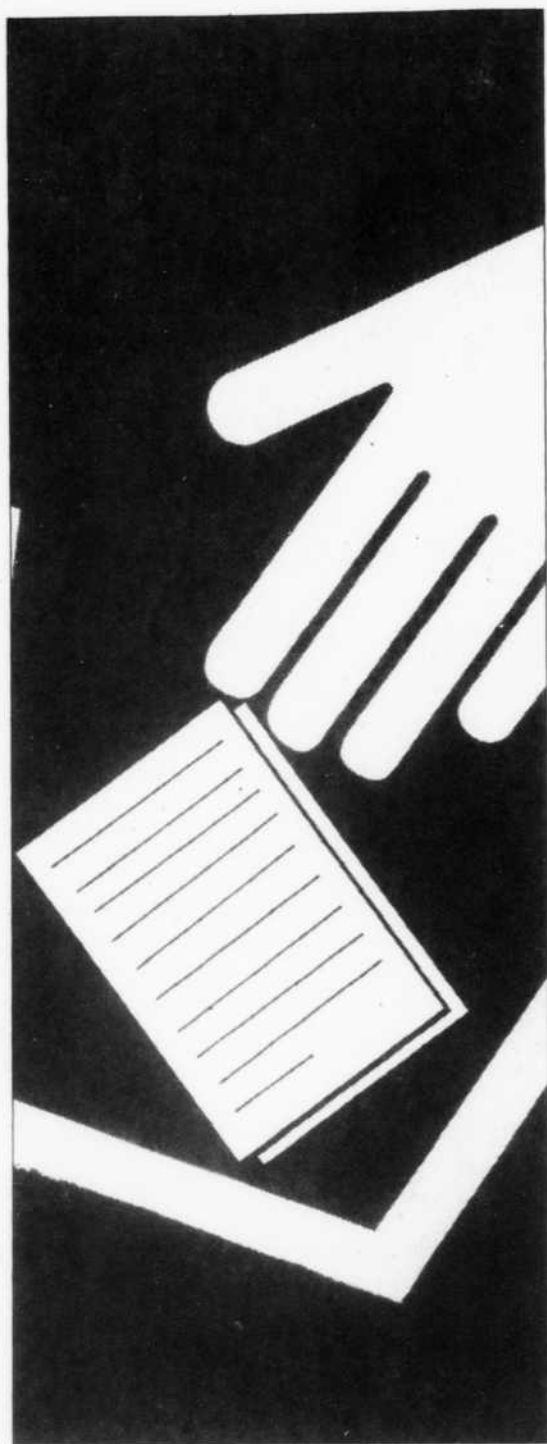
The library is using the kiosk system for print jobs and has set the printers to print double-sided on each page in an effort to conserve more paper. Even with the kiosks in the library, students still tend to print more than necessary, according to York.

"I like that we can print our papers for free. I think sometimes people take advantage of it," said Candace King, a junior and history major, when asked about the luxury students have of free printing.

Because some students do not know how to use the kiosks properly, they will sometimes print all of the queued documents instead of the one they need. York has even found several 200 page video game cheat sheets thrown in the trash or left on the printers.

The library staff is informing the campus about conserving paper through their website and blogs. Hopefully, the library will begin to see a decrease in the amount of paper that is used and wasted on the MTSU campus.

"We're not trying to scold anyone," said York, "But the library staff would like to encourage everyone to be conscious of how much they are printing. Use the print preview button and print only what you need. The library staff is available to answer any questions about saving paper and they are more than willing to help students." ♦



Graphic by Matthew Adair | Production Manager

## Rover: Bus schedule faces possible changes

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One way to get shelters more quickly would be to have shelter sponsors, Nugent said, adding that the new Social Security building could be a prospect for that exchange.

Currently, MTSU students are not eligible for a discount when riding Rover, and Nugent said it is due to "trouble monitoring student IDs." In the future there may be a provision for a universal pass for students, which would be charged through the activity fee for all students as part of tuition, Nugent said.

There have also been discussions of creating a transportation hub on the corner of Greenland Avenue and Middle Tennessee Boulevard. It would be a stop for the MTSU shuttle, RTA, and Rover. The topic was brought to MTSU a year ago, Nugent said, but talks stalled to a standstill.

"[Typically,] riders decrease 50 percent on Saturdays and then 50 percent again on Sundays,"

Nugent said, but buses will become available on weekends and after 6 p.m. during the week once use increases.

Also, when the amount of passengers increases, the transit routes may stretch to I-24, as well as consideration of cross-town routes. "[But] only 10 out of 100 riders would use a cross-town route," Nugent said.

There will be another informational meeting tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Northfield Elementary School. Nugent will discuss all the proposed route changes and the meeting will be open to questions and feedback.

Rover does have free transfers at its hub and runs from Monday to Friday. The buses operate between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bus fare costs \$1 for adults, \$.50 for seniors. Those interested can pick up a schedule at the Keathley University Center or call 21-ROVER (217-6837). New schedules will be out once changes have been implemented. ♦

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## Abortion: Students have right to display pictures

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or wrongness of their view point is beside the point. They have the right to assert their view-point. Consequently, if we value the First Amendment then we must carefully safeguard all

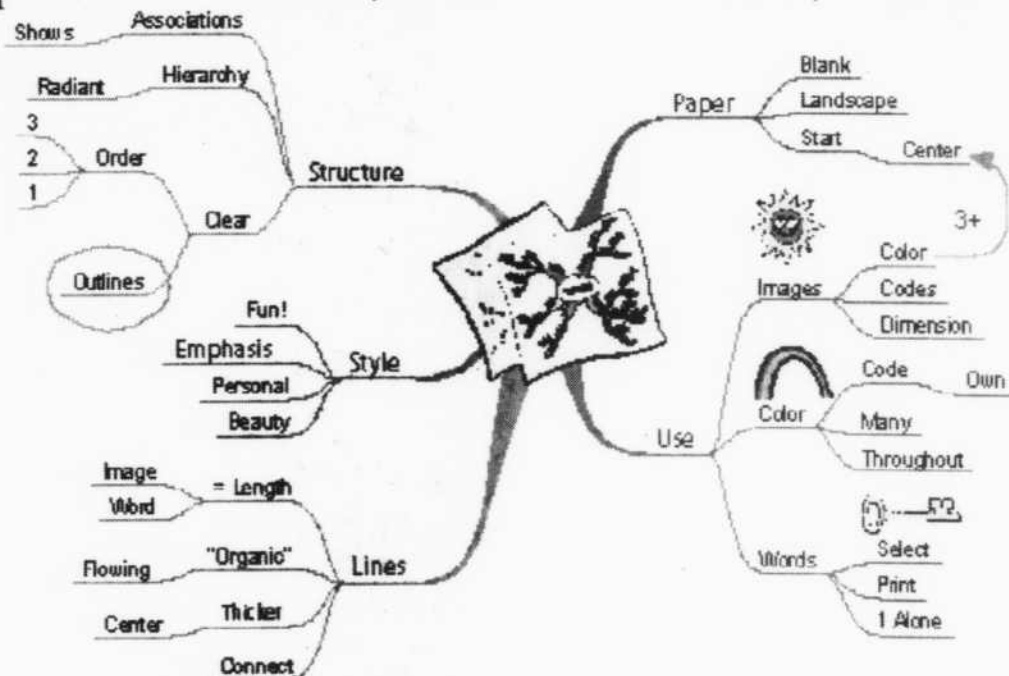
expressions, even those we don't like. Or perhaps I should say especially those that we don't like because when we step on the slippery slope of making judgments about what expressions are acceptable, our own expressions may soon be in jeopardy." ♦

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We want your correct telephone number for the 2007-2008 MTSU telephone directory which will be available on campus in October.

If you're a full-time student (an undergraduate taking 12 hours or more or a graduate student taking 9 hours or more), you will be listed in this directory. A campus phone number will be given for residential students; the local number for others. If you provided some other number when you applied for admission (like your parents' or the number where you used to live), you can correct that number and your address by logging onto PipelineMT and clicking on RaiderNet—under the personal information tab, select "Update Addresses and Phones." Or complete the Change of Address form ([www.mtsu.edu/records/addr.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/records/addr.htm)); or go to the Records Office, Cope 106, by Wednesday, September 12, 2007.

If you do NOT wish to be listed in such a directory, you must notify the Records Office in writing no later than Wednesday, September 12, 2007. You can access the form online at [www.mtsu.edu/records/nonrelease.pdf](http://www.mtsu.edu/records/nonrelease.pdf). This form can be faxed to (615) 898-5538 or brought to Cope 106.

Faculty and staff numbers also will be listed in the telephone directory, and numbers for University offices and a guide to services will be included.

**MTSU Campus Phone Directory**



# Greek Fest open to all students

## Staff Reports

Greek Fest, a party sponsored by MTSU Greek Affairs, open to all students Greek and non-Greek, is being held on Tue. Sept. 11 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the intramural field behind Cummings Hall.

"Greek Fest is an event open to everybody, like a big block party," said Lauren Ruth, junior media management major,

Greek Fest director and member on the executive board of the National Panhellenic Council.

"It bridges the gap between Greeks and non-Greeks," Ruth said. "Our campus is divided and we want to reach out and prove to everyone that we are all students on this campus."

The party will have music, National Pan-Hellenic Council step teams and a drawing to win a fully paid trip to go on one of

the road rallies for the winner and a friend.

"It's going to be the start of a new tradition and the first stepping stone in recruitment," Ruth said. "It's a big meet and greet to anyone and everyone who wants to hang out and get to know the Greek community and find familiar faces during the recruitment process." ♦

## Glenn: University defends students' voice

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in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and seeing that the broad definitions of the First Amendment are understood and that they gain special favor by all who are employed by the institution.

We are reminded that the First Amendment says "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging freedom of speech, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble; and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

MTSU is committed to protecting all the rights guaranteed by the First Amendment – the right of free speech and a free press, the right of individuals to hold and practice whatever religious beliefs they choose, the right of the people to peaceably

assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances, when executed within lawful bounds.

University officials believe the free exchange of ideas is critically important to learning and teaching, and they believe that the freedom essential to learning and teaching fails unless the free exchange of ideas is guaranteed.

Moreover, they believe that educated people have a special responsibility for advancing knowledge, and they recognize that the freedom of expression is an important ingredient in this.

The officers of MTSU challenge all students, staff and faculty to respond openly and aggressively to those ideas they disagree with – or even find abhorrent – rather than making any attempts at suppressing them. Thus, MTSU is pleased to reaffirm its support for the rights of all students, faculty and staff to express themselves freely. ♦

## Campus Briefs

### Feeding of the Five Thousand Event

The Wesley Foundation will be having its thirtieth annual Feeding of the Five Thousand event this Tuesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. It is a free, home-cooked meal provided by area churches. Everyone is invited.

The Wesley Foundation is located across the street from Gore and Clement halls and the James E. Walker Library. For more information, call 893-0469.

The Wesley Foundation is the United Methodist campus ministry at MTSU.

### "Knocked Up" at KUC Theater Sept. 10-14

MTSU Films Committee presents "Knocked Up," September 10-14. Student admission is \$2.

Showtimes are 7 & 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7 p.m. on Friday.

### Greek Life

Greek Fest will be held Tuesday Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at the old Intramural field behind Cummings Hall.

A Sorority Informational meeting sponsored by Panhellenic Council will be held on Thursday September 13 in the BAS State Farm Room.

This meeting is for all those participating in, or interested in, sorority recruitment. Time is TBA.

A Mind Mapping Workshop will be held September 13 and 14. For more information, contact Greek Life at 898-5812.

### Career Fair

A Career Fair is being held on Thursday, September 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Murphy Center Track Area. It is open to all MTSU students and alumni.

Bring your resume. Business casual dress is recommended. NO short shorts, halter tops, or flip-flops.

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For more information, including a complete list of about 175 employers, visit the Career & Employment Center's website.

### Gender Circles

Gender Circles, weekly discussions focusing on gender related issues, will be held Wednesday September 12 from 1-3 p.m. in the June Anderson Women's Center.

### Arabian Horse Show at Miller Coliseum

The Music City Arabian Horse Show will be held at the Tennessee Miller Coliseum September 14-16. The Miller Coliseum is located at 304B West Thompson Lane.

Admission is free. Festivities begin at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Have a campus event you would like people to know about? E-mail us at [skippy@mtsu.edu](mailto:skippy@mtsu.edu). Campus Briefs are published every Monday.

To: MTSU Community

From: Dr. Gene Fitch, Jr.  
Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Student Life

Re: Call for Proposed Rule Changes

Date: August 29, 2007

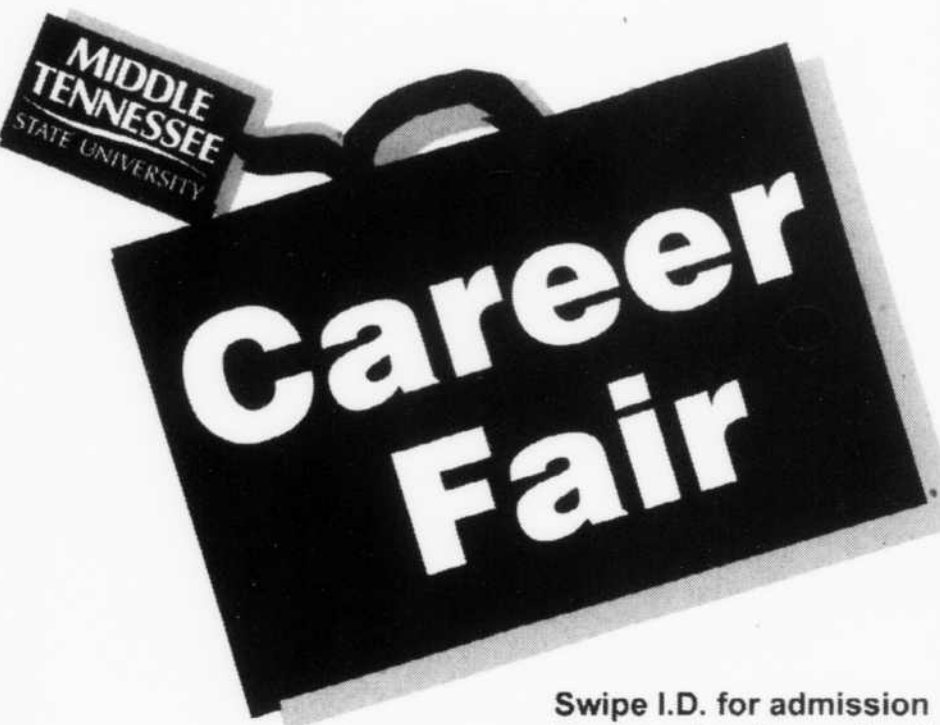
As you are aware, the University Rules Committee annually reviews MTSU's promulgated institutional rules. This material appears in the publication, Student Rights and Responsibilities, and in the MTSU Traffic and Parking Rules pamphlet.

I anticipate that TBR will establish a firm deadline for submission of proposed rule changes. For this reason, suggested revisions to our current rules should be forwarded to me no later than Friday, September 21. Proposals must contain the following information: (1) the text of the rule as it now appears in the Student Rights and Responsibilities publication; (2) the text of the proposed change (with additions bolded and deletions specifically noted), and, (3) a statement of rationale which supports or otherwise justifies the proposed change. In the event a proposal is for a new rule, rather than a revision, the same should be noted, and item (1) above disregarded. I would prefer that proposed rules and changes be submitted through e-mail as an attached document in MS Word. My address is [gfitc@mtsu.edu](mailto:gfitc@mtsu.edu).

I should note that amendments to parking regulations are considered by the University Traffic and Parking committee. Suggested changes in these rules can be directed to Ms. Nancy Weatherly ([nweather@mtsu.edu](mailto:nweather@mtsu.edu)), Parking Services, again no later than September 21, 2007.

Notice of meetings of the University Rules Committee to the general campus will be made through the *Sidelines* and via e-mail.

Thank you.



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# Classifieds

Marketplace of MTSU

## EMPLOYMENT

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Child Care Position Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings. Excellent references and background check required. Apply in person M-F, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mark's UMC, 1267 N. Rutherford Blvd.

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COOL new pizza joint opening downtown, hiring all positions. Opening October 1st. Applications available at Five Senses Restaurant, Tues.-Sat. 1-4 p.m. 1602 Northfield Blvd.

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insertion of any classified advertisement. No refunds will be made for partial cancellations. Sidelines reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems objectionable for any reason. Classifieds will only be accepted on a prepaid basis. Ads may be placed in the Sidelines office in Mass Comm, Rm 269. For more information, call the business office at 615-898-5111. Ads are not accepted over the phone. Ads are free for students and faculty for the first two weeks.



# OPINIONS

**From the Editorial Board:**

## Low art show attendance: apathy or bad promotion?

The Faculty Art Show is currently underway on campus, where everyone can see what the teachers are capable of.

However, it was said that less than five percent of the MTSU community has viewed the show. And of course, the immediate excuse is the excuse given for every campus event that our university does – student apathy.

But the real question should be: is the low participation due to apathy or poor advertising?

Where are the fliers that promote the art show?

Departments on campus tend to promote only within the department and don't reach out, because it is assumed that no one cares outside of the department cares.

This is a free, interesting opportunity for students all over campus to check out what art teachers are capable of. It is a way to bridge the gap between students and teachers by displaying what the teachers can actually produce.

This humanizes our professors. During a showcase like this, they are not our teachers, but our colleagues, displaying their hard work for criticism and praise – just like us.

It may be annoying to advertise because it requires obtaining a separate permit for each building that one wishes to advertise in, but it certainly isn't impossible. Students spend the time and effort to get permission to post fliers, so of course departments and faculty are capable of the same.

It's easy to say that students don't care about anything outside their departments, but they certainly care about other things on campus. Students have protested Forrest Hall and anti-abortion demonstrations. It's safe to say they might have a vague interest in teacher expression as well.

We just might need a little extra reminding. All teachers, regardless of their department, are capable of encouraging students to take the 10-minute walk or hour-long stroll through the Todd Gallery.

Additionally, students should make an effort to pay attention to fliers and be aware of announcements of events on campus. It is everyone's responsibility to encourage participation on campus. It is after all, the MTSU Todd Art Gallery.

## Letter to the Editor

### Business Office not to blame

To the Editor:

After reading the one-sided article and editorial in the Sept. 6 edition of *Sidelines* ["Financial aid late for students," "Students left out of the loop and out of money"] about the MTSU Business Office, I felt the need to explain why it is that the Business Office neither profits from the fees students have to pay, nor is to blame for the recent incident of late direct-deposit refunds.

I have been a student worker in the Business Office since Nov. 2005. Even back then, my supervisors were training for Banner, the new system now in use. Regardless of this training, however, nothing could have prepared anyone in our office for the many quirks and problems associated with the new system. Banner has caused as much aggravation, stress, and frustration for the employees of the Business Office as it has for the students waiting for loan money. This system change was required by the university, just as it was for many other universities.

The refund process for direct deposit was tested before the first day of classes. The hold-up that happened on the first day of classes was due to the large number of direct deposits that needed to be sent, which was where our system failed. Our office did the best we could to solve this problem as quickly as possible. Students with accounts at larger banks received their money the next day, and several others received theirs the following day. On the first day of classes we also offered book vouchers, which is something that is rarely done otherwise. Many students took advantage of this opportunity and not only got their books that day, but also got their money the very next day.

Students who had not, or still have not received their money after the first week of classes are almost always at fault. Many students have failed to set up direct-deposits, fill out their FAFSA information on time, or may have turned in incorrect information to the Financial Aid Office. As David Chambers was quoted in "Financial aid late for students," students are given plenty of time to take care of their financial aid. Students who say they were never informed of the new direct deposit setup are incorrect because our office sent out numerous e-mails to students throughout the summer, and the information was also sent with students' bills.

Most who are still waiting for their money have problems with the financial aid process, meaning that their money has either not even reached the school or been applied to their accounts, neither of which the Business Office has control over or is responsible for.

The claim that the Business Office only cares about making money is completely untrue. What could an employee at the Business Office possibly gain from a student paying off their parking ticket from three years ago? Absolutely nothing. The university has been relieved of that student's debt, but an employee at the Business Office who has "been on the back" of a student gains nothing.

If a member of the Editorial Board will not even take the time to check a calendar about the day classes began (see "Financial aid late for students"), one could only imagine what little effort went into checking the facts about the Business Office.

Amy Powers  
Junior, electronic media production



"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

## No censorship in "Marketplace"

I am writing today because we are about to have one of those difficult moments that occurs with some regularity within the academy. We are about to have a controversial group visit our campus and I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone that dealing with tension and controversy is part of the price we pay for the privilege of being in the "Marketplace of Ideas."

Many of you will recall that last fall we had a visit from the Center for Bioethical Reform who brought to our campus a visual display that some found jarring and unsettling. The visual display contains graphic images of aborted fetuses that are juxtaposed against other images, such as a lynching, the killing fields of Cambodia and others. It is the intention of the group to suggest through these images that abortion is a form of genocide.

Some people will argue that they are wrong, and because they are wrong they should be restrained from presenting these images. The rightness or wrongness of their opinion is beside the point. They have a right to assert their viewpoint. These images are an expression of that viewpoint. Consequently, if we value the First Amendment, we must carefully safeguard all expressions, even those we don't like. Or, perhaps I should say, especially those that we don't like because when we step on the slippery slope of making judgments about what expressions are acceptable, our own expressions may soon be in jeopardy.

Now, let me respond to some objections that often emerge whenever controversial groups come to campus. First, some may contend that the Center for Bioethical Reform is not a campus group and should be barred. The Center for Bioethical Reform is being sponsored by a duly registered campus organization, the Pro-Life Collegians. Every student organization has a right to



Robert K. Glenn  
Guest Columnist

bring speakers or displays to campus to express a viewpoint with which they agree. The Pro-Life Collegians are in compliance with all applicable university procedures and regulations. We affirm their right to bring this expression to campus.

The second argument is, 'I shouldn't have to see this. I am a student here and my education is paramount and anything that interferes with that education should be suppressed or controlled.' You would be partially correct. You shouldn't have to see this if you don't want to, so turn your head. If you don't want to see this, avoid the Knoll. This is like turning to another channel if you see something on TV you dislike, or changing stations if you hear music on the radio you find objectionable. The choice is yours. The courts have consistently ruled that some occasional discomfort is not sufficient reason to bar an expression otherwise guaranteed under the First Amendment.

The third argument is that the display should be moved to some remote location on campus rather than right in the center of things here on the Knoll. At the very least, some argue, we should require that a tent be erected, or the pictures should be turned around so that you have to go inside to see them. While this seems appealing to many, it is clearly a form of censorship.

I have asked *Sidelines* to print the univer-

sity's First Amendment Statement, assuming space allows. You will see in the statement that the university has a clear standard related to actions that amount to censorship. We have established the Knoll as our "Free Speech Area." We do this under the auspices of the Supreme Court ruling that allows the university to control "time, place and manner." The Knoll was selected precisely because it is in the center of campus and allows persons to express views to the maximum number of people with the least possible impact on the actual business of the university: classes. To move the display to a lesser-traveled area, or to erect physical barriers because we feel the content is offensive is viewpoint discrimination, plain and simple. It is censorship. We will not do it.

The university has confidence in its students' ability to come into contact with controversial ideas and sort through them, no matter how difficult, and then arrive at the conclusion that is best for them.

John F. Kennedy once said, "We are not afraid to entrust the American people with unpleasant facts, foreign ideas, alien philosophies, and competitive values. For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is afraid of its people."

Let me add that there will be other groups on the Knoll who intend to express an alternative expression to that of the CBR. Whether you agree or disagree with what you see or hear, you will be free to express your position in a civil manner. If you come out to the Knoll on either of these two days, please be prepared for a challenging exchange in the "Marketplace of Ideas."

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## Oversized flag display excessive

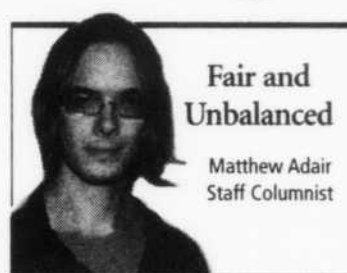
Flags and banners are symbols of pride for people, and the range of thoughts and emotions can represent for us is only limited by how many thoughts we can think up and how many different ways we can feel. They can be representations of national, spiritual or personal pride, or any combination of these things.

The question here in Murfreesboro, is if there is such a thing as too much pride.

Last month, Goo-Goo Express Wash at Memorial and Clark boulevards was cited by the Billing and Codes office for flying a 730 square foot flag on an 80 foot pole, both of which violated to excess a 1995 city ordinance stating that flags in a commercial zone must be 32 square feet or less in size, and can be flown to a maximum height of 35 feet.

32 square feet doesn't seem very big, but a flag of this size is roughly as big as the average adult, and while 35 feet doesn't seem very high for a flagpole, it is a little over three stories tall. Outside of downtown, very few buildings or structures in this city would be taller than this height, so a flag fluttering in the breeze 35 feet over our heads would be visible for some distance around here.

So, why the big stink over



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Matthew Adair  
Staff Columnist

Goo-Goo Express' flag?

The sentiment of those outraged by the flag citation is that telling the car wash that they can't have a massive flag is stifling their First Amendment right to freedom of expression. The business should be able to show its national pride however it wants, even if that means hoisting a flag the size of a small house.

There's nothing wrong with flying a flag, or being patriotic. People are encouraged to fly the U.S. flag in their homes and businesses, as a way of showing national unity. That a single object can be something that represents a diverse group of individuals speaks to all of the things that should make us proud to live in this country; that from many people can come one nation.

However, there is something obnoxious about patriotic displays presented in a larger-than-life size. There is nothing near the car wash's location that

would make it difficult to see a smaller flag on a shorter flagpole from a distance. In fact, aside from some trees, a 35-foot pole would probably be the tallest thing in the area. Flying a larger flag from a greater height seems to be less about expressing patriotic sentiment and more about making the business more visible from further away.

Also, to suggest as some have that the U.S. flag should be treated separately from signs in general is absurd. Our attachment to it aside, the flag is a symbolic representation of our country. It is a sign that represents what this place is, and who we are. It is no different in function than a business' logo or a decorative nameplate on a house and should be treated the same way to ensure that it is displayed properly, safely and with respect towards our neighbors.

As stated in the city's proposal to amend the sign ordinance, treating the U.S. flag any differently from any other flag or sign would violate the very same First Amendment rights that are supposedly being limited by the removal of Goo-Goo's giant flag. It is favoring one type of speech, or one message, above others, and that is what is not permissible.

The city government should be commended for making the effort to listen to the public, and consider changing the rules about what is an appropriate size for a flag. It is my hope that both the owners of Goo-Goo Express Wash and the city can reach a compromise over what to do with their flag.

The rest of us, however, should consider just what we are trying to say when we fly big banners and flags high in the air. Do we do these things to show off our pride, in who we are and what we belong to, or do we do it to call attention to ourselves? One of these is a completely understandable gesture. The other is selfish, and more about ourselves and our own interests than about what the flag itself represents.

Our love for our country, if that is truly what such gestures are about, shouldn't need gigantic displays to be noticed. It should be plainly visible in how we treat others, and in the choices we make. Perhaps we should consider how we express that behavior before we concern ourselves with running how we feel up a flagpole.

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# FEATURES

## Todd Gallery shows faculty talent

By Emily Sterrie

Contributing Writer

MTSU's annual faculty art show was held once again this year in the Todd Gallery, running from Aug. 28 through Sept. 8. The presentation, which showcased a variety of different artistic mediums, engaged the eyes and ears of audiences with pieces ranging from ceramics and paintings to Web design and videos.

The diverse exhibit has just one common thread – the faculty as artists – expressing themselves in whatever way they choose, explains Dr. Lon Nuell, professor of art education and director of the Todd Gallery.

"The reason for the show is to associate the students with the people they will be working with," says Nuell. "It involves many people at the University, and it's for the entire University."

Nuell also explains that there are no limitations on mediums, and indeed, the exhibit showcases a broad range of materials, from technology to traditional methods, all according to the individual interests and artistic capabilities of the faculty.

"People who work in studio areas – sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, graphic design – must keep their minds active," Nuell says. "We teach, but we are artists. As we learn, we can share with students."

Nuell says the faculty of the art department looks forward to the show each year as an opportunity to present themselves and their creativity to the community as well as their own students.

When entering the gallery, the viewer is met first by the light, playful sounds of Italian music being emitted from a home video of a trip to Italy, which accompanies the ceramic art of Marisa Recchia. The use of these different medias helps to create an environment to go with the pieces, and all of the visual art within the gallery is unique.

Also included in the exhibit are vibrant collages, pieces featuring mixed media, watercolor, digital video and audio, website design, porcelain, laser engraving and more. As Dr. Nuell points out, the art featured in the gallery offers wonderful opportunities for the entire community – both within the university and beyond – to learn and experience. The stimuli can be particularly useful to young children as well. The gallery affords people the chance to see how artwork ties into other curriculum, and everyone can use the images and artwork to extend into their individual teaching and learning, no matter the subject.

The Faculty Art Show is an



Juniors Rachel Hoover and Jaes La Croix examine a painting featured at the Faculty Art Show. The exhibit, which ran Aug. 28 through Sept. 8 in the Todd Gallery, provides faculty with an opportunity to present their talent and creativity to the Murfreesboro Community and their own students.

Photo by Ryan Debooy | Staff Photographer

annual tradition within the art department, but the biggest yearly problem Todd Gallery faces is audience – or lack thereof. Nuell estimates that 95 percent or more of the university population does not come to see what the gallery has to offer.

"It's all about taking a step outside your office and taking a chance," Nuell says.

Likewise, Chris Byrd, an art history major and fifth-year student at MTSU, thinks that many people just don't appreciate the arts – at least not enough to take a few minutes out of their lives and just feel the experience.

"The gallery is really easy to find, and it's nice to just take a few minutes and wander around to take everything in," Byrd says.

But for whatever reason, the majority of the students and faculty at MTSU just don't seem to have the time or energy to really care.

Nuell sums up his thoughts on this problem, saying, "The gallery is like a television set that

presents ideas to people, but it takes a little more effort because the ideas presented are generally a little more challenging."

"Art is about communication, but you have to be receptive," Nuell continues. "It involves talking to other people, raising questions and wondering. This is what the university is about – the challenge of ideas. But if you never listen, then you never see the challenge. And you really are a little bit lesser for that."

Much of the visual art showcased in the gallery presents a means of challenging the viewer's thinking, which in turn arouses contemplation and controversy. That controversy, says Nuell, comes from the works that are presented by individual artists, to a population that generally has not had much experience with the visual arts. Many people don't know how to respond to art – not just the art in the Todd gallery but any art – and they respond without really understanding what the images are about.

For example, one of the pieces presented in the faculty show is a digital video by Cindy Rehm which shows three women passing an orange to one another underneath their chins – a simple children's game.

But for some reason, the video evokes a much more provocative sensation and level of human interest. The artist takes innocence to another level. The piece makes the viewer ask questions – what happens to our innocence from childhood to adulthood? It has changed, but why, and how? Is it good or bad?

With this piece and others, the artists challenge our thinking, and it makes people uncomfortable and creates controversy. Perhaps this is part of the reason why so many choose not to confront the visual images in the Todd Gallery.

But to this notion, Nuell proposes, "The artist has a responsibility to communicate through their own prisms; how they feel about it, and how to get us to talk about it."

Aside from the outside public, the art students at MTSU are grateful for the gallery and the opportunities it affords them to see and display work, as well as to learn more about the industry and gain firsthand experience.

"I really appreciate the fact that we've got a gallery that faculty and students can show work at since it's such a hard thing to do," Byrd says. "To go to grad school, you have to show work. So it fulfills a need that a lot of students have. It also gives experience on how to hang art and organize it and how to set things up. We can see how the whole process works, which is incredibly useful."

As for the art itself, says Byrd, "I enjoyed going and looking at it. We've got a very diverse faculty in the art department, which leads to well-rounded art students."

Byrd, who is a member of the Student Art Alliance, will be submitting work to the gallery for another showing in

November, and the gallery continually displays various exhibitions throughout the school year. With only about a one-week turnover in between exhibits, students and faculty have ample opportunity to see the different presentations.

The next showing, which will run from September 17 through October 4, will feature art by community college faculty from across the state of Tennessee.

"We wanted to recognize them for what they do," says Nuell. "They work hard in terms of numbers of students that they see, so this is a way of thanking them and recognizing them."

The talented visual artists on campus create these works and offer them to colleagues, students and the public. "Everyone should be willing to take a few minutes to wander into the gallery to take a deep physical and intellectual breath and see something a little bit different – experience a bit of the world that's different," says Nuell. ♦

## Social transition for freshmen shaky, confusing

By Andrew Fortanbary

Contributing Writer

As parents unloaded all our belongings onto the pavement in front of the dorm buildings, we freshmen were off in some distant plane of thought. We didn't really expect that our parents would actually leave us to fend for ourselves.

But that is exactly what they did. Off to raise the other children or to a cruise because their everyday job as parents is over. In any case, we are left to do our own laundry, get ourselves up for class and make the choice to go to class or skip.

After the initial thoughts of, "what am I doing here, what is this place and did Mom pack my stuffed moose?" we realize why we are here. We are here to become more cultured, chic people then we were when we left high school.

We know it will take awhile, because new students must take time getting accustomed to the random screaming, the running down the hallway by a naughty fellow student or the early morning wake up calls by your roommate's drum set.

Freshmen grudgingly wake up for 8 a.m. classes on Monday and get lost until class is halfway through. This is not a good start with a professor, who will be the only lifeline this semester.

Walking across the grass to get to a calculus class, we see people passing out leaflets about topics we have never heard. A few days pass, and even though professors weight us down with due dates, we have to read about a billion pages in a history book. Then we realize that we are out of crackers and popcorn, and if we don't buy some Diet Coke right now then we are going to crawl under the mattress pad your parents got for the dorm's 80-year-old bed and die.

So how can the situation be fixed? The one simple thing to do is to get into our car and drive

to Wal-Mart for some sustenance – except for one little problem. We don't have

a car. Your 15-year-old brother is at home, driving it, while your parents are on that cruise.

Colleges are helping the transition into college for freshman and new students by intermixing college life and social life. In a way, college campuses

are becoming little cities, with their own hospitals and mini-marts. Help is always just a short walk away.

MTSU has been transitioning into MTSU-Ville.

MTSU has been trying its hardest to make new and old students feel welcome at Tennessee's largest public university. The week of welcome was designed to help new and old students develop social bonds with other students who are in the same boat, away from home and not knowing many of the people around them.

Some of the activities included Meet Murfreesboro, where local businesses came and showed off

their unique eateries or chic clothing boutiques. There was also the street fair behind Corlew Hall in the first days.

"The week of welcome was intended to mix in the social element into the college experience," says Robert K. Glenn, vice president of Student Affairs and vice provost of Enrollment Management.

Freshman and transfer students are even given shirts by the school to feel a part of the Blue Raider family.

At this year's convocation, new and transfer students were asked to stand and be recognized for now being part of the Blue Raider tradition.

MTSU will soon be getting a new university center to aid in the incorporation of new students and transfers into the Blue Raider life.

The new university center is intended to help students socially by adding an academic atmosphere and a fun social environment together in one place. In this new university center, there will be a large food court and movie theaters.

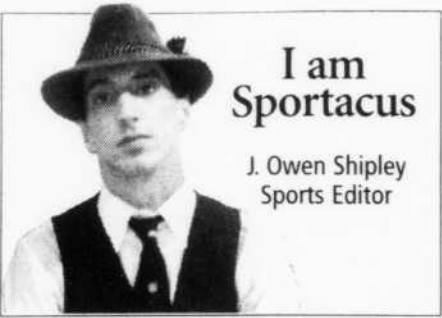
"We want the new university center to be the den of the school; a living space for the students," says Glenn.

With the overwhelming support of the school and the prospect of a new university center, MTSU is becoming increasingly comfortable. Now, if only I could find my stuffed moose I'd finally feel at home. ♦





# SPORTS



I am Sportacus

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## Calling all hypocrites

### Enough with the double-standards

R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

That's how we were taught to spell it. That's how Aretha sang it and that's how third grade vocabulary books test it.

Sportacus says, respect is best spelled with numbers.

Numbers like 550+ (yards), 42 (points), 4 (quarters of constant tension), and 40,000 (booing fans).

Stats always tell the story. Some writers may distort numbers to support ridiculous view points, but the informed reader can always tell the truth from a distortion.

(Although, I would like to point out that most distortions are the results of laziness and not malicious intent.)

Collegefootballnews.com made MT out to be a team with no hope in the preseason, and when the Blue Raiders shocked America by keeping the Cardinals on the ropes CFN refused to reverse their position.

No matter what MT does all year, CFN will report that they are bad team. Every game they win will simply boil down to the other team playing poorly. Isn't that how all games are won?

So what was the real story of Thursday night's game?

Was it that a team with next to no reserves, down to their last line-man (after the game coach Stock admittedly they basically only called three running plays because that was all they had time to teach the new linemen) managed to block the #8 team in the country all night long? Was it that Joe Craddock finally came out of his shell and showed the poise and confidence locals have been talking about since he came to MT? Was it offensive coordinator G.A. Mangus matching Louisville's Charlie Stubbs call-for-call on offense?

Not according to CFN.

Their take on the game was that the team that they picked to finish number two in the Big East suddenly had a terrible defense. It didn't matter that in Louisville's first game of the year, a 73-10 rout of Murray State, their defense allowed less than 200 yards total offense.

All that mattered was that CFN's writers were wrong and now they needed a scape goat. They can blame Louisville all you want, but the numbers speak for themselves. There is a ridiculous double-standard applied to NCAA football.

If a big time program kills a weaker school, then they are picking on them but if that school challenges them then the big school has no heart and is labeled "over-rated".

Is anyone blaming MT's defense for allowing 58 points against the Cardinals? No. Pundits will agree that Brian Bohm and his offense earned those points. When MT scores 42, however, it must be the defense's fault.

I find this infuriating.

The truth is, MT's offense is good. They just happen to be the 3,000-piece jigsaw type of good. The talent was there (not enough to survive any injuries, mind you), it just took a lot of moving things around before the coaches could see the whole picture.

With that task complete, MT took the field against a team with national title hopes and they scared them.

MT flat-out infuriated the Cardinal crowd in the first half. The red-and-black home crowd must have figured the Blue Raiders would be push overs and when they started matching Louisville TD for TD the booing came early.

Never in my life have I seen a team play as well as U of L did and still get booed. MT was playing just as well but no, one could believe that it wasn't Louisville's fault --at least not at first. It must be the defense's fault, everyone seemed to be thinking.

By mid-way through the third quarter, however, the booing stopped. The fans had finally figured it out. MT was actually pretty darn good.

My only question is...

If Louisville fans can learn to respect MT, why can't the sports writers?

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## MT nearly shocks Louisville



Photo by Jay Richardson | Staff Photographer

Red-shirt junior quarterback Joe Craddock calls an audible after getting a look at the Louisville defensive coverage. Craddock was 14-26 for 290 yards, 2 TDs, 2 Ints.

### Raiders post 555 yards on No. 8 UL

By Richard Lowe and Will Graves  
Assistant Sports Editor and AP

Brian Brohm threw for a career-high 401 yards and five touchdowns and Anthony Allen added a school-record 275 yards rushing and two scores as No. 8 Louisville avoided a major upset by surviving Middle Tennessee 58-42 Thursday night at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Mario Urrutia, Gary Barnidge and Harry Douglas all topped 100 yards receiving as the Cardinals (2-0) extended the nation's second longest home winning streak to 20 games.

It wasn't easy. The Blue Raiders (0-2) never led, but the Sun Belt Conference champions never let the Cardinals get comfortable.

Despite Brohm being at his efficient best, the Blue Raiders, who managed all of 217 yards in a season-opening loss to Florida Atlantic, nearly matched the high-powered Cardinals in a game that featured 1,284 yards from scrimmage, 13 touchdowns and little defense on either side.

Middle Tennessee quarterback Joe Craddock threw for 290 yards and two touchdowns and Phillip Tanner added 144 yards rushing and three touchdowns for the Blue Raiders. Even with those numbers being career highs for Craddock, he revealed that this wasn't his best game.

"I don't think I played real well at all," said the redshirt junior. I didn't do anything special, all the guys I threw the ball to did all the work. I didn't do anything worth talking about, you take the

three turnovers I had, if can eliminate those, it might have been different."

DeMarco McNair ran for 72 yards and a score and caught three passes for 92 yards and a touchdown for Middle Tennessee, which never backed down against a Louisville defense trying to replace seven starters.

When Louisville opened the game with an 81-yard touchdown pass from Brohm to Barnidge on the first play from scrimmage, it took the Blue Raiders all of three plays to tie the game as Craddock hit McNair for a 78-yard score.

It was the opening salvos in a dizzying first five minutes that had five touchdowns.

Things never really slowed down. Louisville scored on its first six possessions, but led only 38-35 at the break as the Blue Raiders baffled a Louisville defense that seemed out of position most of the time and unable to get its hands on the slippery Tanner.

Brohm would lead the Cardinals down the field, and the Blue Raiders would respond, shredding a Louisville defense that appeared confused by the myriad of formations Middle Tennessee threw on the field.

The Blue Raiders kept responding so quickly, the Cardinals changed tactics, opting to grind it out behind Allen for most of the second half.

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Photo by Jay Richardson | Staff Photographer

Sophomore wide receiver Desmond Gee played wideout and returned kicks for the first time in his career at MT during the thursday night game against Louisville.

## MT volleyball wins Blue Raider Bash

By Clarence Plank  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee volleyball continued their winning streak by sweeping the Blue Raider Bash over the weekend.

The Blue Raiders (10-0) avoided a scare from Georgia State and handled Northeastern and UT-Arlington with some ease as they improved on the team's best start since 1995.

Ashley Adams, Ashley Asberry and Ashley Mead all recorded double-digit in kills with Adams scoring 19 of the Blue Raiders' points in the game.

Adams led the team with 13 points, Mead followed with 11 and Asberry, who had an attacking percentage of .769, had 10.

MT coach Matt Peck was pleased with the team's performance after the challenging GSU e game.

"We were a little concerned yesterday. We didn't play well and we were unfocused," Peck said. "We came back today against a good opponent that finished second in their conference last year. They were really good passers and we denied them a lot balls at the net. Our blocks were working well."

MT scored early and often against University of Texas at Arlington (5-4) to sweep them 3-0 (30-16, 30-22, 30-21) at the Alumni Memorial Gym.

In the first game the Raiders set the pace by scoring eight points, forcing Arlington to call a time-out to get back in the game. The Mavs pulled within five points before the Blue Raiders rallied and never looked back 30-16.

Scott was very vocal in calling out their opponent's defense in order to help her team be more effective in against the Mavs' attack.

"I'm basically calling out the hitters on the court," Scott said. "I yell it out. It frustrates the other team because I am so loud. They say 'shut up!' What I'm doing is letting them know where the setters are, where the hitters are."

"One girl told me to shut up. I get it all the time," Scott said. "Some schools will compete with me in calling out the defense. It's fun. As the middle-blockers it is our job to guard the net."

Adams and Quanshell Scott had six blocks and Asberry finished with four in the series.

The second game was a different story, with the lead changing hands eight times. The Mavs kept the game close, rallying to tie 11 times.

Adams and Asberry record back-to-back kills, but the Mavs' stuck around -and scored a point here or there before taking a 19-18 lead.

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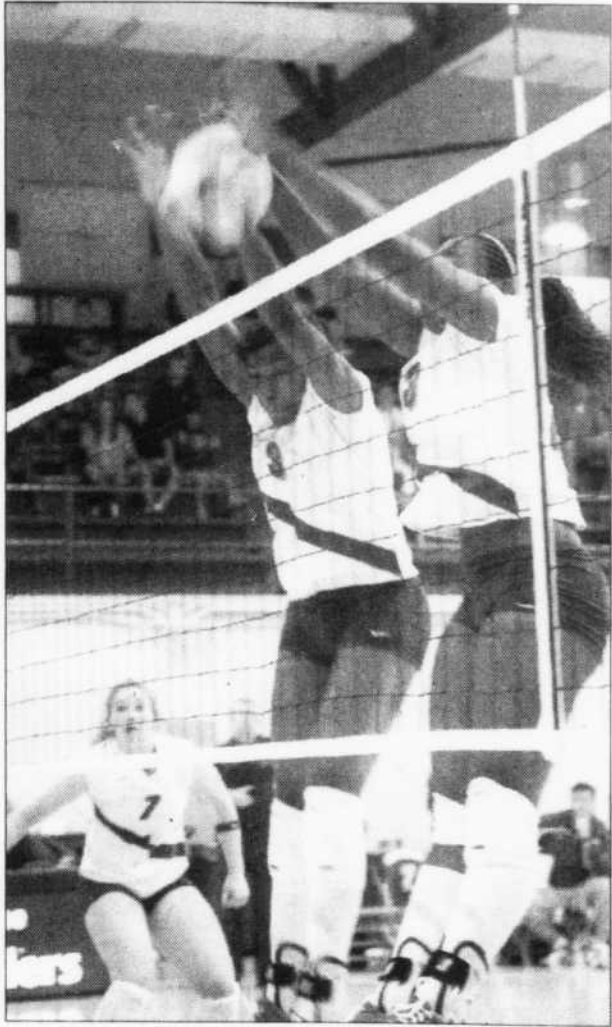


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Nationally ranked MT Volleyball swept the Blue Raider Bash.



# Too early to judge season

A lot can happen in the next 10 weeks

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After two weeks of college football only one thing is certain; next week's winner of the Michigan/Notre Dame game will walk away with their fan base having a sigh of relief heard from Ann Arbor to Beijing. Besides that, there is nothing set in stone thus far. With only two weeks to judge, you can't come up with intelligent reasoning behind which football teams will be the good ones and which ones will go on the recruiting trail harder than usual.

A perfect example of this scenario would be the Blue Raiders. In two weeks time, the MT fan base has gone from optimism to disappointment to disbelief and now insanity. If you asked anyone at 5:59 p.m. on Thursday what the outlook of the season would be and it would probably lead to sad faces and groans. When midnight hit, the fan base crowned MT the Sun Belt conference champions for the second year in a row based solely off of one offensive performance against a Big East school.

The only thing that was proven on Thursday was the offense does know how to block and execute plays. Only time will tell how effective the offense will be in later contests. I just hope the fan base is more realistic in the coming weeks and not write off the Blue Raiders after they travel to Baton Rouge to take on Louisiana State University, the number 2 team in the nation.

LSU defeated Virginia Tech, the number 9 team in the nation, 48-7. The offense will play to win but nothing will be proven until the team gets back into conference play.

## Louisville: Close call

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Allen's 35 carries were the most since Michael Bush ran 37 times against West Virginia in 2005.

A 48-yard run in the fourth quarter set up a short touchdown pass from Brohm to Douglas, and he allowed the Cardinals to run out the clock after Malik Jackson picked off Craddock in the end zone with less than seven minutes to go.

The Cardinals seemed to lose their com-

posure on several occasions. Louisville was penalized nine times for 98 yards, including four personal fouls.

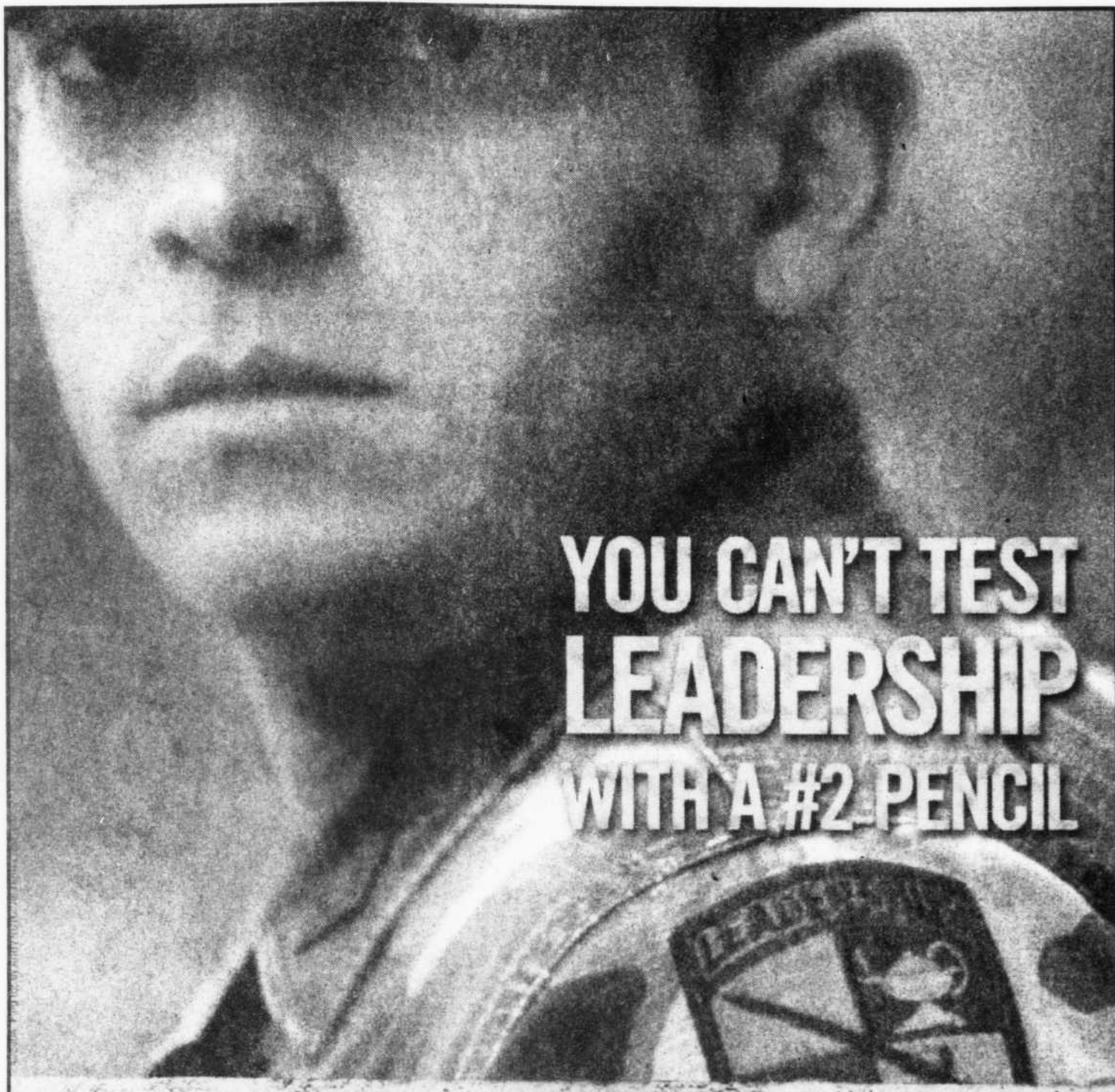
Still, UL survived behind one of the nation's top offenses. Louisville finished with 729 yards of total offense and held the ball for nearly 40 minutes. The Cardinals have scored a school-record 131 points in their first two games.

MT head coach Rick Stockstill expressed encouraging words after the game. "I told the team I couldn't be prouder of you. The way you fought your effort, how hard you played. You went toe to toe with the eighth ranked team in the country. Had we played a little bit

smarter, had we not turned the ball over a couple of times, the fumble on the kickoff return, and the interception at the end of the game. We might have had chance."

UL coach Steve Kragthorpe seemed relieved to survive the Thursday night showdown that aired on ESPN2.

"Obviously, we wanted to play better than we did tonight," said Kragthorpe. "I think we learned a lot of lessons. We did some good things tonight. Our defense played better in the second half and we did some good things offensively in the third and fourth quarter to keep [MT] off the field." ♦



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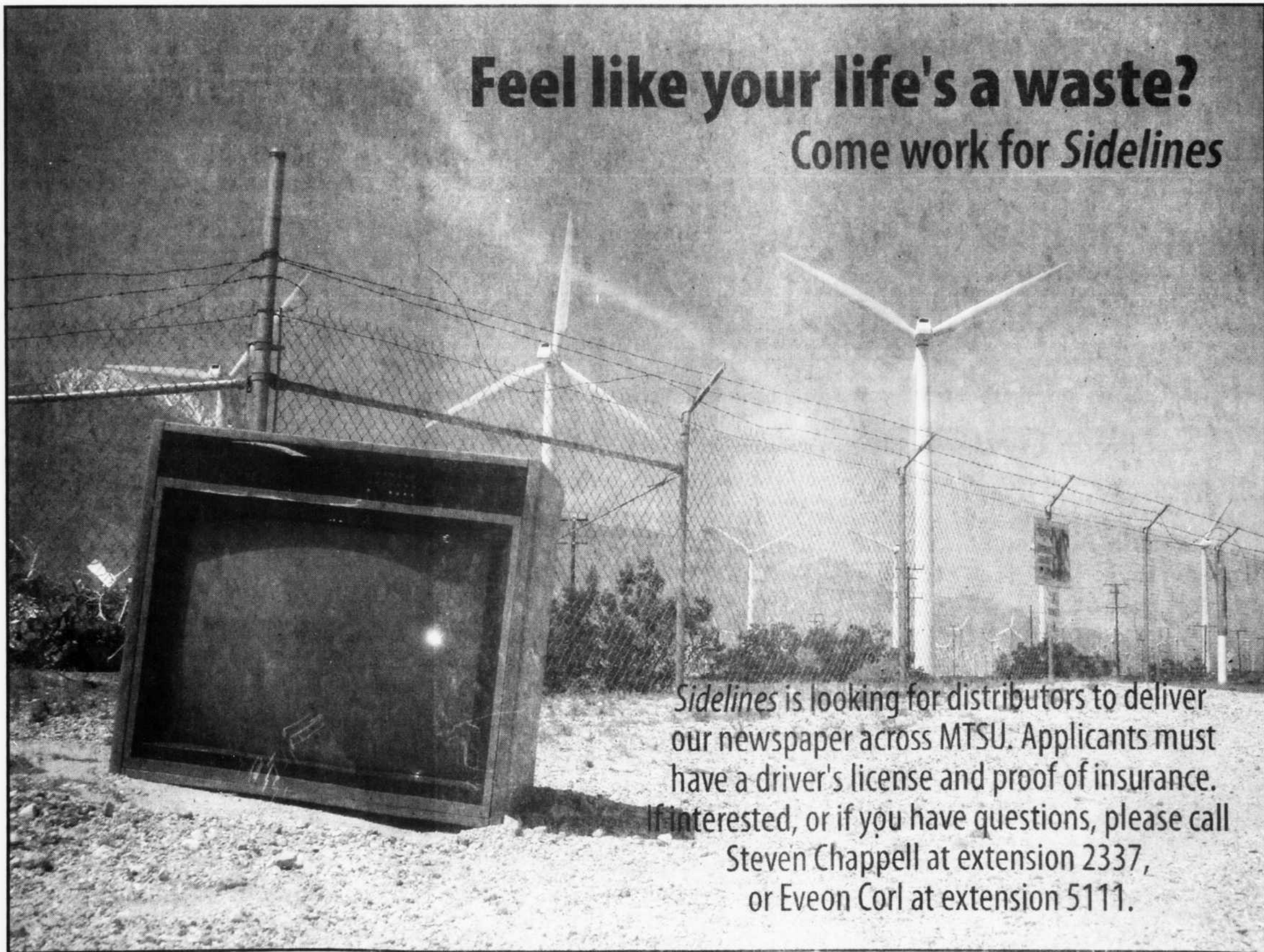
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Sophomore setter Leslie Clark prepares a spike for sophomore outside hitter Ashley Mead.

## Volleyball: Raiders stay undefeated throughout Blue Raider Bash

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It was Adams and Scott that came up with a block to end the second match 30-22.

"It's hard throughout a whole match to maintain a high steady level of performance," Peck said. "It goes in cycles. We're up, we ease up and they pick up and we have to put the pressure back on. We came together and realized we needed to close the gaps."

"I know after the first game all of the players breathed a sigh of relief," Peck said. "They stepped up their play when they needed to. We really can't afford to rest and take it easy on any team. We have to have that killer instinct. We're still looking for that."

The Blue Raiders scored five points after the halt before the Mavs came back to tie it at five all. From that moment on, MT came together and won the match 30-21.

"We had a freshman [Alyssa King] out there running our offense. Like a freshman quarterback. She did an outstanding job out there," Peck said. "She was upbeat and nothing got to her."

"Her, Quan, and Megan Carter," Peck said. "I asked those players to pick up their game because we had a freshman out there and we didn't want a freshman having to try and win a game for us. All of those players did exactly what they had to do. Blocking, hitting,

working with the setter and talking to the setter."

After a long road trip the Blue Raiders returned home to win the tournament host, which has been their goal since losing last year's tournament.

"In the past, this has been our struggle," Adams said. "We had to focus this year. This is our tournament and we want to take that trophy home and we're finally able to do that."

"We really wanted to come out with a lot of enthusiasm because we won our first game," Adams said. "Our goal was to come out and play as hard as we can that's what we've been working on. What we had to do is stick to our game plan of play the-m-a lot tougher. That started to work and everything started to come together." ♦

## MT soccer beats MSU 5-4

By Chris Martin

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The Blue Raiders beat Mississippi State 5-4 in exciting fashion in a game which featured two goals in the final 71 seconds and four goals from sophomore forward Jen Threlkeld, Sunday.

MTSU drew first blood when Threlkeld scored her first goal just 98 seconds into the game. MSU held the momentum for the rest of the first half keeping the ball in MTSU territory. Mississippi State scored two first half goals on 12 shots compared to MTSU's one goal on six shots.

"In the first half, Mississippi State was able to clog the mid-field and we bought into their game," said MTSU coach Aston Rhoden.

MTSU began the second half the same way they began the first half when Holly Grogan scored on a free kick just one minute 27 seconds into the second half, her 34th career goal. That goal put Grogan atop the MTSU career goals list passing Rebecca Rodriguez. This time the Blue Raiders were able to capitalize on the early momentum as they didn't trail for the

rest of the game.

"In the second half, we played wide," Rhoden said. "We'll have success if we can do that."

MTSU looked to have the game won when Mississippi State scored a goal with just a minute ten seconds left to tie the game 4-4. Threlkeld responded by rolling the ball past the downed keeper to give her second later to give her fourteen goals for the record of most goals scored in a game. MSU was unable to make anything happen in the final 54 seconds giving MTSU the 5-4 victory.

Not to be outdone by Grogan and Threlkeld, junior forward Kala Morgan, last year's leading scorer, racked up three assists on the day.

"[Grogan, Threlkeld and Morgan] were a strong part of our attack last year," Rhoden said. "It's good to see Morgan, Grogan and Threlkeld on the field at the same time."

The Blue Raiders will take their two-game winning streak on the road to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to take on the Alabama Crimson Tide on September 14. ♦

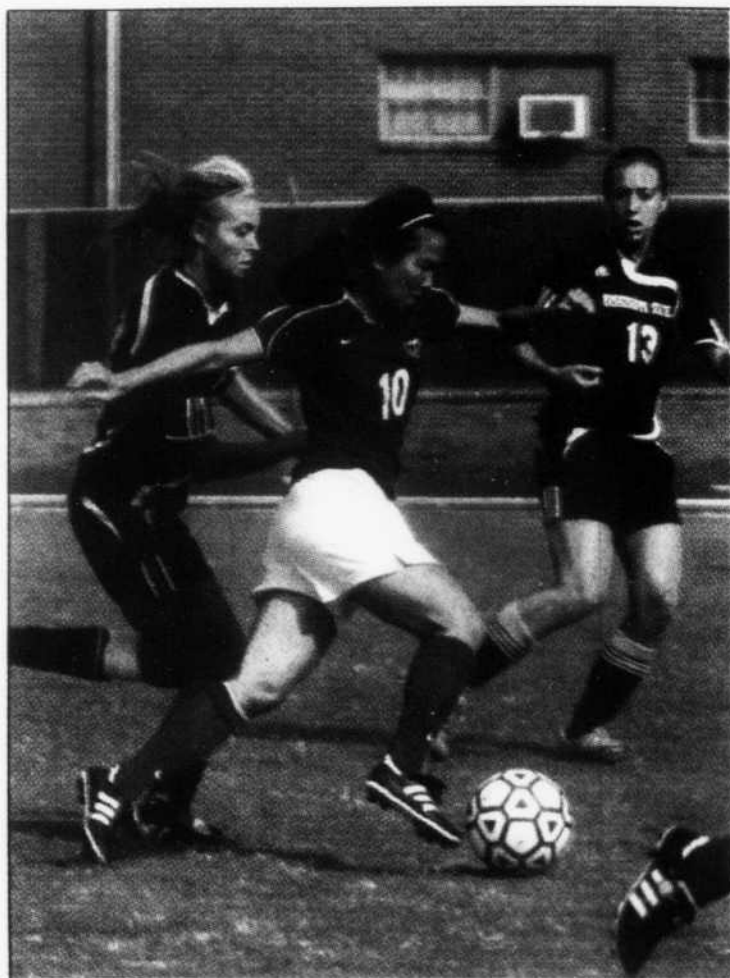


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Sophomore forward Kathrine Andresen prepares for a shot against MSU.

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