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Honors college hopes for new building

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

The MTSU College of University Honors is looking forward to moving to a new building in the near future.

The college currently resides on the first floor of Peck Hall, which no longer supports its growing number of students and faculty.

"The first honors college at a public institution in the state of Tennessee, we have grown more than 500 percent in the last 10 years," John Paul Montgomery,

dean of the Honors College, told *MTSU Magazine* this summer.

Although construction has not been scheduled, the building plans have been designed.

The 19,000 square foot building will include an amphitheater, student lounge with a fireplace, snack room, classrooms, faculty offices, patio area and a tower containing a conference room for thesis defense.

While the honors college will keep Wood and Felder Halls as its dormitories, the new build-

ing will be its point of convergence.

Montgomery hopes this will encourage the exchange of ideas between students and faculty.

"We can learn so much from each other outside the classroom," he said.

The building will also house the honors college library.

Last semester, the graduating class held a book drive to fund its expansion as a gift to the honors college. It will be dedicated to the memory of Michael Angelo Martinelli, an honor student who died in 1996.

The new building, designed by Everton, Oglesby and Askew architectural company, will cost \$4 million dollars to complete, not including computers and furniture. The college has until Dec. 31 to raise the money before construction can begin.

So far the project has received donations from alumni, faculty and area businesses such as Bridgestone-Firestone, who donated \$150,000.

In July of last year, Paul and Lee Martin, graduates from MTSU and the University of Tennessee, respectively, donated

\$2 million dollars to support the project. The new building will be named after their father, Paul Martin Sr.

"We connect with our students in a personalized way, so they give back to the university when other sources won't, as evidenced by the Martin gift," Montgomery said.

Montgomery speculates approximately \$800,000 is what is needed at this point. Once the necessary finances are available, construction companies will begin bidding on the building.

According to Patti Miller,

director of campus planning, the lowest bidder will be awarded the project, and construction will begin shortly thereafter.

While no official date is set, Montgomery anticipates construction will have started by late spring. He remains certain that the project will be a selling point for the university.

"It's destined to happen. Too many things have come into place. We're going for it," he said. ♦

MTSU celebrates 90th birthday

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

Though MTSU's 90th birthday isn't until tomorrow, a huge celebration was Saturday, complete with food, games, prizes, fun and football for all ages.

The birthday bash was planned to coincide with the first home football game of the season against Troy State.

Faculty, alumni and students joined in the celebration. The party was held on the lawn in front of the Alumni Center at 4 p.m., but games and food were available everywhere between the center and Floyd Stadium, from community and university organizations.

The birthday bash included music, trivia, food, fun and plenty of birthday cake.

Alumna Trina Clinton attended the cookout with her husband and two children.

"I came with my family to support the Blue Raiders. The birthday bash is a great way to get both the community and the students to join together to celebrate the college and get ready for the game," she said.

"I brought my daughter Julia, so that she could have fun. She was the one who informed me that I must wear blue and white," said Dennis Walsh, an MTSU faculty member. "She came to eat cake and get a pom-pom, but I hope that she can later understand the significance of 90 years."

MTSU was filled with blue and white on Saturday, and it was no exception at the birthday bash.

From the blue and white shirts and hats to the blue and white cakes that were served, Raider spirit was evident everywhere.

Tameika Jones, Jessica Moore and Katrina Nevilles came as students to support the Raiders, but also to celebrate the 90 years of MTSU.

"The weather is great, and we came out as a tailgate before the game," Jones said. "We think it's really cool that we're here as students now, knowing that there were people just like us 90 years before." ♦



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Both the campus and surrounding community joined to eat cake and celebrate MTSU's 90th birthday Saturday.

Notable politicians, journalists convene to celebrate legislature

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Some Tennessee political and media giants convened Saturday to celebrate the coming of age of the Tennessee General Assembly, and a state legend - John Bragg.

The inaugural Tennessee Legislative Conference was a success, according to coordinator Faye Johnson and Rep. Bart Gordon, who was instrumental in bringing the conference to MTSU.

It attracted such notables as Andy Womack, former MTSU President Sam Ingram, Thomas Wiseman, former Governors Ned McWherter and Winfield Dunn and many more.

"I think it's been a huge success," Johnson said.

"An opportunity to bring folks like that to campus doesn't happen very often. It's really a special moment for the university."

Gordon agreed, and expressed his hope that the program will flourish in the future, and possibly establish a new chair of excellence at the uni-

versity.

"I think it's a beginning of building a [historical] reference point here at MTSU," he said.

The conference featured two panel discussions - one focusing on media coverage of the general assembly throughout the years, and the other focusing more critically on the assembly itself.

Each panel was moderated by John Seigenthaler, "chairman emeritus" of the *Nashville Tennessean* and the namesake of the Seigenthaler Chair of First Amendment Studies at MTSU.

The first panel featured distinguished journalists Joel Kaplan and Duren Cheek, who both worked for the Tennessean at some point in their careers, and covered the general assembly.

Cheek, Kaplan and Seigenthaler recounted their days as cub reporters, and the policies that changed over the years in the political and media arenas.

The second panel discussion featured Dunn, McWherter, former congressman Bill Jenkins and former congress-

woman Anna Belle Clement-O'Brien.

They, along with audience members, shared their memories from the general assemblies over the years, and their hopes for the future.

Former congressman John Bragg was honored for his contributions to middle Tennessee at a luncheon in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, where he was presented with a special award from McWherter and Dunn.

Johnson said the conference - sponsored by MTSU's Gore Research Center and the Division of Continuing Studies - will be yearly, with different themes centered on the general assembly of Tennessee.

"It was entertaining to hear some of the old stories," Gordon - an MTSU alumnus - said.

"The integrity and the commitment and the passion of some of the former governors and legislators inspires me and makes my commitment to public service even stronger."

Seigenthaler also considered the conference to be successful.

"I did it with a great sense of



Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

(From left) Bill Jenkins, Anna Belle Clement-O'Brien, Winfield Dunn, Ned McWherter and John Seigenthaler share memories from the general assembly over the years.

nostalgia and affection for what these (final) four panelists have done to enhance the quality of politics in the state," he said. "For me, it was a thrill to be a part of it."

The average student, Johnson said, has much to learn from the conference.

"[Students] get a chance to visit with folks who have created history in our state," she said.

"They can get a much better sense of how (legislative) decisions came to be made and the impact of those decisions." ♦

Lunch:

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education and advocacy through lectures and workshops on women's issues," stated Rosovsky. "We are committed to providing a safe place for women to meet together and talk about their lives."

The Brown Bag Lunch Series has taken place nearly every month for the past nine years, although sometimes those monthly meetings are altered. There are three conferences scheduled this semester:

Tuesday, Sept. 11 - "Breast Cancer: The Ultimate Survivor"

Tuesday, Oct. 9 - "Domestic Violence in the Workplace"

Tuesday, Nov. 13 - "Desserts for the Holidays"

Developed and coordinated by Mary Ann Guiliano, The JAWC Brown Bag Lunch Series is open to everyone and free to all who wish to attend.

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International studies, programs enhance cultural experience

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

International Students
MTSU's campus is sprinkled with diverse and colorful faces—470 of which are from more than 80 countries outside the U.S.

The International Programs and Studies Office acts as the admissions office for international students, and seeks to help them with university issues as well as immigration.

MTSU admits students from all countries, and currently has students from Japan, France, Germany and many more.

"Most of our students here (who come through IPSO) are international students seeking

degrees," said Tech Wubneh, the director of IPSO.

To be accepted to MTSU, an international student must meet all standard admission requirements and most must pass the Test of English as a Foreign Language, which assesses the student's ability to speak fluent English.

IPSO was established in the 1960s, and has grown considerably since then, said Wubneh, the director for the past 15 years.

"It was a one-man and GTA operation and now we have expanded into a study abroad/exchange program," he said.

IPSO strives to make international students feel at home

in America by working with Student Programming and scheduling events that feature ethnically diverse activities. IPSO offers an International Coffee Hour every month, and an International Students Banquet annually.

Studying Abroad
IPSO has much to offer American-born citizens as well, said Jan Walker, coordinator of MTSU's Study Abroad Program.

Students have the opportunity to acquire course credit in countries such as England, Ecuador, Austria, Spain, Kenya, Barbados, Puerto Rico and others.

Studying abroad "gives the opportunity for new material

and different things" not expected in a college course, Walker said.

Study abroad courses often employ excursions to world-famous sites, reading and customized courses designed by professors, and generally last anywhere from two to six weeks.

Students do not have to enroll in classes taught by MTSU professors when they study abroad, Walker said, although there are MTSU professors' courses available.

MTSU is a member of two study-abroad consortia: the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies.

Each consortium has its own regulations and programs. CCSA offers courses and internships in English-speaking regions. KIIS has many programs that require a background in a particular language.

Walker said she feels the study abroad program is underutilized, mainly because of cost concerns of students.

"A lot of it has to do with [students'] fear of going and financial concerns," she said. "The truth is, you can use financial aid for study abroad."

Wubneh - who hails from Ethiopia and received his master's degree at MTSU - agrees the program has yet to reach its maximum potential, especially by minorities.

"Overall, there are a lot of students who don't really have an idea of what study abroad is," he said.

Wubneh believes the program is of paramount importance because of the opportunity students have in other countries to be exposed to different cultures.

"The world is becoming more interdependent. There needs to be that cultural understanding," he said.

To be a candidate for study abroad, Wubneh said a student must exhibit maturity and be strong academically, maintaining a 2.5 cumulative grade point average.

For more information, call IPSO at 898-2238. ♦

Multicultural affairs offer diverse programs

By Charlene Callier
Features Co-Editor

A student's college experience is one of the most memorable times of their life.

Football games, new friends and experiences help create the personalities of many students as they exit into society.

The purpose of a university is to provide a comfortable environment for a diverse amount of students on campus so they feel at ease attending that school.

"Our job is to create a relevant environment," said Ralph Metcalf, director of multicultural affairs.

"When I say relevant, it means an environment that makes students feel [like] apart of the university environment," Metcalf said.

He said he feels that when students walk around campus, they should gain some knowledge and sense of its history. They should also feel that they have a place on the campus.

He feels it's important that when students walk around campus they feel a sense of their history.

The office of Multicultural Affairs coordinates sponsors and co-sponsors educational,

social and cultural programs for students on campus.

The office is designed to increase sensitivity through interaction with minorities on the campus among faculties, and students.

Metcalf said that the office has four basic frameworks that they follow to provide services for the students.

Retention is the first program because this will help students in school graduate and excel in their studies.

Cultural awareness is the second program that let the students become familiar with other minorities on the campus, in society and the American life.

"It's good for students to look around and see things from their culture around on the campus," said Metcalf.

The third framework is role model, which exposes the students to successful minorities in the community that is in their field of studies.

Metcalf said that they work close with the Black Alumni council to provide a lot of those opportunities that students participate in.

The fourth programming is the different programming they provide for minorities on campus, such as Latin-American History month, African-

in Murfreesboro.

This program is designed to show them the different services that are available to them in the city," said Metcalf.

The mentor program offers tours of the city, movie nights and field trips to different festivals in the area.

Each member of the program is paired with a faculty and an upperclassman to ensure a balanced relationship.

"This way the faculty can assist the students from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the students will be available to assist them after hours," said Metcalf.

Metcalf said that the program purpose is to help create a better relationship with the faculty and students as they enter into the university.

Metcalf has been the director of multicultural affairs since 1989 and his expectations for the students this year is that they become more actively involved in the education.

American history month, Native American month and Asian month.

The office also provides a mentoring program that work with new students and freshman to expose them to the different areas in Murfreesboro and Nashville.

"So many students go home on the weekends because they can't find the services they need



Important Dates

International Coffee Hour

Sept. 19 - Sponsored by The Carpenter's House
Oct. 24 - Sponsored by Presbyterian Student Fellowship
Nov. 14 - Sponsored by Baptist Student Union

James Union Building, Hazelwood Dining Room
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Conversation Partners

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From the staff

Football games heighten need for better parking

The blue shirts were out in force at Saturday's big football game against Troy State, both in the stadium and before the game. Of course, most of you already knew that; many of you went to the game. And so you should have.

Murfreesboro is turning into a college football town, love it or not. There were tailgaters in between the Murphy Center and the tennis courts at 10:35 a.m. Saturday, for heaven's sake.

It's up to the university to capitalize on this newfound popularity and keep it strong for as long as possible.

The Raider Rallies Friday nights are great, but why not sponsor a huge tailgate parking lot party the day of the game? That way, the whole Murfreesboro community can come and participate, not just MTSU students.

We can envision it now, throngs of screaming people gathered around smoking grills, devouring burnt meat and guzzling Dr. Pepper (not Coke, see Canadian Bacon in the Aug. 31 edition of further info) by the gallon.

Of course, so many tailgaters will undoubtedly further congest the labyrinth that is MTSU's parking lot system. That is why it is high time that the university builds a parking garage. Not just for the football fans, but for the students at large.

Parking fees are to be used for the good of all students, and it can honestly be stated that not all students are being served by the parking system as it currently exists.

Yes, we have complained about this situation many times already this year, but nothing has yet changed. So we will continue to voice our concerns until action is taken by the university to alleviate the problem.

Next fall the student population will continue to rise like a helium-filled balloon, and an even greater parking crisis will result. The time to act is now, before there are 25,000 angry students as opposed to 20,000 of us. ♦

Tattoo speaks volumes about society

Banging on My Drum



Cody De Vos
Staff Columnist

My life would be so much better if I had a tattoo that said, "ROCK AND ROLL."

I've thought about this at length; for years, I've been pondering exactly what my first tattoo would read.

I was always hesitant to put anything with even the slightest hint of pretension on my body, and so I quickly ruled out Japanese

or Hebrew characters with some mystical meaning.

But naturally, I want my brand to carry some deeper significance; otherwise, I would quickly snatch up the first arbitrary symbol that caught my eye and carve it into my arm.

Needless to say, I don't foresee enjoying telling my grandchildren why I embossed "Coffee and Donuts...Open 24 Hours!" upon my shoulder.

As I'm only 18-years-old, I want something that will embody my youth and spirit without sounding self-righteous or falling into the trap of silly grandiloquence.

But there's not a lot out there that I feel I have a right to ink upon myself.

I'm not a Buddhist, a Taoist or a Catholic, which is a shame because most things associated with those religions look really neat. And one of my friends already took that kickass 12 Monkeys logo.

This is where "Rock and Roll" comes in. As in *Rock and Roll Heart*. As in *Rock and Roll High School*. As in *I Wanna Rock and Roll All Night*.

What other three-word phrase aptly covers an era beginning with Elvis Presley and Chuck Berry, continuing through the Beatles and Bob Dylan, breathing life into the Ramones and enduring the musical atrocities committed by Poison and Bon Jovi to bring forth bands

like Crimpshrine and Weezer?

Certainly, "rock and roll" is one of the greatest phrases borne of the 20th century. And my "ROCK AND ROLL" tattoo will serve many functions.

It will be encouragement to like-minded persons already rocking and rolling, a caution to others who are not in the practice of rocking and rolling that they should be, and a reminder to myself when I am old and grey that I used to rock and roll with the best of 'em.

My tattoo dream's critics (parents, sensible friends, etc.) argue that I will eventually outgrow the juvenile idea that rock and roll will ultimately save the

world and be left with the mark of an ideal I no longer hold.

I contend that that is exactly the point. I view tattoos in the same way that I view stamps on a passport: a means of remembering where you've been. Just because I may someday outgrow the philosophical works of Joey Ramone doesn't mean I shouldn't document the fact that I once sang along to *Blitzkrieg Bop* as though it were a sacred chant unto the gods.

In fact, I eagerly look forward to the day when I can tell my grandkids, "Yeah, I got this tattoo when I was eighteen. Seemed like a good idea at the time." ♦

U.S. should not join anti-land mine treaty

The Right World View



Matthew Martin
Staff Columnist

The scene, are horrific, children with out legs, old men being carted around for lack of wheelchairs and ancient lands left untilled, due to one instrument; land mines.

From South East Asia to sub-Saharan Africa these indiscriminate killers plague the modern world. With terrible force these 5 to 20 pound mines can knock the treads off a T-80 tank or shatter off a life of anyone unlucky enough to come into contact with

them.

Yet, for all the damage and bloodshed these menacing killer produce in a year, it is not reason enough for the United States of America to enter into an international agreement to ban their use throughout the world.

From the leftist government of Europe we hear cries of barbarisms shouted at President Bush for not signing on with a treaty of its introduction to the General Assembly of the United Nations.

One must ask why is "civilized" Europe in support of this idea and the (if you listen to European press) Jethro Clampiteseq America not? The reason is two-fold, my rope-for-belt-substituting brethren;

Europe (unlike the US with North Korea and Cuba) has borders to defend and most importantly it makes President Bush appear to be a unilateralist.

No one can doubt in this day in age that the U.S. is the world's police force. With that colossal responsibility that comes hard choices. One of those choices is the decision to use anti-personnel (land) mines. Thanks to the Defense Department's troop and spending cuts imposed under the Clinton administration the military is facing a world with the same amount of threats (some would argue more) with less manpower. With an under-strength force, the top brass must look to what are called "force mul-

tipliers."

In this realm of military budgeting, land mines are a godsend. For example: with the use of land mines it takes 20 men to guard a town in the hotspot de jour; without, maybe a 100. With land mines, one could take the balance of the men and do all manner of humanitarian acts.

On the political side of this issue, Europe is trying to pressure the Bush administration into signing a whole litany of new international agreements almost unheard of during the Clinton years.

Faced with a man from the opposite end of the political spectrum, Europe will use all manner of leftist treaties to label President Bush an isolationist (namely Kyoto and

the chemical/nuclear weapons treaties). Europe can scream *America culpa* to the heavens but they are interlocked with our polices and need our support to protect their own. The meaningless treaty, which does not call for or allocate funds for removal of already installed landmines, will only endanger the lives of men and women sent around the world to defend the inherent rights of others. Can anyone really think that a third world dictator or a band of rebels will agree and abide by a treaty of any sort, let alone one without a punitive structure built in to it?

But hey, it makes the U.S. look bad and isn't that what everyone really wants anyway? ♦

Too much reality is bad for our children

The Imaginary Superhero



Casey Sheffield
Staff Columnist

Television was once a very welcomed escape from reality. I remember growing up with shows such as *Alf*, *M*A*S*H* and *Full House*, shows that were both rich in creativity and moral standards.

Then of course, the cartoons were top of the line. We had the superheroes,

the space age, the Stone Age, and everything you could imagine in between.

For the first time in eons, I turned on my television during prime hours, and what I found saddened me. *Survivor*, *Temptation Island*, *Big Brother*, *The Mole*; our society has packed its bags and moved from the land of imagination back into the tedium of a so-called reality.

A simple concept that began by placing seven strangers into an apartment together (*The Real World*) has begun a movement.

Is life itself so lacking in

betrayal, prejudice and frustration that we need more of it to be fed to us? What a depressing thought.

The really troublesome factor of this is the far-reaching effects it has on the rest of society and culture. A kid, sad but true fact: many kids spend more time in front of their television than with their parents. I know I did. My family life left much to be desired, but when I would watch shows like *Full House* or *Easier Matters* I found it easier to face things.

Television provided comfort by allowing me to

escape reality.

I feel bad for the kids now. I sat down and tried to think of a show on television that could be compared to these great shows of the past, and unfortunately not one came to mind.

Even the last time that I turned on Saturday morning cartoons, I noticed that there are no longer talking farm animals, crime fighting turtles or mystery-solving dogs.

Instead, they have all been replaced by animated kids living the ideal school life. You know the life I'm talking about: playing pranks, getting into trou-

ble but always managing to find a way out.

That's good and all, but what ever happened to creativity? Could this be an indirect affect of reality television? Perhaps...

We are living in a harsher, more open world than the days of the past. It seems as if every major stride for advancement has some subsequent consequence.

It is true that television used to present us with a perfect world, therefore giving us a false sense of reality by giving us a safe haven.

However, I for one enjoyed being lied to. ♦

Why has the Raiders' popularity skyrocketed?

Cranial Smorgasbord



Wes Cobb
Staff Columnist

Well, after four years of general apathy toward college football, all the hype surrounding the MTSU-Vandy game finally persuaded me to check out what I was missing.

Needless to say, I, and everyone there dressed in blue, had a blast-o-rama.

But why the sudden interest amongst the student body in the Blue Raiders football team? Why did more MTSU fans show up at Vanderbilt Stadium than usually do at our home field? Is this just a one-time fluke or is our football team really gaining the support of a significant portion of the student body?

One game might prove to be a single burst of glory for the Raiders in three words: ritualized class warfare. One of the motivating factors, I believe, for many

of the MTSU students who attended the game was that time it was (which we, of course, did).

MTSU had something to prove: that it was just as good as a prestigious university like Vandy, that it wasn't, as ex-President Walker put it at the pep rally, a "second-class school."

Now that we've tackled a team with some prestige it is entirely possible that attendance will begin to drop.

But perhaps that isn't necessarily the case. With MTSU playing better (by

the way, one tip from an amateur armchair quarterback: 6 year old and go — don't pass, run!) and playing bigger names, perhaps people will start showing more school spirit (which I am neutral to; I like seeing my team win, but I'm paying to go here for an education, not to root for a football team). I've already heard talk amongst friends of heading to New Orleans.

Of course, it's only natural that as MTSU becomes a bigger and better university, its sports teams will in turn become bigger and better. Perhaps

in the next few years we'll be playing the likes of Notre Dame and, um, some other big team.

Why does this matter to me? I'm not sure. Maybe I'd just like to one day apply for a job out-of-state and not have my interviewer say, "MTSU, where's that?" Maybe one day the Baha Men will proudly state that they played for the Blue Raiders. I truly hope that day comes (I'm resisting a powerful urge to insert an emotion here).

Now, if MTSU could just use some of this potential prestige to build a parking garage. ♦

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DALE K GIVES SPELLBOUND PERFORMANCE

By Leslie Fike
Features Co-Editor

Students surrounded the front of the Keathley University Center Friday as a man with bleached blond spiked hair wearing a neon orange vinyl jacket and pants started talking rapidly into a microphone, asking for volunteers from the audience.

Within a few seconds, dozens of hands shot into the air, waving furiously about, as students screamed "Pick me! Pick me!"

One after the other, guys and girls ran to sit in one of the chairs lined up on the grassy stage as the man picked his pawns.

He stopped at one guy, named Shawn Kehoe, who was anxiously waiting to be chosen too and asked, "Why should I pick you?"

"Because," Kehoe responded, "because I am the man."

Approximately 25 eager students sat in the chairs or stood and waited, curious to what was about to happen to them. They didn't have to wait long, because the man who had captured everyone's attention from moment one with his lively voice, as well as his bright clothing, was Dale K., a famous hypnotist.

A native of London, Ontario, Dale has been hypnotizing crowds for 10 years, but began performing in the United States just two years ago.

Influenced by his father's love for magic, Dale became interested in hypnosis after seeing his first show. He attended a hypnotherapy school in London after realizing high school was frustrating and a majority of the people were narrow minded.

"Going into the entertainment field isn't an option that is

offered to you in school," Dale said. "It's not in the book of possible career choices that they show you."

Wanting a job that he would enjoy and would pay the rent, he studied at the hypnotherapy school for less than a year and then took to the stage, touring mainly in Europe and Canada, but keeping his headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

He returns to MTSU, after a majority vote by the student activities committee in April to have him perform again, said Mimi Thomas, coordinator of student activities.

"The students loved him last year," she said. "They make the decision of who comes."

Dale's ability to impress MTSU students and others was apparent as he turned toward his eager "pawns" and stated the rules of the game.

"Tuck any necklaces under your shirt, spit out your gum...and please be aware of the wall behind you. This is a real solid brick wall," Dale said as he described what would happen if one of them was to run into it and smash their head.

"By the end of the night, your family will own the school," he said.

Music blared through the speakers as he commanded them to close their eyes and put their hands at their sides.

"You will respond to my voice and my voice only."

The music continued to speed up.

"You will respond to each and every one of my suggestions without hesitation," Dale said.

As he interpreted the sounds of a huge balloon inflating, he told the volunteers to hold on to the balloon, to keep it from floating away.

The crowd watched as those



Shawn Kehoe shouts to become a volunteer at Dale K's hypnotic show.

Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

hypnotized raised their arms, stretching them toward the sky.

Laughter burst from the audience as MT student, Shelby Griag's face began to strain, due to trying to "hold on the balloon." Right before he fell out of his seat, Dale released them from the trick.

However, the show wasn't over, it was just beginning. For the next half-hour, the eyes of the crowd stayed fixed on Dale and his pawns as their bodies and ears were at his command.

Children, aged 4 to 10, laid on the hill, just yards from Dale's feet, and on top of the speakers, amused by the antics of the hypnotized students. They stayed captivated as Dale had the students sleeping on each other, bathing on the "sunny beaches of the Bahamas," smacking bugs off their clothes and licking milk off one another like they were cows.

The audience's laughter grew louder when the volunteers began shouting "You shut-up!" to a Barney doll every time Dale yelled shut-up, thinking the doll was telling them to shut up. They also thought they could

see Dale and the audience naked, and the boys became exotic dancers named "the out-back boys," and gave a guy in the audience a personal birthday dance.

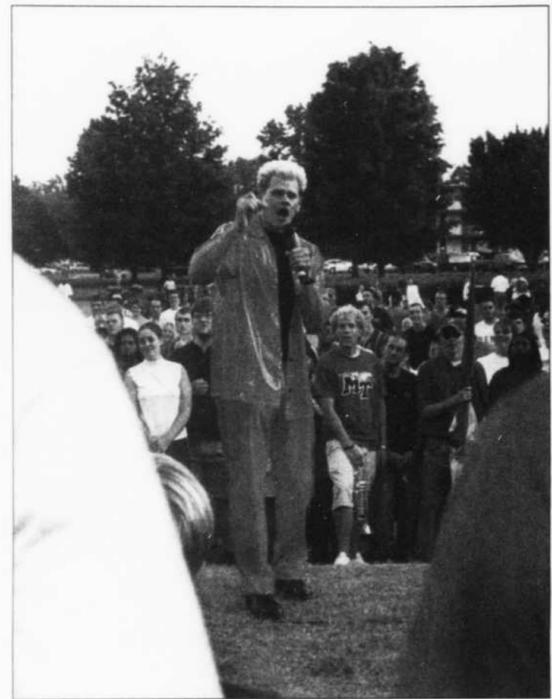
Griag, who seem to be hypnotized the most, became the main pawn in the performance. Each time Dale shouted Tarzan, Griag pounded on his chest and yelled, believing he was the ape man.

As the show ended, Dale brought the students out of their hypnosis and watched as the students wondered, confusingly, back into the audience as it clapped and cheered.

A spectator would never know that Dale performs over 100 shows per year, including a show with Carrot Top, the AT&T spokesman, because he gives such an energetic performance.

According to Dale's agent, Eric Mattes, his next stop is Middle Georgia College and Las Angelos, as well as planning a tour in Alaska.

When asked where he hasn't performed but would like to, he answered, "Africa, I've never been to Africa." ♦



Students watch as Dale K hypnotizes the crowd.

Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

THEY'RE NOT GREEK, BUT THEY ARE UNIQUE

By Bethany Adams
Staff Writer

Many students probably haven't heard of Omega Phi Alpha. During the hectic Greek Rush, this National Service Sorority often gets lost in the confusion. Especially since Omega Phi Alpha is not Greek.

While similar to Greek organizations, this service sorority is based on a tradition of helping the community, whether the MTSU community or the area at large.

Omega Phi Alpha was established at MTSU in 1983 to start a legacy of helping others.

One of their biggest events is Senior Fix-a-Day, an event where the sisters help senior citizens in the community.

"The senior citizens are really appreciative of what we do," says Angie Rios, a member of Omega Phi Alpha. "They're surprised that they don't have to pay us. It feels great to be able to help them out."

Other Omega Phi Alpha events include parties for family housing, drives for St. Jude's Children's Hospital, donating to or volunteering for the Domestic Violence Shelter, blood, food and book drives, and any other needed aid.

In addition to helping others, Omega Phi Alpha also maintains fellowship events such as formals, homecoming festivities, retreats, dinners, parties and theme meetings. Through fellowship events such as these, the sorority encourages

the feeling of sisterhood.

The club's main focus is still community service, though, despite such events. Omega Phi Alpha chooses not to be Greek in an attempt to separate itself from the sometimes purely social aspects of Greek life.

"We're our own little club," Rios says.

Like "traditional" sororities, though, Omega Phi Alpha has a rush week, which will be from Sept. 11 through Sept. 13 in the Keathley University Center, Room 316.

All women, who wish to join Omega Phi Alpha, do not have to attend each night, but must be in good standing with the university and have a 2.00 GPA.

There are neither racial or social boundaries, nor a

required major or year to join. Omega Phi Alpha is a diverse club that welcomes any members who are excited about getting involved at MTSU and the community.

As one motto states, "We're not Greek, but we are unique."

However, applicants can expect the traditional round of bids, pledge periods and big sisters. During the pledge period, it's necessary to learn about the history and views of Omega Phi Alpha. Pledges must then take a test to become Actives.

Rios said that the other sisters are eager to help anyone interested in becoming a member of the organization.

For more information, go to KUC 316 or call Rios at 459-7242 or 596-0099. ♦



Members of Omega Phi Alpha prepare for Christmas caroling.

Photo provided

Jewel in the rough of recording industry

By Christopher Jones
Staff Writer

The classroom is like a performance hall with an audience of students, and when the educator takes center stage they must illustrate a picture of understanding that is obtainable for the audience to grasp.

"The picture that I illustrate is a road with a visible starting point, but with an invisible ending," said Loren Mulraine, associate professor of the recording industry.

Mulraine was born in the West Indies and raised in New York City, N.Y.

He is a firm believer in going toward your goals and ambitions and doesn't believe in the

word quit.

"You're there dusting yourself off and the implication is, 'I'm dusting myself off because I just got up, and I am heading down the road again because I know that I am going to make it.' The only people who fail are those who quit," Mulraine said.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland in radio, television and film, with a minor in African American Studies.

He went on to become a disc jockey for three years at a gospel station in Washington D.C. called WKYS, with Donnie Simpson from *Video Soul* aired on Black Entertainment Television, as his boss.

Mulraine went on to contin-



Loren Mulraine

ue his education, receiving a law degree from Howard University because of his inter-

est in radio ownership and entertainment law.

While in law school he served as editor for the *Howard Law Journal*. "I have always been into writing, whether it was literary writing or song writing," Mulraine said.

Songwriting and performing is an area that is very familiar to Mulraine.

He owns an independent record label called TMG (Triumph Music Group), in which he has released two of his own gospel solo projects, *I'll Meet You There* (1993), and *In His Shadow* (1999).

"I am planning on recording other artists and releasing them under the label," Mulraine said.

"I am looking to, one day

have TMG as a freestanding label that will make some noise in the business."

Mulraine has represented such artist, as CeCe Winans, Commissioned and Bobby Jones, through his own consulting and entertainment representation company called, The Mulraine Group.

One of his future goals is to also add sports representation to his repertoire.

Mulraine said that there are two things that are very important to him.

"One is I know that God has given me many talents and it is my responsibility to develop each one, and the other thing is that I will never allow myself to be in the position where I am on

the edge."

"In other words, there is always more than one iron in the fire," said Mulraine.

Mulraine is showing that it's possible to make it down this road called life.

Mulraine's main purpose is to have an impact on the lives of all the students whom he comes in contact with them.

"My goals is to become better and better at what I do," Mulraine said.

"That way we all shall overcome because of it and the better you do your job, the more valuable you are to your clients, school, or whatever else," said Mulraine. ♦

A wall of reflection

By Lisa Bess
Staff Writer

Wars have taken the lives of thousands of Americans who fought to protect the United States.

The memories of these veterans are left in the minds of friends and loved ones and are inscribed on the Vietnam Veteran's Wall in Washington, D.C.

The traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall, "The Wall that Heals", will be displayed at MTSU Sept. 13-17.

The display is an 80 percent replica of the original in Washington D.C.

America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action are

remembered in a sandblasted reproduction of the original POW/MIA logo with the world's largest flying POW/MIA flag at 20 feet by 40 feet.

Rolling Thunder, Tennessee Chapter 1 and MTSU will sponsor the American Veterans Traveling Tribute.

The purpose of the "Traveling Tribute" is not to glorify wars fought, but to pay homage to those who served in their country.

The tribute is dedicated to their memory.

A main goal of the tribute's constant visibility is that it shall serve as a continual reminder of America's veterans' dedication to democracy.

The following activities will

take place on the intramural fields.

The American Legion Post 5 will sponsor a speech by U.S. Congressman Ed Bryant at 11 a.m. Saturday and a POW/MIA remembrance service at 2 p.m.

Convocation with a 21-gun salute presented by the military science department and Taps by bugler Eric Ruf at 5 p.m. The day's event will conclude with a candlelight vigil at 9 p.m. conducted by the Rolling Thunder.

Veterans are working with SGA President John Marshall to find students from all counties in Tennessee who have lost soldiers in Vietnam.

At the candlelight vigil Saturday night, the complete list

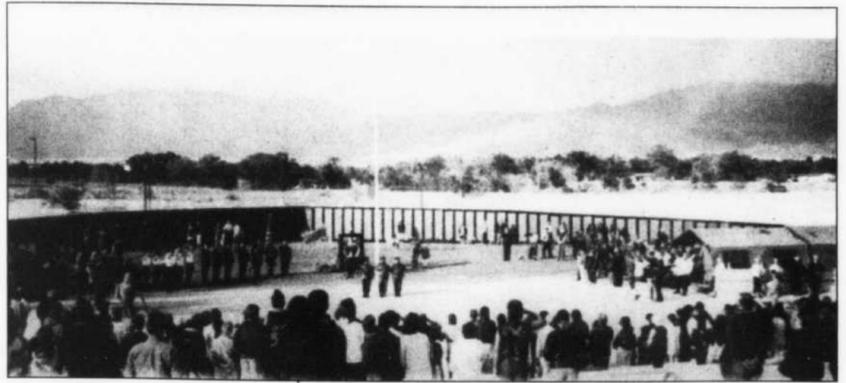


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Visitors attend a ceremony for the veteran's wall replica.

of about 1300 names will be read by students from those counties.

On Sunday, a POW/MIA remembrance service will be held at 2 p.m. by the American Nashville Post 5 with a formal closing ceremony beginning at

4:30 p.m.

Former Senator Andy Womack will be the keynote speaker with convocation by the Tennessee Scots Bagpipe Band along with a 21-gun salute presented by the military science department and Taps.

The original wall honors about 58,000 men and women who served in Vietnam.

For additional information, go to www.avtt.org or www.geocities.com/granshaw-2000. ♦

Risque Renee on long distance love

This is Risqué Renee dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft or as hard as you like it. This issue is dedicated to "Chill Will," who captured a young lady's heart over this past weekend. From my understanding, the feelings are mutual, but they live in different states. Well "Chill Will," I feel that anything is possible if you're not lazy. It's easy to start a friendship, but it takes dedication, trust and patience to maintain one. I suggest you and her set realistic goals with each other and build on that until you achieve "The Gift of Love." "The Gift of Love"

When our heart has been broken, our dreams destroyed.
Our whole world crumbles
No kind of joy.
With distorted vision we all once say, "I'll never love again."
God, I wish this pain would go away.
When we look back,
We can now say,
We had to go through the heartaches to show us the way.
For only true love can make us stay
Some say leave the past behind you and lock the door.
The things you went through will happen no more.
I say we learn from our mis-

takes.
That's what hindsight is for.
So keep them in mind and make them no more.
The only perfect thing about love is love itself.
You must respect, trust and take nothing for granted.
In life there are no guarantees.
God only gives us the gift of love.
It's up to us to succeed.
"Chill Will," I know this article isn't much, but maybe it's enough to encourage you to pursue something with your new lady friend, no matter where she's located.

Good luck and happy treasures!
Feed back needed:
I need help answering a question for the next issue that goes out to my girl, "Undercover Lover," who asked me this question: "Why are the guys on MTSU campus scared to approach a young lady?"
My response to her was: "Why are you scared to approach a young man?"
E-mail me at risque_r@hotmail.com, and let me know if you think it's OK for the girl to approach the man. ♦

CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike
Features Co-Editor

Friday, Sept. 14

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Keathley University Center, Room 314. For more information, contact Matt Jauregui at 898-3872.

Lifeguard tryouts will be held at the Recreation Center's indoor pool from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Chris Bost or Ray Wiley at 898-2104.

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R. Colin Fly

Senior Staff Writer

It's all about the feet in the seats.

Did MT's crowd at Vanderbilt cast light on attendance to come? Maybe.

Did MT's crowd at the home opener Saturday night against Troy State draw well? Definitely.

Comparing the 21,234 who showed up to watch MTSU attempt to match attendance figures with the final score and last season's attendance, there are some trends that could emerge.

Last season's home attendance averaged 12,165, so there is already a 9,000-plus bump in attendance to watch an opponent that is in its transitional year into Division I-A. Last season, MT faced transitional team Connecticut in Storrs, Conn., in front of 11,115 and won 66-10. Connecticut comes to town in November this season.

The 12,165(.2) average last season means that 60,826 people caught MT football last season. When MT traveled to Florida last season in week two, the Gators drew 84,311 (albeit at least 2,000 were MT fans). In fact, disregarding the Connecticut and Alabama at Birmingham game, road attendance at Florida, Illinois, Maryland and Mississippi State was 277,713 people alone. Spread out over the six road games, the average was 50,305, or 38,000 more per game than home attendance.

Coach Andy McCollum said he wanted his players to walk into a full, loud stadium each week - similar to the stadiums his team sees on the road week in and out. Not every stadium will be as blue as Dudley Field's was two Thursdays ago.

With so many additional seats and fans everywhere the Blue Raiders go, no wonder Floyd Stadium looks so small. MT needs to fill it just to be close to what they see in their role as SEC giant hunter.

Sliding into this season, Vanderbilt drew a little more than 39,000, continuing the trend from last year. Games at LSU and Ole Miss will only balloon MT's road attendance figures. Why is all this important? Who cares if MT draws 30,000 or 3,000?

The Governance Committee of the NCAA recently handed in recommendations to stop the influx of teams into Division I-A (read Troy State and South Florida in 2003). In doing so, they recommended that every team fill at least 15,000 seats per game each season. MT only did that one time last year against Louisiana at Monroe. In fact, they only drew 7,913 for their season finale against Louisiana at Lafayette.

That's what makes last week's home attendance so interesting. Is 21,234 an outlier, or can MT expect larger turnouts each game to fill the 31,000 stadium? Or, do we start counting the 6,234 extra fans towards our 15,000 for other games?

A team that has won six straight home games deserves a strong fan base, it's up to Middle Tennessee's fans to build it. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Wes Counts hands off the ball during Saturday's home game against Troy State.

Raiders pillage Trojans, 54-17

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders made a glutton of themselves as they dished out large helpings of payback to Troy State.

MT made it clear to the Trojans that they hadn't forgotten the last time these two teams met. In the Raiders' first home game of the year, they more than made up for the homecoming loss they suffered two years ago with a 54-17 victory.

"[We] don't want anybody dancing on our field again," head coach Andy McCollum said.

One thing is for sure, Troy State quarterback Brock Nutter won't be dancing anytime soon. The Raider defense more than made up for the 48-31 loss they suffered two years ago by putting Nutter on the Floyd Stadium turf as often as possible.

The firework smoke moving across the stadium was reminiscent of battle, and Troy State should have taken it as definitive smoke signals.

Defensive end Anthony Hood was a nuisance to the Troy State offense, sacking Nutter twice and chasing anyone with the ball to collect five tackles.

Hood wasn't the only one

participating in a ferocious defensive effort.

The Blue Raider defense collected six sacks on the night and rushed Nutter throughout the game.

The Trojans installed plenty of sideline passing to offset the intense pressure being brought by the defensive front, and it looked as if it might work as they moved down the field in the first quarter. But Hood got his second sack of the evening on a Trojan first down, and it was enough to demoralize the drive into a missed field goal opportunity.

Troy State couldn't afford not to score. Middle's offense came to Floyd Stadium ready to put on a firework display of their own.

"When we're clicking, I don't think there's anyone who can stop this offense," quarterback Jason Johnson said.

The clicking started on the first touchdown of the game.

The play looked as though it had self destructed when a host of Trojans came charging toward quarterback Wes Counts in hopes of adding him to the rubble. But with a scramble that had the fans gripping the bleachers with white knuckles, Counts, with Trojans in pursuit, scrambled to daylight and heaved a prayer across the field.

All-American wide receiver candidate Kendall Newson answered it with an acrobatic leap in the back of the end zone that the crowd in Floyd Stadium fully appreciated.

The Blue Raiders offense had their foot on the gas for the rest of the evening, with the defense supplying the breaks on the other side of the ball.

"[This game] really shows the improvement we're trying to gain," McCollum said.

As if the Raiders didn't have enough going for them, the special teams were making plays.

Wide receiver Kerry Wright showed lightning speed as he ran a kick return for 49 yards, and also added a diving catch early in the game to showcase his receiving hands. Both of Wright's contributions led to Blue Raider touchdowns.

Running back Reshard Lee also found holes in the Trojans line of defense. He had an 80-yard kick return and a 52-yard run, both setting up MT touchdowns.

Lee led all running backs with 74 yards on the ground.

The victory over Troy State brought the Blue Raiders' home winning streak to seven.

Their next home game is Oct. 6 against Sun Belt rival Idaho. ♦

Men's golf looks to swing away

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

Coming off a 2000-01 campaign that MT head men's golf coach Johnny Moore calls one of the most disappointing seasons of his career, the Blue Raider golf team appears primed to avenge last year's performance in the coming season.

Coach Moore, in his 13th year at the helm of the Middle Tennessee golf team, will send a squad he has very good feelings about into battle.

"I'm encouraged about this team. They have a lot of potential. I hate that word, but I'm going to use it," Moore said.

For the team to reach their potential, Moore said a stand-out senior season from All-Sun Belt Conference performer J.R. Wade is a necessity.

Wade is a senior from Glasgow, Ky., is the team's most experienced player, and its fiercest competitor.

"There's no quit in him," Moore said of Wade.

After a regular season in which he struggled with some swing changes, Wade rebounded in the Sun Belt Conference tournament to earn all conference recognition.

If faced with a six-foot putt to win a tournament, Moore said there is no other player he would rather have stroking it than his senior leader.

"He's played in the biggest tournaments, faced the best players and has looked them

right in the eye. His experience is a huge asset."

Wade is not the only weapon the Blue Raiders have in the arsenal, however.

Patrick Williams, a junior Moore calls one of the top two or three ball strikers on the team, will be counted on heavily for consistent performances.

John Beddies, also a junior, will be expected to be reliable as well. Beddies is perhaps the purest ball striker on the team, having led the Sun Belt for a portion of last season in greens hit in regulation.

Among the newcomers who pack plenty of promise is freshman Carter Henderson.

The MBA graduate caught the attention of Moore during the summer when he posted a number of quality finishes in various tournaments, including a 10th place performance in the prestigious Tennessee State Open, a tournament featuring the best the state has to offer, including those from the professional ranks.

"Carter doesn't play like a freshman. He is playing like a guy with confidence," Moore said.

Also injecting fresh life into the golf program is Charlie Gibson, a sophomore transfer from Samford University. He is a very solid player. He is silky smooth around the greens according to Moore and has beautiful touch and feel in all aspects of his game.

After a summer in

See Golf, 10

Future champ?



Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff

Peyton Madrigal, 19 months old, practices his technique Saturday at the 15th Annual Blue Raider Pro-Am Tennis Classic. Peyton is the son of Holly and Jim Madrigal of Thompson Station, Tenn. Jim played for MT in 1997 and returned to support the team in its fundraising efforts over the weekend.



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SATURDAY

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Tournament
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Western Kentucky Invitational
Bowling Green, Ky.
10 a.m.

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SUNDAY

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Lady Raiders at ETSU
Johnson City, Tenn.
1 p.m.

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MT Fall Invitational
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McCullum speaks on friend Gillespie, team as family

By J.P. Plant
Senior Sports Editor

Part one of the McCollum Q&A that ran Thursday left off with coach McThursday talking about how excited he was about the increasing coverage of Blue Raider football in the media. In Part II of the interview with McCollum, the coach talks about family, again, as well as a close friend he lost to cancer over the summer, plus what he wants people to remember about Andy McCollum.

The interview picks up with McCollum talking about his All-American senior receiver.

You have been quoted in an article about Kendall Newson on GoBlueRaiders.com saying "[Kendall is] the fiercest competitor I have ever been around." What inspired you to give him such a high compliment?

McCullum: Every day Kendall comes to practice he strives to be great. He can't stand losing - he can't stand being second rate. He just has a great attitude towards the game of football. He practices like he plays in the games. And if the young kids could learn to practice like he does every day, then we would have a really good football team. Some people play better when so-and-so plays across from them. [For Kendall] it doesn't matter whether it's a big name, a little name, a no name, it doesn't matter who lines up across from him, he's going to play his best every down.

Coming off a year where your offense was ranked 16th nationally, you appear excited about the improvements you've made to your defense. What excites you about this unit?

McCullum: I'm excited about our team. ...We're not in to numbers or stats, we're in to wins. It's a team game. We can't put our defense in bad positions and our offense can't put our offense in bad positions. I'm proud of the improvements we've made [on defense] from year one to year two to this season...Because you can be a good defensive team if you can just get eleven guys playing as hard as they can possibly play and with great enthusiasm. That's what being a good defense is all about.

While you were in New Orleans for the [Sun Belt Conference football] Media Days you toured the [New Orleans] Saints facilities. You came across a sign that Willie Stargell had written about family. I want to read it to you.

McCullum: You don't have to. I know it by heart.

The sign reads:
THE 1979 WORLD CHAMPIONS
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"THE FAMILY"

"We won, we lived and we enjoyed as one," Stargell said.

"We worked together dozens of different individuals into one working force. We were products of different races, we were raised in different income brackets, but in the clubhouse and on the field, we were one."

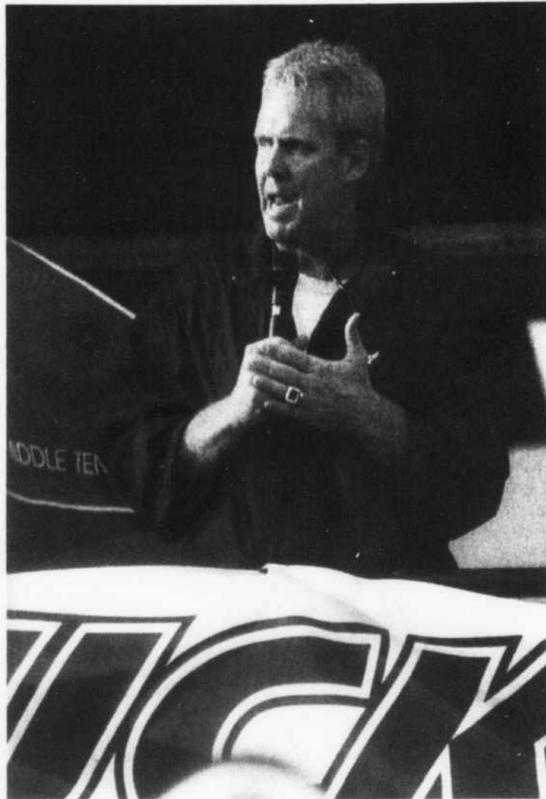


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McCullum talks to the crowd at Friday's pep rally.

what this team is and that's what this game is. I've got sayings all over the locker room. ... And we're starting to get a better player here, a better player there, but it's still not an individual game, it's a team game...That is what family is about because we all come from different places, but in that locker room we're one family. And if you're not, you don't have a chance to win...Will we win all our games? I don't know. But I know this, we're going to walk out as one and we're going to walk in as one. And that to me is what family is about. My mom and dad used to whip my butt all the time, but that doesn't mean I don't like them - that's my family. And it's the same thing with this team. We may have our differences, and we may have days that they don't like me I'm coming down hard on them, but they're still mine, and they're still my family. And when I saw that [the sign] in the Saints locker room it just made sense to me...If this team stays together as a family then I think it has a chance to be successful.

You lost a close friend over the summer to cancer, Dr. Cliff Gillespie, and your team will honor his memory by wearing his initials on the back their helmets this season. What did he mean to you and to this football program?

McCullum: I didn't get to be around him these last two years because since I've been back he has been sick. I was able to see him some, but it hurts me that I didn't get to see him anymore than I did. When I was here as an assistant I knew how much he meant to coach Donnelly and to this program. And I know how much Middle Tennessee [State University] and this community meant to him. There was not a more loyal person to the university and its athletics than Dr. Gillespie. He fought a hard battle [with cancer] for four years and didn't back down. There couldn't be any person I would feel more honored to wear his initials on our helmets than somebody who fought the way Dr. Gillespie fought. If we could fight just a fraction of the way he fought then we'll be very successful...And I'll never forget the card he sent following last season. It had just the word 'passion' on the outside. And when I opened the card it read how proud he [Dr. Gillespie] was of the fight and excitement this team possessed. That card meant more to me than anything that has been written to me, and I'll have it up on my board as long as I'm a head coach here.

Finally, when you're retired from coaching and your kids are retired from families of their own, what do you want people to remember about Andy McCollum?

McCullum: I cared about kids - nobody out-worked me - we were fair - that we gave them [his players] an opportunity to be successful not only in football but in life as well. I would love to walk away [retire] from Middle Tennessee one day because I love this university and I love what we're doing here. I just wish Middle Tennessee people would be Middle Tennessee people. But mostly I want to walk in here before I leave coaching and see this stadium [Floyd Stadium] full of blue jerseys. I want these kids to walk out and see a stadium full of Middle Tennessee people and get tears in their eyes because they feel how much this team means to this university and this community. And that is a dream I dream about every day. ♦



Willie Stargell
Team Captain of Famer

What was it about that sign that touched you enough to bring a copy back with you to Murfreesboro?
McCullum: Because that's



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Senior quarterback Wes Counts displays the initials of McCollum's lost friend Cliff Gillespie on his helmet.

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Defense stands out for second straight week

By Michael Edwards
Staff Writer

Two years ago, the Middle Tennessee defense was the laughing stock of college football.

Of course, the Blue Raiders were playing at the highest level of college football with Division I-AA talent and only a handful of scholarship players compared to what they have today.

Even during the 2000 football season, the Raider defense surrendered nearly 30 points per game and nearly 400 yards of total offense per game. While the offense was flourishing, the defense was like the so-called red headed stepchild.

Times have changed.

To start the season, Vanderbilt racked up more than 300 yards in the first half, most of that coming in the second quarter, but Middle Tennessee came out of the dressing room a changed football team. Whatever was said in the locker room worked, because the MT defense shut out the Commodores and held Vanderbilt's fifth year senior-laden offense to 139 total yards

in the second half.

"The second half last week really carried over through this week," senior defensive end Tanaka Scott said. "We practiced hard all week."

Although Middle Tennessee allowed the Trojans to score 17 points, Scott and his teammates held Troy State to only 61 yards rushing and 329 total offensive yards. Not to mention the Trojans were a mere four of 14 on third down conversions.

All of these factors, plus the six sacks and two interceptions, translated into a Blue Raider rout, during which MT led 40-3 at one point in the third quarter.

"I couldn't be more proud of the effort," head coach Andy McCollum said. "I couldn't be more proud of the defense."

Specifically, defensive end Anthony Hood led a multitude of Raiders in sacks with two. Four others picked up one each, with the crowd erupting each time.

"I just use my quickness to come off the ball first," Hood said. "That's the best feeling, getting a sack. The crowd just makes you want more and

more."

Because of the tremendous defensive pressure, the defensive backs were able to cover their receivers and make interceptions. Two Brock Nutter passes were intercepted by senior defensive back Jykine Bradley, both negated what looked to be promising Troy State drives.

"It's all about working together," Hood said. "We all have responsibilities."

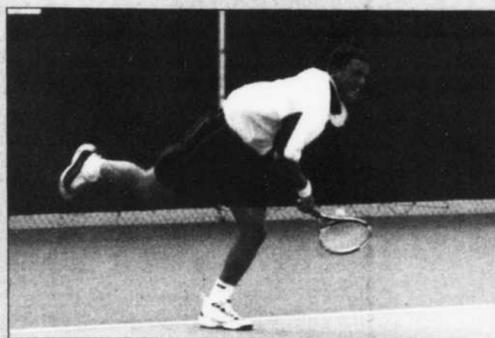
For the game, Troy State managed only 61 rushing yards on 27 carries for less than three yards per carry.

Bradley made his case for his second straight Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Week with his two interceptions, six solo tackles which led the team and four pass deflections.

The final Troy State touchdown came late with less than five minutes to play in the game. They gained 52 yards on their final drive.

In a few weeks, the defense will truly get their test when Idaho comes to town Oct. 8. The Vandals quarterback was voted as the Sun Belt's best. ♦

Amateurs shine with pros



Left: Oliver Foreman serves while playing doubles with Earl Richards. Foreman and Richards won third place in the men's competition.

Below: Middle Tennessee player Robert Gustafsson shakes hands with one of his opponents in the Pro-Am Saturday.

Women's winners

- 1st Michelle Thornton and Jeanie Jarrell
- 2nd Emily Vest and Gerry Waldron
- 3rd Kaye Wrather and Joanne Minnick
- 4th Verena Priess and Leigh Bergman
- 5th Jennifer Bryans and Carol Dudinetz
- 6th Sandy Neal and Sally Boklage
- 7th Manon Kruse and Ila Tidwell
- 8th Tanja Buchheim and Katie Freeman

Men's winners

- 1st Sam Collins and Ted Sauls
- 2nd Paul Goebel and Paul Boklage
- 3rd Oliver Foreman and Earl Richards
- 4th Chuck Ramsey and John Madrigal
- 5th Mike Chamberlain and Rick Kinard
- 6th Greg Pollock and Brady Neal
- 7th Anthony Adams and Tom Woodson
- 8th Bill Riddle and Greg Mason

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The MT defense who held Troy State to 329 yards of offense comes together Saturday.

Golf: Team gearing up to 'Raise Cane'

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which Moore says the team has improved their conditioning and strength, this squad seems to have what it takes to compete for a conference championship. To capture the Sun Belt crown, the Blue Raiders will have to knock off defending champion Arkansas at Little Rock.

Amidst a back nine collapse on the final day of the SBC tournament last year, the Raiders tumbled from contention into a fourth place finish. A positive attitude has been

infectious among the players, who were collectively "embarrassed" by last year's performance, according to Moore.

"They lost their respect, something they are motivated to regain this year," Moore said.

He feels that back nine fades are a thing of the past as well.

"There is not much choke in this group," he said. "I think they're ready."

Much more will be learned about the team when they travel to Hattiesburg, Miss., to compete for the first time this year today and tomorrow.

The tournament, hosted by

Southern Mississippi, will be played at Canebrake Golf Club, a layout that Moore says is a good course to play a first tournament on. "It's really a great golf course," he said. "It rewards good shots and punishes bad shots."

MT will play competitively five times this fall and six more times in the spring before teeing up at the Sun Belt Conference tournament on April 23-25 at Blue Water Bay in Florida. "This team has the talent to make the NCAA tournament," Moore said.

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