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# Bursting at the seams

## Another record enrollment strains MTSU's resources to the limit

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

For the eighth time in a decade, MTSU's enrollment will bring an unprecedented number of students to campus, and an ongoing challenge to administrators to control a population that keeps expanding.

There were 20,228 students enrolled in fall classes Thursday, according to Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for Enrollment Management. Friday, a purge day, enrollment dropped down to 19,827, but Glenn said he fully expects 75-80 percent of those purged to re-enroll.

He said the university is expecting a total enrollment of between 21,000 and 21,500 – an increase of more than 4 percent over last fall's enrollment, 3,065 of which will be freshmen.

Yet another record increase will put a strain on the university, Glenn said.

"We don't have plenty of room and we don't have plenty of teachers," he said. "We're certainly going to be bursting at the seams. I think we have sufficient faculty and sufficient classes to accommodate, but that's only taking into consideration that there will be students who will have to take classes that they had not originally intended to take. It will take them longer to get through the process."

Glenn said the university made the decision last year to create 10 new positions.

"There's a lot of discussion about just how many faculty positions behind we are and how many we need to hire and how quickly," he said, noting that the university's 22:1 student-faculty ratio will either have to be raised or more faculty will need to be hired on for every 22 students.

Executive Vice President and provost for Academic Affairs Robert Eaker said he thinks the



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer

Senior nursing major Erin Rains (left) and senior industrial organizational psychology major Misty Holt (right) help freshmen nursing major Katie Hare (middle) move in to her dorm room in Cummings Hall Friday afternoon. Katie is only one of the more than 3,000 freshmen enrolled at MTSU this fall.

## Fall enrollment 1991 to 2002\*

1991 – 15,673	1997 – 18,366
1992 – 16,787	1998 – 18,432
1993 – 17,383	1999 – 18,993
1994 – 17,120	2000 – 19,121
1995 – 17,424	2001 – 20,073
1996 – 17,924	2002 – 21,500*

\*PROJECTED

university is set and ready to handle the growth.

"I think we're in good shape," Eaker said. "There'll be a few glitches here and there like there are every year."

Eaker said MTSU President Sidney McPhee and other university officials have been examining, at

the request of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the "right size" of the university, meaning the percentage of growth MTSU can reasonably handle annually.

"We've been studying these issues and trying to make sure that we can balance academic quality on the one hand while at the same

time, there's a tremendous demand to come to school at Middle Tennessee State University," Eaker said.

Earlier in the year, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission formulated a proposal that would have limited funding for institutions whose enrollment growth exceeded 3 percent.

"The TBR felt that the last thing we needed was to limit access," said Mary Morgan, TBR director of communications, "so we met in May and decided to defer the plan for a year."

The TBR, anticipating continued state funding struggles within the next five years, asked that each Regents institution examine its resources and determine the number of students it could reasonably accommodate each year and keep the same level of educational quality without receiving a great deal of extra funding.

MTSU arrived at the figure of 4 percent growth every year.

"The numbers were substantial-

ly higher than those of THEC's proposal," Morgan said.

University officials have been battling with how to control enrollment without limiting access to higher education in Tennessee, Glenn said. The university moved its application deadline up from Aug. 19 to Aug. 9 – a change that has had a fairly major impact on the number of students enrolling, according to McPhee.

McPhee said that, partly as a result of the earlier deadline, the university has developed a waiting list to be accepted.

In the past, MTSU's fairly lenient acceptance policy has allowed up to 400 students to register after the second day of classes.

"We're trying to hold down on that this year," Glenn said. "We've asked the deans to work with us to try and halt the line there, but you get into situations where legitimate reasons are stated for being in that position."

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## CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Patrick Chinnery - Assistant News Editor

### Summer enrollment breaks previous record

Enrollment at MTSU set a record this summer, with 9,025 taking classes.

This was a 6.5 percent jump from last summer's numbers.

The full-time equivalent is 4,009.92, compared to 3,804.83 last summer.

"Available records indicate we have increased every summer since 1993," said Sherian Huddleston, interim assistant vice provost for Enrollment Services.

The figure was reported to the Tennessee Board of Regents July 14 for tracking purposes.

### College gets new director for field studies

H. Willis Means has recently been named the director of the Office of Professional Laboratory Experiences in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences.

Means has been an associate professor at MTSU since 1996.

Prior to joining the MT staff, he taught in the Cincinnati public school system, as well as at Tusculum College, Hanover College, Amarillo College, Louisiana State University and Texas Tech University.

The Office of Professional Laboratory Experiences is responsible for coordinating pre-professional field experiences for students in the department of educational leadership, elementary and special education.

### MTSU receives grant to support rural counties

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded MTSU a five-year \$1 million grant to encourage students from rural counties to attend college.

School systems in Grundy, Warren and Coffee counties have been targeted for the program, which will provide the funds to hire a full-time person in each of the three counties and a coordinator and secretary at MTSU.

The full-time employees and the coordinator will work together to plan activities in each of the three counties that will encourage students there to attend college.

Funds will also be used to provide information on obtaining financial aid.

"This will help keep [students] in school and graduate,

and get them to think about college. We want to expose them to a life outside of Grundy, Warren and Coffee counties," Tom Cheatam, dean of the College of Basic and Applied Sciences said in a press release.

### Childcare group based at MTSU receives funds

The Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance, located at MTSU, has received a Tennessee apprenticeship grant to assist with childcare providers from Maury County.

"The Tennessee Apprenticeship Project will match novice family child-care providers (apprenticeships) with more experienced providers (journey persons/mentors)," Debbie Simpson, TECTA director said in a MT press release.

TECTA is the first program in the nation to send childcare providers to college.

Its curriculum includes 4,250 hours of on-the-job training and 375 hours of classroom instruction.

The ultimate purpose of the program is to provide a credentialed career path for the development of professional childcare providers, who are supported and recognized by the state, Simpson added.

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The Athletic Committee

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## Greeks gear up to recruit new brothers and sisters

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

As new and returning students filter back onto campus for the coming year, much of the Greek community is preparing for one of its most important times of the year—recruitment.

At least 27 of MTSU's fraternities and sororities will court and gain new members within the coming weeks, beginning with sorority recruitment Aug. 25-29.

"Joining a sorority is a way for any young woman to meet tons of women who have the same interests and hobbies," said Meredith Edington, Panhellenic recruitment director. "You bond with these girls."

Edington, along with Vice President of the Panhellenic Council Allison Lunsford, said involvement in a sorority is a good way to get involved while at college, as well as learn more about what's going on on campus. Also, they said, a major part of being Greek is philanthropy work and other community service.

The Panhellenic sororities—Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta

Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha—will preface their recruitment week with a sorority interest meeting Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Wright Music Hall. Applications are due then, along with a \$25 application fee.

Recruitment week officially kicks off Sunday with Values Night—round one. Those interested in pledging a sorority can visit each organization's chapter room in Cummings and Corlew halls to learn about their values.

Round two consists of philanthropy night in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room, Aug. 26 at 5:30. Each sorority will have information about its philanthropy so potential pledges can see who benefits from each group's fundraising efforts. They also will have a chance to make crafts to send to each group's philanthropy.

Aug. 27 is Theme Night—round three. Each chapter room will be open to interested women who can come and view skits that show the multiple sides of sisterhood in each group.

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## Permanent Greek Life director chosen

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

After a year of searching, a permanent Greek Life director has been chosen, and she said she plans to be at MTSU for a long time.

Kim Godwin was selected in June to take the reigns of the Greek Life office, which has been without a permanent director since Victor Felts, the former director, left in May 2001.

"The biggest challenge facing the office is for the Greek community to get used to having someone there full-time again," Godwin said.

"Stability is the biggest issue we have right now," she said. "They've really been fending for themselves for about a year, and that's hard. It's hard to not have somebody there that's yours, that you go to when you have issues."

Godwin, who has been in the office for about a month, said one of her major goals is to improve public relations between Greeks and the rest of the campus.

"There are so many wonderful things that the Greek community does that don't always get recognized," Godwin said. "People outside the Greek community need to know that we really do give hun-

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— Kim Godwin  
Greek Life director

dreds of thousands of dollars each year to charity and that we give thousands of hours and things like that."

Godwin also said she wants to work on making the Greek community more unified, both with the university and within itself.

She said she wants the Greek Life office to work on providing more leadership opportunities for Greeks, and to reach out to more people on campus.

"We feel like there's a population that's really being missed that could really benefit from the Greek community that either don't know what it is or only have heard those negative stereotypes that, in a lot of cases, don't exist," she said.

Since the former director left, at least two interim directors have held the reigns of the office, each for no more than a few months. A national search was conducted over the past year, and Godwin was interviewed in early June, when she learned she'd been chosen for the

job.

A Nashville native, Godwin said she plans to stay at MTSU for a long time.

"MTSU is very similar to Western [Kentucky] and I always felt very at home at Western," she said. "Just what I've learned about the way that faculty and staff interact with students is more along the way that, personally, my philosophy with Student Affairs is—that students are first and we're here for them."

Godwin's history with Greek Life began at Samford University in Alabama, where she pledged a sorority. After two years, she transferred to Belmont University in Nashville, where her sorority had no chapter. There, she worked with the Panhellenic Council to get a chapter started.

Godwin received her bachelor's degree in history and middle school education from Belmont. She obtained her master's in higher education and student affairs at Western Kentucky, where she interned in the Student Affairs office, working closely with Greeks.

Her first job after graduation was at the University of Missouri-Rolla, where she was coordinator of Student Activities for Greek Life for two years. ♦

## Greek Week Schedule

### Monday, Aug. 19 – 3 p.m.

Community Service Day - Greeks will participate in community service project at 3 p.m. Call the Greek Life office for more information

### Tuesday, Aug. 20 – 2 p.m.

Faculty Appreciation Day - The Golden Apple Reception will be held in the Keathley University Center, Room 322.

### Wednesday, Aug. 21 – 7 p.m.

GreekFest will kick off at the Recreation Center with a deejay, pizza and drinks. A National Panhellenic Council step-off.

### Thursday, Aug. 22 – 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

During Philanthropy Day, students can come by the Student Organization Fair on the KUC Knoll to check out the Greek philanthropies.

### Friday, Aug. 23 – 2 p.m.

A mud volleyball tournament will be held at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house on East Main Street for both fraternities and sororities.

### Saturday, Aug. 24 – 8 p.m.

Comedian Bill Bellamy will perform in the Murphy Center.

Throughout the week, the Greek Life office will be collecting money for the Greek God/Goddess contest. Jars will be available in the Business and Aerospace Building. The donations will go to Project HELP. The contest raised \$750 in two days last year.

For more information about any events, contact the Greek Life office at 898-5996.

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## Enrollment: Students deal with overflow

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McPhee said that, without enrollment management strategies in place, the university could have grown in double digits this year.

Eaker agreed.

"I don't want to leave the impression that we're just opening the door and saying, 'Come on in and we'll get as big as we can get,'" he said. "We're trying to do smart, strategic, planned enrollment growth."

But many administrators agree that further steps will need to be taken to continue to control growth next year and beyond. Glenn said the university could move the application deadline up to July 1 next year and be more selective of who it sends reminders to.

The university might also work toward making less acceptance exceptions, Eaker said. McPhee said the university has already turned away a fairly high number of students who were barely short of MTSU's admission requirements.

Raising admission standards is another controversial option on the table.

Eaker said MTSU's admission standards are already relatively high compared to its peer institutions.

"What we've been lenient about is when you can decide to come here," he said, noting that a sizeable chunk of the student population makes the decision to enroll during or after the first week of classes.

Glenn rejected the notion that there are students floating at the university, taking up space, who don't deserve or need to be there.

"I don't think there's a single student who's here who doesn't need to be here," Glenn said. "I think you can argue that there are folks who are going to have to struggle longer and you can question the legitimacy of their taking up the same space as people who are going to be able to go through it at a quicker rate, but, nonetheless, they're still citizens of the state. They still have aspirations and they still have goals, and I don't think I would ever feel comfortable telling them that they're in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Yet Glenn said he recognizes the strain continued enrollment growth puts on the university. He also said the university — despite any attempts to promptly control and understand growth — is at a slight disadvantage because of its size and structure.

"It's problematic to the extent that a university, like any large organization, is behind the curve on expansion," he said. "We will experience some crowding difficulties, because it will take us a while to exactly pinpoint where the growth has occurred, to respond in terms of identifying new classes that need to be put into place and new personnel that need to be hired. By the time we do that, we're going to be six months to a year down the road."

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*vice president for Student Affairs*

"I think the watch words will be 'moderation' and 'common sense,'" Eaker said. "We're not going to do knee-jerk things."

But Eaker and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Diane Miller are optimistic about the coming year.

About five weeks ago, Miller said, McPhee created 12 new non-tenure track faculty positions to help handle newly enrolled students taking general requirement courses.



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

**Students gather in crowds outside Corlew Hall Friday afternoon while waiting for free food inside.**

"The deans and the chairs have done an excellent job recruiting for those positions, just in anticipation of the expected growth," Miller said.

"Academic Affairs made a call-around Thursday to make sure positions were filled and classes were covered," she said.

There are no critical faculty positions that need to be filled, Eaker said, noting that he feels there are plenty of instructors to cover the many English composition and college algebra courses needed by all students for their general requirements.

The most difficult courses to ensure plenty of faculty and space for are classes that employ laboratory settings, such as science labs or even many recording industry courses that require much high-tech, in-class equipment.

"It doesn't matter how much money we throw at it," Eaker said. "They only have so many people who can sit at a piece of equipment for a certain amount of time."

Eaker said most problems arise depending on how one defines 'ready to go' for the fall.

"If you define the term 'are you ready' by saying, 'Can every student get in the section they want when they want it?,' then the

answer is 'no,'" Eaker said. "That's never been the case and will never be the case."

Eaker said maintaining consistent yet controlled growth is essential for the university.

"We get more resources when we grow," he said, adding that there is a myth that the university can just halt enrollment and expect to keep same state funding.

"When you start that downward spiral of no growth and less allocation, sometimes it can get out of hand and you really struggle."

Miller and Eaker agreed that, to make enrollment increases more tolerable, the university community will need to change its thinking about the typical "school day."

Miller said people may need to expand their typical class day beyond 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Early morning, night classes and online courses can help ease the congestion of campus during the day.

Miller and Eaker also expressed concerns about on-campus parking.

The campus will need to accept that, during the first six weeks of each semester, parking will be a near-impossible task, Eaker said.

MTSU receives less per-student state funding than any other TBR institution. Eaker and Miller said

MTSU's lower funding can be attributed in part to the fact that MTSU is not a major research institution, such as the University of Tennessee or the University of Memphis. MTSU also is at a funding disadvantage because it offers no doctorate programs, they said.

MTSU's heavy reliance on tuition dollars to keep the university running presents a double-edged sword: without increased enrollment, no extra dollars will come in to the university to allow for maintenance or growth.

Though officials have grappled with enrollment issues over the past several years, they expect the battles to continue at least until the state's fiscal situation and attitude toward higher education is more reliable and predictable.

Most administrators agree that the biggest struggle in conjunction with enrollment management over the next year will be coaxing the necessary funding from the state.

"It is not our goal to become the largest institution in the state of Tennessee," McPhee said. "It is our goal to become one of the best in terms of academic quality. But I do think we should grow, and balance that growth with quality." ♦

*Amanda Maynard and Patrick Chinnery contributed to this story.*

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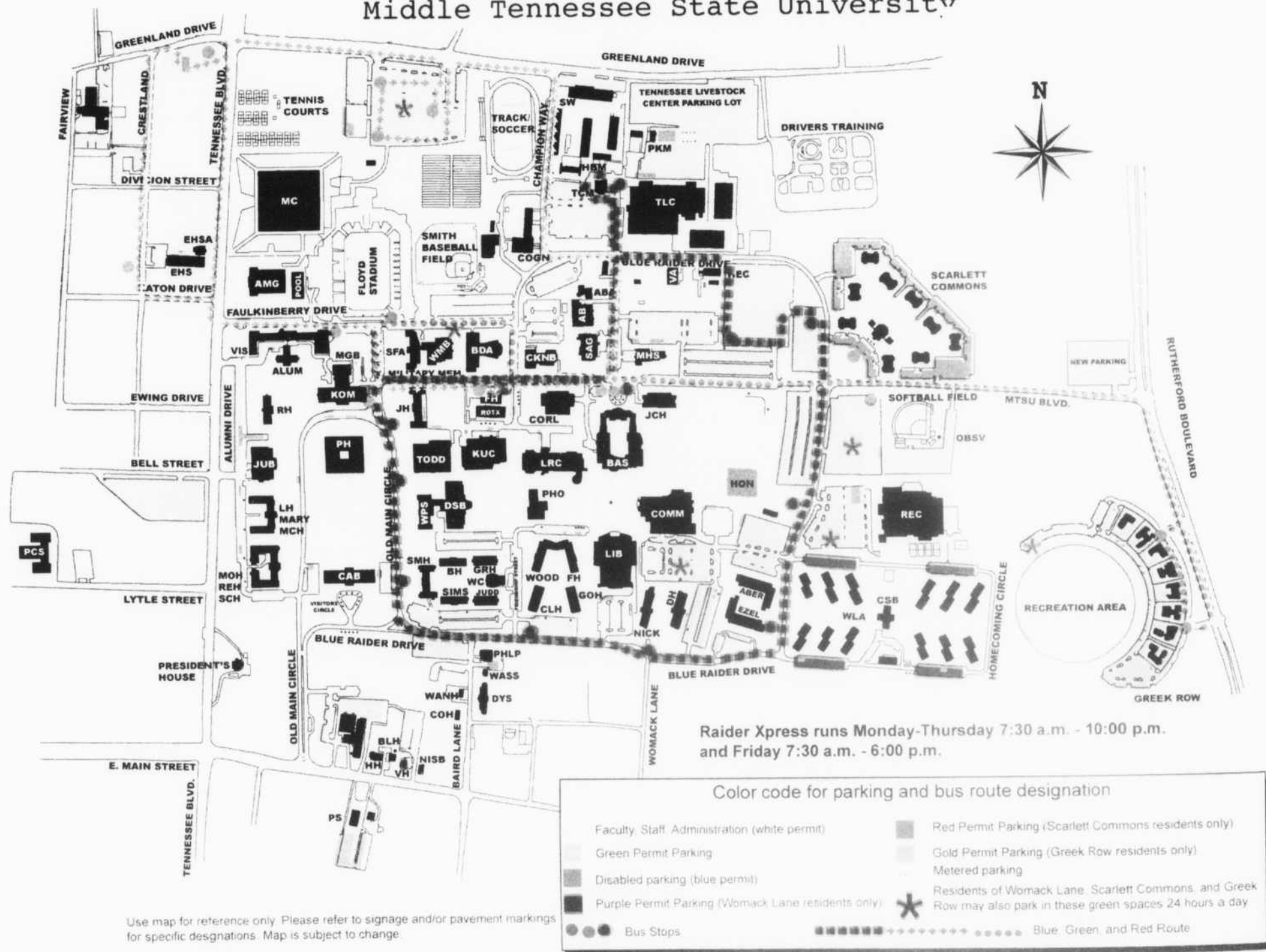
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The beginning of the fall semester brings thousands of automobiles to campus to fight for the same sparse and scattered empty spaces. To aid the new or returning student, staff or faculty member in avoiding a parking-related nervous breakdown, *Sidelines* offers this updated parking map and these tips to avoid getting a parking or traffic ticket.

## Raider Xpress Routes

### Middle Tennessee State University





## Campus Map Legend

AB	Art Barn	
ABA	Art Barn Annex	
ABER	Abernathy Hall	
ALUM	Alumni Center	
AMG	Alumni Memorial Gym	
BAS	Business and Aerospace Building	
BDA	Boutwell Dramatic Arts	
BH	Beasley Hall	
BLH	Black House, 1417 E. Main St.	(Sociology and Anthropology Annex)
CAB	Cope Administration Building	
CKNB	Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building	
CLH	Clement Hall	
COGN	Cogeneration Plant	
COH	Cooper House (Psychology Lab)	205 Baird Lane
COMM	John Bragg Mass Communication	
CORL	Corlew Hall	
CSB	Central Services (Day Care Center)	
DH	Deere Hall	
DSB	Davis Science Building	
DYS	Center for Dyslexia	
EHS	Ellington Human Sciences	
EHSA	Ellington Human Sciences Annex	
EZEL	Ezell Hall	
FEH	Feider Hall	
FH	Forrest Hall	
GQH	Gore Hall	
GRH	Gracy Hall	
HEC	Horticultural Education Center	
HBM	Holmes Building Modular Addition	
HH	Haynes House, 1411 E. Main St.	(Center for Environmental Education)
HON	University Honors College	(under construction)
JCH	Jim Cummings Hall	
JH	Jones Hall	
JUB	James Union Building	
JUDO	Judd Hall	
KOM	Kirksey Old Main	
KUC	Keathley University Center	
LH	Lyon Hall	
LIB	James E. Walker Library	
LRC	McWhorter Learning Resources Center	
MARY	Mary Hall	
MC	Murphy Center	
MCH	McHenry Hall	
MGB	E.W. Midgett Business Building	
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MOH	Monahan Hall	
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OBSV	Observatory	
PCS	Pittard Campus School	
PH	Peck Hall	
PHLP	Project HELP	
PHO	Photography Building	
PKM	Parking Office Modular	
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REC	Student Recreation Center	
REH	Reynolds Hall	
RH	Rutledge Hall	
ROTC	ROTC Annex	
SAG	Stark Agribusiness and Agriscience Center	
SCH	Schardt Hall	
SFA	Saunders Fine Arts	
SIMS	Sims Hall	
SMH	Smith Hall	
SW	Storage Warehouse	
TCM	Telecommunications Building	
TLC	Tennessee Livestock Center	
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## Staff Reports

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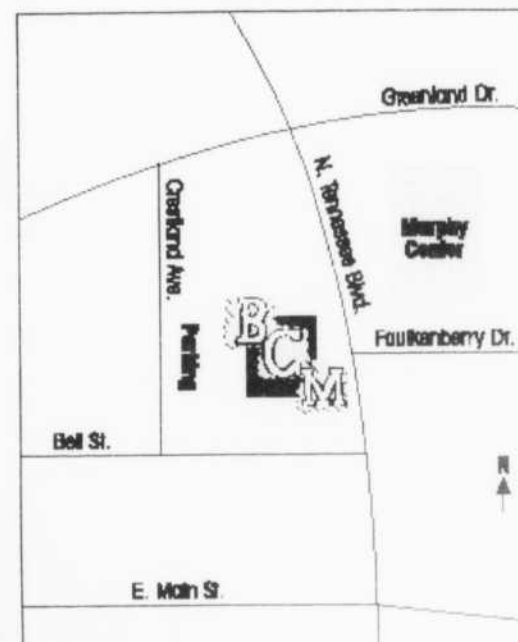
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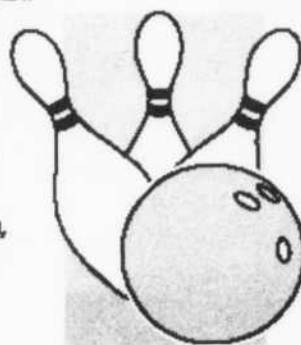
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# Walker Library: A look at the books

A total of 721 MTSU faculty and students took the library effectiveness survey in spring 2002, 51 percent of which were undergraduates, 7 percent of which were graduates and 42 percent of which were faculty and staff.

Through the survey, the library sought to identify faculty and student perceptions of service quality and gaps between desired, perceived and minimum expectations of service. The survey focused on four areas: access to information, affect of service, the library as a place and personal control.

Of the 25 questions for the four major areas, gaps in service quality were identified for one category – access to information. Gaps indicated dissatisfaction with complete runs of journal titles, comprehensive print collections and convenient business hours.

Results of the survey were reported in July and are currently being evaluated by the Library Effectiveness Committee.

Donald Craig, dean of the library, said it's possible that a marketing management class could form focus groups to further interpret the results.

The survey was administered by LibQUAL, an entity that supplies identical surveys to college libraries across the nation so their results can be compared.

The survey defines and measures library service quality based on a standard tool for measuring service quality in private enterprise.

LibQUAL is a research and development project by the Association of Research Libraries in collaboration with Texas A&M University with financial support from the U.S. Department of Education.

More than 150 other institutions across the nation participated in the project, including Vanderbilt University, the University of Tennessee, the University of Memphis and Cleveland State Community College. ♦



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Senior Recording Industry major **Nicholas Hunt** helped shelf books Friday afternoon to get ready for the semester. Nicholas is a library assistant and helps organize the collections.

## Library survey discovers discontent with collections

By **Lindsey Turner**  
Editor in Chief

A recent survey has confirmed what library dean Donald Craig has suspected for quite a while – that MTSU's book collection isn't quite up to par.

The survey, conducted online during the spring semester for the university's Library Effectiveness Committee, found that the three major complaints about the library involved access to information – specifically complete runs of journal titles, convenient business hours and comprehensive print collections.

Craig said he was not especially surprised by the findings; he anticipated both disappointment with the number of volumes offered in the library and discontent with the library's operating hours.

"There seems to be some myth that other libraries are open 24 hours a day," he said, noting that Tennessee Technological University is the only other

Tennessee Board of Regents school open more hours than MTSU, and it's open 94 hours per week while MTSU is open for 90.5.

"While hours are a concern of students, we're doing better on hours than we are on collections," he said.

Craig said MTSU's library houses 40 volumes per student, while the TBR average, excluding the University of Memphis, is 75 per student. MTSU also offers a relatively low number of periodicals, he said, at 0.2 per student. The TBR average is 0.35, and Memphis offers 0.5.

Craig said he has been pulling for an improved collection for quite some time, but that a lack of adequate state funding is the primary factor behind MTSU's inability to keep up with peer institutions.

MTSU receives less state funding per student than any other TBR institution, which, Craig said, directly translates into lower state funding for the library and lessened

library resources available to the campus. The \$1.4 million spent on the new Quadrangle adjacent to the library was specifically earmarked by the state for construction, Craig said, and could not be spent on books for the library.

"Every spare dollar in the library's budget is being spent to improve collections," he said.

"Because of the size of our budget, we really feel like we've got to spend our money on what students are needing," he said.

"The administration has been finding ways to supply extra funds to the library," Craig said. President Sidney McPhee examined all campus operations last year, he said, and identified the library as being in the top five of needing the most help.

The library survey is now being evaluated by the effectiveness committee that will decide what to do with the results later this semester. Craig said he doubts there will be any immediate changes in library policies, procedures or hours. ♦



# Briefs: Bellamy, McBride head to campus; Osterfield piece recorded

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## Welcome Week packed with celebrity, author

Two influential personalities are the highlight of Welcome Week.

Author James McBride spoke at 2 p.m. yesterday in the Murphy Center during the University Convocation. He is the author of *The Color of Water*, the summer required reading for all incoming freshmen.

A noted composer, McBride also performed with his 12-piece jazz, rhythm and blues band. MTSU is the first stop on their 2002 fall college tour.

Actor and former MTV veejay Bill Bellamy is scheduled to appear in the Murphy Center Saturday at 8 p.m. He is most noted for his five-year stint as host of MTV Jams, and his roles in the films *The Brothers* and *Any Given Sunday*.

"He appeals to this age group," said Becca Wilson, coordinator of Student Development.

## Music instructor's composition recorded

Paul Osterfield, assistant professor of music and theory at MTSU, has had a composition recorded by Milwaukee Symphony member William Helmers.

"Six Vignettes" is a six-movement work for solo clarinet, written by Osterfield in 1997 while he was pursuing his doctorate at Cornell University in New York.

"As I was thinking of writing a piece for solo woodwind, one day the idea for a solo clarinet piece came to mind. In each movement, I tried to have a different character, and for some movements, I wanted to try out techniques that I hadn't used previously," Osterfield said in an interview with *The Record*.

The piece is included on the new CD "Recitative and Frenzy," distributed by Equilibrium records. The CD includes tracks written by four other contemporary composers.

Upcoming performances of "Six Vignettes" include one by the Stones River Chamber players and one by the MTSU Clarinet Ensemble.

## Athletic Program to gain accreditation

The Middle Tennessee Athletic Training Education Program is preparing to become the only accredited undergraduate athletic training education program at a public institution in the state of Tennessee.

Two groups will certify the MTSU program: the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs and the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Certification of the program will help it secure employment opportunities for MT graduates as well as further educational opportunities.

"The program is founded on three major objectives: to provide students with a quality education, to prepare students through experiences to pass the NATA Board of Certification Exam and to develop each student into a quality citizen," said Malissa Martin, MTSU's ATEP director.

## Alumnus recognized by College of Business

Jim Holland, owner of The Holland Group and a 1972 MTSU graduate, recently received an award from MTSU and the Jennings A. Jones College of Business for serving for two years as chair of the college's Business Advisory Council.

The 21-member council was formed in 1997 to enhance the business curriculum as well as assist the college to be more responsive to employment needs throughout the region, specifically health care, automotive, accounting and management.

"I often ask students what's the most important thing a company can do for its employees," Holland said while accepting the award. "And, their answer is to treat and train their employees well, but there's really only one right answer, and that is to make a profit, and employees have to contribute to that." ♦

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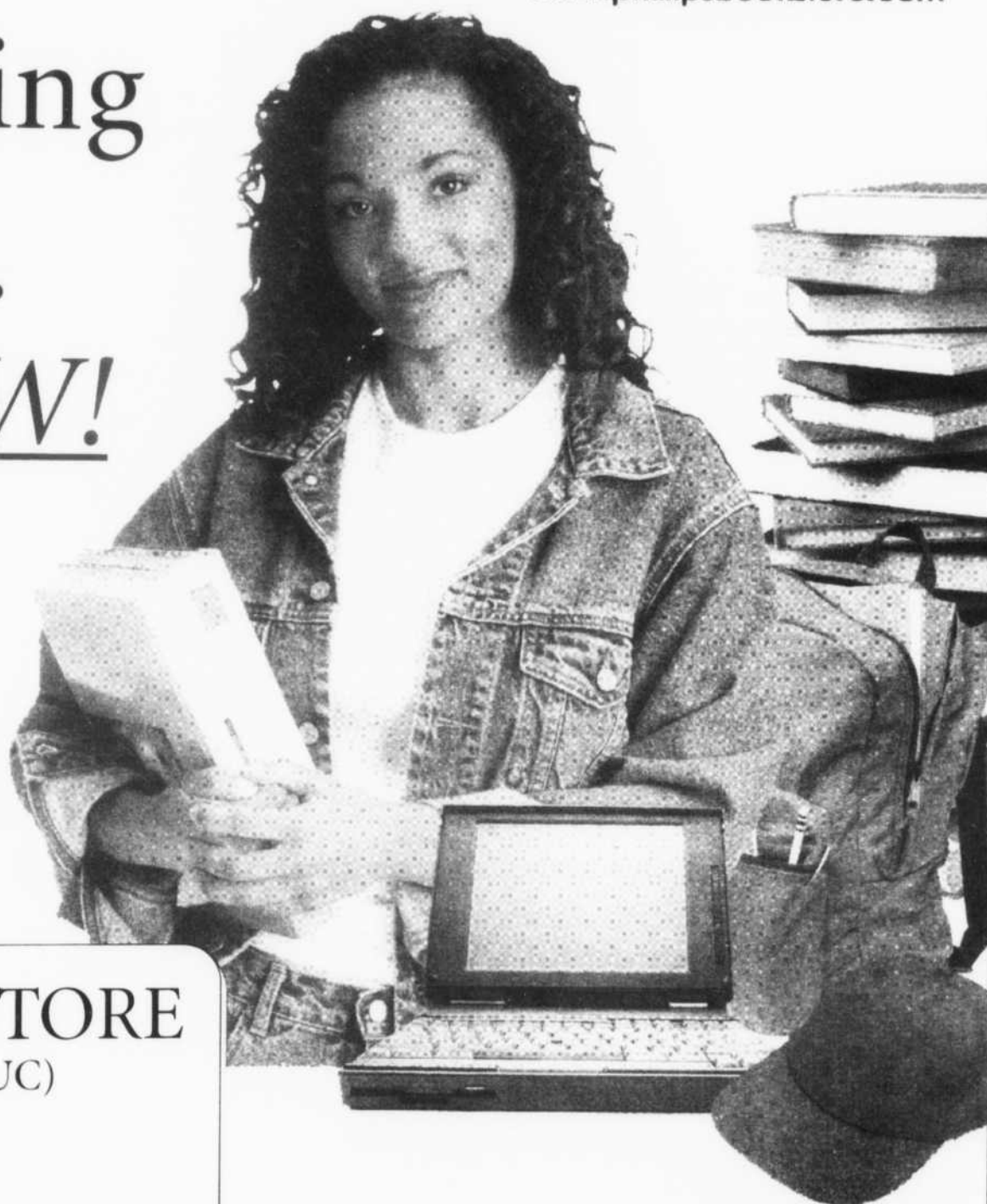
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# General requirements may look at changes

By Amanda Maynard  
News Editor

MTSU may see some changes in general education requirements come fall 2003.

A year ago last spring, the Tennessee legislature devised a plan for a common education core for Tennessee Board of Regents schools as well as the University of Tennessee. In January of 2002, the TBR created the Ad Hoc Committee to Establish Lower Division General Education Core, led by Kay Clark, TBR associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. The committee was established to address the inconsistencies in general education across Tennessee schools.

The proposal was a subdivision of Defining Our Future, a plan to increase efficiency and decrease waste in the TBR system. Part of the plan included instituting more efficient programming.

"We wanted to find a common core of general education at the lower level and the next step was to establish a core curriculum for all schools," Clark said.

The primary goals of the committee were to create a "seamless

"It's going to be interesting to see what responses we get from the colleges."

— Kay Clark  
TBR associate vice chancellor for Academic Affairs

transfer" for transfer students, make sure that students were prepared for the outside job market and have a general education core that was in accordance with UT's system. They have also mapped out goals or standards that must be met for each area of study, which is something the TBR has never done in the past.

The TBR's general education proposal states that, "The purpose of the Tennessee Board of Regents' general education core is to ensure that college students have the broad knowledge and skills to become life-long learners in a global community that will continue to change."

MTSU's current general education requirements have not

changed tremendously over the past 28 years. As a minimum, MTSU requires that all students complete 42 hours of general studies while the TBR requires a minimum of 32 hours. The TBR's new proposal would change general requirements across the state to install a plan requiring students to finish 41 hours of general studies.

The ideal outcome of the proposal is a uniform hour system for four-year colleges as well as community colleges, designed to make an effortless transition from community colleges to four-year universities.

The new proposal requires courses in communication, humanities, social sciences, history, natural sciences and mathematics. These core requirements would allow students to take courses at a community college that would then transfer to a university without loss of credits.

"The skills of general education are becoming more important," said William Badley, MTSU director of General Studies. "General education takes information and makes it into knowledge."

The TBR's proposal is now in a state of comment, meaning the

proposal has been sent to every TBR school and is awaiting input from those institutions. Each school will address its own private concerns about the proposal and then present those concerns to the TBR.

"It's going to be interesting to see what responses we get from the colleges," Clark said.

MTSU's counter proposal states, "The purpose [of this proposal] seeks to improve the quality of the current, very good program in three main areas: to make it more cohesive, comprehensive and assessable."

One change included in MTSU's proposal would be cutting English requirements from four courses to three, keeping the fourth slot open for courses like contemporary

studies or general studies capstone, a senior experience course. The school has also discussed cutting back on the number of hours required in natural science.

One of the issues up for discussion is the requirement of all students to take a biology course, which has been met with opposition from the biology department.

The deadline for college responses is Oct. 25.

After this deadline, the TBR will consider all concerns from each college and create a revised core curriculum that will be implemented next fall.

For more information on the Proposed Core Requirements for General Education, contact the TBR at (615) 366-4400 or Badley at 898-2998. ♦

## SGA Upcoming Events

### Alabama Road Rally

The price is \$50, which includes ticket to the game, transportation, and overnight stay at the Radisson Hotel in Birmingham. We will depart MTSU at 4:00 pm on Friday August 30th and travel non-stop to Birmingham. The game begins on Saturday August 31st at 11:30 am and we will return to Murfreesboro immediately following.

### University of Tennessee Road Rally

The price is \$25 including ticket to the game and transportation. The bus will depart MTSU at 10:00 am on Saturday, September 7th and return immediately following the game which begins at 7:00 pm EST.

You can sign up in the SGA Office located in KUC 208 or contact Michele Butler at 2870 for questions. These trips are only open to MTSU students and you must pay in full to reserve your spot.

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# New VP of Development and University Relations approved

By Laura Beth Jackson  
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Board of Regents recently approved William Joe Bales of Knoxville, Tenn., as vice president for Development and University Relations.

Bales was originally chosen for the vice presidency by a committee of university representatives led by Duane Stucky, vice president for Business and Finance.

"The requirements for the vice presidency mandated applicants to have a graduate degree, a minimum of five years of executive level fundraising, development and/or external relations; experience in the use of technology used in management, supervisory, administrative and organizational skills along with interpersonal and communication skills," Stucky said. "The position also requires an understanding of the function and priorities of higher education in a university setting."

Bales comes to MTSU from the

University of Tennessee where he attained his master of science degree in 1986 and went on to serve in the university for more than 14 years.

His work at UT included holding positions such as the assistant director of institutional development at UT's Institute of Agriculture, the director of UT's Institute of Agriculture, as well as director of development for UT's College of Engineering. In 1997, he became assistant vice chancellor for Corporate Relations at UT, and, in 2000, he became vice president for Corporate and Foundation Relations there.

Bales' primary focus will be to raise financial support for MTSU. He said he hopes to utilize the Middle Tennessee audience to create a culture of philanthropy where private money plays a large role in funding the university. He says he wants to create an awareness of the benefits MTSU brings to Middle Tennessee to encourage giving to the university.

"My personal feeling is that the public university is an important resource, very important part of the Middle Tennessee economy," he said.

Bales said he was attracted to MTSU because of the university's progressive mindset to grow and improve its assets. Though the university's development and fundraising programs are smaller than those of UT, which have been in place for more than 50 years, Bales welcomes the position with enthusiasm.

"The biggest difference [between MTSU and UT's development programs] is in size of staff," Bales said. "UT has a mature program. MTSU has a broader audience. For me, it's moving up a scale in audience."

MTSU President Sidney McPhee noted the benefits that Bales will bring to the university.

"Bales has a lot of knowledge of Tennessee and this area which helped me to focus a lot on his candidacy," McPhee said. "He knows

the Nashville and Middle Tennessee area quite well. He has 14 years at UT Knoxville. He has been successful at getting supporters on the college level.

"He has a lot of energy and realizes the importance of fundraising for the university," McPhee added. "I am very excited about his coming to MTSU and becoming a part of our staff."

Stucky said Bales was among the few candidates who received the highest rating by the committee.

"Clearly he is an extremely talented and experienced fund-raiser, knows Tennessee and Middle Tennessee very well and has exceptional communication skills," he said.



Bales

As vice president, Bales will be directly responsible for the offices of development, alumni relations, marketing and communications, publications and graphics and photographic services.

"His job will require him to work closely with the president, provost and vice-presidents, deans, chairs and individual faculty in carrying out MTSU's fund-raising priorities," Stucky said.

Bales will begin a "transition period" into his new office beginning Sept. 1 and ending Sept. 30.

"It will be a time spent getting to know the staff," McPhee said. "He will come in periodically to get his feet wet, become familiar with the budget and familiarize himself with the division." Bales will begin work full time on October 1.

For right now, Bales, his wife and young daughter are looking for a home in Middle Tennessee.

"We've been very impressed with Middle Tennessee and we look forward to living here," Bales said. ♦

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# Committee search almost complete

By Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

The Student Government Association is wrapping up its search for students to fill open positions in the University Standing Committees for the 2002-2003 school year.

Michele Butler, SGA vice president of administration and public affairs, is in charge of appointing students to 23 different committees. With this job almost done, she noted that it has been easy to find undergraduate students willing to volunteer their time, but professional students are posing a more difficult task.

"Overall, I've had almost too many responses," Butler said. "Not all the positions are full yet, though. I'm having trouble with graduate students. I think that may be because they are so involved with their own careers."

Some committees are more popular than others, Butler said. The Grade Appeals and Academic Appeals committees generated the highest number of responses from

students applying over the summer.

Several factors are taken into account before a student is named to a committee, including the student's interest, areas of study and academic status. This includes the students' classification and what college he or she is enrolled in.

The Grade Appeals Committee deals with student appeals regarding grades professors have assigned. In addition to faculty members, two students from each of the university's colleges are on that committee.

The Academic Appeals Committee determines the standard of admission and readmission for undergraduate students into the university.

The committee is composed of subcommittees from the different colleges, with at least one student in each subcommittee.

One of the things that most impressed Butler, she said, is the variety of students on this year's committees.

"You could definitely say that there are more non-traditional stu-

dents on this year's committees," Butler said.

There are many more students who aren't from the Greek system this year than compared to last year, she explained, also noting that she was pleased that was the case.

"If I had to fill [the committees] all myself with friends from my sorority I could do that, but I don't think that's right. I think we need to go outside the Greek community. I guess you could say I like to see the outsiders involved," she added.

The committees yet to be filled include the Institutional Review Board and the Instruction Evaluation and Development Committee.

Butler mentioned that students who did not know of the committee search this summer would have a chance to apply for open positions before the end of August.

Students can find out more about the committees and the SGA by visiting [www.mtsu.edu/~sga](http://www.mtsu.edu/~sga). Butler can be reached through the site and can also be reached in her office at 898-2870. ♦

# Greeks: Recruitment kicks off

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Round four the following night is Preference Night, when the potential pledges make their decisions about which sorority they want to join.

Aug. 29 is bid day – the day in which those interested gather in the Keathley University Center Theater at 4:30 to see which sororities selected them for membership. The recruitment counselors – who, up until that time, kept their personal sororities a secret – will reveal which organizations they are in. When each sorority announces the women it wants to accept, the pledges will run from the theater to their respective chapter rooms and celebrate.

Fraternity recruitment for Alpha Gamma Rho, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega will begin Sept. 9, but the deadline for applications is Sept. 5. There is no application fee.

That night at 6, an orientation session will be held in the Tennessee Room of the JUB. From Monday to Thursday the week of Sept. 9, the eight houses on Greek Row will be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. for interested men to visit. The Tau Kappa Epsilon house on Tennessee Boulevard and the Sigma Phi Epsilon house on East Main Street will be open as well. Alpha Tau Omega will occupy a tent on Greek Row for men interested in learning about their fraternity.

Smoker night is Sept. 13, and is by invitation only. Invited men will come to the respective fraternity's

house and view videos or slides of activities the fraternity has participated in in the past. Men who get bids to come to the smoker parties can go on to receive bids to pledge.

The final bids will be voted on by the current brothers, and the pledges will be announced Sept. 14 at 11 a.m. in the KUC Theater. The brothers – old and new – will celebrate that night.

"Joining a Greek letter organization will help make you an overall balanced person academically, socially and professionally," said Frank Fuentes, Interfraternity Council recruitment director.

National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities – Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sigma Gamma Rho, Zeta Phi Beta, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi and Omega Psi Phi – do not participate in formal recruitment, but will sponsor the step-off during GreekFest Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center. They will also sponsor a step show shortly before Homecoming, said President Brandy Daniel.

To be eligible for acceptance into a Panhellenic sorority, one must have a grade point average of 2.5. The GPA requirement is the same for NPHC fraternity or sorority eligibility, but, according to the Greek Life Web site, applicants must at least be sophomores.

Eligibility for IFC membership requires a 2.3 GPA. Each organization within the Panhellenic Council, NPHC or IFC may have higher individual GPA requirements.

All events during recruitment are non-alcoholic.


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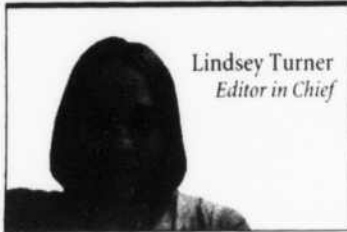
# BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION OPINIONS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editor 'Sidelines' wants your input



Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

As children, we were taught not to talk back. (OK, well, some of us were. We know who we are.)

During the onset of adolescence, we questioned this logic and pushed the boundaries of personal expression vs. the parental unit, and, after years of tears, conflict and reluctant resolution, we wear the battle scars proudly now.

So here we are, strung together by a common cause – to obtain an education that will get us where we want to go in this crazy life. We've learned countless life lessons and tidbits of advice to pass down to the coming generations. We have learned how to vocalize ourselves and our perspectives so we can function in a world heavily reliant on interpersonal communication. We have learned, dear reader, how to talk back.

Well, *Sidelines* wants you to talk back.

It can be a little disconcerting to hear a deafening silence from the collective campus community when you're in the business of disseminating often controversial and extremely important information.

It makes one wonder if said information ever actually reached the public or not, if anyone is really out there and – if they are – why they have nothing more to debate about than what exactly Anna Nicole is smoking/injecting/drinking/snorting.

It's of paramount importance

to the *Sidelines* staff that we hear from our readers. While we don't enjoy criticism and complaints any more than the next schmoe, we recognize their importance and would rather hear them and evaluate them than exist in our own little James Union Building reality without input from our readership.

There are other things we want to hear from our readers as well. At any given time, there are about 1.3 million things happening that affect this campus or the lives of MTSU students, staff, faculty, administration and alumni.

OK, maybe just 1.2 million, but that's still quite a bit.

Given our small-esque size and other obligations (class, family, other jobs, etc.), there is always the potential that something will slip through the cracks. That's the nature of the student newspaper biz.

It is so important for organizations, departments, divisions and people in general to understand the wonders of the fax machine and other means of getting in touch with us. If your group ever has anything going on, tell us. We're always on the lookout for story ideas and news briefs to let the campus know what's happening.

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## Starting over the right way

### Canadian Bacon



Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

Everyone loves going back to school. College students do, anyway. After a summer of remembering why it was that they left their hometowns in the first place, they now return to Murfreesboro, where they will forget all over again those reasons why they left home.

Of course, there are those of us who refused to return home this summer (except for when we needed a parental handout or home-cooked meal) and got an apartment. For us, it was a summer just like at home, but with no nagging questions about when we'll be in or how we plan to support ourselves.

Speaking of which, this summer was a time when the state had to

answer that question. After a shutdown, which resulted in the laying off of "non-essential" employees (refusing to let our self-esteem be crushed by such a term, your loyal *Sidelines* staff worked through the crisis anyway), the state decided the only feasible way to balance the state's budget was to authorize an increase in the state's sales tax.

Despite much pre-tax griping from dangerous revolutionaries that an increased sales tax would be disastrous, no one seems to care. People are still buying goods, the sun is still shining and the earth is still spinning. So that worked out well.

This semester is a chance for new beginnings. Fail a class last semester? Now you can take it over. Quit your job? You can apply for a new one. Had a falling out with that special someone and took the summer off to think things over? Now you can make up (or, I suppose, break it off for good and enjoy the single life for a while).

Did you mouth off to a profes-

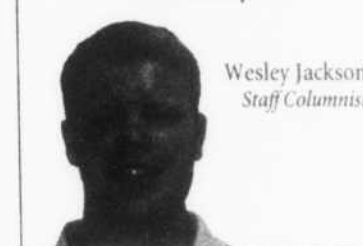
sor too much last year? Now is a good time to apologize and set things right, in case you ever have to have him/her again. If you're worried that (s)he's already talked to colleagues about your disruptive behavior, then I urge you to consider the idea that August is the perfect month to change your major.

Of course, the real challenge comes once you have set things right: keeping them right. Depending on who you offended, some little wrong could be something huge. Remember the board meeting scene in *Tommy Boy*? The one where the old wife keeps bringing up how "that's when the whores come in?" Don't let that be you. Set things right now so 50 years down the road, you aren't reminded of your past transgressions. ♦

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## Starbucks lacks small-town charm

### Thursdays



Wesley Jackson  
Staff Columnist

I realize that, starting with the fall semester, there are freshmen and transfer students who will be new to Murfreesboro.

If these incoming men and women are like me, they want to know where the recommended coffee shops are in town.

A respectable coffee shop always provides proper atmosphere first, then serves their featured food and drink. I want a calm, warm envi-

ronment, filled with quiet music (Duke Ellington might be preferable), comfortable chairs and/or couches, and maybe something of the old and antiquarian feel about it.

A touch of local flavor is always good, too.

As far as their menu, do they have variety? Do they offer high-quality options or is it just a modified McDonald's entree?

There are many Starbucks shops that embrace similar character qualities as the ones above, but the franchise here in Murfreesboro (Stones River Mall Plaza) has been disappointing.

Going at various times of the day and evening, I have found the music to be too loud to foster good conversation, much less a satisfying read. One afternoon I met a

friend there to find we'd made it just in time for what looked like a kid's birthday party.

Was Pizza Hut booked or something?

I have also had an apparently homeless woman come in to Starbucks with her bottle of spirits and ask me for money. Don't get me wrong; I love children and support the aid of those who are in hard times.

To my surprise, our Murfreesboro Starbucks has gathered about it a feel that is anything but that sophisticated atmosphere they advertise.

I've found it to be more of a truck stop, rest area and catchall than a respectable coffee house.

Perhaps that judgment is too

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# Time for a few changes

## Just Because



Angelica  
Journagin  
Sports Editor

Every year I return to this university expecting major changes to have taken place over the summer. Every year I am doomed to be disappointed. So this year I have compiled a list of things I feel need to be addressed by the university administration. For everyone reading, maybe if we band together, something will get done.

First, I would like to bring to the university's attention the bane of all students everywhere – book prices. There is absolutely no need for paper, glue and ink to cost so much. Some might say it's the knowledge in the books that is so expensive. What are we paying the teachers for?

As evidenced by the huge enrollment numbers, MTSU's standards aren't exactly those of brain surgeons, but we would like to assume that everyone can at least read. Therefore the university needs to make a decision; either we pay for the professors or the books, not both.

Next, I wish the person who had decided that 15 minutes was

enough time to get to class had tried to walk from the Murphy Center to the Mass Communication building in that time period. It isn't possible without running over your fellow students like speed-walking old people run over shoppers in the mall.

Having lived on campus for a year, I would like to request that more cafeterias stay open on the weekends, or at least have the ones that are open stay that way longer. There is nothing more pathetic than seeing a hungry, carless student begging for a ride, which wouldn't be necessary if the university adapted to the student instead of forcing the student to adapt to the university.

I also think that MTSU should force everyone to take a class in state funding so students will stop trying to cut their own throats.

No one likes taxes, but it is illogical for students to support no-taxation legislation when it will usher in huge cuts in educational spending.

Here are the basics: cuts in educational spending will cause MTSU to lower their enrollment, but it will also cause them to release faculty so things will not get any better. New scholarships will not exist and the existing ones will become even more restricted and harder to get. Students' children will have an elementary and secondary school system that will rival with Mississippi's and probably come out short.

Another thing is the irrational reasoning of the university in distributing free food. Most of these opportunities come at the beginning of the summer. That's nice when they're trying to convince the freshmen not to transfer, but what about the people who know the truth and are not impressed?

Wouldn't it make more sense to offer free food around midterms and finals time when the financial aid has run out and the stress level is high?

Also, if a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, then aren't minors a dangerous things to require for students? A minor is just enough classes for students to think they know what is going on when they really don't have a clue. Those classes would be put to better use if they were required for the major. That way, students will know a lot about the field they are about to enter.

What a concept.

Finally, my last request is for the university to work harder to get students involved. They have made efforts in the past, but obviously things aren't working.

Maybe if MTSU took into consideration all of the things I have suggested, the students will stop seeing the university as the enemy, if not their friend.

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

### Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads



Sydney and San Antonio residents recently got new reasons to question what exactly is in their water.

Steven Seach, 32, spoke from a wheelchair with his legs covered by a blanket to police and press in July claiming to be a paraplegic. He said he was robbed of his bank card, cellular phone and wheelchair and left to die hanging upside down on a fence. Donations poured in from around the city, including a new set of wheels to allow Seach to get around.

More recently, Seach climbed 14 stairs and strolled into Penrith Local Court of his own volition, despite not having attended any fundamentalist revivals, to face two charges of fraud. Seach excused his actions by saying, "I'm very sorry to the public, leave me alone ... I've had a hard life." I would guess that an actual paraplegic probably faces more difficulties.

If that bungled tale of deceit doesn't tickle your pickle, here's one that will.

In San Antonio, Humberto Perez, 31, called into a local Spanish-language radio show to offer his contribution to the show's theme, "What is Your

Biggest Lie." Perez told listeners about a great gag he pulled on his insurance company.

He described how he falsely claimed his truck was stolen and received a new one, plus cash, from his insurance company. He said he had his friend 'steal' the truck and even gave the time and location of the alleged 'theft.'

Perhaps not realizing the FBI employs people who know Spanish, Perez was picked up by authorities shortly thereafter and faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

No one ever said that getting away with fraud is easy, but blowing your cover in such a blatant manner makes you wonder if they were used for dribbling practice by the local high school basketball team as babies. When you get away with murder, you don't go leaving blood everywhere – unless you're O.J. and in Los Angeles. ♦

# Back to school tips from the semi-experienced

## Filler



Brandon  
Morrison  
Staff Columnist

In the 24 hours I've been on campus, I've seen four or five people I knew in high school. It's been great seeing all the familiar faces on campus. I've even had a chance to catch up with two of my really good friends from a long time ago.

The weirdest part about seeing these guys is how much they've changed. When I knew them, they were a couple of incoming juniors

making the most of their high school career.

Now, it's their first few days of independence. They've moved out of their homes and actually matured.

I would've never guessed MTSU promoted maturity, but what do I know?

Anyway, I had a great time catching up with them. They both kept asking me for advice on everything about college.

The best advice I could give to any incoming freshman is to get out of your dorm and talk to somebody.

If you are going to spend extra time and money to move out of your house and not go to a community college, you might as well

meet a few people along the way. Not only do should you meet people, but you need to actually get to know them as well.

One thing I've noticed about people, and I'm sure that any psychology major would back me up on this, is that most people like to talk about themselves.

Just ask anyone where they're from and you could find out some pretty amazing stuff about your neighbors here at MTSU.

You might find someone who is exactly like you. Maybe you'll find someone with an amazing story to tell. Some people might tell you about how cool their friends are, how odd their parents are or how cute their kids are. Even if you run into someone you can't stand,

that's just another story you can tell someone else.

I'll admit it. During my first semester, I didn't leave my dorm if I didn't have to. I taught myself how to play the guitar. I caught up on a lot of books I wanted to read. I watched all kinds of movies I probably wouldn't have watched otherwise.

It wasn't until my second semester that I started to come out of my shell.

I got to meet some of the coolest people I've ever known just by stepping out on a limb and saying hi.

The next best piece of advice I could ever give is to find a good balance between school and fun that works for you. That first six

months of freedom doesn't seem fun anymore when you're explaining to your parents why you have a 0.023 grade point average.

The best way to find that balance is to go to one or two of those people you've just met and use them as a view from the outside.

Talk to them about how your life is going. If something is out of balance, a good friend will be able to see it before you notice.

Most of all, have fun while you're here. Enjoy your time and don't be too uptight. It causes wrinkles. ♦

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## Starbucks: Local shops better

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harsh.

Regardless, I don't go there to study or read. I'll go there to get great coffee, but not much else.

To drink a refreshing brew of coffee or tea and to find the atmosphere I want, the local flavor suites me best: The Clay Cup and The Red Rose.

The Clay Cup, located on the square between Sebastian's and Anastasia's Attic, has filled a void, a niche that has long been vacant.

It's a quaint sandwich shop combined with a coffee house.

Adorned with local artists' work on the walls, a quiet soundtrack in the background, a comfortable couch and chairs and gracious guys and gals to serve you, it's a perfect spot to study or catch up with friends. I love this place.

On certain nights, local musicians will come to perform – a little jazz and a bit of Christian praise and worship.

The atmosphere can change a bit on these "live" nights; the quiet coffee house is ignited with the energy of conversation, laughter and music, of course.

Overall, The Clay Cup maintains a healthy variety while capturing something of the local spirit (and even charm) of small-town Murfreesboro.

Though I am less experienced with The Red Rose on West College St., just off the square, it also holds to that fundamental quality of producing the proper atmosphere first before introducing its brew.

To generalize, it's a coffee house with an alternative bite.

Both businesses seem to operate on the idea that friendships, as well as studying habits, thrive on a relaxed ambiance and good food.

Starbucks has a certain sophisticated reputation that doesn't fit Murfreesboro.

We're a small town and not exactly known for our aristocratic lifestyles. Furthermore, why would we want to trade our own unique local flavor for the mass-produced?

Consistency is comforting sometimes, but I prefer to get to know and support the flavor and feel of my own town.

I believe that one must not only try to get to know the people and the places of the city he visits, but he must also get to know the taste of that village.

The Clay Cup and The Red Rose are here to serve it up, in true coffee house style.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Children should be allowed innocence

To the Editor:

What gives Amber Bryant the idea that anyone other than a child's parents has the right or the responsibility to educate our children about the "facts of life?" (*Sidelines*, July 24, 2002.)

What happened to the innocence of youth? I can't help but think that many of the problems we experience today are a result of introducing our children to the "facts of life" too soon. Lest I be misunderstood; I'm not advocating the "ignore it all and it will go away" mentality. I am advocating that we let our kids be kids. The earlier a child is introduced to a concept, the more deeply it affects him or her and the more a part of his or her character it becomes. Children do not always have the capacity to understand in totality everything that goes on in their world and, consequently, they tend to ask a lot of questions as well as imitate adult behavior in order to learn. With that in mind, do we really want to teach our pre-schoolers about the dangers of HIV, especially when their curious little minds will naturally seek to learn how it is acquired?

Is HIV a problem? I have no doubt it is, especially in certain African and Asian countries. Is it a major problem in America? It's not as big as everyone seems to think it is. At the risk of sounding "homophobic" (which I am not), the major problem with HIV in the United States today is in the homosexual and bisexual populations. That's not to say it doesn't affect heterosexuals too, but the vast majority of the cases are a result of bi/homosexual activity.

Does this really seem like the kind of thing our children ought to be introduced to at an early age? If it does, then why don't we follow Ms. Bryant's advice that "we can never educate our children about the facts of life too young" to its fullest extent? Why don't we add to an HIV-positive Muppet a "Suzy the Sexually Abused" Muppet? Why not throw in a Muppet gang that runs around robbing, raping and doing drive-by shootings? Why don't we mix in a "Bob the Unfaithful/Abusive Husband" Muppet or a "John the Internet Pornography Addict" Muppet?

Children deserve the chance to be care-free kids and to learn only when it's necessary, when they're developmentally ready to learn.

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## Forget something? Fear not

### Packing needn't stress you out

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

You managed to pack all your shoes for just about any occasion (you never know when you might use those cleats), your entire music collection, and every article of clothing you own. But in the excitement of the move, you realized you made it to school without all that essential stuff you took for granted at home. Although you couldn't imagine college life without your television, your AC adaptor for the laptop and a spare car key, somehow they were looked over in the packing process.

Now you're here, and your necessities are 200 miles away. Chances are Mom and Dad aren't going to be real happy about going home to get these things just to see your strained smile along with

your

best "I'm so sorry" face. Here are some tips on what to do when you've forgotten significant items of dorm life:

#### • Glasses and contact lenses

Unless you are willing to shell out the cash for a new pair of glasses or contacts, the only option is to get them shipped to you. Your PO box on campus is the best option for this. For incoming Freshmen and transfer students, you sign up for your box in the basement of the KUC. In the meantime, try not to create any 1 Magoo-like accidents on your way to class.

#### • Prescriptions

A good recommendation for the new dorm student is to stop buying prescription medications from a chain pharmacy like Walgreens or CVS. Most towns have one of these chains (probably more than one) and they keep all of your records on file in case you forget your prescription. Otherwise, you can make a visit to the McFarland Health Services Building. The staff can either refill your medication in house or send you to a pharmacy.

#### • Keys

Remembering to pack spare car keys is not always first on the list, but it only takes one call to the locksmith to appreciate the value of an extra key. Make copies at your car dealership and keep a spare with a roommate you can trust or close friend you can call on anytime. Also, the MTSU police are available 24 hours a day to unlock your car door. You can call them on your cell at 898-2424 (unless you locked that in too), or you can contact them through one of the numerous emergency phones over campus. If you are off-campus, then you'll have to fork over at least \$25 to a locksmith to get your keys out. Some locksmiths give a MTSU student discount and most take Visa and Mastercard for those students in dire circumstances. In case you can't find a phone book nearby, keep these types of emergency phone numbers on hand or in your wallet.

#### • Technical equipment

After packing and unpacking your precious PC or Mac, keep with you in the dorm, you realize as you try to hook it up that you've forgotten a number of essential cords and attachments that actually make it work. Once you've settled in, identify what you're missing, such as coaxial cables for your television, phone jack splitters, parallel port or serial port cords

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Oft-forgotten essentials can be replaced once you've moved.





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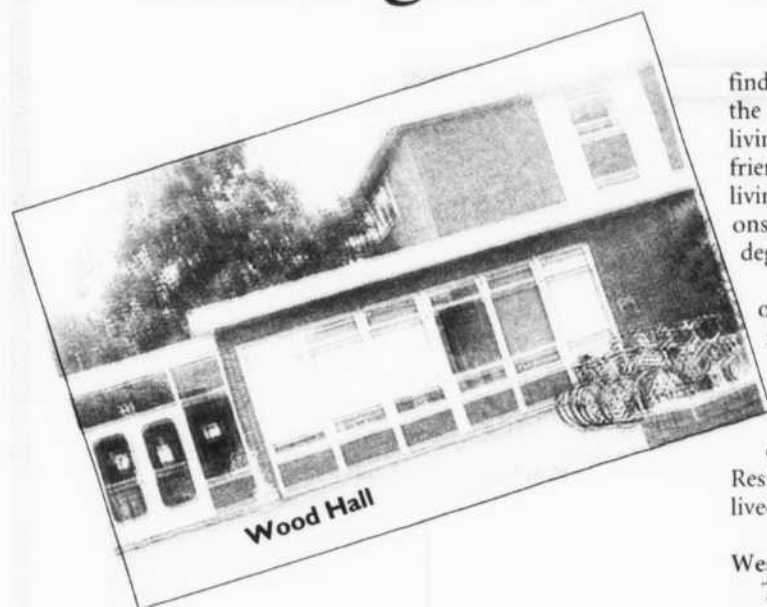
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# Getting better acquainted with your dorm



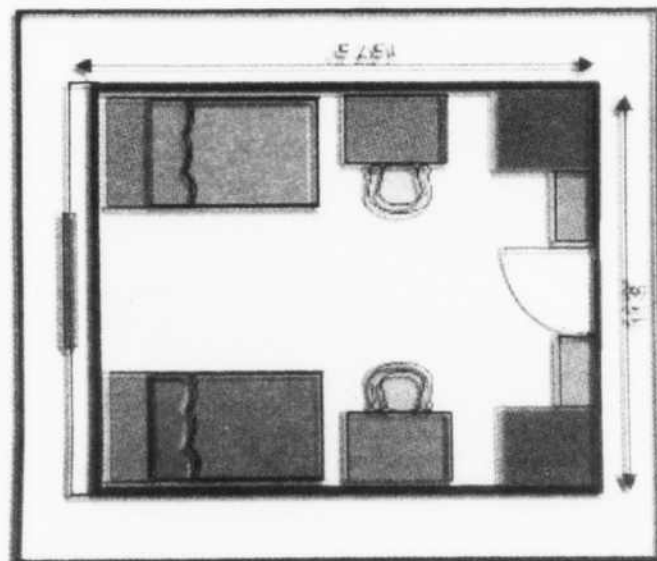
**By Keosha Thomas**  
Staff Writer

You've been to all the local department stores and bought everything from A to Z. Now comes the time to move into your own world with new freedoms, major decisions, new friends and chances to learn more about yourself as well as others. You're experiencing the feeling of excitement and nervousness all at the same time.

Whether you stay in one of the first-year experience, honors or an apartment-style dorm, you can a different perspective on college life than others off campus. So sit back, relax, and strap on your seatbelt for a journey with all the information that you need to have a successful year living on campus.

The dorm experience opens up more opportunities for you rather than living at home or off-campus. Living on campus puts you at the center of the university community, ready for academic and extracurricular activities. Many students

**A typical Beasley Hall room layout**



find that MTSU residence halls or apartments are the right choice, and they become part of a vital, living and learning community, making life-long friendships along the way. Research indicates that living on campus is one of the strongest influences on successful completion of an undergraduate degree.

Each of the 21 residence halls and apartments offers its own valuable asset. They all accommodate students with a professional staff, along with student leaders who live and work in each area coordinating services and programs. Here are some things you can expect of each dorm, according to the Housing and Residential Life staff and some students who have lived in the dorms:

## West Side Halls

The small learning communities of Miss Mary, Lyon, McHenry, Monohan, Reynolds and Schardt halls range in size from 77 to 141 students and are adjacent to the James Union Building. Reception desks are located in Lyon and Monohan Halls. Centrally located bathrooms (community bathrooms) are in each hallway of each floor, shared by residents.

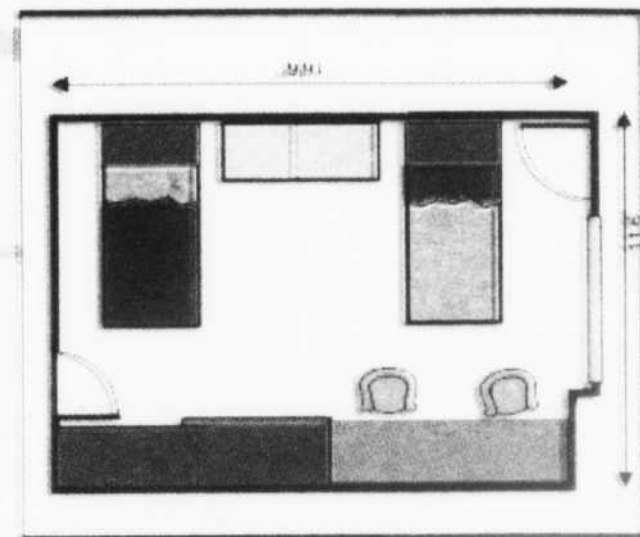
## Mid-Campus Halls

Smith, Sims, Beasley, Gracy and Judd halls are small communities of 100 to 155 persons and share the Smith Hall reception desk, lounge and computer room. Smith, Sims and Beasley halls feature the community bath, while Judd and Gracy are exterior entrance buildings with quad-style bathrooms shared by groups of four rooms.

"I liked the location of my dorm and the computer lab in the lobby," said Rheuben McKibben, who stayed at Smith Hall last year, "but I didn't like the public bathrooms too much. I really liked my dorm, to be honest."

## East Campus Halls

These dorms are close to the Recreation Center and the James E. Walker Library. Wood and Felder halls share a connecting lobby and provides reception services, a computer lab and meeting/television space for all residents of the east campus. Wood and Felder halls are also home to the Honors Living and Learning Center. Clement and Gore halls are reserved for late applicants and are home to overflow students.



**A typical Deere Hall room layout**

Nicks, Deere, Clement, and Gore halls are exterior entrance buildings, which feature quad-style bathrooms shared by groups of four rooms. They also have study rooms in each building to provide a quiet space.

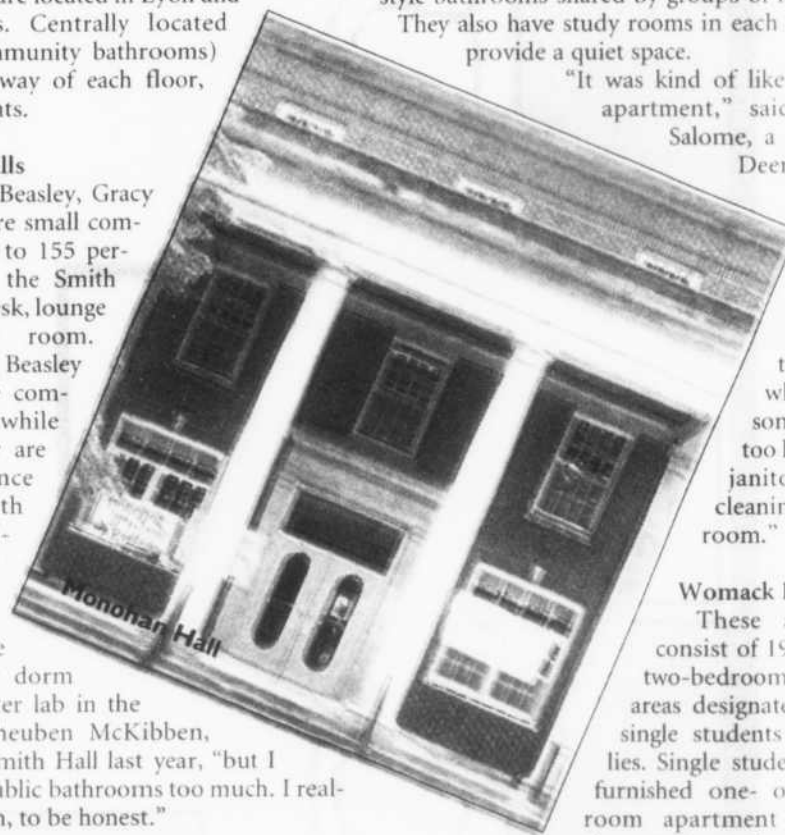
"It was kind of like having an apartment," said Chavone Salome, a resident of Deere Hall.

"The only negative hang-ups I had was the shower, which would sometimes get too hot, and the janitors not cleaning the bathroom."

## Womack Lane

These apartments consist of 192 one- and two-bedroom units, with areas designated for both single students and families. Single students share a furnished one- or two-bedroom apartment with one other student. Graduates and upperclassmen are given preference in assignment. Families may occupy either one- or two-bedroom apartments and may select unfurnished or semi-furnished. The community building for Womack has a 24-hour information and service desk, laundry facilities, a recreation/meeting room and a computer lab.

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# Health Services just what doc ordered

When mom isn't around,  
campus physician can help

By Devon McDonel  
Staff Writer

Any given school morning on campus, some student's eyes flutter open and he realizes he has a huge headache, clammy palms and an excruciating pain in his throat. He looks in the mirror and sees himself, shaking with cold but burning with fever.

It has to be the West Nile virus. There's no other explanation.

All right, maybe it's just a bad cold or even a case of the flu, but with mom hours away it may seem just as bad.

When we were little, our parents took care of us when we were sick or hurt.

Whether it was a bowl of chicken noodle soup or an action figure Band-Aid, we were always taken care of.

Now that we are forced to take care of ourselves, things can get a bit difficult. Attendance, to some professors, is required to an insane level.

So where do you go when sick or hurt, living on a budget and needing to attend your next class? Look no further than the McFarland Health Services Building, located across the street from Cummings Hall.

The building itself has been in the same location since 1970, however, health service has been available to students since the 1950s.

What is included in your doctor's visit?

First of all, you don't have to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome and usually received within 30 minutes of arrival.

If you are worried about what this will cost you, rest easy.

The entire doctor's visit is already paid for in your student fees.

There are limitations, however. Don't expect brain surgery for free.

The health center operates like

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a primary care clinic, just like the old mom-and-pop family care.

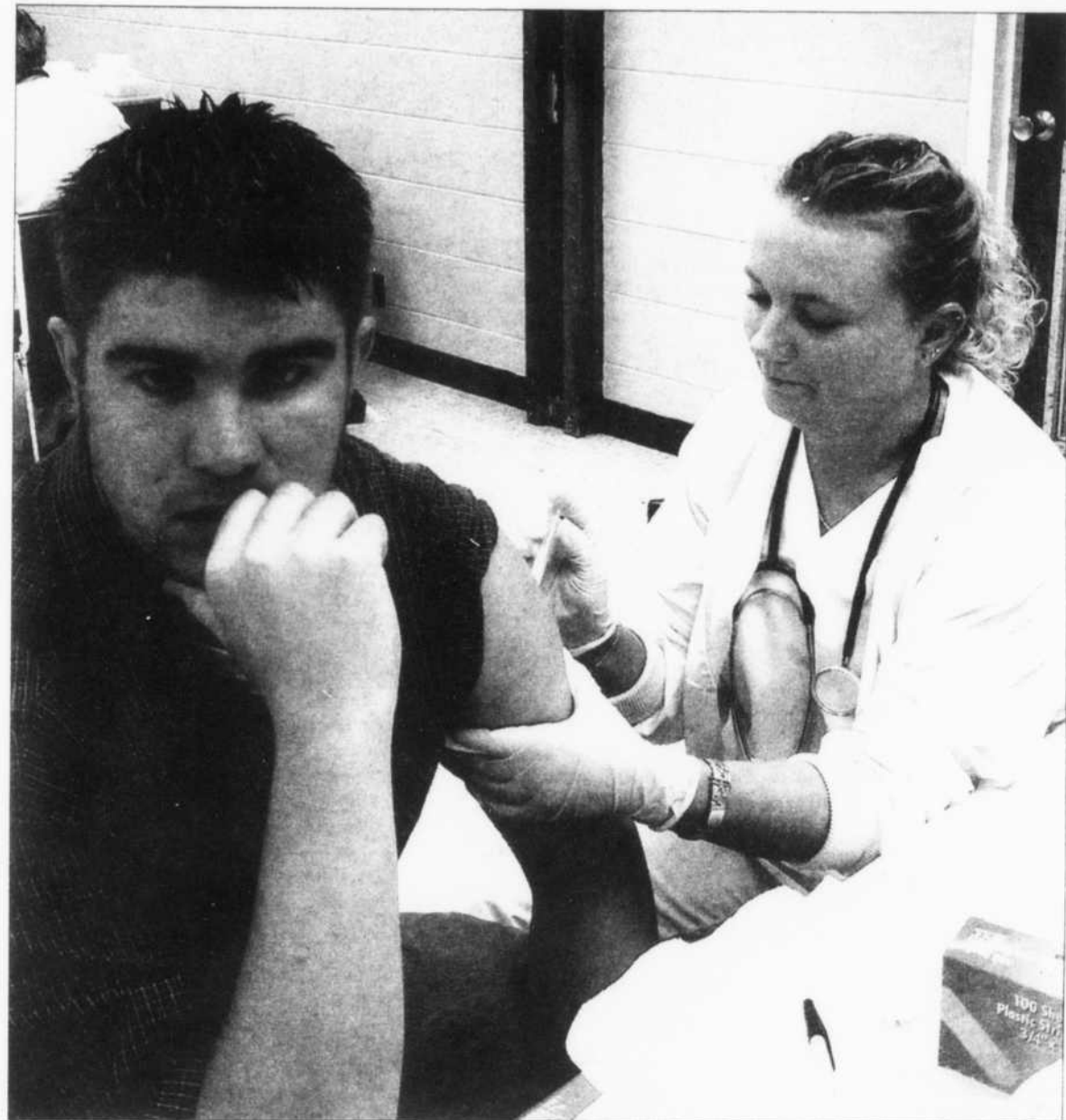
So, for the common and ordinary upper respiratory infection or sprained ankle, the clinic can meet your needs.

But what about things like testing for pregnancy, STDs and the like? MTSU's health center services those needs as well.

The lab is completely up to date and certified to do almost any type of testing. Dr. Pat Spangler arrived here last year, but has already accomplished many things.

His exuberance and compassion for the health center are displayed by his open-door policy. He is constantly working to improve the type of health care available to all students at MTSU.

Spangler said he hopes in the next two years to have either a new facility or a



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**Student Josh Kirby gets his meningitis vaccination by nurse Jackie May last year. This year, Health Services will offer meningitis shots Oct. 22 for \$85.**

renovated one with X-ray capabilities.

Spangler said he is proud of the many programs available to students and faculty, dealing with issues from pregnancy to alcohol abuse.

The center has a separate program strictly for women; Women's Health has been running since last fall and offers counseling for women on issues such as STDs and reproductive issues.

Not only does the center provide programs and videos about issues facing college students today, it aids in sea-

sonal health.

Students will have the opportunity to take a meningitis shot Oct. 22 for approximately \$85 on the third floor of the Keathley University Center between noon and 6 p.m.

The shot is not required, but strongly recommended for students who are living in dorms. For those who don't like shots, this vaccination lasts for five years. Not only is the meningitis vaccine available for students, but a flu shot is usually available around November.

All of the resources available are there to make the transition

between home and school a little easier when flu season or allergy attacks roll around.

Not only is the clinic available for unexpected illnesses, it is also available for ongoing health issues. Daily prescriptions can be filled at the pharmacy and allergy shots can be ordered.

Whether you have the common cold or (perhaps) the West Nile virus, the clinic upholds patient confidentiality and a dedication to help students in any way they can. With a staff of nurses, a physician's assistant and a full-time physician, it's not as good as mom or dad, but a close second. ♦





# Housing: A variety of choices provide campus residents with options, opportunities

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## Scarlett Commons

MTSU's newest residential area, Scarlett Commons, is located north of the Campus Recreation Center. Scarlett Commons features four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments with full kitchens and living rooms. Residents occupy a private bedroom and share their bath with one other student. The Scarlett Commons clubhouse includes the 24-hour reception and service desk, recreation/meeting room with fireplace and laundry room. The university shuttle, the Raider Xpress, provides campus transportation from a bus stop in front of the clubhouse.

"I liked the privacy most of all," said Chase Steely, a former resident of Scarlett Commons, "but the beds were too small."



## First-Year Experience Residence Halls

Cummings and Corlew Halls, two seven-story high rises located on the north side of campus, are the home of MTSU's First Year Experience Program. Services and programs offered in these residence halls are geared toward first-year students (29 college credit hours or less) and are designed to enhance student's academic success.

These dorms offer a number of unique services for first-year students such as lower division classes taught in a classroom in Cummings Hall, an academic advisor who holds office hours in each hall, and resident assistants available to help with any problems. Tutors also live on each floor of the residence halls and provide tutoring services in the Cummings Hall and Corlew Tutoring Center.

They also have special workshops and programs designed to assist students with their transition to college.

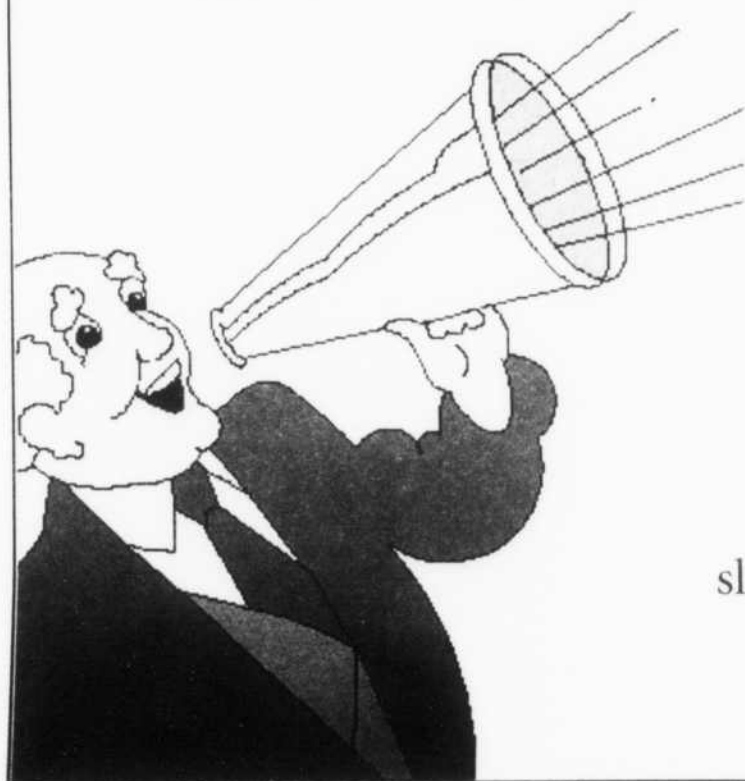
"The thing I liked best about the dorm was meeting new people and making friends," said Cedric Thomas, a former resident of Cummings. "The main problem I had with my dorm was the size of the room. I wish there would have been more space".

For more information, contact Housing and Residential Life at 898-2971, or visit their Web page at [www.mtsu.edu/~housing](http://www.mtsu.edu/~housing).



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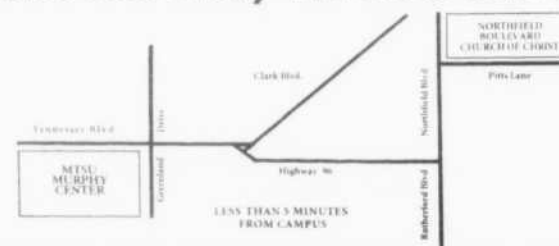
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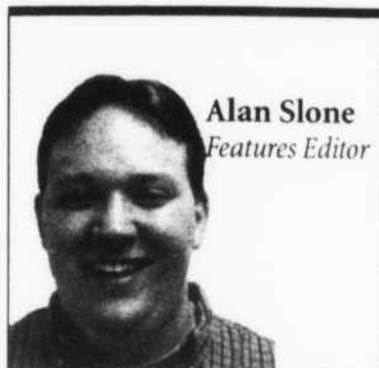
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Luke 11:28

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# Some apartment-living caveats



**Alan Slone**  
Features Editor

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Features Editor

You're going to make the jump, eh? Going to get your own apartment?

Sick of people puking in the halls? How about having to go down four flights of stairs to get your pizza from the pizza guy? Don't want to find a "mystery gift" in the shower each and every morning?

Or, perhaps, you just don't want to ever experience all that and want to bypass the dorms entirely. Either way, apartment life offers advantages over the dorms, with some pretty serious drawbacks.

With some help from your friends here at *Sidelines*, we should be able to walk you through the next year hitch-free at your new place.

• Location, location, location

While you might think that the dorms are a drag, you got to admit — they've got the best location for someplace to live. You're only a maximum of 10 minutes from anywhere on campus, and you don't have to take any time to drive or park.

Passing classes while living in an apartment is not easy, even for the veteran student. While you might want to go to class, having to go through the hassle has kept many students home in bed instead of out around class.

Try to use your head on this one — an apartment close to campus is a good pick if you're a heavy sleeper, usually late, or without a car. Even if you have a roommate who promises to drive you into class, don't take their word for it.

You will have a final on the day that your roommate's car breaks down. If you have your own wheels, and are willing to take the time to make a commute, the world is your oyster. Remember to think realistically; while it may be the greatest apartment with the cheapest rent, you still won't want to get up at 4 a.m. for class, due to it being 50 miles away from campus.

• Money

You will need a bit more than just your first month's rent to get started at your new pad. Most of the surrounding apartments in

Murfreesboro require either first and last month's rent up front, or a flat security deposit along with the first month's rent. Then, of course, you'll have to deal with the phone, gas, electric, water and cable companies, who will all want their fair share of your money.

They also might want to meet you in person to turn on the services, or some will let you do it over the phone. All will charge you for connecting you. Some will require deposits of their own.

Long story short — you'd better have some money saved to get all this turned on. You probably want to have some money to pay the bills after they get all your amenities working. Nothing says, "I'm so embarrassed" like having to give your friends your new phone number because you forgot to pay the bill.

• Furnishings

Everyone's got to start somewhere. Whether you have some furniture from your room at home, or nothing but your Pink Floyd poster, there are lots of places to look. First of all, try yard sales. While it usually involves getting up really early on Saturday mornings, they usually pay off well.

People who are moving are better deals — they're usually selling stuff not because they don't want it and/or it's crap, but because they can't haul it or don't have room for

it. The local papers are good places to find out where the sales are happening, or to find ads for individual pieces of furniture.

Second, local thrift stores are great places to find things like old couches, chairs, end tables and the like. You'll be supporting good charities like Goodwill and the Salvation Army, and pick up some furniture that isn't falling apart.

Lastly, you can drive around and look for things that people are throwing away. While it isn't the preferred way to go, it is the most cost-effective; all you need is you, a friend and a truck. Many couches have been found this way, and are still in use. Just make sure to give them a good once over before you commit to lugging whatever it is you've found back home.

• Roommates

This is an optional section for some, and a requirement for others. Some people like living alone, and that's fine. Others like living alone, and can't for financial reasons. Some people are just plain social. If you fall into the last two sections, you'll have to find people to live with.

The best route to go is with friends you know and (hopefully) like. Try and evaluate potential roommates on an objective level — while you might like your friend Larry, who is partying all the time, you might not like him so much

when he's puking in your bathroom loudly and you've got to get up for class at 6 a.m. On the same token, the guy from your English class named Julius who's got a penchant for knives and metal music might not jive with you unless you too like Slayer and Gerber's fine craftsmanship.

If you're new in town, there's other ways to find people you might be able to live with. There are public bulletin boards in all of the major buildings on campus, with the most viewed being in the Keathley University Center or Peck Hall. While you might think otherwise, people actually read those things.

You could also put a free ad in *Sidelines*, using our Classifieds section. Just come up to the third floor of the James Union Building and put one in.

While this isn't a comprehensive list of things that might cause you problems in your new apartment, it should help work out the initial kinks that keep most students from having a good year off-campus.

On a final note, meet your neighbors. Most are nice people, and meeting them on good terms helps you not get evicted when you throw a four-alarm beer bash. Hopefully, instead of complaining to the complex manager, they'll be in your place getting drunk with you. ♦



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# Getting busy at MTSU



**By Lindsey Turner**  
*Editor in Chief*

For college students, getting out of the house and coming back to a university of 20,000 people can be a tad overwhelming.

There are so many things to do, so many people to meet and so many experiences to, well, experience, it's easy to miss something.

Below is a checklist of things to do at MTSU. *Sidelines* unveiled this list in this summer's New Student Editions, but it got such a positive response, we decided to present it again. Cut it out, tack it on your wall and start working through the numbers to ensure that you make the most of your time at MTSU. By no means is this list complete. Feel free to add on to it yourself.

With a little creativity, boredom should never be an issue.

1. Get your own radio show on 88.3 WMTS.
2. Become a night patrol person with Public Safety.
3. Challenge your friends to a game of racquetball at the Recreation Center.
4. Join the *Sidelines* staff.
5. Create your own high-drama TV show for MTTV.
6. Go to Open Mic Night at the Cyber Café.
7. Perform at Open Mic Night.
8. Support all the MT athletics teams by attending every game.
9. Have a late-night, cross-campus, outdoor wrestling match with a friend.
10. Start your own fan club for a local band and hand out and post fliers.
11. Star Gaze while reclining in the new Courtyard.
12. Attend the Highland Games in the fall – wearing a kilt.
13. Have your picture taken for the yearbook.
14. Watch a student-produced



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**No. 25 – The Baldwin Photographic Gallery has photos on exhibit all year, like this one from a collection by Jane Schreiber that was exhibited in March.**

play at Tucker Theatre.

15. Join the Rowdy Raiders and party hard before, during and after Blue Raider football games.

16. Frolic with the squirrels in the grassy area next to Peck Hall.

17. Take advantage of free laundry days during Homecoming.

18. Run for a Student Government Association office.

19. Attend the Honors Lecture

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20. Take an Alternative Spring Break and do some philanthropy.

21. Help build a Homecoming float.

22. Read a book at the library.

23. Brush up on your writing skills at the university's writing lab.

24. Submit your poetry or art-

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**(Above) No. 33 – The experienced artist or the everyday amateur can find hours of enjoyment scrawling chalk messages on the walk.**

**(Left) No. 29 – Students play human foosball at last year's President's Picnic held each August during Welcome Week. This year's Welcome Week is slated to feature a Student Organization Fair, GreekFest, comedian Bill Bellamy and many other free events.**



## List: A myriad of activities await the creative – tailgating, homeworking, drawing, serenading



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**No. 37 – The ultimate tailgating vehicle can be made with a bit of paint and any small bus.**

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work to *Collage* or *Scribbling Mob*.

25. Check out the photos in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery.

26. See a movie at the Keathley University Center Theater – it's only \$2.

27. Look for jobs or internships at the Placement Office.

28. Drop by the Student Organization Fair this fall to check out the campus clubs.

29. March in the Take Back the Night rally held each spring.

30. Grab some free grub and play games at the President's Picnic in August.

31. Do your homework for once.



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**No. 32 – This officer's friend left a friendly note in one of those bright yellow parking ticket envelopes. This is sure to be a startling sight for any unsuspecting friend.**

32. Put notes to your friends under their windshield wipers in those yellow parking ticket envelopes and watch the drama unfold

33. Draw murals in chalk on the sidewalks of campus

34. Serenade the residents of one of the outside-entrance dorms (during the daytime to avoid arrest)

35. Attend the student film fes-

tival in the spring

36. Whistle at the construction workers who seem to be everywhere on campus

37. Decorate your favorite vehicle in MT Blue and tailgate 'til the sun comes up

## Forget: Post office can be new or returning student's best friend for first weeks

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get the cellular phone charger, you'll need to stop by a cellular phone store to find the right charger for your phone. Most electronic stores don't carry all brands of chargers, and they'll normally be around \$30 or more.

Now you're as prepared you'll ever be for any unfortunate packing

circumstances.

The move to the college dorm isn't as difficult as most students imagine. The post office is the college student's best friend, especially the first year, when all your forgotten items follow your move to the campus a week later. If you can remember these tips, you'll show your parents that the choice to live on your own wasn't made in error. ♦

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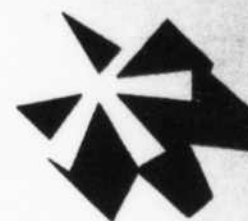
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## The 'Boro's coolest spots to release back-to-school stress

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Flash\* Editor

**Wal-Mart**  
2000 Old Fort Parkway  
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\* Nothing relieves stress better than a quick trip to the local Wally. Of course the endless lines and eccentric clientel might create a few more migranes, but at least you'll have milk for those Lucky Charms in the morning.



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(Above) The lines at Wal-Mart are always inviting – and always open. (Below) The Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro offers live music, reading room and caffeine-injected concoctions for all.

**Red Rose Coffee House**  
528 W. College St.  
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(615) 893-1405

\* Whether you're checking out a local band, soaking in the scene or grabbing a double espresso, Red Rose can fill your head-pounding needs. A little stress-relieving entertainment never hurt anyone, and you'll always run into someone you know. Which may or may not be a good thing.

**Don Pablos Mexican Kitchen**  
1835 Old Fort Parkway  
Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
(615) 896-8098

\* A little Tex-mex may bring on heartburn, but at least that annoying headache will be gone. And the



chips and salsa are well worth the trip. The food is delish and the service is great. A couple of icy margaritas might be nice for the stress relief too.

**Stones River Mall**  
1720 Old Fort Parkway  
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(615) 896-4486

\* Whenever I'm feeling the back-to-college load a trip to the mall is always a sure upper. Though I may not need another pair of black sling back heels, shoe shopping always does the trick for my fried mind.

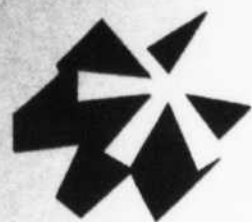
**Old Time Pottery**  
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\* So shopping's a hobby – what can I say? But at Old Time Pottery you'll find tons of bargains and lots of great decorating tools at super-low prices. Whether you're looking for an aromatherapy candle or some funky pillows, Old Time Pottery is a great place to walk and shop off that stress.

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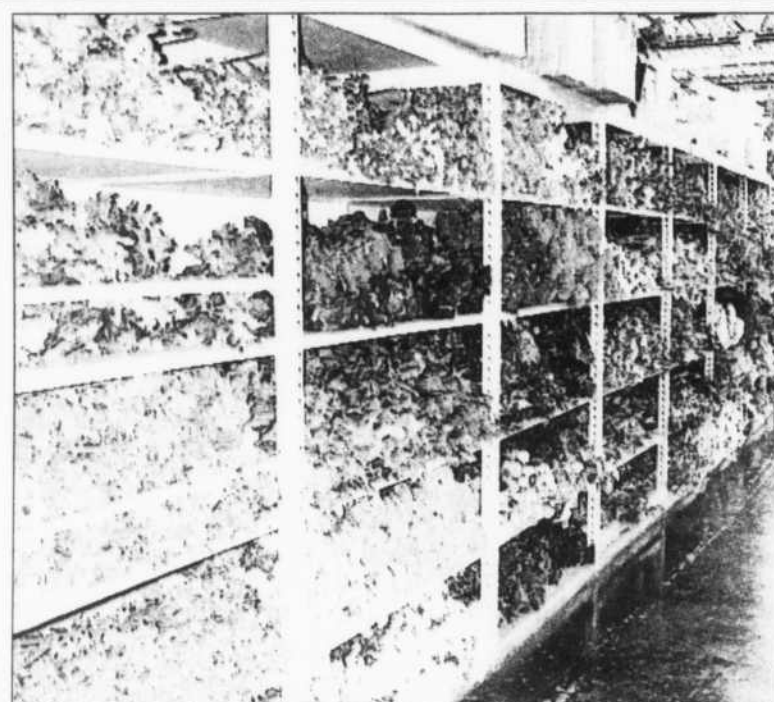
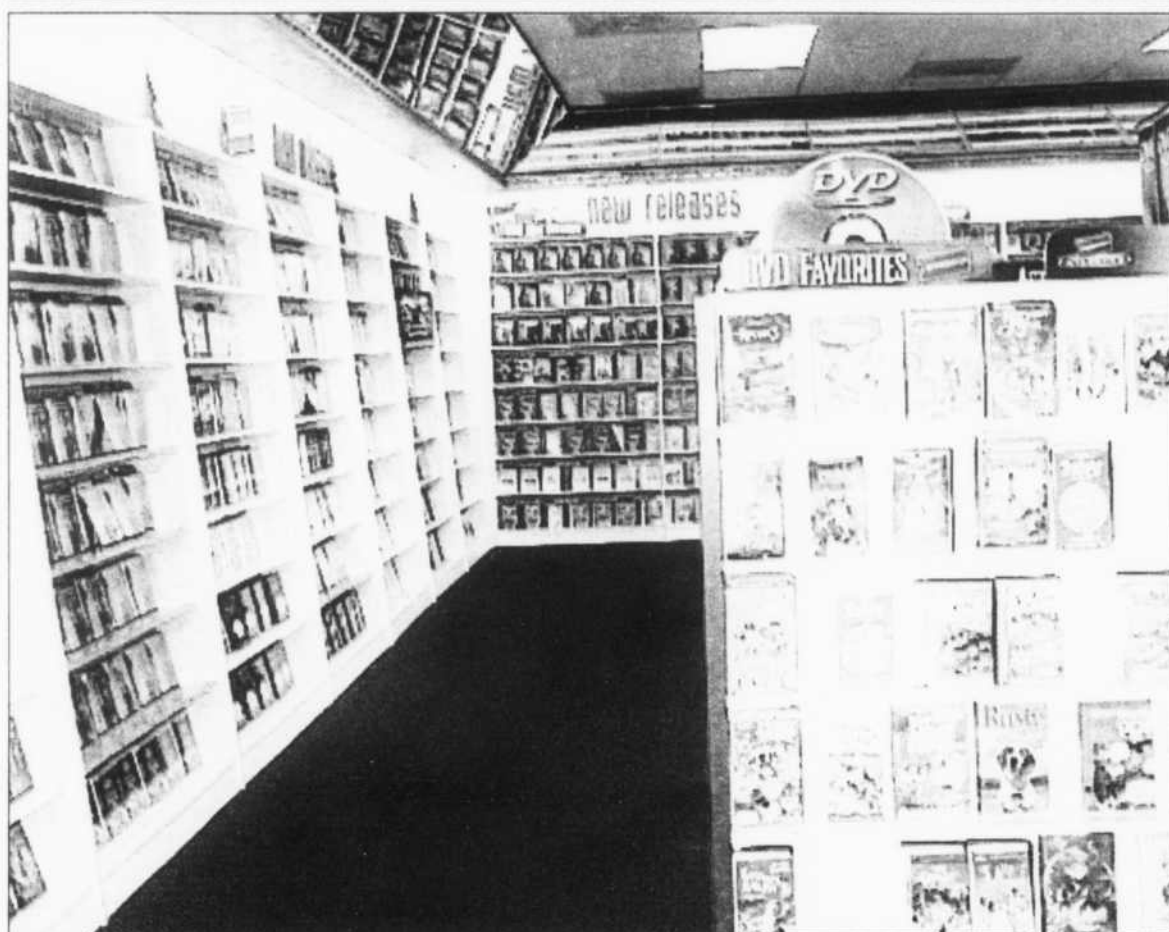


The Stones River Mall, located on Old Fort Parkway, features shops such as Bath and Body Works, The Gap, Victoria's Secret, Electronics Express, Pacific Sun, Spencer's Gifts and Sears.



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(Left) Blockbuster Video has a flick for every occasion.  
(Above) Old Time Pottery on River Rock Boulevard offers lots of decorating materials and tools.  
(Below) Sonic offers cool drinks treats in summer heat.

## Spots: Relaxing necessary for students

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Blockbuster Video  
805-807 S. Tennessee Blvd.  
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\* A cheap and easy way to get away from school problems is to escape into a film. Grab a new-release or your favorite old comedy and sit back with some popcorn and an tasty beverage. Just don't forget to return

the flick, or more stress might ensue.

Sonic Drive-In  
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\* After all of that shopping and Mexican food, you'll be craving some sweet treats. And nobody dishes them out better, cheaper or faster than Sonic. Their sundaes are amazing and the lemonberry slushes are divine. ♦



# The summer's 10 hottest albums

By Leslie Carol Boehms  
Flash\* Editor

Perhaps the summer of 2002 could be labeled the summer of one-hit-wonders. Perhaps every summer is. We've forgotten "Who Let The Dogs Out," and moved onto "Getting hot in here (so take off all your clothes)."

But whether it's dogs in clothes or the "Macarena," this summer was filled with a plethora of sizzling hot albums. Below are my picks, as skewed as they may be, for the best 10 albums released from May to July.

## 10. Eminem, *The Eminem Show*

\* OK, so this record is going to seem overwhelmingly misplaced with the rest of my list. However, Eminem did a magnificent job with commercializing his most recent album. Though he has had several massive hits, most are shadowed by the mass consumption of the lyrically witty "Without Me." (I'll divulge that even my techno, trance-bopping friend loves the album). So hats off to you, Eminem. You're just as commonplace as Britney Spears (without the fairy tattoo, of course).

## 9. The Vines, *Highly Evolved*

\* The Vines were welcomed into the rock world with their debut album *Highly Evolved*. They were highly commended in all of the major music mags in the US and abroad. But these Australian rockers aren't the next Silverchair. And they aren't in the same category as The Strokes. Their sound is 100 percent rock 'n' roll. — kangaroo style, baby.

## 8. Oasis, *Heathen Chemistry*

\* Though the brothers Gallagher are known for their on- and off-stage tiffs, they're defiantly still synching their musical collaborations in the studio. Their latest effort is a lot less disjointed and a lot more evolved. The group has garnered a slightly different line-up and matured greatly in their songwriting skills.

## 7. Green Day, *Shenanigans*

\* The latest in the Green Day CD collection is a true gem. *Shenanigans* is a 15-track collection of rarities, B-sides, covers, and previously unreleased material. A must for any Green Day fan as well as any teenybopper who still thinks Blink 182 started punk rock. Green Day have always been punk gods. And though their material has changed since the group reached their 30's, they'll always have a

safety pin on their soul.

## 6. Nelly, *Nellyville*

\* It's probably apparent to all Top 40 radio listeners and MTV fiends as to why this album made the list. Nelly has been sprawled spread-eagle over the entertainment scene this summer. Like last year's Sisqo thong fiasco, this year it was too hot and everybody was just butt-ass naked, thanks to Nelly.

## 5. Red Hot Chili Peppers, *By the Way*

\* Anthony Kiedis has also been an ever-present figure in today's popular music. But on *By the Way*, his lyricism and voice match brilliantly. The Chili Peppers have always been known for their video antics, but this album is better with the TV off, eyes closed, and just soaking it all in.

## 4. Bruce Springsteen, *Rising*

\* Springsteen's first release since 1995 has maintained its glory with Springsteen past and measures up to his legendary musician status. All Boss and non-Boss fans will appreciate the level of seriousness behind Bruce's voice. They will also love his earnestness when tackling difficult material in his lyrics. *Rising* has definitely raised the bar for the Boss.

## 3. Bright Eyes, *There is No Beginning to the Story*

\* This indie rocker gave his all on the latest Bright Eyes EP. The songs are heart-felt and the music is unique yet frantic. Though the vocals were hard for my to digest at first listen, I became a huge Bright Eyes fan after constant play of this album this summer. Definite editor's pick.

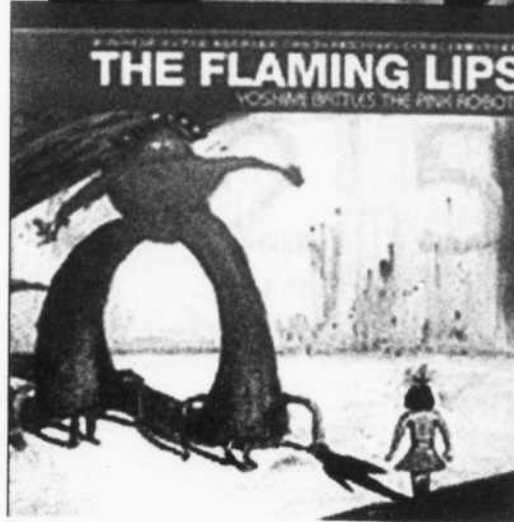
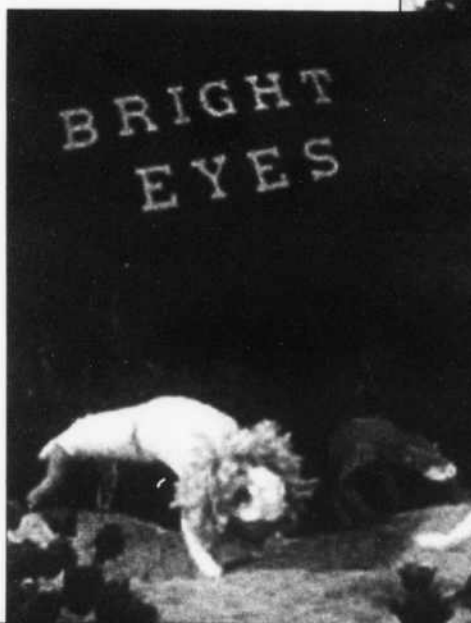
## 2. The Flaming Lips, *Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots*

\* Always a Flaming Lips fan, I was ecstatic to hear the evolution of the band on this latest record. Though there's a little less Lips quirkiness and a lot more death and depression, it's still all done in the infamous Lips fashion. His name is Yoshimi and he's got a black

belt in karate and don't you forget it!

## 1. David Bowie, *Heathen*

\* Though I myself am not a huge Bowie fan, I loved the new album. The music has a wide-audience appeal and the songs are melodic and tuned to a new generation of Bowie followers. It's somber and joyous and musically generous all in one neat Bowie package. ♦



(Clockwise from top) Nelly's *Nellyville* was propelled through the charts thanks to his single, "It's Getting Hot in Here (So Take off all Your Clothes)". The matured songwriting skills of Oasis have helped make *Heathen Chemistry* a success. The Flaming Lips took a turn for the dark in their newest release, *Yoshimi Battles the Pink Robots*. Bright Eyes, an indie rocker, delivers heartfelt songs on his summer release, *There is No Beginning to the Story*.



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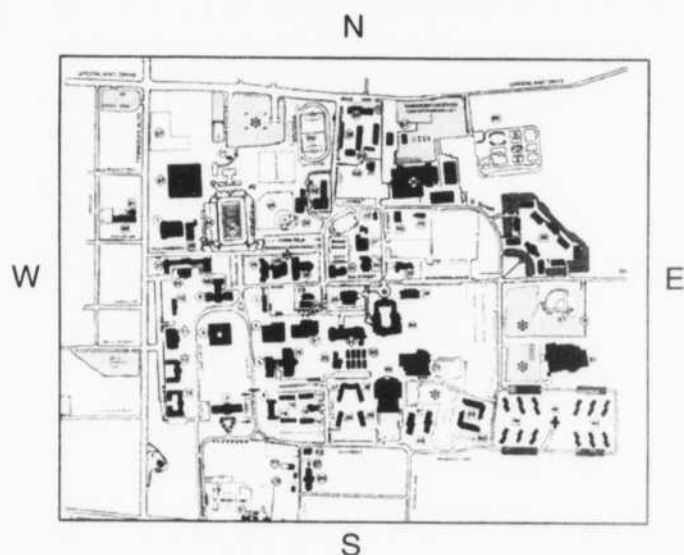
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# Furry farewells

## A bittersweet goodbye through the eyes of a beloved pet

By Spencer Pierre Boehms

(Translated by Leslie Carol Boehms, Flash\* Editor)

She's been packing for over a week now. Pillows, T-shirts, pictures of me. And all of her boxes are lined up against the wall downstairs — right next to my preferred sleeping spot on the couch. How inconsiderate.

I know she's leaving soon. I've been anticipating it each time she walks out the door in those annoying, clunky heels.

My psychiatrist says I suffer from separation anxiety. That the ulcers in my mouth are a direct reaction from my undue stress when worry-

ing about her when she goes "there." I refer to her "college" as "there" since I myself have never seen the place.

It's probably just like a doggie kennel for post-adolescent ragamuffins who can't decide on a career.

Nonetheless, she leaves me. I can feel it in the pit of my stomach. For days before she actually leaves I still atop the couch and just watch the door. Waiting to see all of her possessions leaving in brown cardboard boxes.

She doesn't take me. I get left behind with a half-eaten rawhide chew and an ulcer the size of Lassie's tail.

I try to be Lassie for her. Whenever I see her little blue car driving down the road, I immediately know it's her.

Though they  
say

dogs are colorblind, we really have a much higher sense of intuition than most.

Because dogs, of course, are the higher species.

Back to my separation anxiety.

After she leaves for "that place" I more or less go into a deep depression. I don't eat or bark or play. I just lie in my comforter on the couch and sulk.

Maybe after a  
day

or two I eat some of that dog food they've fed me every night of my life.

However, nothing feeds the hole inside. The pain from her leaving.

We all feel it, the animals. The pets that get left behind when college kids jet away to a more luxurious pasture. (Though I've heard the

b a t h -

room facilities are less than fire-hydrant standard).

But we pets survive. Have you seen that film, *My Dog Skip*? It's kind of like the ending of the movie when the boy leaves for college and the dog stays home. The dog still senses the boy there by sleeping in

See Farewell, 40



Photo by Leslie Carol Boehms  
Staff

Spencer, the "author" of this story, is a 5-year-old miniature dachshund. His hobbies include watching television, napping and chasing all the lady dogs on the block.

# Joe

## goes to the show ... or not

Take a quick look back at the summer flicks he didn't see — and you shouldn't either

By Nick Fowler as 'Joe'  
Staff Columnist

I tried to go to some movies this summer, so as to immerse myself in some pop culture, and write some movie reviews for *Sidelines*. When school started all the other kids would be talking about the summer blockbusters, and I could laugh with them when they regurgitated punch lines from their favorite scenes of their favorite movies, which were the favorite scenes of the favorite movies of everyone else, because they all watched the same movies and laughed at the same jokes all summer long.

So I was going to go see *Road to Perdition*. I tellya, everybody loves Tom Hanks. If you don't love Tom Hanks, you are a jerk. You probably beat your wife and kids. The only thing bad about a Tom Hanks film is the promotion. Every television station has a Tom Hanks special. Every channel does a "How great is Tom Hanks segment," detailing every aspect of his career. I never got around to seeing *Road to Perdition*, but in the media I saw a road to kissing Tom Hanks's ass.

So I got liquored up and went to see *XXX*. I always go to sold out movie theaters drunk, the crowd is just a wee bit less displeasing when I'm wasted. I got to the movie house early, so as to mingle with the locals. The eager moviegoers were already quoting Vin Diesel, having picked up a few catch phrases from the trailers. Diesel sure is clever, in a professional wrestler kind of way. I'd tell you all about

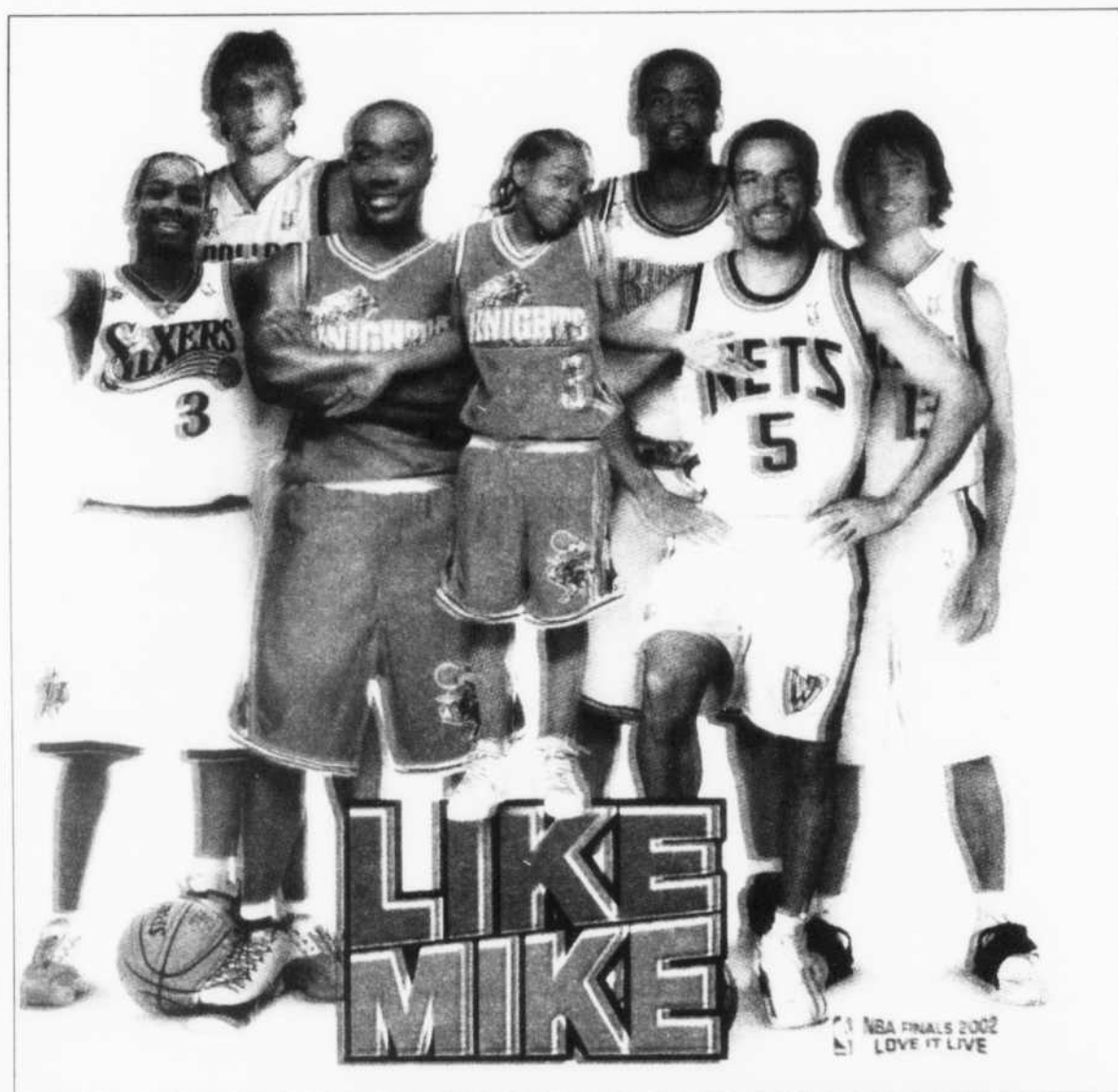


the movie, but I got kicked out of the theater for being drunk in public.

Then there was *Like Mike*. I hate that Bow Wow so much it consumes me. I wish I knew his real name because I hate writing Bow Wow. It's an absurd name, don't you think? I know I don't see enough advertisements for Nikes. Thank God for this movie. I'd almost forgotten Nike was the best shoemaker ever. If only they could find a way to exploit more children in the name of commercialism. I never saw that movie either. I'm sure it sucked.

*Men in Black II* will surely be remembered as the best sequel Tommy Lee Jones ever did just for a big paycheck. As for Will Smith, he should watch Spike Lee's *Bamboozled* and feel guilty about most of his career. I didn't see *MIBII*. I hope you didn't either.

Now we are at the end of the



Photos provided

*XXX*, *Like Mike* and *Men in Black II* are just three summer blockbusters that were offered to hungry movie patrons this summer. Joe, however, was unfazed by the mass marketing campaigns for these films, and encourages a life of poverty and avoidance of all summer movies.

summer. The movies are out and have been seen by everyone. It's OK that this movie review is useless. The movies have mostly come and gone. You can still go see a few of them, if you can bear it. Me, I'll sit at home alone with my imaginary writer friend and fill up space in *Sidelines*.

I suppose I'm not much of a movie reviewer, mostly because I don't recommend you go see any movie. Avoid all entertainment. Live a life of poverty and charity, because summer movies suck. ♦

# MIB

## MEN IN BLACK II

## Farewell: Growing up is hard on pets, not just people

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his bed and lying in his room.

It's never the same for the pet. We always anticipate the parting.

When she initially comes back from "that place", I shun her. I lay in my corner chair and don't acknowledge that she has returned. I know she'll only leave again sooner.

Though there are perks – a free

bed to sleep in, and an only-child status with the parents – sometimes I wish she would just stay.

Growing up is hard on all of us. Dogs, cockatiels, felines, and ferrets – we all feel the separation. And when our closest pals drive away to southern Murfreesboro soil, we can only hope they'll bring a treat on a next return home. ♦

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# Sports.

## Sports Wrap.

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# Monday.

# Club Listings

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## MONDAY, AUGUST 19TH

**LESLIE ROAD:** w/Angel Martinez, 9 pm, 3rd & Lindsley Bar & Grill \$5. Joni Wilson, 7:30 pm.

\* **THE PITS, NO TAGBACKS, LIFELINE, BARELY BREATHING:** 7 pm, Indienet Record Shop \$5.

**JIM GIBSON:** 7:30 pm, Bunganut Pig, Franklin.

**SHORTSETS:** hosted by **Cole Slivka** feat. **John Pavlovsky, Matt Thackston, & John Mannion**, 8 pm, **Bean Central**.

**PICASSO'S NEIGHBORS:** 8 pm, Guido's New York Pizzeria.

**HAYES CARLL:** w/ Rowland Stebbins, 8 pm, The Sutler \$5.

**JONATHAN BIRCHFIELD:** 8 pm, Bunganut Pig, Murfreesboro.

**MUNLY & THE LEE LEWIS HARLOTS, MR. PACMAN, SPARKLES:** 9:30 pm, Springwater.

**THE MIKE HENDERSON BAND:** feat. **John Jarvis, Mark Winchester, & Pat O'Conner**, 9:30 pm, **Bluebird Cafe** \$7.

**SHANE & THE MONEYMAKERS:** 8:30 pm-1:30 am, Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar \$5.

**NATHAN MECKEL:** 9 pm, Blue Sky Court.

**SONY HOLLAND & THE DENNIS BURNSIDE TRIO:** 6:30 pm, F. Scott's Restaurant & Jazz Bar.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

**JERRY CASTLE & THE WORLD OUTSIDE:** w/ "SuperLive Blues Show" feat. **Doug Cook, Ronnie Godfrey, Boots Hill, & Hypnotic Casey Lutton**, 9 pm, Windows on the Cumberland.



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**THE CHARLIE WAYNE BAND:** 10 pm, 3rd & Lindsley Bar & Grill \$5. **Summerlee Staton**, 7 pm; **Saint Leone's First Band**, 8:30 pm.

**WATSON & GRANT:** 8 pm, Wildhorse Saloon \$4.

**TIM LAKE:** 8 pm, Bunganut Pig, Murfreesboro.

**CHRISTOPHER ROBIN:** w/ **Sarah Buxton**, 9 pm, 12th & Porter.

**JIM HOKE NONET JAZZ COMPOSER'S WORKSHOP:** 8 pm, Bean Central.

**BILLY WESTERN BEAT ROOTS REVIVAL FEAT. THE MEDICINE SHOW BLOCK'S & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** feat. **Steff Mahan, Bob Spanburgh, Buck Jones, Hayes Carll, Jill Block CD Release Party, Jeffrey Steele, & Walt Wilkins CD Release Party**, 7 pm, Blue Sky Court \$5.

**CHASE ADAM, POPSTAR SISTER, NATIONAL GREEN:** 8 pm, Guido's New York Pizzeria.

**SKY HIGH:** Wall Street.

**DAN COLEHOUR:** 8 pm, Springwater.

**MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB:** 8:30 pm-1:30 am, Bourbon Street Blues & Boogie Bar \$5.

**JOE TYLER'S ONE NIGHT STAND, THE LG'S:** 9 pm, The End \$5.

**BUTTER:** 7:30 pm, Bunganut Pig, Franklin.

**TERI REID TRIO:** 6:30 pm, F. Scott's Restaurant & Jazz Bar.

**DOGS FOR DAISY:** w/ **Strange Tongues**, 8:30 pm, The Sutler \$5.

**RACHEL THIBODEAU, LILA MCCANN, STEVEN TROY, & JASON SELLERS:** in the round, 9 pm, Bluebird Cafe \$8. **Greg Pope, Arlis Albritten, Dierks Bentley, & Brian Davis**, 7 pm.

\* **TRUCKER:** w/**Weatherspoon**, 9:30 pm, Slow Bar \$5.

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**JOYTOWN:** 8 pm, Bunganut Pig, Murfreesboro.  
**TOM MASON & CHICKEN SCRATCH:** 8 pm, Bunganut Pig, Franklin.  
**TK3:** 7:30 pm, 3rd & Lindsley Bar & Grill.  
**WATSON & GRANT:** 8 pm, Wildhorse Saloon \$4.  
**THE NATIONALS:** The Boro Bar & Grill.  
**GREG BARNHILL, RICK GILES, ROB GILES, & QUINN LOGGINS:** in the round, 9 pm, Bluebird Cafe \$8. BMG presents **Jon Davis, Naoise Sheridan, Barry Dean, & Dan Couch** in the round, 6:30 pm.  
**THREEGUN:** 11 pm, Windows on the Cumberland.  
**REBECCA SAYRE, LIZ JOHNSON JAZZ QUINTET:** 8 pm, Bean Central.  
**ALAN RHODY:** 9 pm, The Basement \$8.  
**KITT'S MEOW:** 6:30 pm, F. Scott's Restaurant & Jazz Bar.  
**THE JACK SILVERMAN ORDEAL: w/ John Danley,** 8 pm, The Sutler \$5.  
**ERIK ANDERSON: w/Rollin' In the Hay,** Wall Street \$5.  
**OLD UNION:** 9:30 pm, 12th & Porter.  
**LARRY CORDLE & LONESOME STANDARD TIME:** 9 pm, The Station Inn \$7.  
**\* CHARACTER: w/Trophy & Amerigo,** 9:30 pm, Slow Bar \$5.  
**THE NEIGHBORHOOD BAND: feat. Paul Slivka, Tim Carroll, & Mark Horn,** 9:30 pm, Family Wash.  
**THE CLUTTERS, NOT WITHOUT WILLIE, PHILMORE:** 9 pm, The End \$5.  
**GIRLS WITH GUITARS:** 8:30 pm, Douglas Corner Cafe \$5.  
**\* MILLER LITE UPTOWN MIX FEAT. NORTH MISSISSIPPI ALL-STARS:** 6-11 pm, Division St. & 20th Ave. S, Nashville.  
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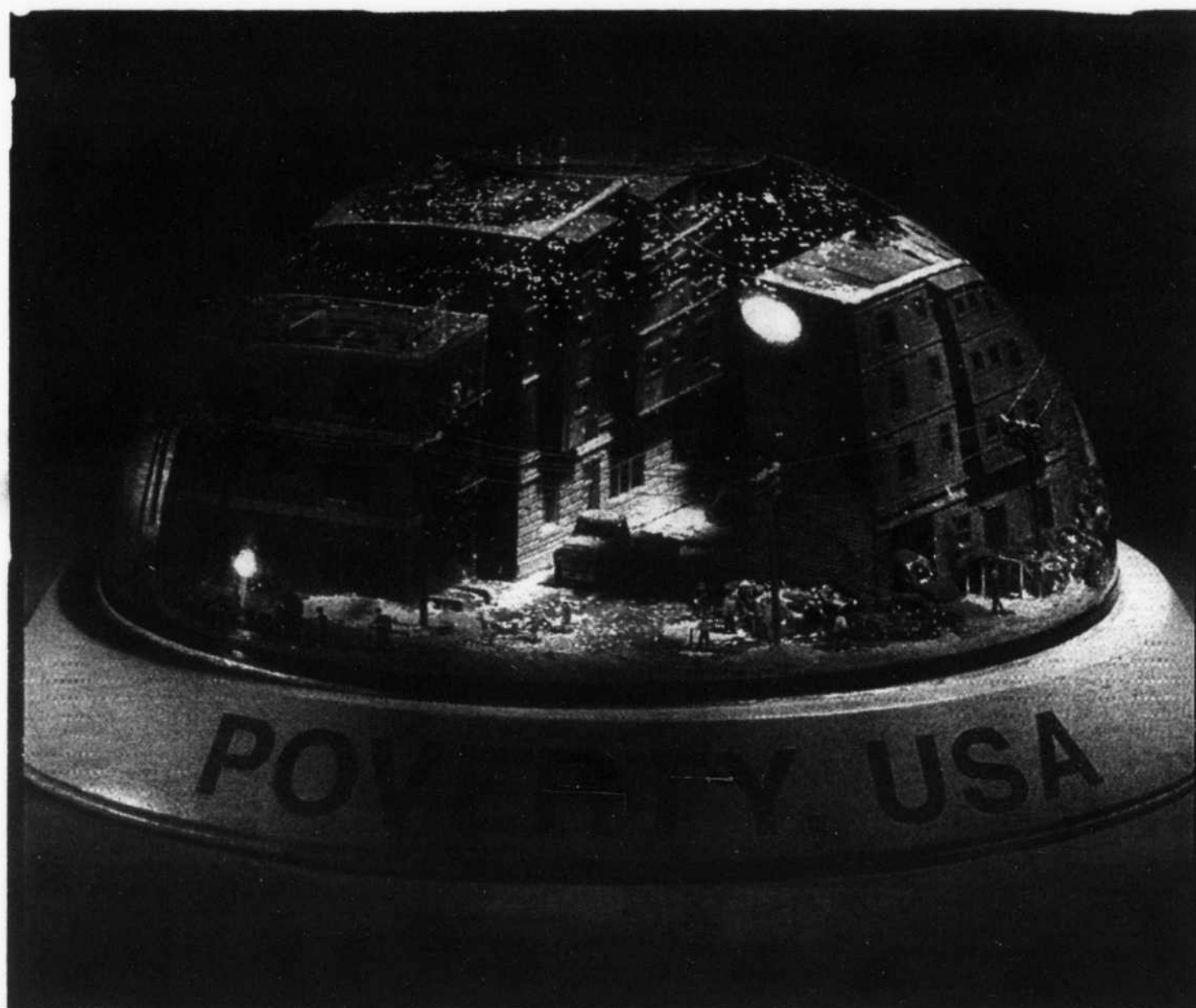
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# Back To School Edition SPORTS

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Monday, August 19, 2002

Murfreesboro, TN

## MT football faces new foes, challenges in upcoming season

By David Hunter  
Staff Writer

The defending Sun Belt Conference co-champions will have a new starting quarterback, four new coaches on staff and a new television deal for the SBC as the team tries to become this year's only conference champions and earn a trip to the New Orleans Bowl.

This year's schedule has MT going against four teams from the Southeastern Conference, including in-state rivals the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Several players are up for awards, including candidates for the Heisman and Outland trophy. For the first time in school history, the team also got one vote in the preseason Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Senior running back Dwone Hicks is a candidate for the Heisman Trophy this season, with the athletic department's media relations personnel setting up a Web site to increase exposure for him.

"We're getting a lot of attention," said MT Media Relations Director Mark

Owens. "We didn't really expect to get a lot of attention until we got into the season."

"I have writers from all over the country, from Florida to Texas, calling me about him," Owens said. "It's been pretty productive so far and we hope it works. We are ready to get the season underway and see what happens."

*Jefferson-Pilot Sports* will show an in-depth interview with Hicks during the pre-game show before the University of Alabama game Aug. 31.

"My good old home," Hicks said. "It is going to be nice to be in Alabama. It's going to be another game where we just go out and have to play at our highest level. It will be a great challenge."

With the graduation of last year's record-setting quarterback, Wes Counts, and backup, Jason Johnson, this season's team will have junior Andrico Hines as the new starter. Hines redshirted last season but went to every game and signaled in plays.

Hines played at Southwest Mississippi Community College for two seasons. During his sophomore year, he completed 101 of 158 passes for 1,319 yards and 15 touchdowns. Hines was named to the Mississippi Junior College All-Star team in 2000.

"I just want to keep the offense at a steady pace, keep us moving forward and winning ball games," Hines said.

The backup this year will be Andre Green, a freshman from Georgia. Green took a redshirt year in 2001 and, as late as March, was in the running for the starting position.

The team has returning receivers senior Tyrone Calico, senior David Youell and sophomore Kerry Wright looking to lead the team. Running backs Hicks, sophomore Reshard Lee and junior Don Calloway will be looking to have high rushing yards again this year. The offensive line will be led by junior Brandon Westbrook, who is a candidate for the Outland Trophy, given each year to the top interior lineman in the nation.

"It's a great honor to be on that list, but right now that's just paper," Westbrook said. "My first priority right now is to help this football team win games and grab a conference championship. If we do that, then all the other things will fall into place."

The defense has improved during practice,

having a defensive line that includes senior Sam Smith, sophomore Jerry Vanderpool and senior Curtis Daniely, who led the returning defensive players in sacks last season with three.

Junior Randy Arnold, senior Sheldon Durham and sophomores Blake Morris and Alvin Fite will lead the linebackers.

The secondary has junior Muhammad Rashada, senior Chris Johnson and junior Michael Woods looking to take the next step. Incoming freshman Sean Waller could make an impact in the secondary.

"He has a chance to help this football team and has great speed," said head coach Andy McCollum.

This season, MT has four new coaches on McCollum's staff. New wide receiver coach and passing game coordinator Blake Anderson came to MT from the University of New Mexico, where he had been for the past three seasons. Last season, he coached the sixth ranked receiver in the Mountain West Conference, Dwight Countier.

"He (Anderson) is a very technique guy," Calico said. "I'm glad he came my last year here. He showed me a lot of techniques for getting in and out of my cuts."

"Anderson is a very good football coach, great recruiter and a high-energy guy," McCollum said.

Todd Bradford arrived from the University of Wisconsin, where he coached the secondary. In 2000, he coached Jamar Fletcher to the Jim Thorpe award that is given to the nation's top defensive back.

"He (Bradford) brings a lot of experience being a defensive coordinator," McCollum said.

Steve Campbell was a Division II coach at Delta State University, and in 2000 he led DSU to the Division II title and was Division II coach of the year. This year he is the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for MT.

"He brings a lot of experience, commitment, loyalty, great enthusiasm and a great work ethic," McCollum said.

Fred Tate coached at Southwest Texas State last season. This season he becomes MT's new defensive line coach. Last fall he coached two AP All-Americans in defensive tackle Clenton Ballard and linebacker Greg Pitts.

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(Above) Free safety Michael Woods pulls in a catch at preseason practice. Several members of the MT football team will be taking a redshirt season.

## 2002 Middle Tennessee Football Schedule

Aug 31	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	11:30 a.m.
Sep 7	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sep 21	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	12:30 p.m.
Sep 28	<b>Southeast Missouri</b>	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.
Oct 5	Arkansas State (SB)	Jonesboro, Ark.	4 p.m.
Oct 12	Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Oct 19	<b>Louisiana-Lafayette (SB)</b>	Murfreesboro	11 a.m.
Oct 26	Idaho (SB)	Moscow, IDAHO	2:07 p.m.
Nov 2	New Mexico State (SB)	Las Cruces, N.M.	5 p.m.
Nov 16	<b>Louisiana-Monroe (SB)</b>	Murfreesboro	2:30 p.m.
Nov 23	<b>North Texas (SB)</b>	Murfreesboro	2:30 p.m.
Nov 30	<b>Utah State</b>	Murfreesboro	2:00 p.m.

Home games are bolded.

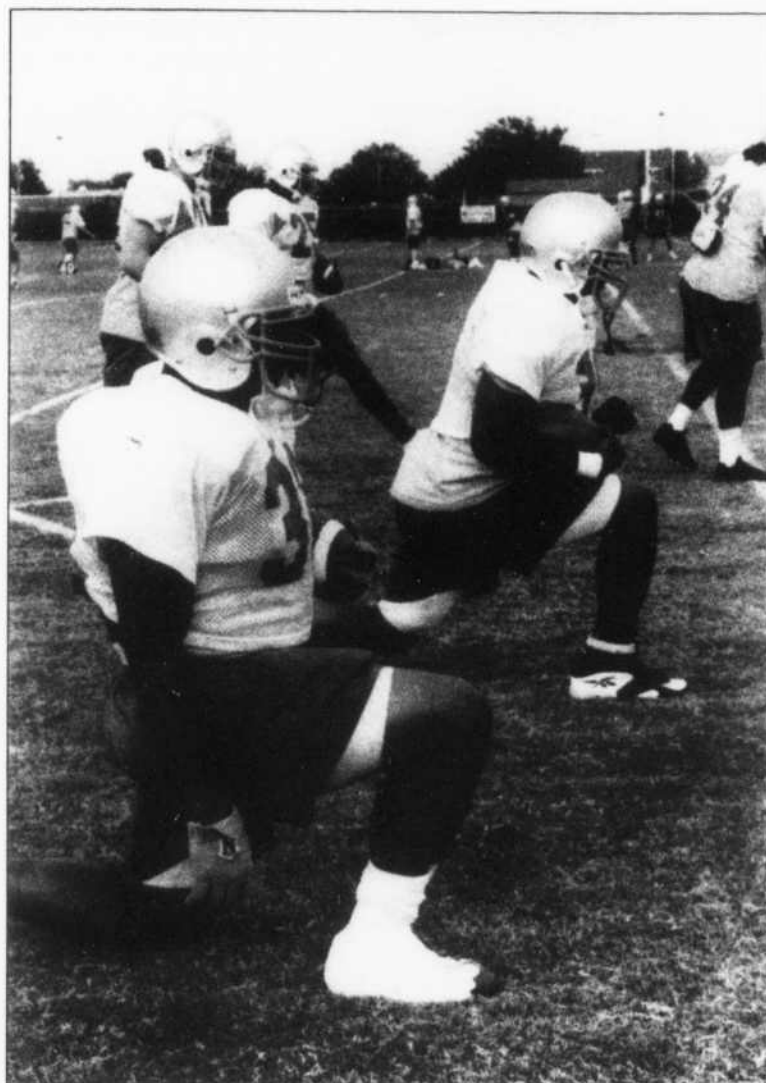


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(Left) Players take a knee while practicing at Floyd stadium. (Above) Running back Kevin Davis is one of the 33 new freshman signed last spring.

## Football: Team gains national exposure in upcoming season

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Ballard and linebacker Greg Pitts.

"Tate brings a lot to the defense with his energy and his aggressiveness with the kids," McCollum said. "All four are committed to be at Middle Tennessee. It's four great people to add to our family."

This season also marks a new beginning for MT and the SBC, with a new television agreement with ESPN that was signed in July. The agreement starts this season and runs until 2008.

ESPN Regional Television will

show three MT games this season. The first televised game will be Oct. 19 against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Nov. 16 against the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Nov. 23 against the University of North Texas, who prevented the Blue Raiders from playing in the New Orleans Bowl by beating them 24-21 last October.

All three games are at home and will be televised on CSS-TV channel 27 on Comcast in the Murfreesboro and Nashville viewing area. Next season, ESPN and ESPN2 will show a minimum of

five SBC games across the nation.

In addition, MT will have four other games on television this season. The season opener at Alabama will be shown on Jefferson-Pilot Sports Aug. 31. The games at Kentucky and UTK will be shown on tape-delay, but the MT vs. UTK in-state showdown will be on pay-per-view. The Oct. 26 game at Idaho will be shown on Fox Sports Northwest.

"It will help the university a lot," Calico said about the televised games. "More recruits will see us and see what MT is about."

This year the preseason polls are split on who will be SBC champion. The coaches picked UNT to finish first in front of MT. The Sun Belt's sports information director selected MT to come in first with NT in second. ♦





# Middle Tennessee football's finest

## Dwone Hicks

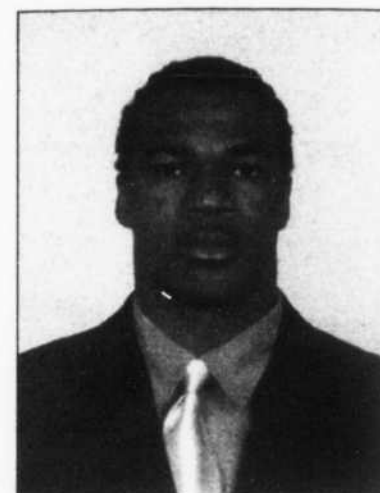
**Class:** Senior  
**Position:** Running Back  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 224 pounds  
**Previous School:** Lee  
**Hometown:** Huntsville, Ala.  
**Major:** Physical Education



Even before Hicks announced last January that he would not be entering the National Football League draft and would instead stay to complete his senior year at MT, he became tagged as MT's best shot for a Heisman Trophy. Hicks led the SBC in rushing last year with 1,143 yards and in scoring with 148 points. These numbers put Hicks as number 2 nationally in scoring, 25th in rushing and 31st in all-purpose yards. Some of his awards from last season include SBC Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-Sun Belt.

## Tyrone Calico

**Class:** r-Senior  
**Position:** Wide Receiver  
**Height:** 6-4  
**Weight:** 220 pounds  
**Previous School:** Millington  
**Hometown:** Millington, Tenn.  
**Major:** Concrete Industry Management



Calico has been a consistent receiver since his freshman year when his 65 receptions tied for the third highest in Blue Raider history for a single season. He is one of the few Blue Raiders to receive national recognition for his catch at Mississippi State University during the 2000 season where he pulled in one-handed a 42-yard pass and split three defenders before heading to the endzone.

## Brandon Westbrook

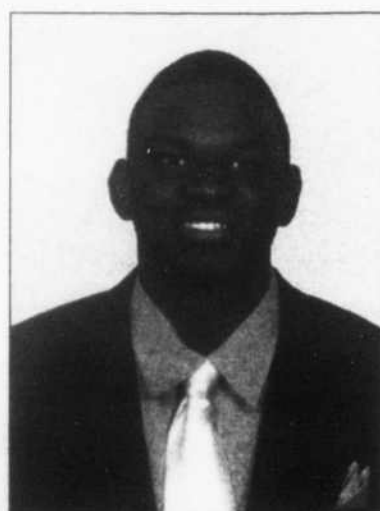
**Class:** r-Junior  
**Position:** Offensive Lineman  
**Height:** 6-6  
**Weight:** 301 pounds  
**Previous School:** Forsyth Central  
**Hometown:** Cumming, Ga.  
**Major:** Management



Westbrook was recently one of 63 players to make the 2002 Outland Trophy Watch List. The Outland Trophy is awarded each year to the top interior lineman in college football. The first team All-Sun Belt Conference winner started in every game last season and 21 in his two years of play at MT. He is also predicted to be a first team All-Sun Belt winner again in 2002.

## Andrico Hines

**Class:** r-Junior  
**Position:** Quarterback  
**Height:** 6-2  
**Weight:** 212 pounds  
**Previous School:** Southwest Miss. CC  
**Hometown:** Riverdale, Ga.  
**Major:** Physical Education



Last year the major question was who was going to take over the quarterback position after Wes Counts, SBC player of the year and the nation's leader in completion percentage, graduated. Hines has yet to play in a MT game, but spent all last season signaling in plays to Counts. Hines will be under a lot of pressure this year, especially from backup quarterback, freshman Andre Green.

# Everyone welcomed for intramural sports

By Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

Campus Recreation kicked off the fall intramural sports season Aug. 1 with preseason flag football.

Middle Tennessee's intramural program allows students, faculty and staff to join or put together a football, soccer or volleyball team during the fall semester, and a basketball, indoor soccer or softball team during the spring semester.

"[Intramural Sports] are activities for students to get involved in to relieve stress, build character and become educated about daily life," said Robert Steele, MT's National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association student representative.

The season will add soccer and volleyball beginning today and Sept. 3, respectively. Both sports will run for five weeks followed by playoffs.

At the end of the flag football season, each division winner will compete in the all-campus cham-

pionship to determine which team goes to the National Flag Football Collegiate Tournament, which was held in New Orleans last year. The tournament is typically held between Christmas and New Year's Eve each year.

The men's independent team, The Mean Machine, has won the past couple of years.

"[They] are ranked in the top 10 in the nation," Steele said. Though past seasons have seen only the men's league participating in the tournament, the intramural sports program is putting together a women's and a co-recreational team to participate this year, he added.

Each division has a men's, women's and co-recreational league available and teams can be formed by residential halls, fraternities, sororities, campus organizations or by individuals with a willing group of participants.

"Depending on the sport, we get anywhere from 50 to 90 teams," Steele said.

Those interested in getting involved can first pick up an information sheet, available at the Recreation Center. After securing a team and having each member complete the roster sheet, all information should be turned in. The team must agree on and sign up for a time and day to play and pay a team entry fee of \$30. The remainder of the necessary money is offset in a portion of the recreation fee charged each semester, Steele said.

"[The entry fee] helps to pay for supplies or personnel we'd need to furnish," he said.

The captain of the team must also attend a meeting to pick up a finalized schedule and some information about their chosen sport.

Students, faculty or staff members interested in forming a team should contact the intramural office at 898-2104 or visit the Campus Recreation Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~camprec](http://www.mtsu.edu/~camprec). ♦



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Sophomore defensive tackle Jerry Vanderpool puts his training to use at preseason training camp in hopes of securing a spot on the 2003 MT football team.

## Robert Billings

**Class:** r-Junior

**Position:** Punter

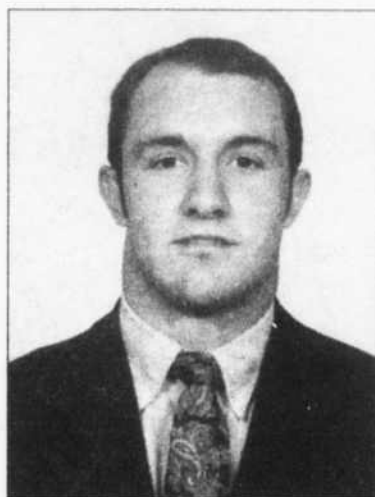
**Height:** 6-0

**Weight:** 200 pounds

**Previous School:** Collierville

**Hometown:** Collierville, Tenn.

**Major:** Aerospace



Billings was one of the four MT players to be listed in the 2002 Football Writers Association All-American Watch List. Last season Billings had the fourth best single-season punting average in school history at 42.3 yards a boot and led the SBC. In the 2002 season, the former walk-on earned second team All-SBC honors and started in all 11 games.

## 2002 fall intramural schedule

EVENT	ENTRY DATES	PLAY BEGIN
Preseason Flag Football	8/1/02-8/27/02	9/3/02
Reg. Season Flag Football	8/1/02-9/3/02	9/9/02
Reg. Season Soccer	8/19/02-9/10/02	9/16/02
Punt, Pass, and Kick	9/3/02-10/3/02	9/30/02
Volleyball	9/3/02-9/24/02	9/30/02
Flag Football Tourney	9/9/02-9/27/02	10/4/02
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# Golf team swings into action

By Ron Moses  
Staff Writer

As the summer humidity turns into fall breezes and the leaves begin to change, the young Middle Tennessee golf team is preparing for another season.

Of the 11 players on the roster eight of them are either freshmen or sophomores. Coach Moore said he asked his team to work hard this summer to gain some experience.

"I asked my players to participate in as many tournaments as they could," Moore said. "This is a rebuilding year for us. We are very young but I'm pleased with the work our team has done."

With loss of such dominant players as John Beddies and J.R. Wade, every player on the Blue Raider squad will have to step his game up a notch. Leading the way this summer was standout senior Patrick Williams.

"Patrick is definitely a leader on this team," Moore said.

Williams, who is from Hixson, Tenn., will still have to improve his game at every tournament and show leadership on the courses, along with junior Charlie Gibson. Gibson, from Brentwood, Tenn., and Williams were the only two players to finish with the team's low strokes last season.

Williams had the second best

stroke average on the team with 73.6, and Gibson had the third best stroke average at 74.1.

Willie Daniel, from Tullahoma, is another junior this year. Daniel showed hints of his ability last fall with a personal best 17th finish at the Hillman Robbins Memorial Golf Tournament and finished with a 75.5 stroke average for the season.

Another junior is Jon Tucker, who was just recently acquired. The Sevierville, Tenn., native is expected to show maturity to a very young team as an upperclassman.

The only true sophomore this year is Carter Henderson. Henderson is from Nashville, Tenn., and was a three-year letter winner at Montgomery Bell Academy, first team All-State and 2000 region championship winner. After having a collegiate career best of 71 strokes, he should add to the team this fall.

Along with Henderson, there are four redshirted sophomores on the team: Andy Vaughn, Taylor Bowers, Kenny Greene and Blake Bivens. These four men should add depth to the Blue Raider squad.

Josh Nelms, Treat Mcallister and Johnathan Burns make up the freshman class for the fall 2002 season.

The first tournament of the year for the Blue Raiders takes place Sept. 9-10 at the Raising Cane Fall Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

"We are definitely looking forward to playing at this event, and this course is always tough," Moore said.

The tournament in Hattiesburg is followed by the University of Louisiana-Monroe/Fred Marx Intercollegiate Tournament Sept. 23-24.

From there, the squad will travel to Memphis, Tenn., to play in the Hillman Robbins Memorial Oct. 7-8. Because Memphis is the only other Tennessee trip on their schedule, it heightens the team's anticipation. The trip to west Tennessee is marked on Moore's calendar.

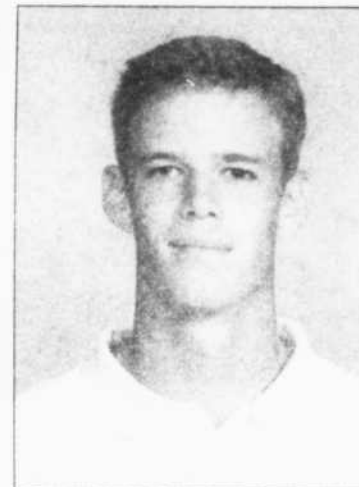
"We really want to win in Memphis and Alabama," Moore said.

Their next tee off will be in Orlando, Fla., at the Rio Pinar Intercollegiate Oct. 28-29. The golf course, which was recently overhauled, is a tough course to play on. The course has recently reconstructed bunkers and lengthened greens to make it more of a challenge.

The final tournament of the year will be played in Gulf Shores, Ala. The tournament is scheduled for Nov. 4 and 5. ♦

## Charlie Gibson

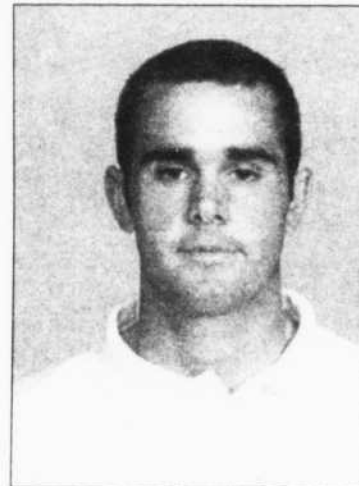
**Class:** Junior  
**Height:** 5-9  
**Weight:** 150 pounds  
**Previous School:** BGA  
**Hometown:** Brentwood, Tenn.  
**Major:** Undecided



The best finish that Gibson had in the five tournaments that he competed in during the 2001 season was 20th at the Chattanooga Intercollegiate tournament. He had the third best stroke average of 74.1 and had a personal best of 69 strokes.

## Patrick Williams

**Class:** Senior  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Weight:** 170 pounds  
**Previous School:** Soddy-Daisy  
**Hometown:** Chattanooga, Tenn.  
**Major:** Marketing



Williams had the second best stroke average of the 2001 Fall squad at 73.6, raising it from the 76.8 stroke average that he had the previous spring. At the Raising Cane Classic he had a career best round of 66 and tied for the 11th spot.

## 2002-03 MT Men's Golf Schedule

Date	Tournament	Location
Sept. 9-10	Raising Cane Fall Classic	Hattiesburg, Miss.
Sept. 23-24	ULM/Fred Marx	Monroe, La.
Oct. 7-8	Hillman Robbins Memorial	Memphis, Tenn.
Oct. 28-29	Rio Pinar Intercollegiate	Orlando, Fla.
Nov. 4-5	Fall Beach Classic	Gulf Shores, Ala.

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# New coach spurs on MT soccer team

By Kristin Hooper and  
Angelica Journagin

Photo Editor and Sports Editor

As preseason begins its second week, the Blue Raider soccer team is preparing by becoming familiar with all 11 new players and their new coach, the third in the women's soccer program's history.

When the former head coach from the University of North Alabama, Aston Rhoden, was hired late last fall to lead the soccer team he not only brought himself, but, three members of his former squad: junior Christina Mascaro, sophomore Ashley Elliot and junior Melissa Funke.

Mascaro was the leading scorer for UNA, a Division II team, both her freshman and sophomore years. The forward has started in all 35 matches of her sophomore year. Elliot is a midfielder and started in all 18 matches her freshman year and had two assists. Funke is a defensive midfielder and has played in almost all of the games in her two years at UNA.

The other eight newcomers to the soccer team are all freshmen and include Lindsey Estes, Caroline McHugh, Sarah Schmidt, Danielle Perreault, Megan Ziegler, Brooke Ward, I'Keta Wilford and Melissa Wellman.

"Right now it is very early, but the freshmen have probably been the most pleasant surprise. As a class, they are in excellent shape," Rhoden said.

Wellman was a member of the Alabama Olympic Development Program for four years and she was a member of the Rocket City Kicks, which won the state championship from 1999-2002.

Another player to lead her club team to a state championship is defender Ward. An All-Midstate selection her senior year at Blackman High School in Murfreesboro, Ward was a member of the Williamson County Lady Express, which won the state championships in 2001 and was ranked 16th in the nation.

Estes played for Cordova High School in Memphis, Tenn., as a senior scoring 36 goals and earning All-State honors. The Fury '83, Estes' club team, won the 2001

state championships and was ranked third in the region.

While Estes is a versatile player who can play two or three positions well, Wellman is a good defensive player and Ward has a progressive vision and intense attack which will be great for blocking offensive plays, Rhoden said.

Returning starting keeper, junior Emily Shrum, has already cemented her new position for the new coach. The goalie had 2.5 shutouts last season and a 1.43 goals-against-average, the best in MT history.

SBC Freshman of the Year, Danielle LaDuke, will be returning this season under pressure to improve on her MT season tying record of 13 goals. Sophomore Laura Miguez will also be looking to once again lead the league in assists this year after her eight last season.

"Emily Shrum has been very impressive in the first few workouts, as have Laura Miguez and a couple of freshmen. Caroline McHugh and Brooke Ward," Rhoden said. "They have come into preseason camp in not only great physical shape but excellent soccer shape. That makes a difference."

If MT expects to topple the University of North Texas, 7-1-0 last season in league play, the University of Denver (6-1-1) and Florida International University (6-1-1) then they are going to have to improve defensively. Last year the Blue Raiders were third in the SBC in shots per game, goals per game and second in assists per game, however, they were sixth in goals allowed per game at 28, seventh in shutouts per game and finished sixth in the conference.

The only defensive player to be recognized from last year's squad was senior Sheri Robbins. Robbins was Second Team All-SBC last year after starting in all 19 matches.

Rhoden admits that right now the team is not ready, but maintains hopeful about the upcoming season.

"It's a matter of how effectively we play as a team," Rhoden said.

The Blue Raiders open their season in Springfield, Miss. ♦

## 2002-03 MT Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug 30	Southwest Missouri State	Springfield, Mo.	7 p.m.
Sep 1	Eastern Illinois	Charleston, Ill.	1 p.m.
Sep 3	Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sep 6	Southern Miss	Home	4 p.m.
Sep 8	Drury	Home	1 p.m.
Sep 13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	7:30 p.m.
Sep 15	Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	1 p.m.
Sep 20	Alabama A&M	Home	3 p.m.
Sep 22	Murray State	Murray, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sep 27	Florida International (SB)	Miami, Fla.	5 p.m.
Sep 29	Stetson	Deland, Fla.	11 a.m.
Oct 4	Arkansas-Little Rock (SB)	Home	4 p.m.
Oct 6	Arkansas State (SB)	Home	1 p.m.
Oct 11	Denver (SB)	Denver, Colo.	5 p.m.
Oct 13	North Texas (SB)	Denton, Texas	1 p.m.
Oct 18	Western Kentucky (SB)	Home	4 p.m.
Oct 20	Austin Peay	Home	1 p.m.
Oct 22	Georgia State	Atlanta, Ga.	2 p.m.
Oct 25	South Alabama (SB)	Home	2 p.m.
Oct 27	Louisiana-Lafayette (SB)	Home	1 p.m.
Nov 6-9	Sun Belt Conference Tournament	Mobile, Ala.	



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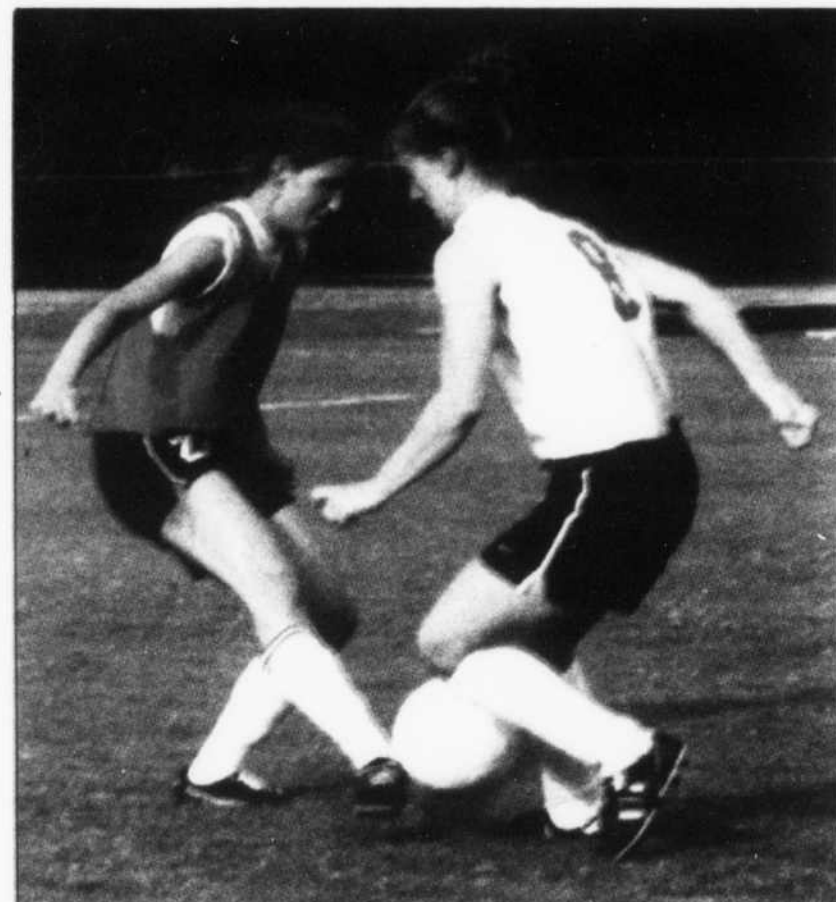


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(Left) Freshman keeper Danielle Perreault practices diving against teammate Sarah Schulz. (Above) Freshmen Sarah Schmidt and Melissa Wellman were two of the eight recruits for the season.

## Aston Rhoden

Alma Mater/Year—  
Alabama—Huntsville, 1989  
Record at MT—first year  
Career Record—39-50-1 (six  
seasons)



When Rhoden was hired in February of this year he became the third head coach at Middle Tennessee in the soccer program's six year existence. Scott Ginn was the previous coach and he posted an 18-20 record in his two years with the MT program. Rhoden had winning seasons in 1999 and 2000 at the University of North Alabama, but had a 6-12 record in 2001. Rhoden has a good base to work with as 14 letterwinners returned for this season including the leading scorer and assist leader. Three starters from UNA followed Rhoden to MT and he also signed eight freshmen for the upcoming season.

## Danielle LaDuke

**Class:** Sophomore  
**Position:** Forward  
**Height:** 5-7  
**Hometown:** Liverpool, N.Y.  
**Major:** Business



As a sophomore, Laduke will be under pressure this season to repeat her first season success. Last season Laduke tied the school's single season record with 13 goals and finished 11th in the nation in scoring. She was also named the Sun Belt Freshman of the Year and Second Team All-Conference after missing only three games due to injury.





## 2002 Middle Tennessee Women's Golf Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 6-8	Unlimited Potential/Bay Tree	Charleston, S.C.
Sept. 16-17	Memphis Intercollegiate	Memphis, Tenn.
Sept. 23-24	Louisville Invitational	Louisville, Ky.
Oct. 7-8	Lady Razorback Invitational	Fayetteville, Ark.
Oct. 28-30	Lady Panther Invitational	Atlanta, Ga.

Photo by MT Media Relations

Tamara Munsch takes a swing at the golf ball. She currently leads the team in all categories

## Women's golf aims at team win

By Angelica Journagin  
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider golf team is about to begin its second season at Middle Tennessee with a new coach and a positive attitude, although they will be fighting an uphill battle throughout the season.

This fall the MT golf team will play in five tournaments, all of them away. Playing on the same course not only builds familiarity, but also confidence. The results of competing on a familiar course can be seen in the Sun Belt Conference standings. Of the five lowest finishers in the SBC, where MT ranks seventh, none hosted a tournament last year. This can be compared to the top five finishers, all of whom hosted at least one tournament.

"Of course the more you have played a course the more comfortable you feel," said head coach Rachael Moore. "You know where to go and what to do. We can't host a tournament because we don't have a course available."

The Lady Raiders currently practices on Murfreesboro area courses. Most of the collegiate golf teams that host tournaments either have a university course reserved for them at a local golf course or are given a large discount by the owners.

Despite this, the Lady Raiders

continues to have a positive outlook for the future.

"Last year our goal was to finish in the top five and our goal hasn't changed," Moore said. "I would also love to see us have a team victory this year."

The only player to receive a medal last year was junior Tamara Munsch at the Chris Bannister Classic. Her score of 154 was one stroke over Samford's Kelly Villarreal, Murray State's Stephanie Baskey and New Orleans' Crystal Elliers.

Munsch tied with Arkansas State University's Shellie Wenzel and fellow MT golfer Kandace Burnett to finish seventh in the SBC championship. Munsch was named to the SBC 2002 All-Conference Team.

While Munsch finished in the top position for MT at all of their competitions last year, that hasn't stopped the other players from having good rounds. Almost every player on the 2002-2003 squad has shot a round under 80 during their time at MT. The key to MT having a chance at the SBC championship this year will be consistency on part of all of the players.

Burnett had her second best performance of the year at last season's SBC championship where she came in seventh, helped greatly by one round of 75 and another round of 76. The other time that

she shot a round of 75 was at the Lady Eagle Invitational, where she came in sixth. However, her average stroke for the year was an 82.3.

Another Lady Raider that could cause some damage with consistency in her game is sophomore Kristin Lynch. Lynch marked her season with a low round of 75 strokes and tied for 19th place at the SBC championship. Last season was just Lynch's freshman year, but she is expected to improve as she gains more experience.

An addition that is anticipated to provide competition for the team is the squad's only freshman, Grace Holmes. Holmes is a native from Lexington, Tenn., and comes with an impressive high school career, placing second in the 2001 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association State Tournament and making the All-State team from 1999-2001.

With this addition and with the experience gained by the upperclassmen over the summer, Moore is hopeful that the team will have a significant showing in the SBC this year.

"I hope that we improve and play a lot better in the conference," Moore said. "The SBC is very easily attained if we stick to our game plan of taking one shot at a time."

The Lady Raiders' first tournament is Sept. 6-8 in Charleston, S.C. ♦

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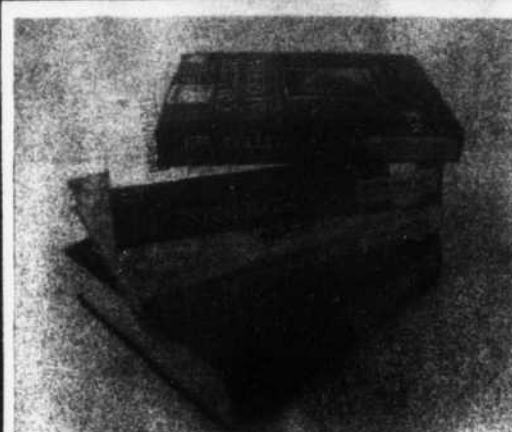


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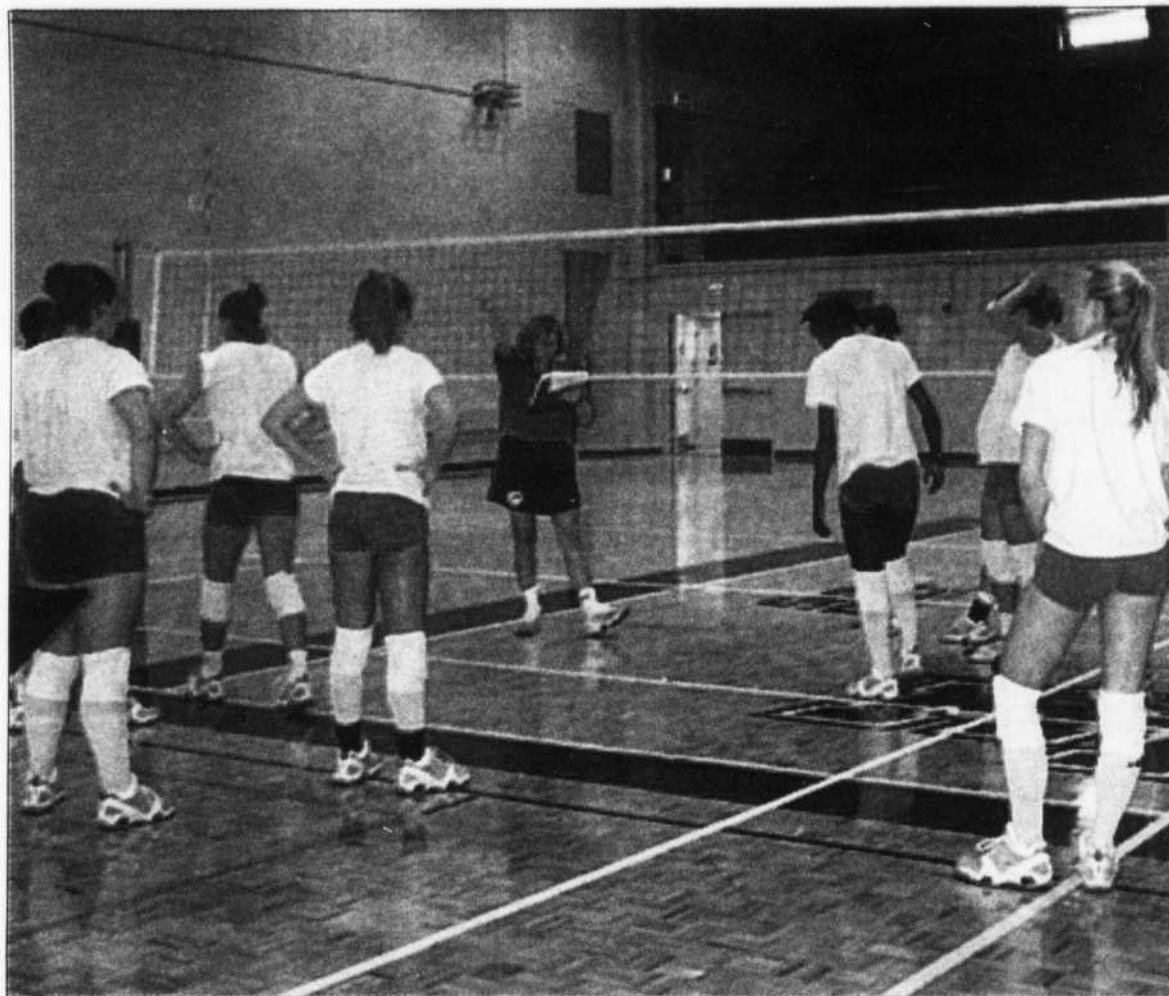


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## Goldie Bilyeu

**Class:** Junior  
**Position:** Setter  
**Height:** 5-6  
**Previous School:** Ozark  
**Hometown:** Ozark, Mo.  
**Major:** Interior Design



Bilyeu's 915 assists in the 2001 season led the team in assists for the season and put her in fifth place for assists in a season and a career in MT history. The setter was also second on the team in service aces with 34 and third on the team with digs with 217.

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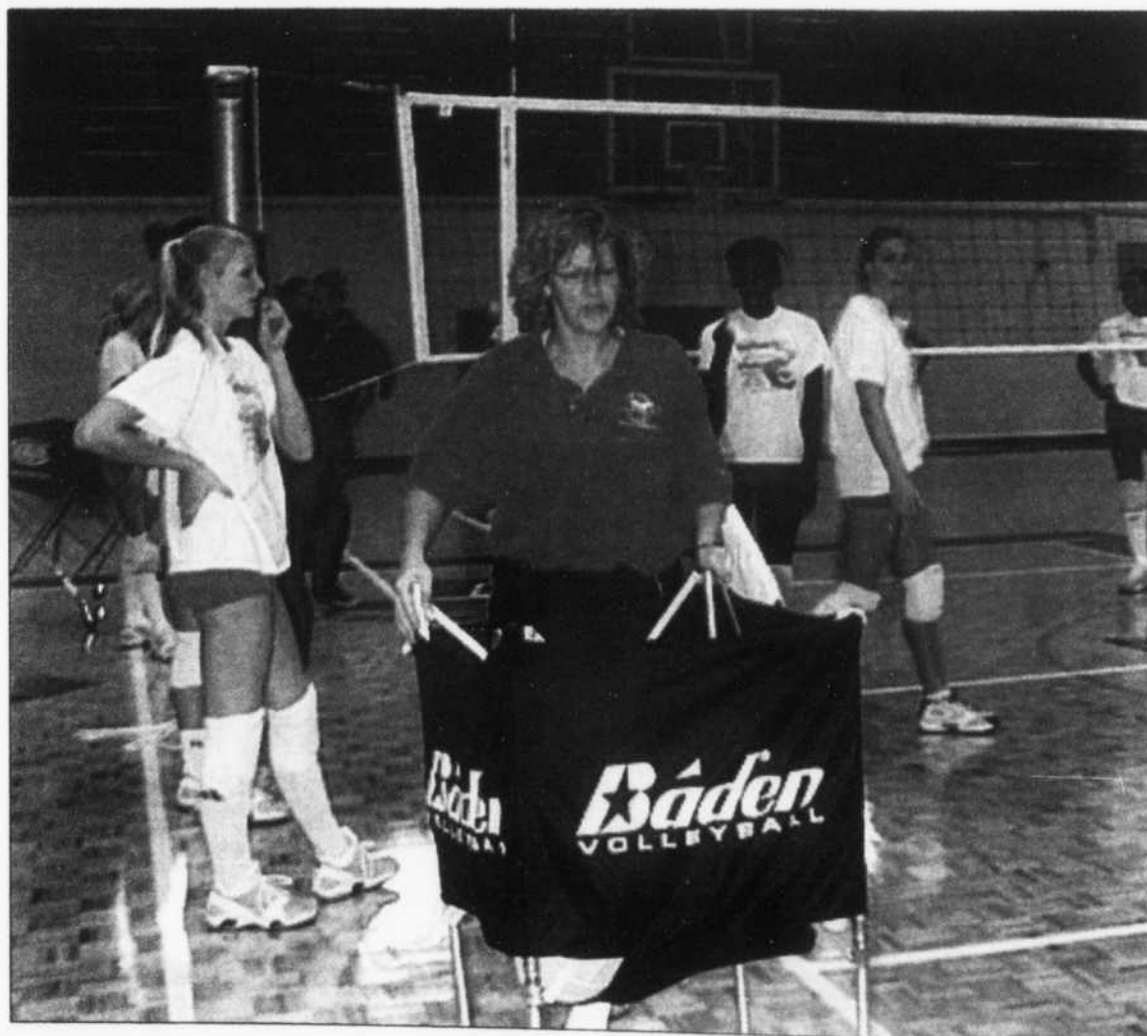
Head coach Lisa Kissee demonstrates different skills to the volleyball team. The team has been practicing for two weeks.

## Erin Hillstrom

**Class:** Senior  
**Position:** Outside Hitter  
**Height:** 5-11  
**Previous School:** J.J. Pearce  
**Hometown:** Dallas, Texas  
**Major:** Marketing



One of five seniors on this year's team, Hillstrom had a standout season last year when she led the team in service aces with 45 and digs with 342, averaging 2.80 per game. Hillstrom also played in all 33 matches last year for the Lady Raiders and was second on the team in attacks with 927 and kills at 316 averaging 2.59 per game.





# Volleyball team makes good use of its trip to Australia

By Angelica Journagin  
Sports Editor

Experience and a new sense of confidence is what the Lady Raider volleyball team is hoping will lead them to their first-ever Sun Belt Championship this season.

The team will have to use all of the skills at their disposal because they were ranked fourth of five in the East Division with 24 points and one first-place vote by the SBC volleyball coaches. Despite this, volleyball head coach Lisa Kisee still thinks that they have a good chance at the SBC Championship.

"Last season we lost a key player during the pre-season and we never got on track," Kisee said. "This season we have had a great spring and summer and we have a legit opportunity to compete for the SBC Championship."

Florida International University, last season's SBC Tournament champion and the SBC NCAA Tournament representative, was picked to take the first place spot in the East division with 52 points and nine first-place votes.

After FIU was the University of Arkansas with 40 points and one first-place vote, last year's division winner Western Kentucky University with 34 points, MT and lastly Arkansas State University with 15 points.

In the West Division last year's division winner, New Mexico State, was picked to lead with 63 points and nine first-place votes. Following them was the University of North Texas at 52 points and two first-place votes, the University of Denver at 41 points, the University of Louisiana-Lafayette at 29 points and one first-place vote, the University of New Orleans at 25 points and the University of South Alabama at 18 points.

The experience that the Lady Raiders are depending on will come from the five seniors playing on the squad, the most for any SBC team, and the seven returning starters.

"This is the first time ever that this has happened," Kisee said in regard to the number of seniors that the team has. "We are even

going to redshirt one of the seniors who was a walk-on a year and a half ago."

One senior and returning starter that Kisee will be looking to for leadership is outside hitter Erin Hillstrom. The 5-foot-11-Hillstrom led the team in digs and aces last season with 342 and 45 respectively.

Senior setter Kelly Quinn was ranked second on the team in assists with 392 and averaged 1.74 digs per game. Outside hitter Katie Thiesen will be another dependable player ranking third on the team in kills with 292, third in attacks with 805 and third in blocks with 74. Jennifer Hignite is a senior middle blocker that ranks second on the team in blocks with 14 solo and 77 block assists.

The sole MT player to make the 2002 Sun Belt Volleyball Preseason All-Conference Team was sophomore outside hitter Keke Deckard, the 2002 Sun Belt Freshman of the Year. She was first on the team last season in attacks with 1,284, first on the team and third in the league in kills with 486 and second on the

team with digs with 320.

Juniors Goldie Bilyeu and Karisse Baker will need to have impressive seasons this year if the Lady Raiders have a chance of making it to the SBC Championship. Bilyeu, a setter, had 915 assists to lead the team. Baker is a middle blocker who led the team in blocks with 131 and averaged 2.2 kills per game last season.

"There isn't one player leading the team this year," Kisee said. "This season we have so many leaders it's more like having leaders by position."

The confidence that the Lady Raiders have developed comes from their 13-day trip to Australia over the summer where they played such teams as the Australian National team.

"We saw a lot of different styles and played some very diverse players, even some from the United States who had played in Division I," Kisee said. "We played several matches in a very short time. At the end of the week we were playing on grit, but the seniors competed all the way through the end of the

match."

The team's focus and greatest improvement, according to Kisee, was defensive play. Kisee admitted last year the team lacked defensive depth, but over the summer the squad worked to improve on the accuracy and effectiveness on defensive serving and counter attacks.

"All of the returning players have improved," Kisee said. "I am seeing so many different aspects of their game. They are playing faster with a higher return rate."

Despite what happened during the preseason, the Lady Raiders now have to focus on the upcoming conference games. The first five SBC games will be played at the Murphy Center.

"Regardless if the game is home or away, or how we do on the other matches, when we get to the conference games we have to compete," Kisee said. "I just want to see us grow as a team during the season."

The Lady Raiders play their first match Aug. 30 against the University of Western Carolina. ♦

## 2002-2003 Middle Tennessee Volleyball Schedule

Date	Team	Location	Time	Date	Team	Location	Time
Aug. 30	Western Carolina	Murfreesboro	1 p.m.	Oct 6	Arkansas State (SB)	Murfreesboro	1 p.m.
Aug. 30	Purdue	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.	Oct 8	UAB	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	University of Evansville	Murfreesboro	2 p.m.	Oct 11	Florida International (SB)	Miami, Fla.	6 p.m.
Aug. 31	Chicago State	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.	Oct 15	Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
Sept. 4	UT-Chattanooga	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.	Oct 18	Denver (SB)	Denver, Colo.	8 p.m.
Sept. 6	Appalachian State	Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m.	Oct 20	New Mexico State (SB)	Las Cruces, N.M.	1 p.m.
Sept. 7	Memphis	Memphis, Tenn.	12 p.m.	Oct 26	New Orleans (SB)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	Birmingham-Southern	Memphis, Tenn.	4 p.m.	Oct 27	South Alabama (SB)	Murfreesboro	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	Mississippi State	Murfreesboro	6 p.m.	Oct 30	Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.	7 p.m.	Nov 2	Florida Inter. (SB)	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Wyoming	Auburn, Ala.	2 p.m.	Nov 6	Arkansas State (SB)	Jonesboro, Ark.	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	UNC-Greensboro	Auburn, Ala.	11 a.m.	Nov 8	Arkansas-Little Rock (SB)	Little Rock, Ark.	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	7 p.m.	Nov 13	Western Kentucky (SB)	Bowling Green, Ky.	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	Alumni Game (EX)	Murfreesboro	2 p.m.	Nov 15	Louisiana-Lafayette (SB)	Lafayette, La.	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Western Kentucky (SB)	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.	Nov 20-23	Sun Belt Conference Tournament (N)	Miami, Fla.	
Sept. 27	North Texas (SB)	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.				
Oct. 4	Arkansas-Little Rock (SB)	Murfreesboro	7 p.m.				

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# Sports Briefs

Compiled by Angelica Journagin  
Sports Editor

## Three compete in NCAA

Middle Tennessee sent six members of its track team to Baton Rouge, La. to compete in the 2002 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 29-June 1.

Senior Godfrey Herring became the track team's first member to earn All-American status five times with his sixth place finish in the 400-meter dash. His time of 45.73 seconds was 0.13 seconds slower than his NCAA qualifying time that made him the ninth fastest collegiate runner of the year in the event.

Herring was also a member of the 400-meter relay team that barely missed All-American status with their ninth place finishing time of 40.01 seconds. The other members of the team included DJ Spann, Fred Williams and Wesley Dupar-Scott.

The final MT athlete to compete was Chris Koger who ended his season with a 13th place finish in the men's high jump. Koger won 12 meets over the year and broke the school record with his 7-1 1/2 inches jump at the Auburn

Invitational in March.

## Tennis players end season

Manon Kruse, Stacy Varnell and Daniel Klemetz represented MT in the NCAA Tennis Championships the last two weeks of May.

Kruse lost in the first round of the Individual Women's Championships to end the season with a 24-6 record. Kruse began the season ranked 43rd in the nation and moved up to 29th during the season.

Kruse went farther in the doubles part of the tournament where her and Varnell made it to the second round before being knocked out by a Stanford team. The loss put Varnell and Kruse at a season ending record of 28-8.

Like Kruse, Klemetz also competed in the individual championships and lost in the first round. Klemetz ends his season with a 29-9 record and winner of the *National Tennis Magazine*/Arthur Ashe Jr. Sportsmanship and Leadership Award for 2002.

## MBL draft picks up players

The Chicago White Sox and the Minnesota Twins came away with two members of MT's Baseball team in this year's draft and contracted with another.

Senior pitcher Adam Larson was picked up by the White Sox in the 15th round of the draft. Larson completed his first starting season with MT last year and had a 5.11 ERA.

In the 22nd round junior Justin Sims became the first of two former MT players to be chosen by the Twins. Sims was an outfielder for MT and led the team in batting with a .387 average, 11 homers and 53 RBIs.

The second member of MT to go to the Twins was senior short-stop Jason Howarth who received a post-season free agent offer. Howarth is expected to be assigned to the Twins' rookie league.

## Volleyball visits Australia

The Lady Raider Volleyball team started out strong but ended up breaking even with a 4-4 record during their 13-day tour of Australia this summer.

The tour, the culmination of five years of fundraising, started out in Fiji where they defeated the Fiji team 3-1. The team traveled to New Zealand and lost 3-2 to Team Shirley before going on to win 3-1 against Hornby and 3-2 against the New Zealand Institute of Sports.

In Australia the team maintained momentum for the first game, beating Canberra Heat 3-1. In the last three days of play the Lady Raiders lost all three games, two to the Australian National Team 3-1 and 3-0.

## Wade named to scholar list

The Cleveland Golf Coaches Association of America picked MT golfer J.R. Wade as one of the 86 golfers to earn the honor of All-American Scholar.

To be named an All American Scholar the golfer must play in at least 70 percent of their team's competitions, maintain a 3.2 grade-point average and a golf scoring average under a 76. Wade was an All-Sun Belt athlete in 2002 and finished the season with a top stroke average of 72.9.

"J.R. (Wade) has been a model student and player since the day he arrived on campus and I am extremely proud of this honor," head coach Johnny Moore said. "He is in an elite group."

Wade was the only person from Tennessee and one of three athletes from the SBC to be chosen for the award.

## Football players put on list

Four members of the MT football team were named on the Football Writers Association of America Watch List for 2002.

The players are running back Dwone Hicks, placekicker Brian Kelly, punter Robert Billings and offensive tackle Brandon Westbrook.

Hicks was the 2001 SBC Offensive Player of the Year and led the conference in rushing and touchdowns scored. Kelly is 17-22 in field goal attempts. Billings led the SBC last year with a 42.3 average and Westbrook was first team All-SBC in 2001. ♦

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## Track members compete in new meets



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(Left) Former MT track star Godfrey Herring has been running professionally since the end of the season. (Above) Andrew Owusu takes time away from his teaching fellowship to race in several international meets.

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The Middle Tennessee track team was busy over the summer as present and former players competed in national and international competitions.

The last meet of the season for two MT players was at the USA Track and Field Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. Senior Godfrey Herring and freshman Wesley Dupar-Scott made to the semifinals of each of their events before being eliminated.

Dupar-Scott ran 10.76 in the 100-meter semifinals at the meet but failed to qualify for the finals.

The other player to run was Herring in his last race as a member of the Middle Tennessee squad. Herring's time of 45.60 seconds led to his qualifying for the meet.

"I'm not really nervous about being there or the competition," Herring said. "In fact I am kind of excited about competing with top athletes and get a little taste of how it would be to be a professional runner."

Herring has garnered experience in tough competitions since he is a five-time All-American for MT. Still preparing this meet, Herring sought advice from his girlfriend, a professional runner for Nike, and MT track coach Dean Hayes.

"Before when I prepared for a race I knew I had that one and possibly one or two in the

following weeks," Herring said. "Now I am trying to get race ready for one meet and that is a big difference."

Herring qualified for the next round with a time of 45.89 seconds in the first round of the 400-meter dash, but only had a time of 46.46 seconds in the semifinals and failed to qualify.

Herring had a chance to redeem himself when he ran in the NACAC Under-25 Track and Field Championships at E.M. Stevens stadium on the Trinity University campus in San Antonio, Texas.

There he participated in the first place winning 1600 meter relay and ran the fastest leg with a time of 44.06 seconds. The team as a whole ran a time of 3 minutes and 1.15 seconds on the final day of the meet.

Herring also competed individually in the 400-meter dash, only being added because another runner had dropped out. Herring posted a time of 46.20 seconds in the preliminaries and a time of 45.65 seconds in the finals to come away with a second place finish.

Another participant in the Blue Raider track team is Andrew Owusu. Owusu is currently on a teaching fellowship at MT. He competed at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England, in the triple jump. He then traveled to the African Games in Tunis, Tunisia, where he finished seconds in the triple jump with a distance of 55 feet and 10.50 inches. ♦

## Briefs From Around the World

Written and Compiled by Chris Jones | Staff Writer

### Baseball headed to strike

The Baseball Union's executive board said baseball players are set to strike on Aug. 30, leading the sport into its ninth work stoppage since 1972.

The strike date was set during a 90-minute conference call in Chicago. When the board met, little progress was made on the key economic issues. This angered players because of management's lack of action. Management's desire for a luxury tax that would restrain spending by high-payroll teams is the main issue blocking a settlement.

It the strike means that if the season is not completed, players would lose 16.9 percent of their base salaries.

Players not wanting to finish the season without a contract are convinced owners would lock them out or change work rules.

The union prefers to have a late-season strike than have a confrontation at the start of next season.

The last strike began Aug. 12, 1994, lasted for 232 days and caused World Series to be canceled for the first time in 90 years. The strike ended when a federal judge issued an injunction to restore rules of the expired labor contract.

### NASCAR uses new walls

This summer when NASCAR's Winston Cup circuit returned to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, a new safety innovation was introduced, an energy absorbing barrier that has been placed in the track's four turn. It was the first time NASCAR ran a race on a track with "soft walls," said the Indy Racing League.

The Steel and Foam Energy

Reduction barrier was the result of years of development. Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the IRL started working on a barrier in 1997 and first came up with a polyethylene-based surface. It was used at Indy in 1998 and was credited for saving the life of Arie Luyendyk in an International Race of Champions crash that year.

But further research has led to the new SAFER design. It consists of stacks of four rectangular steel tubes welded into modules 20 feet long and about four-feet high. These modules are backed with several inches of polystyrene foam. It has been placed on 4,240 feet of the track's outside wall, where it received good reviews at the Indianapolis 500 in May.

### Iverson turns himself in

On July 11, Philadelphia police issued National Basketball

Association superstar Allen Iverson a warrant for his arrest. Iverson was accused of multiple charges that included criminal trespass, simple assault, terroristic threats and gun offenses after a man said

Iverson allegedly forced his way into an apartment while looking for his wife and cousin.

### Andre Agassi beats Enqvist

WASHINGTON (AP) — Andre Agassi broke serve to avoid a straight-sets loss, rallying to beat Thomas Enqvist 6-7 (8), 7-6 (5), 6-3 in the quarterfinals of the Legg Mason Tennis Classic Friday.

With Enqvist serving for the match at 5-4 in the second set, Agassi fought back to force a tiebreaker, ending the game with a strong forehand winner. Agassi also overcame a 4-2 deficit in the second-set tiebreaker.

The top-seeded Agassi advanced to a semifinal match against sixth-seeded James Blake, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over fourth-seeded Alex Corretja.

In the other semifinal, fifth-seeded Marcelo Rios of Chile will play 14th-seeded Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand.

### PGA tournament delayed

CHASKA, Minn. (AP) — Black clouds gathering over Hazeltine and the sound of a siren was the only thing that stopped Fred Funk in the second round of the PGA Championship Friday.

Tiger Woods stayed in contention with the cold look of an eight-time major champion, but it was Funk who charged up the galleries with one birdie after another, surging to a one-stroke lead

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# SEC under investigation going into 2002-03 season

By Paul Newberry  
AP Sports Writer

Now is a good time for Georgia to end its two-decade championship drought — the Bulldogs won't be getting kicked around by Steve Spurrier anymore.

After a dozen years of funning and gunning, not to mention six Southeastern Conference titles, Spurrier abruptly bailed out at Florida to coach in the NFL.

"We're going to really miss Steve Spurrier in the SEC," Arkansas coach Houston Nutt said.

Actually, Spurrier won't be missed at Georgia, which used to beat up on the Gators with regularity until the "Evil Genius" came along in 1990.

Since then, the Bulldogs are 1-11 against their rival, all the while extending the longest run without a championship in school history.

Georgia's most recent title of any kind came in 1982, when Herschel Walker was taking handoffs in the 3-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust era.

"It wasn't just Spurrier, of course. They have some great players," Georgia quarterback David Greene said. "But it didn't hurt my feelings when he left."

Spurrier left a lot of hurt feelings in Florida, where his name was virtually synonymous with the program he built into a national powerhouse. The Gators' fans still are getting used to the idea that their "Head Ballcoach" is now with the Washington Redskins.

Enter Ron Zook, whose hiring didn't inspire a lot of giddiness in Swamp Land. Right away, someone launched a Web site to chronicle the recruits who got away and the supposed bad times to come.

Zook, a former Florida assistant who was demoted by Spurrier in

the mid-1990s, is hoping to outwork his predecessor's legacy. Already, there are stories of his thousand-mile road trips, his beliefs that eating and sleeping are overrated.

"It obviously comes down to wins or losses," Zook said. "It makes no difference what people say now."

Those outside of Florida aren't expecting much slippage. The Gators start the season No. 6 in the AP poll, one spot behind defending SEC East champion Tennessee and two spots ahead of Georgia.

"Nobody on this team is really thinking about coach Spurrier anymore," said Rex Grossman, Florida's sensational quarterback.

Georgia has 15 returning starters but must get through a treacherous schedule—Tennessee, Florida, road trips to South Carolina, Alabama and Auburn—to

reach the Dec. 7 SEC championship game in Atlanta.

History isn't on the Bulldogs' side, either.

"It's not like we've been the favorite and done it two or three years in a row," coach Mark Richt said. "We've got to do something special around here."

LSU did something special a year ago with its first SEC title since 1988.

The No. 14 Tigers upset Tennessee in the championship game, denying the Volunteers a chance to play in the Rose Bowl.

Tennessee is still smarting from that loss.

"We have something to prove this year," quarterback Casey Clausen said. "Our motto is 'unfinished business.'"

Despite the loss of receiver Donte Stallworth, tailback Travis Stephens and the entire defensive

front, Tennessee has plenty of talent to make another title run.

The Eastern Division has three Top 10 teams, plus No. 22 South Carolina. Out West, LSU is a solid favorite to make it back to Atlanta, even though quarterback Rohan Davey and receiver Josh Reed went to the pros.

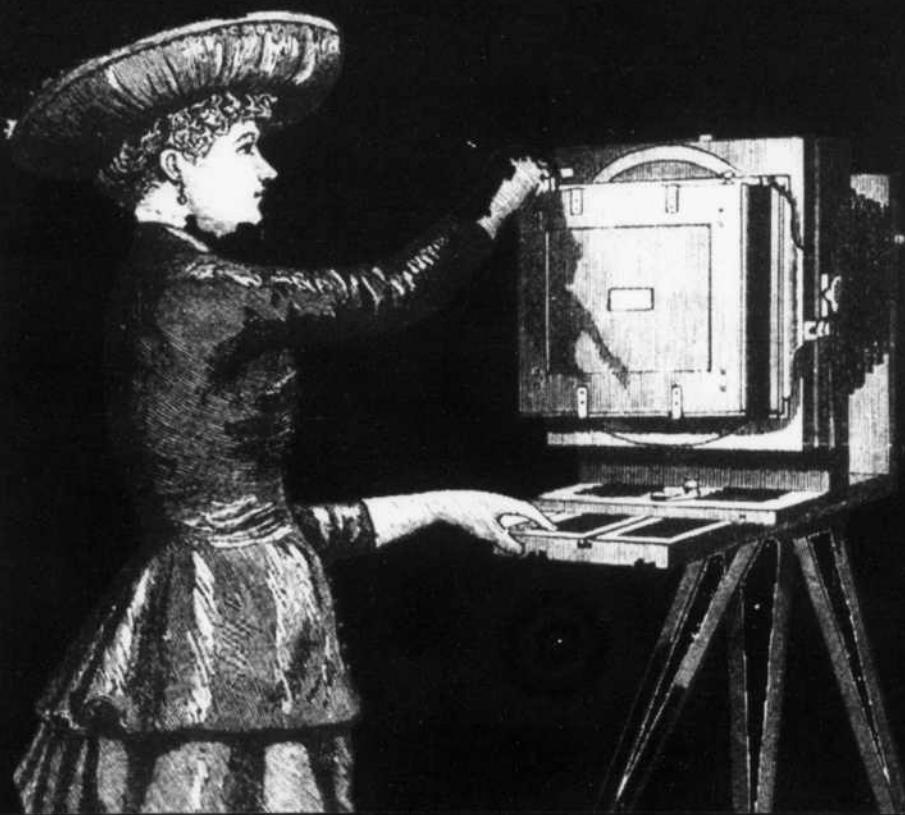
LSU won't have to worry about Alabama, which is ineligible for the title because of NCAA probation.

The Crimson Tide's troubles are indicative of a larger problem in the SEC.

Kentucky also is on probation, while three other schools—Arkansas, Tennessee and LSU—are under investigation for possible violations.

"We have to say, 'We're just not going to continue to have these problems.' And that is a big priority for us," new commissioner Mike Slive said. ♦

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when storms suspended the second round.

Funk, the 46-year-old former golf coach at Maryland, was 7seve-nunder and had five holes left when play was stopped.

The clubhouse lead belonged to Mark Calcavecchia (68), Retief Goosen (69), Justin Leonard (66) and Rich Beem (66), who finished at six-under 138 in warm and gentle conditions.

Funk and 40 other players will have to return at Saturday morning to complete their rounds.

Woods, the winner of the Masters and U.S. Open, was at three under and still had two holes to play. British Open champion Ernie Els was two under, overcoming a sloppy double bogey with back-to-back birdies to stay in the mix.

### Mets owner forced to sell

NEW YORK (AP) — Nelson Doubleday agreed to sell his 50 percent of the New York Mets to co-owner Fred Wilpon, settling an ugly lawsuit filled with accusations of misconduct.

Wilpon sued Doubleday last month in federal court to try to force a sale of his partner's 50 percent share based on a \$391 million appraisal of the team made in March by Robert Starkey.

There was no immediate word on the price Doubleday will receive as part of the agreement, which was first reported on Newsday's Web site.

Under the Starkey appraisal, Doubleday would have received \$137.9 million, after adjustments for the team's debt.

### RMyers makes comeback

NEW YORK (AP) — Former relief ace Randy Myers could be eyeing a comeback — with the New York Yankees, of all teams.

Out of the majors since 1998, Myers has been training at the Yankees' complex in Tampa, Fla., for more than a week. He's thrown off the mound at least three times.

Myers, who turns 40 next month, was a four-time All-Star, and led the league in saves three times, including a then-NL record 53 for the Chicago Cubs in 1993. He had 347 lifetime saves when his career was cut short by shoulder surgery in June 1999.

### Vikings, Chiefs investigated

MANKATO, Minn. (AP) — The NFL Players Association claims the Minnesota Vikings and Kansas City Chiefs may have engaged in collusion while negotiating contracts with their first-round draft picks.

The union claims the teams

may have had illegal knowledge of the signing bonus offered to a player chosen after Kansas City selected Ryan Sims with the sixth pick and Bryant McKinnie was picked seventh by Minnesota.

The players association says the teams subsequently offered the players a lower amount, so the union filed a request for an investigation with the NFL Management Council, ESPN.com first reported.

### Nash may be unable to play

RICHMOND, British Columbia (AP) — Steve Nash is caught in the middle of a fight between Mark Cuban and Russ Granik, the details of which could only be appreciated fully by Lloyds of London.

Unless a resolution comes soon, Nash might not play for Canada at the upcoming World Championships. And if the widening dispute between the outspoken owner of the Dallas Mavericks and the NBA's deputy commissioner gets any worse, two members of the U.S. team — Michael Finley and Raef LaFrentz — could also miss the Championships.

The argument boils down to insurance coverage for NBA players representing their national teams. Cuban maintains that the NBA-sanctioned policy that each federation purchases has become outdated. ♦

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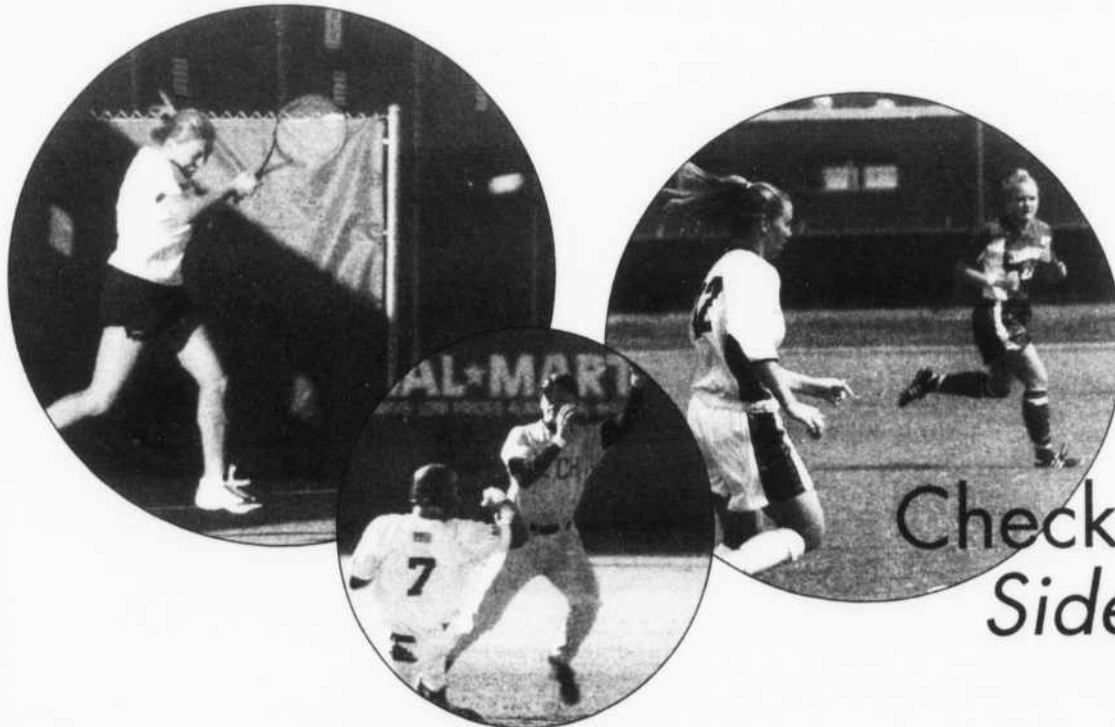
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