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MTSU Team debates the British

The MTSU debate program will take on the British National team in a debate about the United States' role as "the world's policeman." The debate will be Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 4:30 p.m. in the State Farm Room in the Business and Aerospace building. The event is free and open to the public. Contact Greg Simerly at debate@mtsu.edu or call 898-5607 for more information.

Black Journalists hold second meeting

The Middle Tennessee Association of Black Journalists will hold its second meeting on Monday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Keathley University Center, room 313. Students of all majors are invited to attend. Contact Carmen Triplett at cdt2m@mtsu.edu for more information.

Musical 'Cabaret' to be performed in October

Tickets are now available for the musical Cabaret at the Tucker Theatre ticket office. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 1-2 and Oct. 7-8. All show times are 7:30 p.m. MTSU's Theatre and Dance department is sponsoring the show. Tickets are \$8 for general admission; \$6 for MTSU employees and senior citizens; \$4 for K-12 students. Admission is free with an MTSU student I.D. For more information contact the ticket office at 494-8810.

Spoken Word Jam scheduled for Thursday

The second annual "One Mic, One Voice: Spoken Word Jam" will take place Thursday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in the State Farm Room in the BAS. The event, sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Association of Black Journalists, will feature a live band, door prizes and refreshments. The MTABJ is asking for a \$2 donation at the door. For more information, contact Carmen Triplett at cdt2m@mtsu.edu.

Honors Lecture Series highlights 'Buffy'

The third lecture in the Pop Culture Honors Lecture Series will be held on Monday, Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Paul W. Martin Honors Building. The lecture, "I Wrote My Thesis on You: Buffy Studies as an Academic Cult" will be given by David Lavery, an English professor and "Buffy, the Vampire Slayer" expert. For more information on the event, contact 898-2152.

Honors Choir to put on show

The MTSU Honors Choir will perform Tuesday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. in the Wright Music Building Music Hall. For more information about this event, call 898-2493. ♦

University buys church property

By Nona Kempton
Staff Writer

Additional parking spaces will be available for MTSU students beginning this week when the parking lot at the former Middle Tennessee Baptist Church on Tennessee Boulevard is finished, university officials said.

The university acquired the church building and lot at 217 N. Tennessee Blvd. for \$2.1 million after months of negotiation with the congregation. The acquisition will mean more parking for students and more office space for the university.

"Our first desire is to eventually move student services into it," said John Cothorn, the university's vice-president of business and finance. "We are thinking of moving some of the services in the Cope [Administration] Building, like student records, the bursar's office and financial aid."

Cothorn said moving these services to the building, located near the corner of Main Street and Tennessee Boulevard, would make it more accessible to students and allow for easier parking.

He said the plans to relocate

the student services offices are not definite yet, and the building will have to be remodeled before the university can use it.

"There's a lot to do to bring it up to code," Cothorn said.

Cothorn said the building is 30 years old, covers more than 24,000 square feet and is located on 4.26 acres.

Ron Malone, the university parking services director, said the lot was re-striped on Sunday and should be available for student use today or tomorrow.

"We originally thought that there would be 200 spaces," Malone said, "but with ADA (handicapped) spaces, it will be closer to 185."

Cothorn said church officials approached the university about buying the property because the congregation was "outgrowing the facility."

Tony Hutson, pastor of Middle Tennessee Baptist Church, said the timing was right to make the transaction.

"[MTSU] has been desiring the property for many years since before [Sidney] McPhee was president," Hutson said. "This other place became

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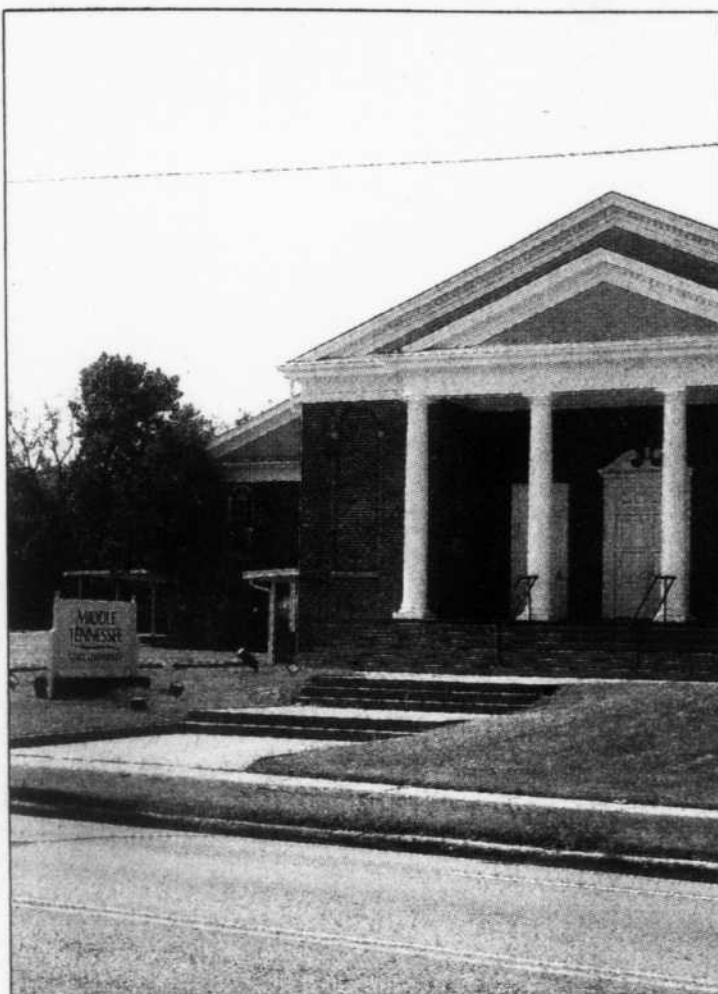


Photo by Melissa Bowman | Staff Photographer

The Middle Tennessee Baptist Church building on Tennessee Boulevard is now part of MTSU's campus. Students can park there beginning this week.

Bill boosts mental health staff

By Alex Miller
Staff Writer

Guidance Services employs only a handful of counselors to meet the mental health needs of the university's more than 22,000 students, said Mike Johnson, the department's assistant director, but a bill recently approved by Congress might change this.

Johnson wouldn't be specific, but he mentioned that he and Jane Tipps, the center's director, counsel students alongside only one or two full-time counselors.

"We are busy, really busy," Johnson said. During the 16 years he has worked for Guidance Services, the amount of students seeking counseling has "skyrocketed."

Funds from the Garrett Lee Smith Memorial Act might alleviate some of the strain on Guidance Services. The act will make funds available for colleges and universities to create suicide prevention programs.

"If there is money," Johnson said, "we are going to try to get some of it."

Johnson explained that the grant money could be used to hire more staff and design new programs to help identify suicidal students.

According to Johnson, director Tipps has kept a close watch on the bill as it made its way through Congress, and she urged Rep. Bart Gordon to support it. Gordon sponsored the bill in the U. S. House of Representatives.

The bill was named after Garrett Lee Smith, son of Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith. The younger Smith killed himself at the age of 21 while attending college.

The bill designates \$82 million for suicide prevention

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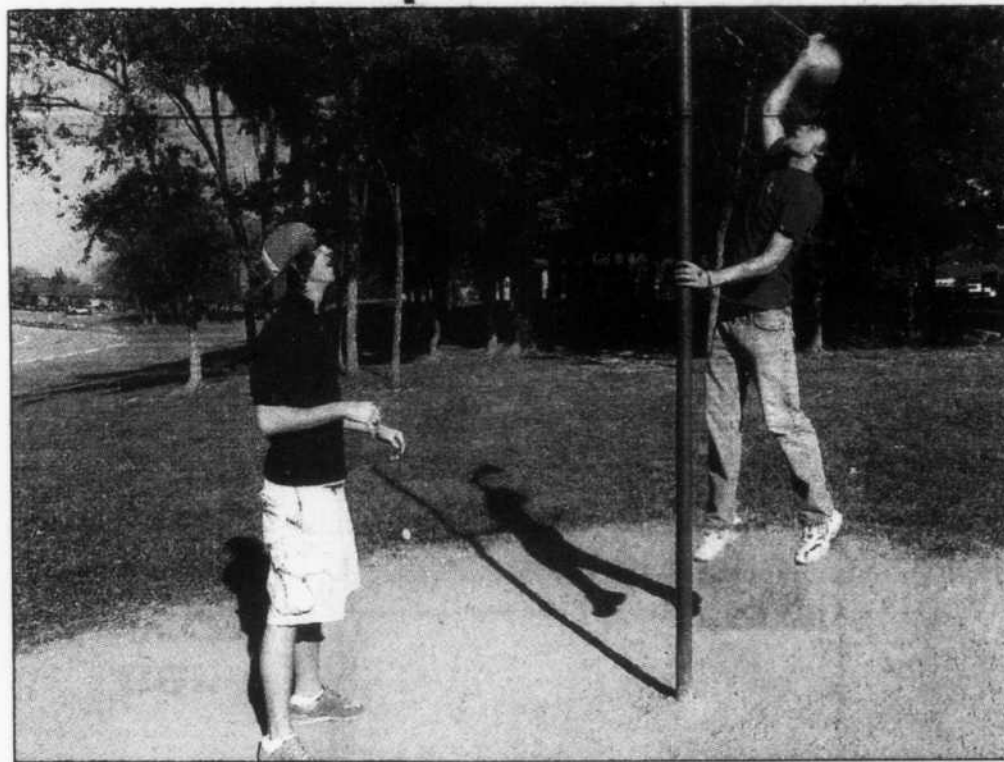


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Pete Menke and Clay McClain, seniors at Siegel High School, enjoy a game of tetherball at Barfield Crescent Park yesterday afternoon.

Republican candidate not voting for Bush

By Nona Kempton
Staff Writer

The Republican candidate for the Tennessee 5th congressional district said he does not support the reelection of President George W. Bush, and he does not plan to vote for him.

"George Bush will not have my vote," said Scott Knapp, 46, a Nashville electrician who is running as a Republican against incumbent Democrat Jim Cooper.

The 5th district represents metro Nashville, Davidson and parts of Cheatham and Wilson counties.

Knapp said he sent a letter describing his displeasure with the policies of the current administration and his reasons for not supporting Bush to the editors of *The Tennessean*, the *Nashville Scene* and *The City Paper*.

The *City Paper* printed the letter on Sept. 17.

"Make no mistake, Saddam Hussein was a no-good, son of a b---- ... but they presented this threat as the truth, and if they didn't know it was wrong and they didn't lie to us, then they are incredibly stupid."

— Scott Knapp

5th congressional district candidate

"Much to the distress of my fellow Republicans," Knapp wrote, "I must make the following observation — George W. Bush does not deserve reelection ... this statement carries an extremely high political price for me."

The letter cites the continuing war with Iraq and many of the Bush administration's domestic policies as reasons that Knapp will not vote for the president in the upcoming

November election.

"He has tax cuts without reducing spending, thereby guaranteeing a tax increase for future generations," Knapp wrote. "His Medicare prescription drug bill cost much more than he claimed and in the end will net billions for the pharmaceutical industry while offering no real relief for senior citizens. The federal debt is skyrocketing. Good-paying jobs continue to be replaced with minimum

wage jobs."

Knapp said in a phone interview with *Sidelines* that he thinks the president lied to the American people about Saddam Hussein's nuclear weapons program and the need to invade Iraq.

"I [originally] supported the war based on what they told [the American people]," Knapp said, "and in retrospect, they lied. Make no mistake, Saddam Hussein was a no-good, son of a b---- ... but they presented this threat as the truth, and if they didn't know it was wrong and they didn't lie to us, then they are incredibly stupid."

Knapp said that he wants to go to Congress to make the government more fiscally responsible. He said that he does not support Bush's tax cut because of the record high deficit it has created.

"This tax cut is the equivalent of George Bush ordering a

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This week's poll question at
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How do you feel about Ron Jeremy coming to campus?

Opinions 4 • Living 5 • Sports 6 • Classifieds 7

Photojournalist visits MTSU

By Hillary Robson
Staff Writer

Freelance photographer Amy Toensing visited MTSU on Thursday to deliver a lecture at the Honors College auditorium about her photojournalism career. She focused on the process of conveying emotion and reality in her photography and the crafting of the photo essay.

Toensing currently works for *National Geographic*, *Newsweek* and other publications on a freelance basis. She received the award for excellence from the "Photographer of the Year" contest in 1998. Her photographs of Monhegan Island, Maine featured in *National Geographic* won second place in the "International Pictures of the Year," portrait division, in 2001.

"I love photography because it's a universal language, like love, music – it's a leveling ground," Toensing explained to the group of students and faculty attending the lecture.

Toensing found her start at a local newspaper in New Hampshire after dabbling in photography in high school and later during a break from college while traveling and snapping photos.

"Artistically, it came very naturally to me, the craft of [photography]," she said.

After nearly a year at *The Valley News*, Toensing was offered a position covering Capitol Hill for *The New York Times*.

"It was a great training ground," Toensing said of her time in Washington D.C., "But, it's a challenge to cover the daily news and make it interesting."

After three years with *The New York Times*, Toensing applied for an internship position with *National Geographic*. Once accepted, Toensing began to further her work on creating her own aesthetic and sense of style.

"I'm looking for the symbolism that tells the story, the feeling of a place. The things that everyone can relate to, but also finding something new, something interesting," Toensing said.

Displaying photographs from three *National Geographic* stories about the Jersey Shore, Puerto Rico and Monhegan Bay, as well as time spent with Jesse Jackson touring Appalachia in 1999, Toensing discussed the creative process and the challenges involved in creating unique and lasting images.

"Every story I end up doing deals with humanity ... I'm looking for symbolism that tells the story. Staying true to the story of a place is my goal," Toensing said.

Toensing's photographs often capture

very human moments that appear natural and candid to the viewer. She explained that capturing these moments is all a part of the process.

"I usually approach people and introduce myself, tell them what I am doing, and ask if I can just hang out with them for a few hours."

She then takes so many pictures of her subjects that they eventually forget about the camera and she is able to capture the "real moment."

Toensing was invited to MTSU by associate English professor Ron Kates, and the lecture was sponsored by University Honors College, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Mass Communication, the electronic media communication department and the Virginia Peck Trust Fund.

Future projects for Toensing include continuing her freelance work with publications such as *National Geographic*, exploring the possibilities of publishing books that feature her photography and working in the educational setting.

She is currently completing her master's degree in visual communication at Ohio University.

Her Web site, www.amytoensing.com, features selections from her portfolio in color and black and white. ♦

Economists see troubled times

By Alex Miller
Staff Writer

Our economy is not sunshine, lollipops and rainbows, said speakers at the 12th annual Economic Outlook Conference on Friday.

David Darst, founding president of the Morgan Stanley Investment Group, gave a dour forecast of the investment markets. Donald Ratajczak's assessment of the national economy was equally severe. Ratajczak writes an economics column for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Darst compared the nation's current investment market to that of the 1960s and '70s, when the Vietnam War and rising oil prices hurt the economy.

He warned that future economic cycles might be shorter and less robust than they have been in recent decades, so instead of making steady gains, the investment markets will be choppy rising and falling.

"We depend on the ignorance of foreigners to give us their money," Darst said about the United States' dependence on foreign investment.

He said the investment market faces several problems, which he dubbed "The Five Horsemen of the Deflationary Apocalypse:" China, rising oil prices, baby-boomer retirement, terrorism and the upcoming presidential elections.

Although Ratajczak's forecast was nearly as gloomy as Darst's, he took issue with some of Darst's five horsemen.

"We can beat China," Ratajczak said, urging business leaders to invest aggressively in technology.

Ratajczak, who drove to the conference in a hybrid car, agreed with Darst's prediction for oil prices to continue rising.

Ratajczak blamed terrorists, who occasionally target oil pipelines, for making crude oil expensive to extract.

He acknowledged that terrorism threatens the economy, but he said it is not as big a threat as Darst made it out to be.

Ratajczak said that if money is invested well, it can weather the occasional storm that terrorism creates.

As far as the economy is concerned, Ratajczak said, it doesn't matter who the next president will be because neither candidate will greatly help or hurt the economy.

Darst was the event's featured speaker, and Ratajczak is a perennial favorite. Darst gave the first speech and Ratajczak gave the last.

In between those two juggernauts, an optimistic appraisal of the local economy was given by David Penn and Murat Arik of MTSU's Business and Economic Research Center.

Penn mentioned that middle Tennessee has lower unemployment and higher taxable sales than the rest of the state.

He pegged much of Rutherford County's economic good fortune on MTSU. The university estimates that for every 50 jobs created at MTSU, 78 additional jobs are created in the Nashville area.

One of the ways MTSU helps the local economy is by creating a skilled work force, Arik said. He explained that because MTSU generates these highly skilled workers, governments should make it easier for high-tech industries to relocate to middle Tennessee.

Lee Moss, Chairman and CEO of MidSouth Bank, received the annual Jennings A. Jones Champion of Free Enterprise Award.

MidSouth Bank opened in February. It is headquartered at 1 East College St. in Murfreesboro and has a branch in Smyrna.

Moss founded the bank alongside Jack Weatherford, the namesake of the Jack O. Weatherford Chair of Finance at MTSU's College of Business. William F. Ford holds the Chair of Finance. ♦

Church: Everyone benefits from sale

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available, and we reached a mutual agreement."

The church has relocated to 706 Richard Road.

Hutson said the church has "always had a good relationship with the school," and at one time the university had paid the church to use the parking lot, "but insurance liability became a factor," and the agreement was terminated.

The church had allowed the university to continue to use the parking lot for special

events even after there was no longer a contract for the service, Hutson said.

The new church facility will allow for the congregation to continue growing, Hutson said.

"We have nine acres now verses four acres before," Hutson said. "We have added 300 more seats, and we are planning to start a family resource center."

"The timing was perfect," Hutson said of the move. "It must have been the Lord's will." ♦

Debate: Artist's fees total \$14,000

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university backs out of the contract, it will still have to pay \$12,500 in artist's fees.

The total price of the debate is \$14,000, which includes \$1,500 in production fees. Kershaw said the price tag for this debate is comparable to other events featuring well-known individuals.

Although the senate debated the merits of canceling the

event, the resolution by itself could not have prevented it. According to the text of the legislation, it would simply "express student sentiment on the debate." Nevertheless, if the bill had passed, the senate would have sent it to Student Unions and Programming to inform the department of the student body's discontent.

Cole and Jeremy's debate is set for Wednesday, Oct. 27 in Tucker Theater at 7:30 p.m. ♦

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Guidance: Office hopes legislation brings relief

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programs over the next three years. Fifteen million is specifically earmarked for colleges and universities — \$5 million per year from 2005-2007.

While the university does not have a formal suicide prevention program, Johnson explains that Guidance Services plays a role in preventing suicide on campus.

Guidance Services offers counseling to any student free of charge. The guidance services Web site describes counseling as "a collaborative process between counselor and student."

For more information about mental health or to set up an appointment, visit Guidance

Services Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~countest.

According to Johnson, students seek counseling for anything from test taking anxiety to bi-polar disorder. He points out that Guidance Services is not just for students suffering from diagnosed mental health issues like depression and anxiety disorders. Issues like test-taking anxiety or difficulty adjusting to living away from home are also legitimate reasons to talk to a counselor.

"I don't want to scare anybody away from counseling," Johnson said.

Nevertheless, 22,000 is a lot of students. "We are busy now," he said, "and later in the semester we will only be busier." ♦

Knapp: Candidate self-finances campaign

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big dinner at a fancy restaurant and walking out on the check," Knapp said.

Knapp said that despite his differences with the Bush administration, he does not see Democratic Kerry as a better alternative.

"I don't think John Kerry will help us," Knapp said. "He has a reputation as a flip-flopper."

Knapp concedes that his chances of being elected to Congress are not good.

"I am a political nobody," Knapp said. "I am not going to beat Jim Cooper, a seven-term incumbent. But I believe in being honest and I let people like [Tennessee Republican Senators] Bill Frist and Lamar Alexander know it."

"I'll never be elected to anything," Knapp said. "But right is right and wrong is wrong, and you have to stick with what is

right."

Knapp, who ran unopposed in the primary, said he is not receiving support from the Tennessee Republican Party and is paying for his own campaign expenses.

"The party is probably not happy with me," Knapp said.

Tennessee Republican Party press secretary Kim Coots said the party had no official comment about Knapp's letter.

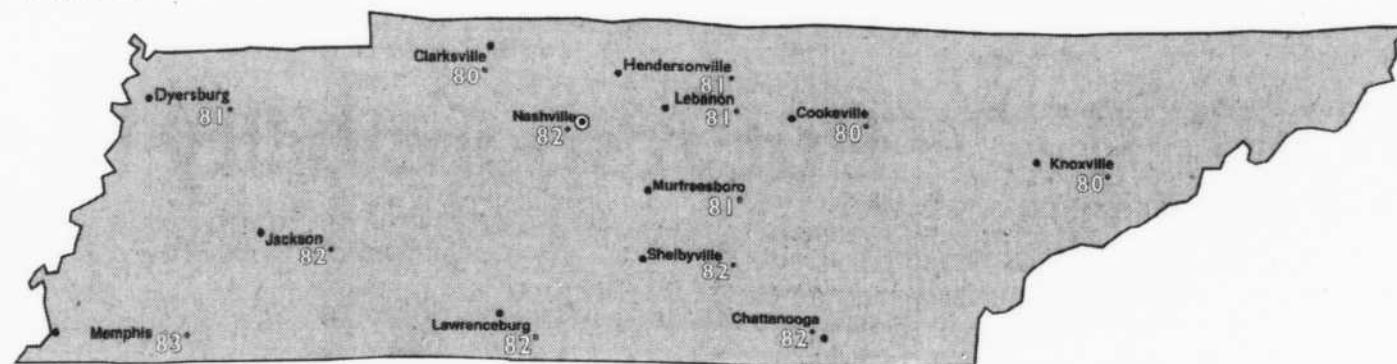
"The director, Beth Harwell, is not prepared to make a statement right now," Coots said Friday.

Knapp said finding renewable sources of energy to reduce the United States' dependence on fossil fuels would be one of his goals if elected to Congress.

"Thirty years ago we had our first energy crisis, and I thought people smarter and wiser than me would go to Washington and solve this," Knapp said. "Thirty years later we are still dependent on oil." ♦

Tennessee Weather – Monday's Highs

From the Associated Press



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State hopes center will help teacher shortage

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gov. Phil Bredesen has earmarked \$500,000 in the state budget for a proposed teacher recruitment center that education officials hope will help resolve a serious teacher shortage.

"We have a shortage in science and math areas," said Angie Cannon, executive director of teacher quality for the state Department of Education. "We have a shortage in language arts and areas of special education. That's pretty much statewide. And in some of the low socioeconomic areas, there's even a greater need for

all teachers."

It's a problem not only in Tennessee, but school districts across the country. Cannon said some "states have spent \$20 million" on recruitment centers. She said the one the state has planned will be competitive with others. A bid on the center is expected to be awarded Nov. 1.

"Other states have been doing it in steps. We're going to do a more comprehensive center because we're doing it all at the same time," she said.

One move by the state, Cannon said, is to start recruiting early by going after high school and college students.

Another big target is teachers in other states.

"Those are people where we can say, 'Tennessee is a good place to live,'" she said. "It's a good place to raise kids. The quality of life is good here."

Patrick Smith, the governor's education liaison, said a priority of Bredesen is to try to persuade midlife professionals to switch to the classroom.

"Quite often, we hear stories of folks who have some interest later in life of getting into the classroom, but they're a little put off of what can be a cumbersome process," Smith said. "They don't want to devote the time of going back to school

and going through the traditional prep route."

Tennessee colleges are responding with alternative teacher license programs, in which a prospective teacher with a college degree can polish off the necessary education courses.

"Whatever their degree is in, they've worked in that field for a while. And now they've decided, I can take this and teach," said Tina Tolbert, director of adult studies at Free Will Baptist Bible College, which offers the needed 24 credit hours in five-week night courses. "We just started in August, but we've had a lot of response." ♦

Music Row Democrats target races with TV ads

By John Gerome
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Political activists from the country music industry are launching a series of television ads in Middle Tennessee this week, but don't expect to see any musical celebrities.

The 30-second ads from the Music Row Democrats are titled

"I Believe," and they show ordinary folks (one volunteer actor and three non-actors) talking about issues such as protecting Social Security and taking care of people in the military.

They don't mention any candidate by name, and they end with the individuals saying, "I'm a Democrat," and "I'm a Tennessee Democrat."

"We wanted to brand the Democratic Party rather than let the Republican Party brand it," said Bob Titley, a founding member of the Music Row Democrats and vice president of TBA Entertainment, an artist management company in Nashville.

"Some people, including many of our fellow Tennesseans, have forgotten what the Democratic Party really stands for. This spot will remind people that our party is made up of everyday hardworking people."

The ads, which begin airing

Wednesday on Comcast cable channels, are meant to help Democratic candidates in Tennessee as well as at the national level, Titley said.

"We did three versions," he said. "One promoting early voting, one a general get-out-the-vote, and one a get-out-the-vote and plug for our Web site."

The ads are targeted to certain legislative districts in the state, particularly in the Tennessee Senate. Titley mentioned Sen. JoAnn Graves, who is being challenged by Republican Diane Black; Sen. John Wilder, who faces Republican Ron Stallings; and Sen. Larry Trail, whose Republican opponent is Jim Tracy.

The group also is assisting Democrat candidates by providing songwriters and musicians to perform at fund-raisers.

"We do the best we can to be a resource," Titley said.

Formed late last year, the Music Row Democrats includes songwriters, musicians, producers and record label executives who work on the city's Music Row. Membership has swelled quickly to more than 1,500 people. A few recording artists are involved too, including Rodney Crowell and Emmylou Harris.

The TV ads are funded through the group's political action committee. The first batch cost \$20,000, with more planned.

"We're about to place the second \$20,000 and keep building on that through the election based on how much we raise," Titley said.

While there are no country singers in the ads, this is, after all, the Music Row Democrats. The ads were directed by music video director Thom Oliphant, who has worked with the Dixie Chicks and Martina McBride. ♦

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From the Editorial Board Don't quash debate

A lot can be learned from porn star Ron "The Hedgehog" Jeremy. Besides appropriate lube use, the argument about the pornography's place in society is central to the tenets of free expression.

We would think Tyler Smith, a senator from the College of Mass Communications, learned this from his Introduction to Mass Media class. But alas, he has chosen to use his position to attempt to stifle discussion – not images, mind you – of pornography.

This is particularly disturbing coming from a communications major. Everyone on the Editorial Board is majoring in Mass Communications, and one of the first things we all learned is the importance of freedom of expression, even if the finger-waggers think the subject is morally reprehensible.

If you've ever taken Mass Media Law, you would know that the protection of satire came from a case involving porn mag *Hustler*, where a clearly farcical advertisement depicted the Reverend Jerry Falwell discussing his first sexual experience – that is, with his mother in an outhouse.

The case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where the justices decided that satire was protected by the First Amendment.

Thanks to the common sense of senator-at-large Ben Griffin and the rest of the senators who voted against this resolution, the students will get to hear both sides of the argument.

Instead of crusading to prevent the students of MTSU from hearing about the validity and virtues of pornography or perhaps even – gasp! – the words "sex" and "fun" in the same sentence, Smith should talk to his fellow Mass Comm majors about whether limiting intellectual discussion on campus is a good idea. The results just might surprise him. ♦

Put responsibility before convenience

Progress. Dictionary.com defines progress as "steady improvement, as of a society or civilization." We are a progressive nation, aren't we?

We live in the only country in the world where you can order piping-hot coffee, rip the lid off and dump it all over yourself, and then sue the company because it burned you without being either thrown out of court or sent to prison for rampant stupidity. We live in a land where we can sue large corporations for trying to build businesses in our towns simply because we think they might actually turn a profit. We also live in a country where you can win a film festival award for spending five weeks making yourself fat and then videotaping yourself throwing up.

Recently, a friend of mine called me on the phone to gripe about McDonald's. This year, McDonald's began a campaign to phase out the Super Size menu, and she could no longer get a slightly larger drink, or roughly 10 more fries along with her meal. This annoyed her, and I confess it annoyed me as well. We agreed that this is America, and if someone wants 10 extra fries and a slightly larger drink with their meal, there is no reason why they should not be able to get them.

McDonald's claims that this new trend was caused by nutritional concerns and had nothing to do with Morgan Spurlock's Sundance-winning 'documentary' "Super Size Me," which chronicles

Gathering Fuel in Vacant Lots



Manda Turner
Staff Columnist

his month-long binge eating nightmare and ends with Spurlock getting seriously ill and blaming it all on the fast food chain.

However, one is disinclined to believe the fast food giant's claim; after all, their reaction to the Atkins craze in no way affected the Super Size menu. Instead, it introduced salads and the Go-Happy Meal, which gives adults a healthy food item, a bottle of water and a step-counter that is in some way supposed to encourage us to walk places. The saddest thing about the loss of the Super Size menu is why it is really gone.

Men and women claiming that either they themselves, or their children, have grown obese due to eating fast food have sued McDonald's several times in the past few years. The most pathetic thing about these lawsuits is not that there are people childish enough to blame a restaurant for selling them food; it's that many people actually believe these people deserve to win.

This reminds me of another argument: If enough people move into our towns that a giant corporation like Wal-Mart wants to

build a Super Center, we have several options. Many towns have actually sued Wal-Mart to stay out of their towns, or at least build outside of the actual downtown area. Then more lawsuits stack up when the downtowns dry up and people begin to drive the extra miles to get to the monster stores.

Why? Why do we go to Wal-Mart? I know why I go. It is because, unlike many stores that also claim this, Wal-Mart essentially is your one-stop shopping center. You can get just about everything you would ever need for a month in only one trip. Yes, you can go to Dan's Hardwood Store and get your home supplies, and then drive down to Howard's Happy General Store for your groceries, and then hurry down to Mike's Pet Supplies before it closes, but would you really bother if you knew in your heart of lazy, time-constrained hearts, that the Super Center was just 10 minutes away?

The reason Wal-Mart closes down local businesses isn't because it buys up their lots in order to build upon and it certainly isn't because the store managers creep out into the night and vandalize these poor old men and women of the community whilst they sleep.

It is because stores like Wal-Mart are open 24 hours, meaning not only must they hire tons of people to staff the place, but also, they are there for their customers, no matter the hour, weather, or item in question. It is because we,

as consumers, choose to place convenience over local custom. We choose to abandon Dan, Howard, and Mike because we really don't care enough about them to go out of our way when we can do it all in one place.

These days it seems like progress really means learning how to shift the blame for our actions onto others when we don't care enough, or lack the time to cook our children dinner, and we drop a sack of Happy Meals in front of them and say, "Have at it."

Thusly, it is no one's fault but our own when those kids swell up to the size of small orcas and want nothing but oil and grease instead of carrots and Brussels sprouts. When we don't stop to read the foreclosure signs posted around our squares, because we're on our way home before the dairy products we just picked up at the Super Center get warm, then we have no one to blame but ourselves.

Big businesses do not hurt us. We hurt ourselves by patronizing them. Progress should mean we have the right to quip, "Super Size me!" before we hold up the self-check-out counter with our eight million items.

However, it also means we have to be mature enough to take responsibility for what we do to our towns and ourselves when we do so. ♦

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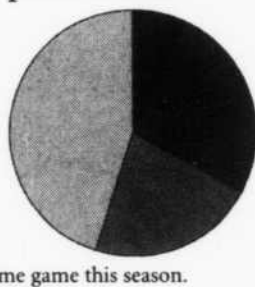
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Sidelines online poll results

Why didn't you go to MTSU's opening game?

- I was there. Go Blue Raiders! (45 percent)
- I'm not big on sports. (22 percent)
- I had to work. (26 percent)
- I intend to go to every other home game this season. (7 percent)



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "How do you feel about Ron Jeremy coming to MTSU?" 148 people voted in this poll. Results are not scientific.

New museum allows discussion of history

The Roman orator Cicero once said that "not to know what came before is to always remain a child." This was an early attempt to explain man's need to recall, to even write down past events and call it history. Something to do about life's lessons learned, I think.

I'm not sure if other disciplines share this need to validate themselves, but in the study of history the whys, and more importantly, the hows of history are hot topics. The ugly truth is that history affects the present through the perceptions it creates of those it discusses. In a society where perceptions dictate actions, the power of history is clear.

History has an awesome and awful ability to marginalize people, and render an entire culture down to a footnote. This has often occurred when one group was allowed to record the history of another group without their input.

The recently opened National Museum of the American Indian, located in the nation's capital, addresses this problem head on. Director W. Richard West said "I think a case can be made ... that Native America, should have been among the first acknowledged ... and yet we arrived last." He calls the museum "a turning point in American history."

While it has been sometime since American Indians were simply the cardboard villains of Western films, criticisms remain that American Indian history has continued to ignore Indian voices. The new museum eschews the artifact and anthropological displays popular in the nearby National Museum of Natural History for a more indigenous viewpoint.

A little more than half of the museum's \$219 million cost came from taxpayer funds, but the rest came from private donations, many made by American Indians. It is a shame that Indians had to pay to have their own heritage and contribution to American culture recognized. However, this semi-private funding did help ensure an Indian interpretation of their own history, what West calls the museum's "first-person voice." Even the architecture reflects a "native authority," though it still looks more like Frank Lloyd Wright's Guggenheim Museum rather than a teepee or pueblo.

But then the museum is meant to challenge concepts of what is American Indian.

Of course, the private funding of history and the museum's ethnocentric viewpoint hardly lays to rest questions about the control of history. It is now widely accepted that history of one group told by only another is inappropriate, but what of history told from only that history's featured group?

An example in this case is how the museum ignores any discussion of American Indian origins beyond creation myths. This reflects Indian popular sentiment, but I admit I'd find it odd

Cave Canem



David Cotton
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that an American history museum ignored European colonization and replaced it with the Book of Genesis in order to please Christians.

The most surprising historical omission in the museum concerns the struggles of American Indian resistance to conquest. This is meant to counter the perceived view of American Indians as perpetual victims and this need is understandable. Too often, traditional history has portrayed American Indians as a people crushed in the late 19th century whose culture faded into nothingness. More than a century later it must be very disheartening to see yourself so often portrayed as a member of a dead race.

Still, I must return to Cicero's idea that history teaches us important lessons. I do not learn about the Holocaust because Jewish historians say I should or shouldn't. I learn about it because I feel it is important to do so. How can I view an American Indian holocaust any differently?

The inclusion of oft-ignored stories of Indians from across the two American continents is the museum's strength, but the exclusion of the darker side of the past risks making it less of a history museum and more of a cultural outreach center.

Geronimo's rifle is displayed at the museum but there are no pictures of Geronimo and little discussion of him. Geronimo fought a long, desperate and violent struggle for independence against those who had composed a Declaration of Independence, only to face defeat and have his enemies call him villain in their histories. Now barely a hundred years later, the National Museum of the American Indian has decided he is no longer relevant. Considering America's ability to whitewash its own history, I'm not sure this is a good thing.

The museum uses only 30 percent of its space for exhibitions. I'd normally hold this against a museum. If I wanted open space I'd have gone to the park. I want to see stuff, historical stuff, piled up to the ceiling like they do at the British Museum. But considering the speed at which American Indian history changes and grows, perhaps the extra space is a good thing. ♦

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Memo to Kerry: Make up your mind

Sen. John Kerry is tweaking his position on Iraq yet again. Kerry believes his Iraq policy must be packaged in wrapping that appeases the anti-war Deanians that he desperately needs in the fold.

Yet Kerry knows that he can't be totally anti-war. After all, he voted to authorize force after having access to the same intelligence available to President George W. Bush. And most undecideds aren't exactly beating peace drums. They understand that the Iraq war eliminated threats to the United States' freedom.

Interesting dilemmas Democrats find themselves in. Kerry must've thought, "I've got to be the anti-war hawk." Thus instead of defending his vote by waging a principled debate, Kerry has searched for a got-to-win Deanians-and-undecideds approach.

Introducing the down-by-13-points, new Kerry, featuring a man who says he voted for the war but would have waited longer to begin it. This contender wouldn't have dreamed of "interfering" with a spirited game of hide-and-seek played by weapons inspectors.

But the new Kerry hasn't mentioned that Saddam Hussein defied U.N. resolutions imposed by the international community for more than a decade. He doesn't admit that Saddam had been breaking all the rules of weapons of mass destruction hide-and-seek since the early '90s. Now that's a very long game of hide and seek. Meanwhile the safety of freedom was losing.

The new Kerry doesn't discuss Saddam's invasions of Iran, Kuwait and his attacks on Israel, nor does he bring up the time Saddam used weapons of mass destruction on his own people.

But the new Kerry wants all Americans to know, if he had been president, he'd have waged a serious game of hide and seek and he would have won.

And now back to reality. Thank God Bush doesn't play games with terrorist-supporting dictators when the United States' national security is at stake. He gave inspections a chance, but when it was obvious Saddam had no intention of complying, Bush sent U.S. troops to crush a threat to our national security.

The new Kerry, perhaps hoping for a favorable response to his new Iraq policy, appeared on Don Imus' show last week. Kerry put forward his vision of American flipocracy.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported the aftermath of the interview.

"Under no circumstances would he have gone in the way George Bush went into Iraq," Kerry spokesman Chad Clanton said. "George Bush's go-it-alone foreign policy in Iraq is a complete failure."

Bush aides said Kerry is trying to have it all ways on Iraq, seeking to please both the anti-war and anti-Hussein factions within his party. "Today," Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said, "John Kerry's position on Iraq descended into complete incoherence."

Imus seemed to agree. "I was just back in my office banging my head on the jukebox," Imus said. "This is my candidate, and ... I don't know what he's talking about."

Take comfort, Imus. Most Americans can't figure out old or new Kerry either. Let's face it: Kerry plays a mean game of flip and flop. His own fans bang their heads to understand the game's complexity, and most people have no idea how he will flip next.

Now that we know the new Kerry, whatever happened to the old one?

We'll just have to wait until next week. ♦

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Reality Check



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POLITICAL LITERATURE

Partisan-based books have become popular among students, but cater to their base

By Ryan Smith
Staff Writer

With the presidential election growing near, conservative and liberal authors have recently published a steady stream of political literature.

But do these often highly partisan books influence anyone politically, or are the authors merely preaching to the choir?

Seven of the top 15 hardcover non-fiction books on *The New York Times* bestseller list are related to politics. Viewpoints range from the right with the number one book, "Unfit for Command," a negative look at John Kerry's service in Vietnam, to the left with "Bushworld," a book critical of the Bush administration by *Times* columnist Maureen Dowd.

Others likely to top the list soon include celebrity biographer Kitty Kelley's book about Bush, "The Family," and Seymour Hersh's book about the Iraq war, "Chain of Command."

According to political science professor Robb McDaniel, most books on current politics are not likely to change many minds.

"Books tend to fuel the partisanship and antagonism between the two sides," McDaniel says.

Books by more extreme authors, such as Ann Coulter or Noam Chomsky, are unlikely to appeal to readers who identify themselves with opposing viewpoints, McDaniel says.

Authors who reflect more varied opinions have a chance of broader appeal.

"Bill O'Reilly, even though

he's a conservative, would have more crossover appeal than Rush Limbaugh, for instance, because he does more to diversify his opinions," he says.

One recent political book McDaniel says is likely to be read by people on either side of the spectrum is "The 9/11 Commission Report," because it is an assessment of national security, rather than a polemic aimed toward any political philosophy.

"My sense is that books have the greatest chance of crossover when they contain surprises (and) undermine expectations," he says.

He added that accounts by Washington insiders such as former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill, and Richard Clarke, the president's former anti-terrorism adviser, will also tend to influence more people.

However, recent memoirs by retired General Tommy Franks and former President Bill Clinton would probably receive a warm reception only by those who would identify with either writers' politics.

Other media may have more influence on voters.

"Movies probably have more impact," McDaniel says. "Two of the biggest movies this year have been 'The Passion of the Christ' and 'Fahrenheit 9/11,' each one having its own conservative or liberal viewpoint."

Senior English major Jessica Lambert says people are most likely to read authors they can identify with.

"People read books according to their own bias," she says. "Very few people are going to have open minds about politics."

People who are undecided,

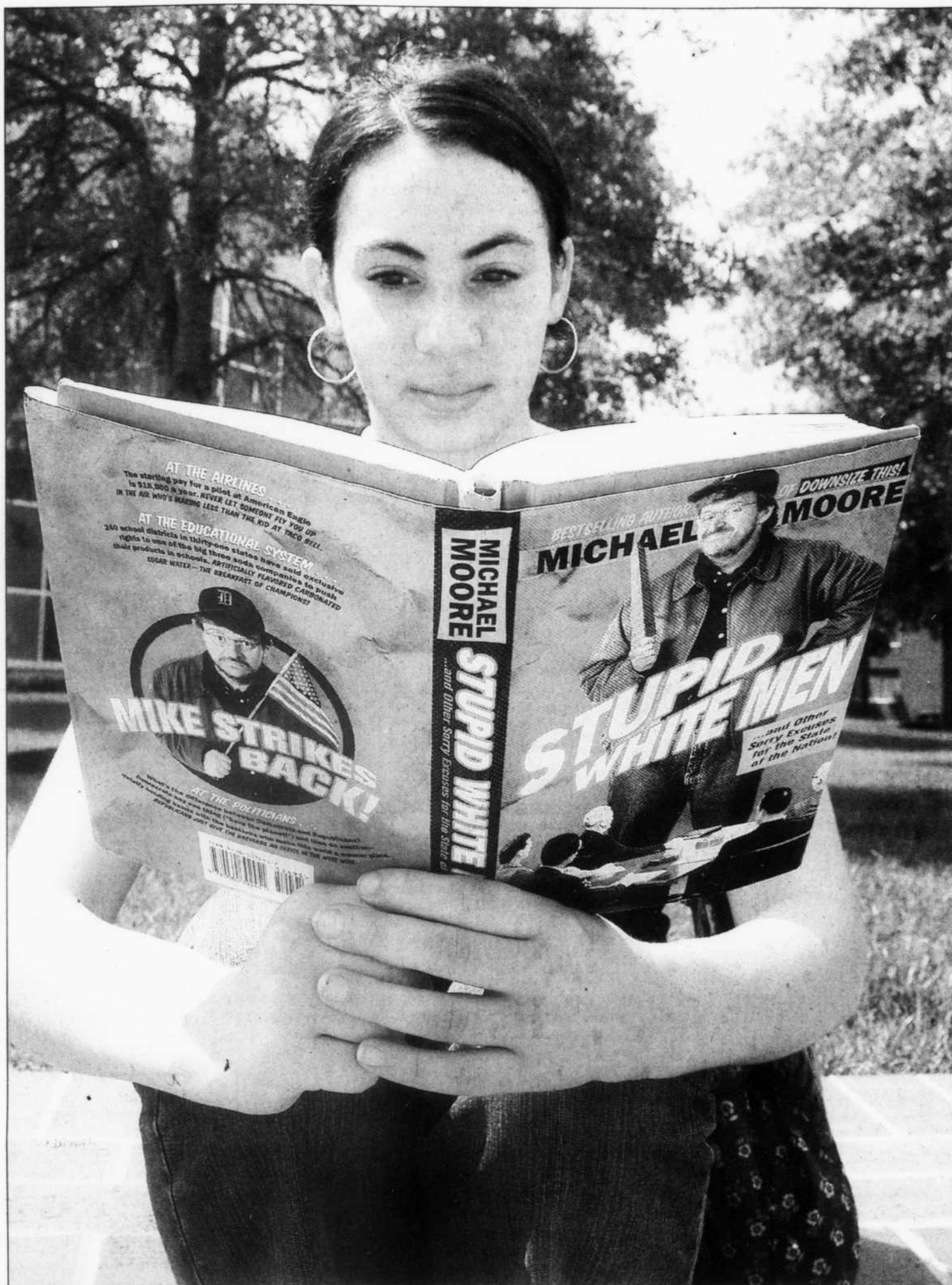


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Books like Michael Moore's, along with those of other popular political authors, do little to change public opinion.

she added, aren't likely to read political literature because they are generally apathetic about the political process.

Lambert, who classifies herself as a liberal, says she's read books by Michael Moore and other left-wing authors, but she sticks to book reviews and criticism for books by conservatives.

"By reading more about the issues, I've become more informed about things. I would say I'm a lot less extreme than I

used to be," Lambert says. "But I'm still voting anybody but Bush."

Bookstores may offer the best evidence of people's book-reading habits.

"People will hear about a book on TV or talk radio and then come in looking for it," says David Alderson, a book associate at Hastings in Murfreesboro and senior music education major.

Typically, talk radio and tele-

vision tend to be highly partisan, and people's book choices reflect that.

"Generally people stick to their side," he says. "They hate one side or hate the other. It's a rare occasion that people cross over."

One phenomenon Alderson has observed in the bookstore is that some people will turn books around or rearrange the shelf in a way to obstruct the view of certain titles, depending

on their political leanings.

Recently at Hastings, all of the jackets of the copies of "Unfit for Command" were turned inside out.

Apparently no book is safe. Both liberal and conservative books have been moved, Alderson says.

"I just wish I could catch someone doing it." ♦

What's the real difference?

Take The High Road



Calley Stroud
Staff Columnist

As an educated, independent woman and mother of three impressionable daughters, I strive to emphasize the importance of self-assertion in the midst of gender-laden controversy.

I also attempt to set the example by exercising womanly empowerment — unafraid to make a stand in this big, wide world. I tell my daughters, "Be who you are. Live out your dreams. Anything he can do, you can do better." You get the idea.

So, a few weeks ago, my daughters were with me in the drive-thru at a major fast food chain ordering kids' meals, and the "speaker-lady" asks, "Are these meals for girls or boys?"

Well, of course they're for girls, but realizing that my nine-year-old wants the "boy toy," I thoughtlessly blurted out that we would need two girl meals and one boy meal. At that second I thought, "Whoops."

Flabbergasted, my daughter, Catie shot her perplexed and angry eyes directly at me. "Mom, I am not a boy!"

Yikes! I thought. Rather than explain to the well-intentioned worker that my daughter prefers the "boy toy," I chose to conform. Oh jeez. Maybe I'm more conven-

tional than I think.

Okay, so Catie prefers trucks and The Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers, whereas her little sister Courtney prefers tiaras and princess dress-up clothes.

How does this make them different? Is one healthier than the other?

Will we parent a more androgynous generation? By educating and encouraging individuality, are we depriving children of what nature intended? I don't think so.

Recently, and shortly after the drive-thru incident, I shared this experience in my Introduction to Women's Studies class. After a long discussion and watching and learning about biological, environmental and other differences, my thinking shifted.

It's not about boys and girls. It's about differences between all of us. I began thinking about the people in my life of both genders. Strangely enough, most of the older people I know are somewhat stereotypical, excluding a few, while the majority of my acquaintances now are largely diverse in both character and credence.

For instance, my friend Jason, who has yellow bows across the tippy-tops of his Martha Stewart shower curtain, also enjoys watching the Tennessee Titans game and cursing profusely with his macho buddies. So what if he vacuums his house in straight rows and enjoys chick flicks? Could he possibly be the evolving social norm?

In order to emphasize the complex nature of gender appropriate behavior, I will recall a recent encounter with a group of young drunken Aphrodite and Adonis-type exhibitionists, whom I will refer to as

the Alpha group.

The Greek reference, by the way, in no way implies that the members of the group were supposed to be respectable MTSU students representing high profile sorority/fraternity groups with their Greek letters clearly displayed on their 'not of legal drinking age' bodies, nor does it imply that they were groping each other in private places while chugging drinks that smelled suspiciously like domestic beer.

While watching the MTSU vs. Florida Atlantic University football game with my three daughters, I observed a group of students sitting rather close by. The girls were falling out of their push-up bras, when they were wearing them, and the guys were smacking the girls' bottoms and groping and commenting on the physical attributes of their mates as the girls giggled and giggled. Gee, might these be stereotypes?

What's the bottom line here? Okay, so I'm a firm believer in individuality taking precedence above all social expectations.

But, I also think it's important for those people who choose to maintain their traditional gender-based stereotype to do so if in fact this is what makes them happy.

I guess it comes down to the fact that we're all who we are in life: human. Our lives are what we make of them.

But just maybe some of us should consider stepping outside the gender-stereotypical box and discover what's really making you you. Follow your heart and not the crowd. You may be glad you did. ♦



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LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 24, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 17 Penalties, turnovers doom Blue Raiders



MT's Sean Mosley pushes Louisiana-Lafayette's Chester Johnson out of bounds as Danny Tolbert (2) and Kevin Copeland (7) pursue.

By Mark Emery
Staff Writer

LAFAYETTE, La. — Middle Tennessee's chances of tying the game late were dashed when Clint Marks' pass was intercepted in the final minute as the University of Louisiana-Lafayette defeated the Blue Raiders 24-17 Saturday night.

The third quarter proved to be the turning point, as the Blue Raiders committed costly penalties and coughed up a turnover. The Ragin' Cajuns took advantage and won their conference opener for the first time since 1994.

"We had 60-something yards worth of penalties in the third quarter," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "I think, obviously, it goes back to us shooting ourselves in the foot every time we turn around."

The game started with the Ragin' Cajuns taking the opening possession and driving it 66-yards for a touchdown. The drive, which took just over two minutes, ended with Dwight Lindon's five-yard touchdown run.

MT tied the game with 5:59 left in the first quarter when Marks hit Pierre Ingram for a 15-yard touchdown reception, Ingram's first career TD catch.

MT took the lead 14-7 when Eugene Gross had a one-yard touchdown run, with 2:42 left in the half. The drive was 63 yards and lasted more than four minutes.

The Ragin' Cajuns immediately responded by driving 79 yards in just over two minutes. The drive ended with ULL quarterback Jerry Babb connecting with B.J. Crist for a 10-yard touchdown reception with 25 seconds remaining in the first half.

The third quarter, which has plagued the Blue Raiders this season, was another disappointment for MT Saturday. The Blue Raiders committed seven penalties for 72 yards and also had a turnover on a punt return, as the ball hit an MT player in the back and was recovered by the Ragin' Cajuns.

"It didn't look like our guy got a chance to catch the ball," McCollum said. "And that's what I'd like to see on film is...if Chris [Henry] had a chance

to get the ball."

ULL got the ball at the Blue Raiders' 15-yard line after the turnover, but the MT defense held and forced a field goal attempt. On the attempt, however, MT made another costly mistake, as a Blue Raider defensive lineman committed a

personal foul penalty that gave the Ragin' Cajuns another chance. On the very next play Babb completed a seven-yard touchdown to Xavier Campbell to put ULL up 21-14.

See Loss, 7



The Road Rally buses brought excited MT fans to the game.

Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Third quarters spelling defeat

Sports commentary



Mark Emery
Staff Columnist

The Blue Raiders have played three games, and in three games Middle Tennessee has beaten themselves in the third quarter.

In the first game of the season against Akron, the Blue Raiders had a 21-10 lead going into the second half. They lost the lead and almost the game because of two penalties and a turnover that allowed the Zips to surge ahead 24-21 before the Blue Raiders won 31-24.

Last week against Florida Atlantic, the third quarter spelled disaster for the Blue Raiders once again. MT went into halftime with a 17-6 lead, but after an interception in the end zone, the Blue Raiders gave up 21 unanswered points en route to a 27-20 loss.

The same thing happened against the Ragin' Cajuns on Saturday. The Blue Raiders went into the second half tied at 14 and ended up behind 21-14 at the start of the fourth quarter — not bad on the surface, but the University of Louisiana-Lafayette lead resulted from seven MT penalties and a turnover on a punt return. The Blue Raiders have been outscored 35-0 in the third quarter this season.

MT head coach Andy McCollum said after the game that his team just isn't getting the breaks and that he did not really know how to explain what was happening in the third quarters.

At some point, the team has to figure something out. One or two games like this is understandable, but three should be unacceptable for both the players and the coaches. It also affects the players, even though Clint Marks said the atmosphere in the locker room at halftime was upbeat and positive.

That may be true, but how does a team react when a stupid penalty occurs, like the one that gave the Ragin' Cajuns a first down on the MT 15 after a key defensive stand? Most of the time, when things consistently go wrong for a team at a certain point in the game, the players undoubtedly say to themselves, "Here we go again."

If not for their third-quarter troubles, the Blue Raiders could very well be undefeated. The players on this team all need to have a case of short-term memory loss, because the third quarters this season have been dismally forgettable. ♦

Woods' overtime goal gives MT soccer squad 1-0 win

By Ron Moses
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team was locked in a scoreless tie with Georgia State at the end of regulation on Friday.

It took extra minutes for the Blue Raiders to score their only goal of the game, but one was all it took, and Lisa-Marie Woods' shot over Lady Panther keeper Alexa Pasquarelli's head in the 94th minute gave the Blue Raiders their third straight victory at home. During that streak, the Blue Raiders have outscored their opponents 12-0.

The game was a struggle throughout, although the Blue Raiders controlled the ball for most of the match. Freshman goalkeeper Jenny Manis had a career-high 11 saves in the fourth shutout of the year for the Blue Raiders.

"We played against a very good team today in Georgia

State," Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden told MT Media Relations. "This was our first overtime game of the year. For our defense to stop their attack every time speaks a great deal about our team. It was a very good win and one we had to work hard to obtain."

MT kept the ball in Georgia State's zone throughout the contest, creating 18 shot opportunities. Senior Laura Miguez had eight of those shots, including one that hit the crossbar in the 26th minute.

Freshman Holly Grogan controlled the left side of the field and created many plays to keep Pasquarelli leaning her way while opening up the right side of the field.

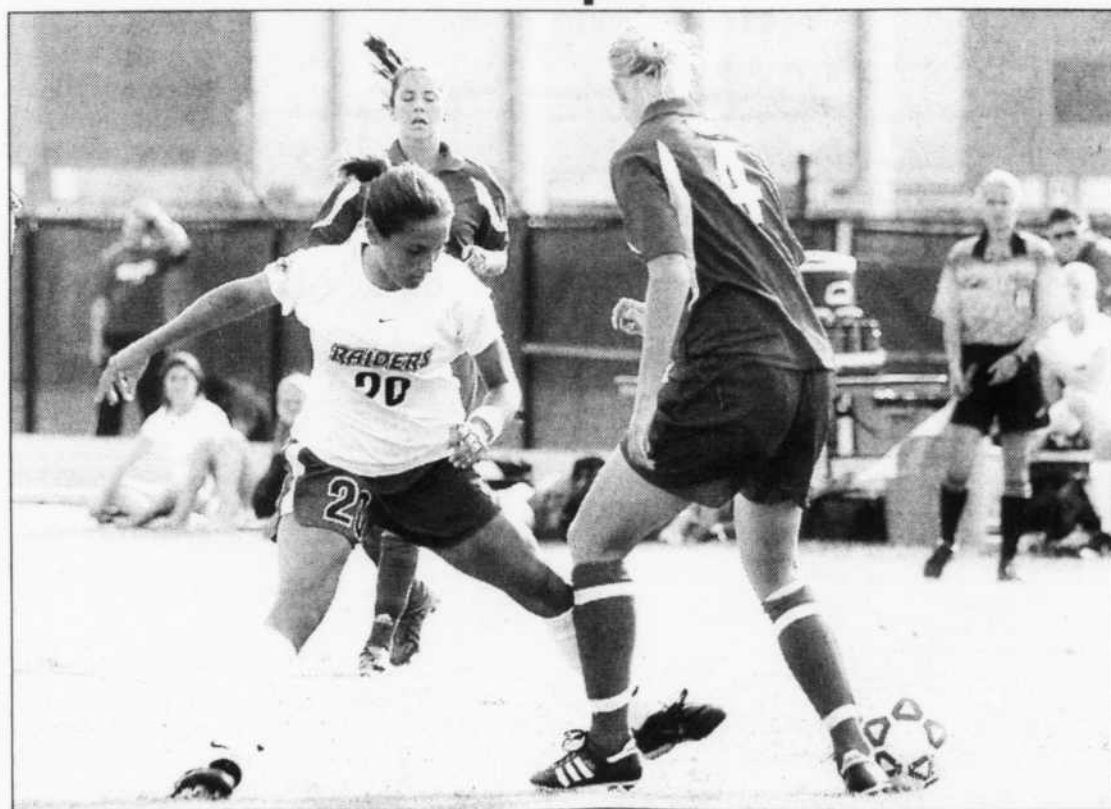
The Blue Raiders also used lofting passes that kept the Lady Panthers on the chase most of the game. Pasquarelli made seven saves during regulation, but couldn't stop the eighth, as

Woods took a pass from Beth Abue and nailed the shot above Pasquarelli's head for her first goal as a Blue Raider.

"We were trying to push everything up and Beth Woods did exactly that," Woods told MT Media Relations. "All I had to do was put it in the goal. It felt great and it was a big team win."

"Middle Tennessee is a very good team and it was an even game across the board," Georgia State head coach Domenic Martelli told GSO Media Relations. "We put forth a good effort today and we need an effort like this on a regular basis. It was a very good game and we got a lot out of it."

The Blue Raiders (5-3) played Alabama A&M at home yesterday, but results were not available at press time. *Sidelines* will have a full recap of the match in Wednesday's edition. ♦



MT senior Laura Miguez battles Veronica Botold for possession during Friday's match.

Photo by Kevin Lane | Staff Photographer

Loss: Second straight defeat versus ULL

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ULL's Sean Comiskey kicked a field goal with 14:51 left in the fourth quarter to increase the lead to 24-14. On the very next drive, MT's Colby Smith kicked a 37-yard field goal to cut the lead to seven.

With 3:43 to go in the game, the Blue Raiders began their final drive from their own 27. Using a heavy dose of sideline passes, Marks went 10-of-11 as the Blue Raiders drove the ball down to ULL's 25-yard line.

With just under a minute to go, Marks tried to connect with Kerry Wright in the end zone, but Antwain Spann intercepted the pass with 39 seconds remaining, effectively ending the game.

The Blue Raiders (1-2, 0-1) dropped their second straight game to the Ragin' Cajuns (2-2, 1-0), who had not won a conference opener since they were known as the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

MT will look to rebound when the team travels to Denton, Texas to take on North Texas this Saturday. ♦



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Arkansas State earns first SBC win

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Arkansas State 28, Louisiana-Monroe 21

MONROE, La. — Arkansas State University's Darren Toney recovered a fumbled punt with a minute and a half left in the game to seal the Indians' 28-21 victory over Louisiana-Monroe Saturday night.

ASU scored first when ULM quarterback Steven Jyles fumbled after being hit by Myron Anderson and defensive back Chris Jones scooped up the football and returned it for the score with 4:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Both teams scored three times in the second period. Jyles had two touchdown runs, and Noce capped a nine-play, 68-yard drive by running the ball in from four yards to put ASU on top 21-14 with 12:37 remaining in the third quarter.

In the game's final period, Jyles threw to Drouzo Quillen for a 38-yard touchdown strike and ULM's Walter Ragan tied the score at 21.



ASU's final score came when Noce and wide receiver Jerome Stegall connected on one of his four receptions for 72 yards on a 17-yard pass play and Eric Neihouse's final PAT sealed the lead.

Oregon 48, Idaho 10

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Terrence Whitehead ran for 115 yards and scored two touchdowns on Saturday, lifting Oregon to a 48-10 victory over Idaho.

Idaho (0-4) struggled all week with the loss of Eric McMillan, who was shot Sunday in his Moscow, Idaho, apartment and died on Monday.

Oregon (1-2) quickly jumped on the Vandals and built a 34-3 lead late in the first half, topped by Kenny Washington's 2-yard scoring run.

Oregon starter Kellen Clemens threw for three touchdowns, two to tight end Tim Day.

After Mike Barrow's 41-yard field goal for the Vandals in the first quarter, Michael Harrington hit Jimmy Labita with a 16-yard touchdown pass to close out the first half — and Idaho's scoring for the day.

Harrington completed 20 of 32 attempts for 192 yards and the score. He was intercepted twice.

A moment of silence was held for McMillan before the game and the Vandals played with "EM" stickers on their helmets.

Baylor 37, North Texas 14

WACO, Texas (AP) — Dane King threw two touchdown passes in a 42-second span of the fourth quarter to secure Baylor's 37-14 victory over North Texas on Saturday night.

King's seven-yard scoring pass to Dominique Zeigler was quickly followed by a 40-yard touchdown pass to Marques Roberts with 14:08 left to put the Mean Green away.

Baylor built a 17-14 lead in a wild first half that included a blocked punt for a touchdown.

UNT struck for a touchdown on its first possession, a 67-yard strike from Scott Hall to Johnny Quinn.

Freshman Braelon Davis blocked Brad Kadlubar's punt and recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown to tie the score.

Paul Mosley's 10-yard run put Baylor ahead 14-7.

Hall and Quinn hooked up for a 33-yard pass to position the Mean Green for Jeremy Thomas' 43-yard touchdown run. Thomas, who gained 247 yards against Colorado last week, left in the third quarter with a hamstring injury.

Kenny Web's 25-yard field goal handed Baylor the slim halftime edge. He added a 37-yarder in the third period and a 38-yarder in the fourth.

South Carolina 17, Troy 7

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Syvelle Newton had a six-yard touchdown run and South Carolina's defense held off Troy in the Gamecocks 17-7 victory Saturday night.

Newton led the only scoring drive of the second half for South Carolina (3-1). He kept the series going with a twisting 24-yard run down the left sidelines on 3rd-and-1, then finished it off six plays later when he zipped into the end zone for a 17-7 lead.

However, the Trojans were far from finished.

They drove to South Carolina's 30 on their next series. On 4th-and-4, though, Aaron Leak had to throw a desperation floater to avoid a sack and, despite a lunging dive by receiver Jason Samples at the goal line, the ball fell incomplete.

Troy had one last chance, reaching South Carolina's 11 with three minutes left. But Leak was picked off by South Carolina linebacker Lance Laury with 2:13 left.

The Trojans were held to 207 yards, their lowest total this season.

With Troy out of timeouts, South Carolina coach Lou Holtz called on 39-year-old walk-on receiver Tim "Pops" Frisby. Frisby, recently retired after 20 years in the U.S. Army, got in for the final four plays as South Carolina ran out the clock on the victory.

New Mexico 38, New Mexico State 3

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — D.D. Cox ran for three touchdowns and 110 yards, and New Mexico shut down New Mexico State's stagnant offense in a 38-3 win Saturday night.

Lobo halfback DonTrell Moore left the game early in the third quarter with a strained ligament in his left knee. Moore was hit while trying to field a punt and was carted off the field moments before Cox's third score gave the Lobos a 24-0 lead.

Cox also scored twice in the first half. Before Moore was injured, the duo took turns running through huge holes in the Aggies' defensive front. Moore had 92 yards on 17 carries.

New Mexico's defense was equally tough. New Mexico State had one yard of offense in the first quarter and two first downs and 41 yards in the first half.

Utah State 31, UNLV 21

LAS VEGAS — Travis Cox completed 12 of 26 passes



for 177 yards, while Tony Pennyman caught four of those passes for 119 yards and one touchdown and Robert Watts and Antonio Taylor both recorded two interceptions to help Utah State win 31-21 against UNLV here Saturday.

The Aggies' Ben Chaet kicked field goals of 30 and 27 yards on USU's first two possessions of the game to keep the game close at 7-6 at the end of the first quarter.

With USU down 14-13 in the third quarter, the Aggies' Robert Watts intercepted a pass from UNLV's Kurt Nantkes and returned it 90 yards for a touchdown. USU's Chris Forbes rushed for the point after to give USU a 21-14 lead.

The Rebels would tie the game at 21 on an eight-yard pass from Nantkes to Shelvon Williams, but the Aggies' defense would hold and USU's offense tallied a 25-yard field goal, Chaet's third of the game and a 79-yard touchdown pass from Cox to Tony Pennyman with 4:16 left to seal the victory for the Aggies. ♦

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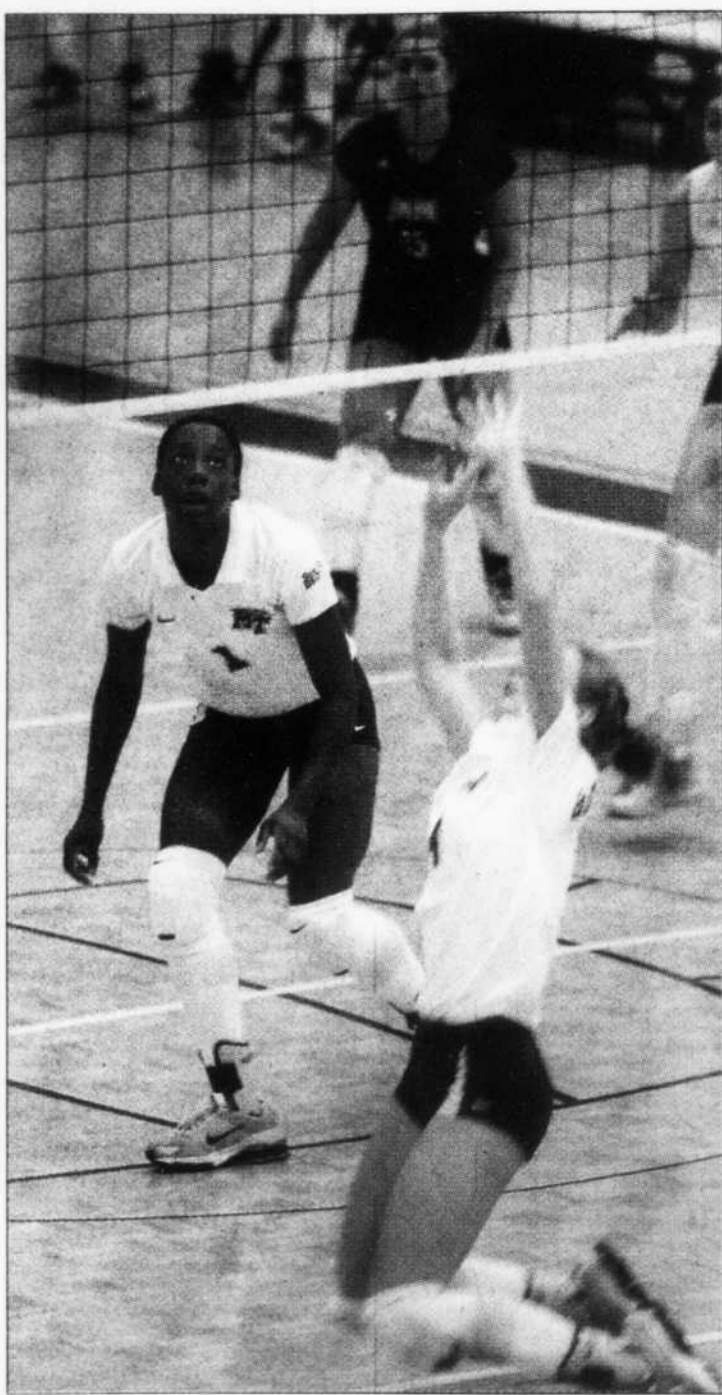


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Blue Raider Megan Sumrell goes to the floor to set for Megan Carter in MT's 3-0 win over Troy on Saturday.

Blue Raiders rebound with victory over Troy

By Ron Moses and Colby Sledge
Staff Writer and Sports Editor

Dara McLean tied her career-high with 28 kills Saturday as the Blue Raiders defeated Troy 3-0 (30-20, 30-18, 30-27).

The win marked McLean's third consecutive match with 10 kills or more and her second match this season with more than 20 kills. She finished with an attack percentage of .523.

The Blue Raiders took commanding leads en route to victories in the first two games of the match, but Troy came back in Game 3 and threatened the Blue Raiders with a Game 4.

Led by Kendra Sytsma and Amy Brisbin, Troy pulled ahead of MT by two points early in the third game. After the most exciting rally in the match, the Blue Raiders earned the point, breathing life back into what seemed to be a tiring MT squad. McLean ended the game

with two kills to squelch any chance of a Troy comeback.

MT outplayed Troy offensively and defensively, finishing with a 49-33 edge in kills and a 7-3 advantage in blocks.

Blue Raider Andressa Lyra had 14 kills and 10 digs to record a double-double. Setter Megan Sumrell had 41 assists in the match, while Alicia Lemau'u added 10 digs to help Middle Tennessee recover from a 3-0 loss to Western Kentucky on Friday.

Sytsma and Brisbin finished with 10 kills each to lead the Trojans (3-10), who lost their sixth straight match. Troy, which is currently a member of the Atlantic Sun Conference, will enter the Sun Belt Conference next season.

The Blue Raiders (5-8, 1-1) won the weekend with a 3-1 win over North Texas for their first conference victory of the season. *Sidelines* will have a full recap of the North Texas match in Wednesday's edition. ♦

Lady Toppers roll past MT 3-0

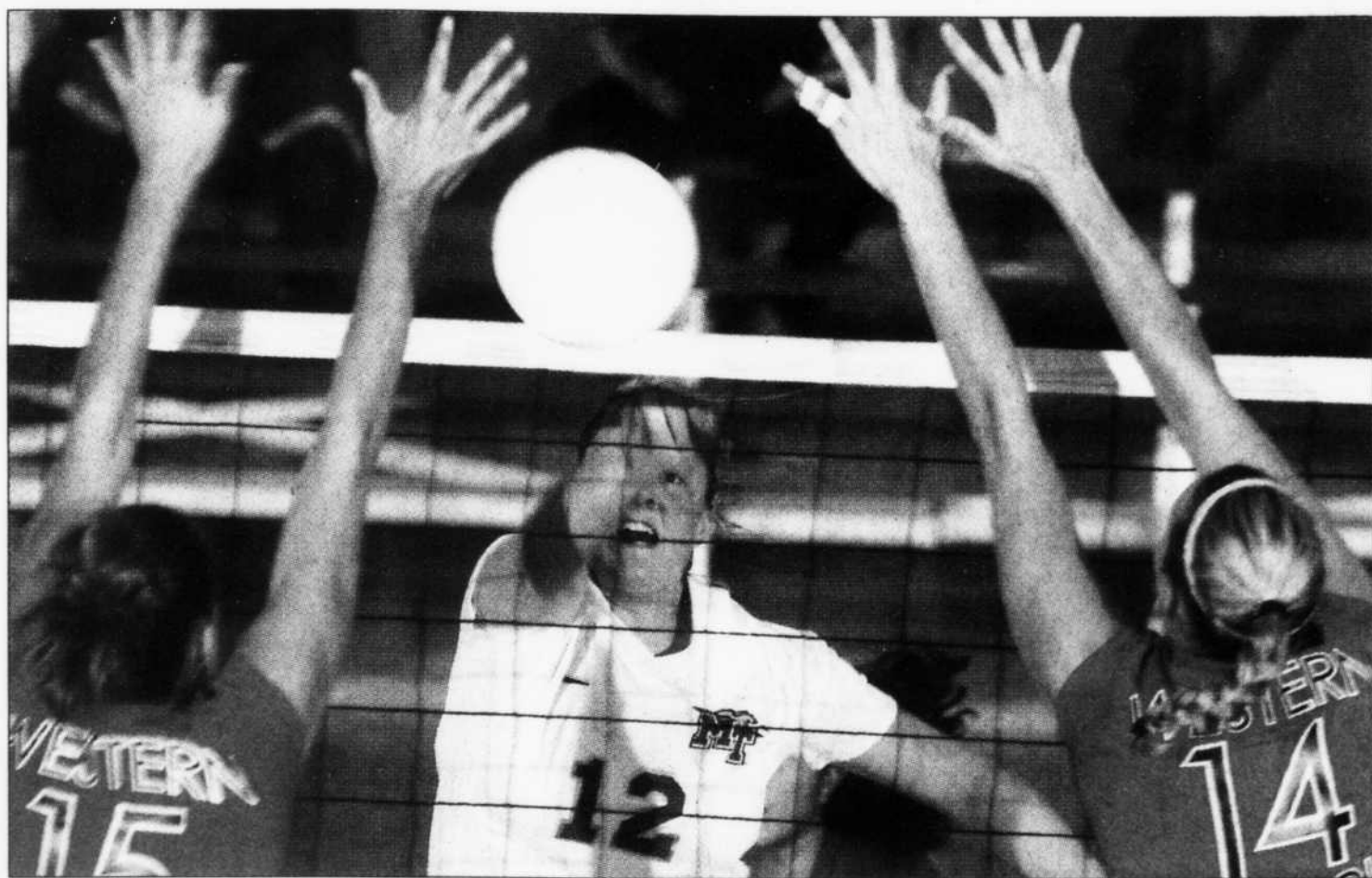


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MT's Tara Mikuzis positions a kill between WKU's Jessie Wagner (15) and Lyndsey Broerman in a 3-0 loss Friday.

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's volleyball team opened Sun Belt Conference action with a 3-0 (30-27, 30-15, 30-23) loss to Western Kentucky University at Alumni Memorial Gym Friday night.

KeKe Deckard, one of the top players for the Blue Raiders, did not play because of an injury she incurred last week. She is expected to come back next week, however.

Deckard was fourth in the nation in kills with 153 as of Friday and is averaging 6.12 per game.

WKU came into the game receiving votes in the latest *USA Today*/College Sports Television poll for the first time in school history.

In the first game, MT hung with the Lady Toppers in a game that had 11 ties. With the score even at 14, however, the Blue Raiders made a costly error and the Lady Toppers pulled away for the 1-0 lead.

"I think we played very well in Game 1," MT head coach Matt Peck said. "In fact, I think we played well enough to win, [but] we are just making too many mistakes in bunches."

In the second game, WKU took control from the opening serve and dominated MT in a 30-15 win.

However, the Blue Raiders bounced back in the third game, taking the early lead at 11-6. The Lady Toppers fought back, however, to tie the score at 11-11. Then as in the first game, neither team was able to get the advantage on their opponent.

The turning point in the game came with the score even at 19-19, when Christian Alli scored on a kill for the Lady Toppers to break the tie. Crystal Towler then added an ace to start WKU and the Lady Toppers on a 7-0 run to put the game and match away. WKU's Amanda Schiff sealed the victory with a kill that ended the match.

Blue Raider outside hitter Dara McLean led the Blue Raiders with 12 kills, and Andressa Lyra had eight. Libero Alicia Lemau'u added 17 digs for MT.

The Lady Toppers improved to 12-1 with the win, while the Blue Raiders continued play this weekend with a 3-0 victory over Troy and a 3-1 win against North Texas. *Sidelines* will have a full recap on the North Texas match in Wednesday's edition. ♦

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