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## Campus Briefs

### Freethought Alliance to sponsor speaker

The Campus Freethought Alliance is hosting a lecture by Gerde Ludemann, German theologian, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m.

Ludemann, who taught at the Vanderbilt Divinity School over the summer, is the author of *The Great Deception: What Jesus Really Said and Did*. The lecture topic is, "The Hoax of the Resurrection," and will last approximately one hour. The meeting is in Business and Aerospace Building Room S128.

The Campus Freethought Alliance is a fledgling organization at MTSU that promotes skepticism, scientific inquiry, universal human rights and civil liberties. It holds its regular meeting every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. in BAS S128.

### Professor takes Morocco to Cannon County

MTSU history professor Ron Messier, along with colleague Michael Summers, is presenting an exhibit of Moroccan artifacts in the Marly Berger Gallery at the Arts Center of Cannon County.

The exhibit is composed of information and paintings from the ongoing excavations of the medieval city of Sijilmasa in southeastern Morocco.

The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. The number for the gallery is (615) 363-ARTS.

### Faculty exhibit displays talent in Art Barn

The MTSU art department faculty will be exhibiting their talents through Sept. 3 in the Art Barn Gallery.

Contributions to the exhibit comes from new faculty members as well as tenured professors.

Media range from watercolors to beeswax to paper quilts.

Professor Mark Price, chair of the university's art department, said in a press release that, "Visitors to the Art Barn will find traditional art mediums often combined in unexpected ways, as well as sound and text merged with visual art."

The Art Barn is open to the public 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Police Academy offers citizens education

The Murfreesboro Police Department is offering its sixth annual Citizen's Police Academy beginning Sept. 3.

The program was designed to offer private citizens a brief education regarding the various services police officers are trained to provide.

Applications for the program can be picked up from the Murfreesboro Police Annex on Church Street.

The cost of the program is \$50.

For further information, please contact Officer Melvin Cunningham or Officer Tracy Scantland at 895-3874. ♦

## Environmental speech opens series



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor  
Professor Robert Hood presents the first lecture of "Our Shrinking Planet."

### 'Environments and Spaces' highlights first honors lecture

By Amy Delvin  
Staff Writer

The fall 2002 Honors Lecture Series kicked off Monday afternoon with a speech on "Environments and Spaces" by philosophy professor Robert Hood.

"Environments and Spaces" marked the first speech in the fall series called "Our Shrinking Planet." Hood has taught at MTSU for five years and is currently teaching a Bio Ethics course for the philosophy department. He is also busy with a fellowship at St. Thomas Hospital.

Hood spoke about many different aspects of environments, but the subject that seemed to spark the most interest from the crowd was environmental ethics. Hood outlined the reason behind environmental apathy.

"Most of us don't even think about it," he said. "Because we don't think about it, it's easy for us not to be preoccupied with the emissions coming out of the coal fire power plant over there. It's very much far away for us."

He continued with facts about air quality and mentioned the three general terms he defined an environment with: sustainability, degradation and resilience.

Many of the students perked up to hear Hood make reference to the typical college student's environment – the dorm room.

"If your roommate or your mom came along and cleaned up your dorm room, it would

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– Robert Hood,  
philosophy professor

then return to the way it was originally," Hood said.

Throughout his lecture, Hood maintained that he wasn't trying to solve a problem; he just wanted to pique interest and develop understanding.

"This is not a suggestion on how to fix this," Hood said.

"I'm trying to get them to understand how to conceptualize social and natural environments in one rubric of sustainability, degradation and resilience."

The course is taken by honors students for one credit hour,

but is open to the public as well.

The lecture series strives to develop an awareness of the scholarly and creative activity of others while cultivating intellectual curiosity within the student. The series also tries to keep students informed of current developments in a variety of disciplines outside the student's major.

The lectures will be held every Monday from 3-3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. For more information, contact the Honors College at 898-2152. ♦

## Hall will rest two more years

By Chris Jones  
Staff Writer

In the midst of a campus housing scarcity, MT is expecting to close its oldest dorm.

Rutledge Hall will stay dormant for the next two years, like Ezell and Abernathy halls, as residents move out.

"The plan is to turn it into academic offices," said Watson Hannah, director of academic technology planning and projects. "But it's still in the process of planning."

The planning process for Rutledge will take approximately two years before any renovations are done.

However, Ezell and

Abernathy will be fully transformed before work on Rutledge will begin, Hannah said.

"We're hoping to have offices [in Ezell] by the end of the fall semester, beginning of the spring," Hannah said. "We had to go [with what] we could fix the fastest."

In March of 1999, Ezell and Abernathy dormitories were evacuated when concrete fell from the ceiling because of moisture buildup in the 30-year-old buildings.

"Rutledge is more difficult [to renovate] because of the entrance. Which means that we will have to concentrate on

See Rutledge, 2



Freshman pre-med major Jeron Bradford sits on the porch of Rutledge Hall, which will be vacant for two years while awaiting renovations.



Photos by Kevin Jones | Staff Photographer

## Media class at unprecedented size

### General media class reaches highest enrollment in history

By Amanda Maynard  
News Editor

One Understanding Mass Media class recently became the largest in the history of the College of Mass Communication, weighing in at 403 students with one teacher.

Professor Ed Kimbrell teaches the crowded course and

experiments on ways to keep students' attention.

"The class calls for a different approach," Kimbrell said. "You can't lecture for 75 minutes and expect these young, smart people to hang on that long."

The course is the bedrock for every freshman entering the college.

The college must offer night classes as well, which eliminates some of the courses for freshmen available during normal class hours.

Due to this arrangement of class periods, day classes are filled to the brim. Right now the college has seven

Understanding Mass Media classes.

Kimbrell also noted that students are living in a very visual age and using films to illustrate the fundamentals of the media is a very useful resource. Kimbrell often uses a 10-minute video clip coupled with a 30-minute lecture to involve his students.

Students are also encouraged to participate in Kimbrell's lecture, bringing in their own opinions and viewpoints.

"I talk with them going into the lecture like Jay Leno," Kimbrell said.

As a solution to the problem

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– Ed Kimbrell,  
journalism professor

of oversized classes, teachers and administration, including Dean of Mass Comm Anantha Babbili, have suggested hiring new faculty. At the moment, new positions have already been awarded and new faculty is being added.

Babbili also suggests adjust-

ing entry requirements for incoming freshmen.

"We need to find ways to fine tune the entry requirements into professional disciplines in the college," he said.

"We need to do that without threatening the diversity of the college and without having a negative impact on any particular student."

Meetings will be held to discuss actions to control the flow of students through the Mass Comm college.

Babbili also suggests an external consultant to bring new ideas and solutions to the college. ♦



## Rutledge:

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meeting stricter fire codes," Hannah said.

Because the building is changing its purpose from dorm to office space, it now has to comply with more recent fire codes, which are more stringent than the ones it was built under in 1911.

Because Rutledge's renovations will cost more than \$100,000 — more expensive than Ezell and Abernathy remodeling — it is expected to be a capital project and has to go through an approval process.

Capital projects are first submitted to the Tennessee Board of Regents. If it makes their priority list, it then will be sent to the State Building Commission for approval, said Patti Miller, director of Campus Planning.

Once the university and TBR find a funding source for the project, the State Building Commission has to give permission for the work to begin.

Past capital projects include the Business and Aerospace Building and the James E. Walker Library. Campus planning is also waiting for approval of future projects such as new facilities for the art and science departments.

MTSU is able to house fewer than 3,400 residents in campus living facilities. Rutledge has housed around 89 residents since it opened. ♦

## Suspicious powder found in letter at Gore's Nashville office

### Suspected "Anthrax hoax" hits Gore's office while on vacation

By Russ Oates  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A suspicious powder spilled from an envelope opened Tuesday at Al Gore's Nashville office in what one FBI agent referred to as an "anthrax hoax case."

Gore spokesman Jano Cabrera said the envelope was

received in the mail Monday. It was opened Tuesday by an office manager and the white powder spilled from it, Cabrera said. He described the piece of mail as "smaller than a usual envelope."

The contents of the envelope were being tested.

"No one has been transported because of medical reasons, and no suspects have been identified," said Jon Stephens, spokesman for the FBI in Nashville. "Right now, we are referring to it as an anthrax hoax case."

The former vice president was on vacation and not in the office Tuesday, but he was

informed of the incident, Cabrera said.

Two people were in the office when the package was opened, Cabrera said.

"He immediately called and asked how they were doing. They both said fine. He said to call and give him updates," he said.

The room where the letter was opened was quarantined and a hazardous materials team was investigating, said Cabrera, who is based at Gore's Washington area office.

Assistant Chief Kim Lawson of the Nashville Fire Department said the office

would be closed until results from tests on materials taken from the office were known.

Cabrera said the envelope was postmarked from Tennessee and was stamped on the back with, "This letter has not been inspected by the corrections department."

Steve Hayes, Tennessee Department of Correction spokesman, said it is policy to stamp letters that haven't been inspected but the wording the department uses is different from what Cabrera said was on the letter.

Lawson said the person who came in contact with the pow-

der was instructed to blow her nose, wash her hands and change her clothes. She was then sent home.

The fire department has responded to about 400 such incidents since Sept. 11, Lawson said.

"It's a high profile office. That's what makes this different," she said.

The office, which opened as Gore's Tennessee base of operations in July 2001, is in the Loew's Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel and Office Complex west of downtown. The building was not evacuated. ♦

## Community turns back on crematory operator after finding decaying bodies

By Mark Niese  
Associated Press Writer

LA FAYETTE, Ga. (AP) — Tri-State Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh posted bond Tuesday and was released into a community infuriated that their relatives were denied their proper resting place.

As Marsh walked out of the Walker County jail, bereaved family members jeered him and wished him a life of pain.

"There's too many of us he's done this to. If we don't get him, God will," said Terry Sloan, whose brother was supposed to be cremated four years ago.

"He's going to go straight to hell," she said.

Marsh spent six months in jail since 339 bodies that were supposed to be cremated were instead found in decay on his property.

The crowd gathered outside the jail only saw Marsh for a moment, but they said they wanted him to feel their anger.

"Every time he eats, drinks and sleeps, I want him to see our faces. I don't want anything to happen to him — that would be too easy," said Melissa Crawford, whose uncle was supposed to be cremated.

Marsh left the jail about 6:25 p.m., walking straight to the car of his attorney, Ken Poston, who took off for the home of Marsh's parents.

Marsh, 29, has been in custody since Feb. 17 for allegedly accepting money for cremations but never performing them. He's charged with 398 felony counts, including theft by deception and abuse of a body.

While Marsh has received several death threats in the months since he's been incarcerated, police would not protect him beyond the parking lot of the jail and courthouse, Sheriff Steve Wilson said.

"We will have additional security ... to be on the safe side," Wilson said.

Marsh was held more than five months before bond was granted July 25. But his family needed another month to raise the \$39,000 cash portion of his \$159,000 bond. He had a property bond of \$120,000.

Complete and partial human remains were found in February in the woods, in storage buildings, in burial vaults and pits. Marsh took over the crematory near the Tennessee border in 1996 from his parents, Ray and Clara Marsh.

Since the corpses were discovered, there have been threats Marsh would be shot or hanged when he was released from jail, Poston said. One threat was made at a victims' meeting, and it was met with thunderous applause.

"My initial request was to go out the back door in the middle of the night. The sheriff said, 'You're going out the front door,'" Poston said.

As a condition of his bond, Marsh will be confined to his parents' house around the clock and will wear an ankle monitor that electronically tracks his movements. Police will automatically respond if he leaves the area of the house without permission.

Sheriff's deputies will make three unannounced visits to Marsh each week and give him random alcohol and drug tests until his trial date, which has not been set.

The crematory investigation is nearing an end, and a grand jury could issue an indictment soon, Poston said. Then the case would start moving through the courts and Marsh would face trial. ♦

## CRIME LOG

Aug. 15, 12:28 p.m.

Womack Lane Apartments, Apt. E

Campus Police were notified via 911 to a domestic dispute in apartment E-21. A male suspect fled the scene in a light blue Chevrolet New Yorker. The female involved and housing is pressing charges.

Aug. 16, 4:06 p.m.

Property damage was caused to a white Chrysler by another vehicle. Other vehicle left the scene of the accident.

Aug. 17, 4:04 p.m.

Smith Hall

The Smith Hall lobby bathroom was vandalized.

Aug. 19, 10:18 a.m.

Mass Communication building

A faculty member received a threatening voice mail message.

Aug. 19, 2:47 p.m.

Greenhouse Parking Lot

Vehicle was damaged in a hit and run.

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# OPINIONS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board During fiscal shortage, don't ignore resources

As Ezell and Abarnathy halls and the Todd building lay dormant on campus, MTSU is preparing to add another building to that list. Rutledge Hall will soon become one more building the school doesn't use.

Rutledge Hall now serves as temporary housing for students who should be moving into Monohan Hall. Once students move out of Rutledge, the building will sit unused for two more years while construction gets underway on Ezell and Abarnathy.

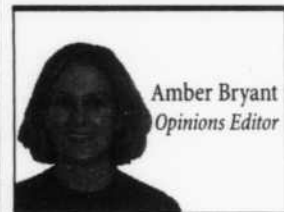
The long-term plan for Rutledge is to turn it into office spaces for administration. While that's a noble and worthy goal, the university will be forced to spend money heating, cooling and maintaining the abandoned stone edifices. Half of the student body will get to see their tuition dollars going toward the upkeep of this structure, but it won't be until after they've graduated that the buildings will serve their intended purpose. That money could have gone to buying a new book or two for our chronically underfunded library.

Total cost of renovations to Rutledge will be more than \$100,000, dramatically more than Ezell and Abarnathy renovations.

Ezell and Abarnathy are both considered capital projects, which means that each proposal for renovations has been through the Tennessee Board of Regents, then the State Building Commission. Rutledge has yet to become a capital project. The main issue is, why desert the building for two years before beginning any type of improvements? Why not use it as overflow housing for our already cramped dormitory system? The 89 students

Rutledge can house might not fill up a lecture hall, but their absence from other dormitories creates a little more breathing room for the rest of us. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor Feedback essential; abuse hindrance to our purpose



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

We love receiving letters from our readers.

Without them, we would have no idea what the student body, staff and faculty like and dislike, and they would have no way to share ideas and criticisms of our campus outside of actually working at *Sidelines*.

We're always happy to publish reader feedback – without it, the opinions section would seem one-sided and intracampus communication would be nonexistent.

Some members of our audience have unrealistic expectations of what should be published, specifically in the opinions section. This portion of the paper is designed to give writers an outlet for expressing ideas and building a portfolio for future aspirations. Because all of us at *Sidelines* lovingly adhere to the First Amendment, columnists

are allowed to share their thoughts about anything, as long as they aren't defamatory or grossly inaccurate.

It's unfortunate to open e-mail and read abusive comments directed toward a columnist, or even the entire newspaper, especially because the purpose of our publication is to continue the free and open marketplace of ideas this university should be.

We love it when readers write us letters expressing acceptance or opposition, but personal attacks are hurtful and constraining.

The editors, designers, photographers and writers of *Sidelines* have spent an obscene amount of time, energy and page space inviting and welcoming every student on campus to join our staff. Sending us letters telling us how much we suck is nerveless and much too easy – join us if you know you can contribute to the quality of *Sidelines*. It is, after all, your newspaper, too. ♦

## Gonna do it? Then do it right

### Unless Ya Gon' Do It



Chris Jones  
Staff Columnist

The rapper Nelly said it best in his latest hit "Hot in Herre." He told a girl that he had a friend with a pole in the basement, implying that he wanted her to do a little "stage performing." But he said he was just kidding – unless she was going to do it.

That struck a nerve for me. Not the part about the pole, but the fact that he said, "unless ya gon' do it."

Now, I firmly believe if opportunity presents itself in any situation and you want to take advantage – do it.

Don't attempt to do something, unless you're willing to go all the way

out. Which leads to why I'm starting this column called, "Unless Ya Gon' Do It." I want to take actual extreme and unusual events and issues in the media, as well as on campus, and convey a message that will hopefully make you think – or just say – "Damn, that was crazy."

Take Nikko Briteramos for instance.

From the look of things, he really wanted to be the next *Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo*, with a little more flare. Briteramos was an overachieving freshman at Si Tanka Huron University in South Dakota. The Chicago native came to the university as a star basketball player and immediately won popularity with the ladies. Let's just say dude was getting more legs and thighs than Popeyes Chicken – even though he had a girlfriend.

His athletic skill wasn't the only thing attributing to his reputation of "the big man on campus." But it was that extra flare that put him in a little predicament. In mid-April of this year, he was charged with five counts of intentionally exposing his girlfriend to HIV through unprotected sex.

And that's not all.

Briteramos had learned about his infection in February after attempting to donate blood. After his discovery, Briteramos had to give health officials the names of other women with whom he'd had unprotected sex prior to April. The pimp was slacking because he only listed 10. On the other hand, two of those women were true players.

They were tested and it was revealed that they were infected as well. The sad thing is, when it was time

to list the amount of recent partners, they both listed 50 each.

One report said that authorities think there are dozens, quite possibly hundreds, more who may have been exposed to the virus because of the chain of sexual contacts that linked so many of the 400 students at the small private campus.

That's a lot of ho activity, but I just wouldn't blame all that pimping on Briteramos. What about the two who had sex with 50 dudes apiece? Now, if you really want to be a state-wide ho, my guess is that's the way to do it.

All I can say is, "unless you gon' do it."

In July, Briteramos pleaded guilty to one count of intentionally exposing a woman to the virus and will be sentenced later this month. The 19-year-old will be the first

person to be convicted of a 2000 South Dakota law which makes it a felony to intentionally expose people to HIV.

The maximum penalty is 15 years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

It's a sad case, but it's events like this that make you want to guard yourself with a steel chastity belt and tell anyone and everyone who even looks enticing to stay back at least 50 feet. But to make sure this doesn't happen here at MTSU, my advice is for everyone to just be true to yourself. If you know that you're going to have sex, then be protected. You may save someone's life if you do – maybe even your own. ♦

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## Getting financial aid takes diligence

### All Due Respect



Courtney England  
Staff Columnist

Sometimes I like to pretend I come from a rich family, the kind that would never send their child off to college without a phat car that was fully paid for.

One that takes care of the rent and monthly bills, in order to help me focus on school rather than work, regardless if I stay there or at my boyfriend's.

What my parents don't know won't hurt them.

Unfortunately I don't come from what I consider "a privileged family." Like many other students on this campus, I fend for myself. One of the results of this curve ball of life is, not only is there no

parental help with cars or rent, but there is none for school either. This fact alone makes me an expert on MTSU's beloved financial aid office.

Having been here for six semesters, I've had my fair share of dealings with those lovely people, and I can tell you it's one of the most difficult offices to work with on campus.

However, I also have acquired some helpful strategies when getting money to pay for school.

First and foremost, students need to know that no matter what the person tells you over the phone, it's wrong.

Financial aid has a tendency to rely on information from a computer that isn't always correct.

Many times when students call, they are directed to an operator or student worker that really knows nothing outside what the computer screen says after

they punch a social security number into it.

The most effective way to get things done is to go down to the office personally, and set up camp in there if you have to, until you can meet face to face with your counselor.

The process doesn't end after meeting your counselor.

Harassment is the next step. I'm not talking about prank phone calls or cussing anyone; I'm saying that students have to call back many times to ensure the counselor is taking the proper steps so your aid will come through.

I'll give you an example. Every semester I get a private grant to pay my tuition. This semester I was contacted and told that they had not received some paperwork from the financial aid office.

They needed this paperwork to send over not only my tuition, but

my book money as well. I contacted my financial aid counselor and he told me he would send it.

The Friday before fall semester started, the money wasn't there.

I went to the financial aid office and found that the paperwork had never been sent.

If I'd been smart enough to follow through with my counselor to make sure he sent the paperwork, everything would've been fine.

Mistakenly, I put my trust in the financial aid counselor to do his job.

There is information that is never provided that would be helpful to the average student.

Every student has a specific budget that determines how much financial aid you are eligible for.

Different factors affect the amount of the budget, such as whether you're independent or depen-

dent, if you live with your parents, how much money your parents make, etc.

Until this semester, the MTSU computer had me listed as living with my parents, so my budget was considerably lower than it should have been.

Even though I haven't lived with my parents since I was 17, MTSU thought I did, lowering the amount of loan money I could get.

My advice for freshmen or transfer students that deal with the financial aid office is check, re-check and then check again.

It's never too early to begin planning your aid for the next semester.

It's also never too early to think there is going to be some sort of problem. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Believing in the blue

To the Editor:

Another Blue Raider football season is upon us and we are defending champions of the Sun Belt.

It's great to see thousands of students buy tickets for those big name school games on the road. But you aren't showing up at home when it's a short distance from your dorm to your football stadium.

Shame on you. Don't forget you go to a National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I-A university that is bigger than many Southeastern Conference schools.

Remember, the guys in your biology class or down the hall might be football players. They balance a full class load and several hours of practice weekly. But on Saturdays at home, they go out to a half empty stadium. In the back of their minds that must hurt a bit. They represent you every time they take the field.

Andy McCollum and your athletic department have shed blood, sweat and tears to give your campus a football team that plays its best. Big crowds at home and winning records are good for everyone. Donors tend to open their wallets when they can say they gave to a "big time" university. You've got to realize it

takes small moves to make this happen, but you must believe in the blue.

Yeah, you might say MTSU is not the University of Tennessee or Alabama when it comes to football. But this season they play them and I know they won't quit, they won't be scared and, as sure as the sky is blue, they will leave their mark in Knoxville and Birmingham. Without your support, none of this will happen. So stay the weekend, wear blue and change your attitude. If MTSU is good enough for Dwone Hicks, it's good enough for you.

Tony Burgess  
Alumnus

### Readers don't need 'filler'

To the Editor:

In regard to Brandon Morrison's "Filler" on Thursday, Aug. 22, I would just like to make a few comments.

I notice that he titles his column "Filler" but I just now realized why. Obviously, he's just trying to waste our time "filling" us with unnecessary crap. Do we really need to hear about a bad trip to Subway? Do students really care about whether or not he ever shops at Food Lion again? I seriously doubt it.

But then I must ask the question: Is

*Sidelines* this desperate for material to print?

It seems to me as though there are more important problems that students encounter in their college careers that are not only more relevant to the average student's life, but more important to print.

A student finding out they were misadvised and they won't graduate on time – that's a problem.

A student discovering that their Financial Aid check isn't in on time and they can't buy books – that's a problem. Hell, Nick Fowler's story that was printed underneath Morrison's about heat exhaustion is far more entertaining and important to include than a column about a student who is obviously extremely dejected.

If this is the only problem Mr. Morrison has encountered recently, boy does he have it easy.

Give me a day when my biggest problem was that a hard-working Subway employee accidentally put tomatoes on my sub and I'll be a happy lady. It seems as though a school that is recognized as being one of the top 10 schools in the nation for their School of Journalism could get better material than this.

I recognize that this is just my opinion, but I doubt I stand alone.

Kelly Smith

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## Computer upgrades made easy

By Richard Jeter  
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(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — In the continuing college-student quest to save money, knowing how to simply upgrade your computer instead of having to buy a new one is important. Advances in technology have made individual computer parts much cheaper. However, the language of computer upgrading can often be confusing. There are a few key areas that can be focused on to serve most purposes though.

"Memory is probably the most important thing," said Jeff Moody, assistant manager of the Memphis CompUSA and junior English major at the University of Mississippi from Olive Branch. "The more RAM you have the faster things will generally run."

RAM chips, which you install to increase your computer's memory, can be purchased at most computer stores or online. The price of RAM varies depending on how much memory you wish to purchase, generally ranging from about \$20 for 128 megabytes to \$72 for 512 MB.

For casual computer users, 128 MB should be enough, while even the most high-end programs will be well served by one or two 512 MB chips. Buyers should be sure the RAM is compatible with their computer, though.

"Most computers except for really old and brand new use PC100," Moody said. If you're not sure, you can usually check the Web site of the company that manufactured your computer to see what the specifications for your machine are.

Beyond memory, the modifications you make to your computer are going to rely on what you use it for.

Students who use their computers primarily for schoolwork would just need to upgrade their processors, the core of the computer, about every year. This generally involves changing out the computer's motherboard, the primary circuit board that runs everything, which is the most complicated of the upgrades you can perform. Since the computer was only being used for schoolwork the student might be better off just buying another low-end,

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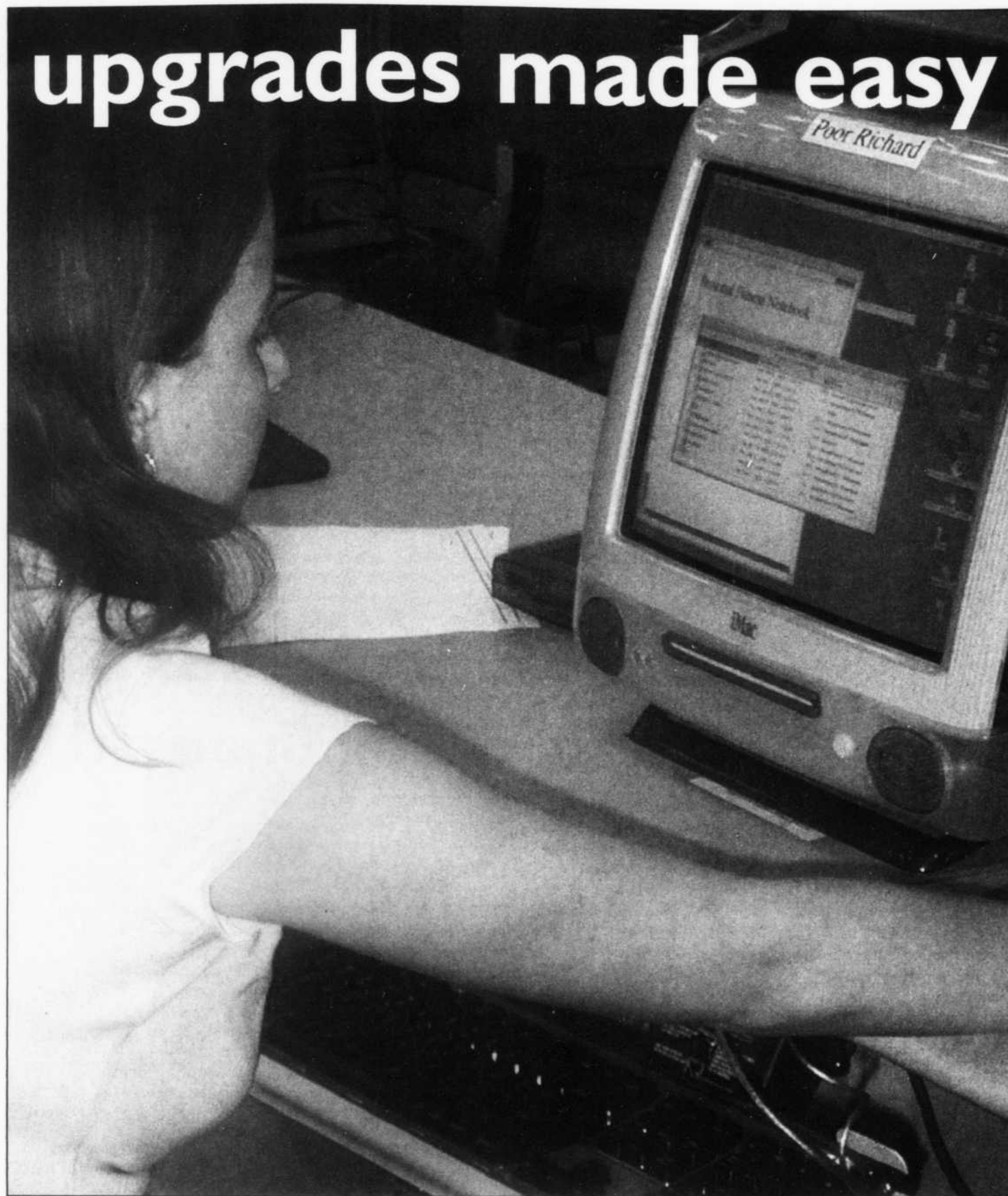


Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Freshman journalism major Katy Eimicke researches class material in the Learning Resources Center. Computer queries and problems are always an issue for students.

## Woes plague Internet users

By Amy Delvin  
Staff Writer

With the start of the new school year at MTSU, many students living on campus find that impossible computer problems may have a simple solution.

Students spend countless late nights staring at black computer screens or error messages — problems so frustrating many students want to drop their computers out of their dorm room windows. Local Murfreesboro shop owners and computer dealers encourage students to take heart that all is not lost.

Dealers have seen a surge of MTSU students purchasing Ethernet cards. Also needed are various lengths of Ethernet cable with the piece on the end that looks like an extra-wide phone connector.

Joe Sain, owner of Joe's Computer Shop in Murfreesboro, says that college students seem to have problems with surge protectors.

"Modems have been a big seller here recently because people have purchased surge protectors, but they don't hook it up to monitors and CPUs and modems are being hit quite often by lightning," Sain said.

"A lot of people who are coming in have a virus computer on their computer that is not up to date," Sain said when asked what the most common problem he sees with computers is, noting that viruses and routine upgrades are always an issue.

"I recommend Norton Anti-Virus and set the auto-update," Sain said.

One of the biggest problems are computer viruses and hoaxes. One of the latest virus hoaxes is called "jdbgmgr.exe."

The hoax tries to persuade computer users to delete a legitimate Windows file from the computer. The file that the hoax refers to, jdbgmgr.exe, is a Java debugger manager. It is a Microsoft Windows system file.

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## What, me study? Computer time wasters



Panic Office

Alan Slone  
Features  
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Now that you've gotten your computer, what do you do with it?

Sure, you or your parents purchased the computer under the guise that it would be used for studying and paper writing ... which it will, but all work and no play makes an MTSU student go crazy, right?

Here are a few places to look on the Internet for either fun stuff, or fun stuff to download. [www.trillian.cc](http://www.trillian.cc)

Sick of having all of those instant messenger windows running at the same time? Cerulean Studios, the makers of Trillian Messaging Software, came up with a solution. Trillian instantly interfaces with MSN, AOL, Yahoo! and ICQ seamlessly, and puts it all in one easy list. You can log on to all of them, some of them, or none of them with a touch of a button. And the best part, it's free to try. [www.joecartoon.com](http://www.joecartoon.com)

I ask — where can a person go and see a frog in a blender without covering your walls in

blood, guts, and frog bits? Joe, the writer/designer/creator of joecartoon.com has your answer. If you've ever just needed to unwind (or take out frustrations on small amphibians), you can tune into Joe's always interesting, usually funny cartoons and have a laugh with your buddies. He also has downloads of all his sound effects so people can make their computers say inappropriate things in cartoon animal voices. [www.threewayaction.com](http://www.threewayaction.com)

Now, now, it's not what people might think — while this might sound like one of those naughty sites of people doing the grown-up, it's not. Started by three writers, this site is a dis-

cussion-group of topics all the way from love and relationships to books to personality tests. Made up of more than 4,000 users, [threewayaction.com](http://threewayaction.com) is one of the good places to interact with other people all over the world — just don't try and access it at work. [www.kazaa.com](http://www.kazaa.com)

Copyright infringement arguments aside, this site is home to the best Peer-2-Peer (P2P) file software on the planet. Kazaa Media Desktop offers the ability to swap and share audio, video, pictures, software, and anything else you might want to find. It also has the abil-

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## New students spend bundles decorating rooms

By Wendy Lee  
Daily Californian  
(U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Incoming students are already spending hundreds of dollars, and it's not on their education.

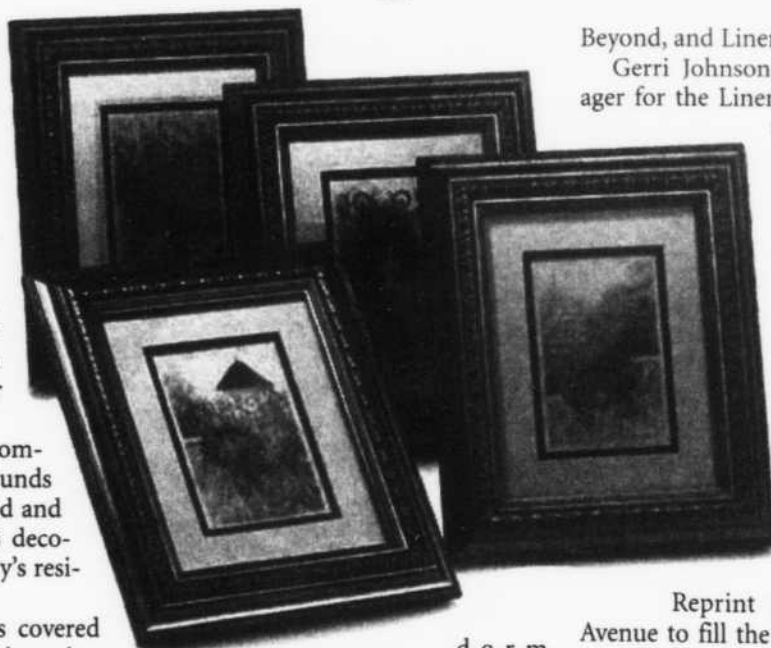
Instead, they are splurging on ways to create a comfortable home away from home and to make their dorm rooms livable.

Looming floor lamps, comfortable butterfly chairs, mounds of photographs, matching bed and lamp sets, and colorful rugs decorate the inside of UC Berkeley's residence halls.

Freshman Ye Jin Cho has covered her side of a triple in red. Above her matching red bed set, the top of her bunk is bordered with red beads. Underneath her bed is a matching red lampshade she created with excess fabric. Scattered photos line her wall.

"People say our room looks homey," Jin Cho says proudly.

But the coziness did not come at a cheap price. Jin Cho, together with her roommates Chyun Yin Huang and Hilary Ditch, spent more than \$860 on



Beyond, and Linens N' Things.

Gerri Johnson, merchandise manager for the Linens N' Things Folsom store, says 40 to 50 percent of the store's sales will come from "Destination: Dorm" items this month.

Retailers also agree that commercial and art posters are among the top student buys. Many students shop locally at Beyond The Wall on Bancroft Avenue or Reprint Mint on Telegraph Avenue to fill the white space in their apartments and dorms.

"(Posters) give the room an individualistic type of twist," says junior Sean Berger as he browses through Beyond the Wall's selection. "It's a cheap, easy way to decorate."

Along with sales and special displays, peer pressure also adds to the desire to embellish living space.

Freshman Karen Tsai says she was compelled to buy more decorations for her room after seeing other rooms in

her building.

"It's tempting to buy random things," Tsai says, who splurged on a blue rug over the weekend.

Cost Plus World Market Sales Associate Ashley Norgart says college students are among the frequent buyers at the San Jose store because they want their style to stand out.

"No one wants to be the dirty, messy roommate," Norgart says. "You want to be admired for how you set yourself up."

But other students have found their style without spending a bundle.

Every morning, freshman Winston Chiang wakes up facing a monitor taped to the inside of the upper bed bunk with several strands of duct tape. In order to type on his computer, Chiang, a resident of Unit 3 Spens-Black Hall, lies on his back in his bed to see the screen.

His friends are worried the monitor may drop on Chiang in his sleep. But Chiang says he has no fear — he attached his monitor to several phone cords.

"If the duct tape fails (to hold up the monitor), the phone cords will catch it," Chiang says. "I'll get slammed in the face, but the monitor will be OK."

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Pittullo

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and family.

She has

over 200

photos on

her walls,

refrigerator

and desk

reminding

her of home.

Her com-

puter

monitor

alone is lined

with 16 photos.

"Different

memories mean

a lot (to me),"

Pittullo says.

Freshman

Anthony Woo

decorated

his Unit 3

Priestly room

with La Salle

High School

event posters.

Woo, an

international

student from

Hong Kong,

chose posters

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with friends

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"(The posters)

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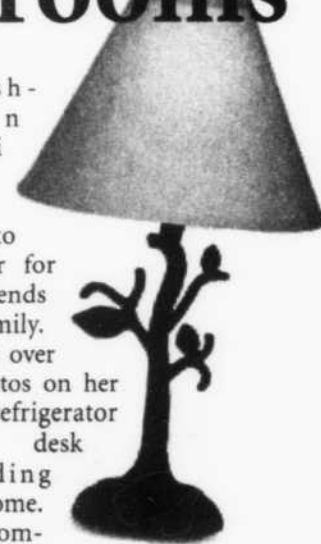
things I've

done in my

high school

years,"

Woo says. ♦



Photos from [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com)



## Computer: Tips to make the most of your technology

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inexpensive computer. Those who enjoy gaming, however, have to begin worrying about things such as their video cards.

"Computer games are a way to escape from college life, the more detailed the better," said Daniel Allen, a sophomore from Biloxi. "The requirements for them are increasing like mad though, it seems you have to upgrade your video card every

few months now."

A better video card gives your computer more memory to process animation and videos, which results in smoother play and makes more detail possible. Video cards can be purchased at most computer stores for anywhere from \$89 to \$400. The low-end cards are good for people who don't use very graphic oriented games, while the more expensive can support the habits of even the most eye-candy addicted gamer,

and contain things like television adapters.

Unless you know exactly what you're doing, it is suggested that you find a technician to dig around inside your computer for you. Even if you do know what you're doing, remember to make sure everything is grounded before beginning work, since static electricity poses a constant threat.

"It can fry practically every single part in there," Moody said.

Not all upgrades involve breaking open your computer though. Many external products are on the market, such as DVD players, CD burners, digital cameras, scanners and countless other accessories to add to your computer experience.

To get a good idea of what is out there and how much it costs, you can visit sites like [www.pricewatch.com](http://www.pricewatch.com) and [Cnet.com](http://Cnet.com). ♦

## Time: Waste away your days, nights with these sites

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ity to cut download times in half by finding multiple users with the same file and downloading from each of them, simultaneously. The only catch? You can't use it on the campus Residential Network — all the ports, or pipelines the computers use to send specific files, are closed. Unless you live off campus, you'll have to find some-

thing else to satiate your Oingo Boingo fetish.

[www.hell.com](http://www.hell.com)

Does Hell have a home page? Obviously so. The site, which is quite cryptic, offers quite a bit of eye candy using Macromedia Flash. Plus, it's fairly locked down — you can't get in without a password.

Creeper? Yup. Worth a look? You bet. ♦

## Internet: Virus hoaxes can dupe computer users into deleting useful, necessary files

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The hoax virus alleges that Norton Anti-Virus and McAfee Anti-Virus will not detect it. The hoax describes a teddy bear icon and instructs computer users to delete the bear.

This hoax has appeared in several languages including French and Italian. The following is a transcript of the e-mail sent out in English:

"I found the little bear in my machine. Because of that I am sending this message in order for you to find it in your machine. The procedure is very simple: The objective of this e-mail is to warn all Hotmail users about a new virus that is spreading by MSN Messenger.

"The name of this virus is jdbgmgr.exe and it is sent automatically by the Messenger and by the address book too. The virus is not detected by McAfee or Norton and it stays quiet for 14 days before damaging the system."

The e-mail outlines steps to remove the "virus."

The Computer Problems Web site at [www.computerproblems.com](http://www.computerproblems.com) advises that, for computers in which the file has been deleted, some Java applets may not run correctly.

The file is not a critical system file, but the file version may vary with operating systems and versions of Internet Explorer. To restore the file, install the latest version of Microsoft's Virtual

Machine at [www.computerproblems.com](http://www.computerproblems.com).

Frank Glover from Compumax Computer Center Inc. in Murfreesboro said 90 percent of computer problem can be repaired.

"Unless of course you drop it off the side of a building or something," he said.

Computers can be updated and new motherboards installed for as much or less than buying a whole new computer.

"The only time I recommend getting a whole new computer is when it is not meeting your needs," Sain said. "Otherwise, don't toss out those computers." ♦

### Useful Web sites

[www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com)

[www.techtv.com](http://www.techtv.com)

[www.newwave.com](http://www.newwave.com)

[www.mwave.com](http://www.mwave.com)

[www.tomshardware.com](http://www.tomshardware.com)

[www.norton.com](http://www.norton.com)

## No such thing as 'no way' to fix most relationships

Dear Annie,

I've got this problem. Last year I started to notice that every time I was attracted to a woman, she would end up not being single. Married, engaged, dating the same guy for 3 years — it didn't matter, just never, ever single.

I thought at first that this was some type of self-destructive tendency in my mind that sought out people I could not have, thus ensuring my continued single-ness. But that wasn't it, because even if they acted single, and never mentioned their boyfriends, in the end I would find out they were engaged or something.

And then 2002 rolled around, and things seemed to have changed for the better. I met this girl and she wasn't dating anyone, and I liked her! How foreign to me. But of course, she had just stopped dating someone, and the conditions of their breakup had been very crummy. So she was wrestling with this problem of trust, and ultimately, she couldn't give it.

Then there was this other young woman who I tried to explain this all to one evening. She caught me with my foot, lower leg, and knee lodged firmly down my throat, and I froze up. I don't think there's any need in going into detail there.

Next thing I know, school is bearing down on me, my car

breaks down, and I owe George W. Bush \$500 in taxes because I don't have any student loans after four years in college. And two months have passed.

But my real problem is this: I handled a perfectly good situation badly, and now I feel that there is no way for me to repair the situation with this girl I hung out with that night. Would there be any hope in me calling her and seeing if she would let me take her to dinner? Or has my chance passed? Because last year, I thought she had a boyfriend. Just Wondering — Self-Destruction Guy

Dear Self-Destruction Guy, Yes, it sounds like you handled the situation badly. But, I don't like the phrase, "no way for me to repair the situation." Why is there "no way"? What have you tried? Have you tried to dislodge your foot, lower leg and knee from your mouth?

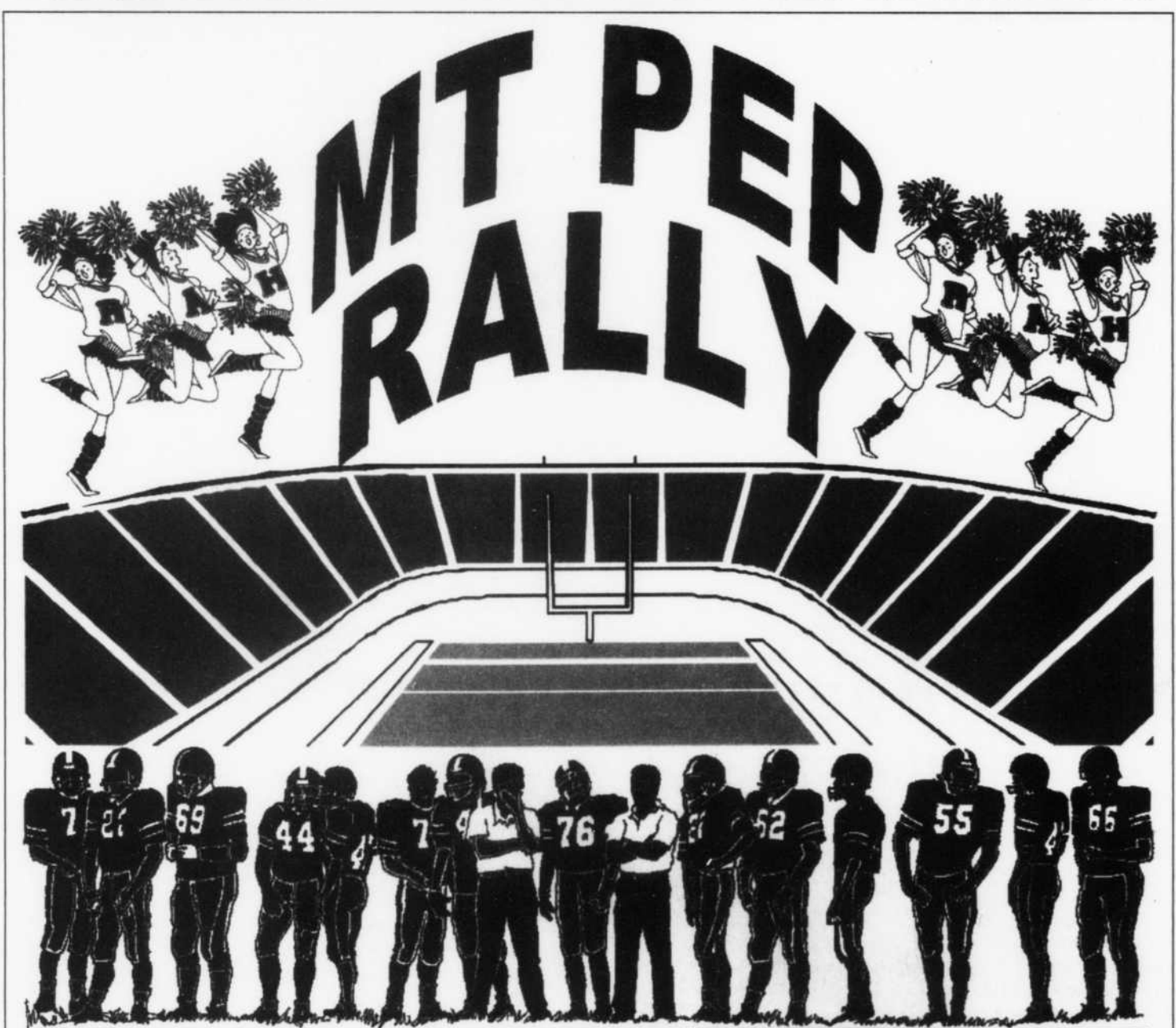
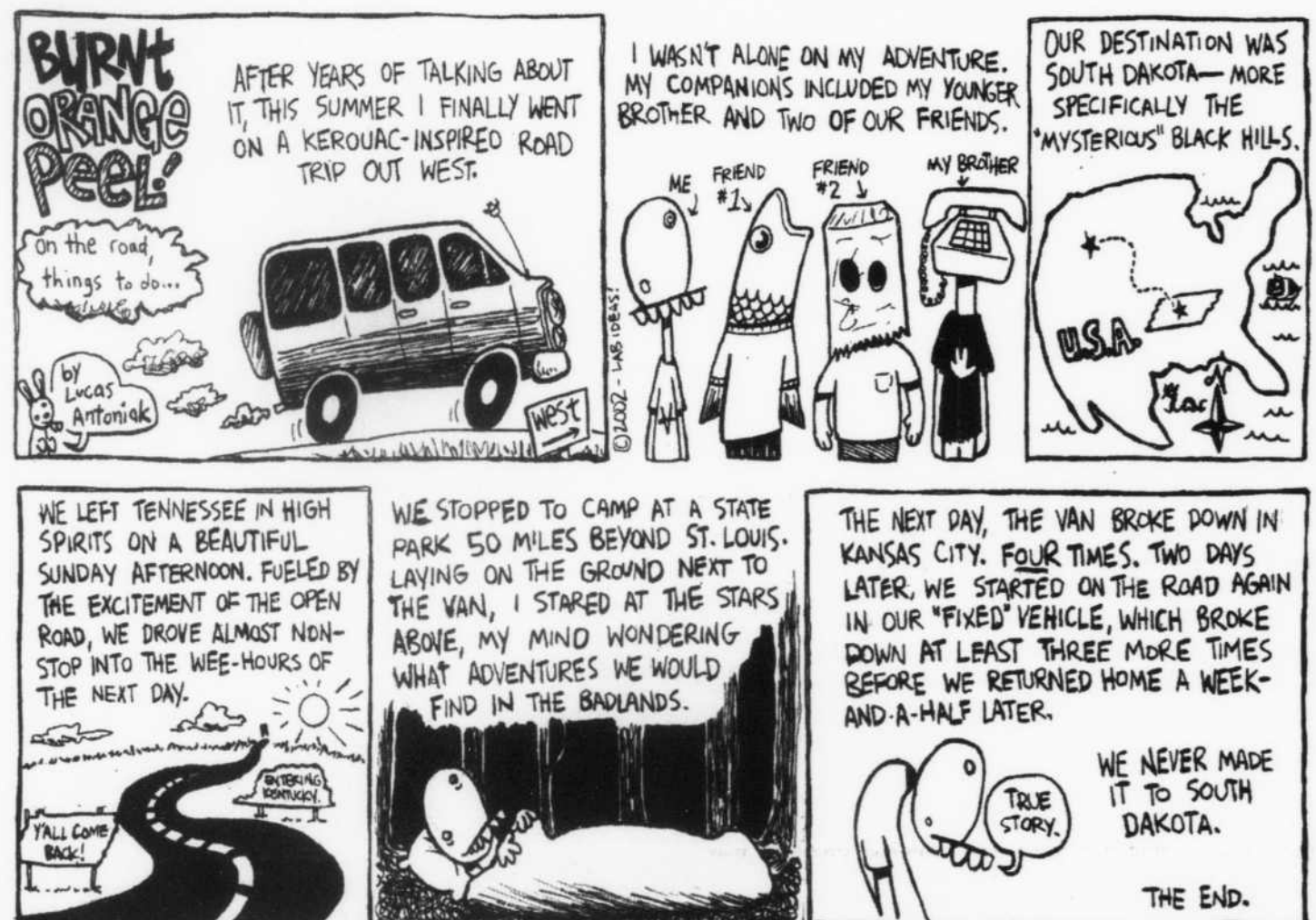
It is time to step out of the freezer.

How have things changed? Are you still a "self-destructive" guy repeating an old pattern? Before you decide to contact this girl again, think about your true intentions.

I think you should ask her to dinner. What is the worst thing that could happen? She could say, "no." You really don't have anything to lose.

On a different note — to those of you who don't know me, I'm MTSU's advice columnist. I've written about various problems including relationship advice, career questions and problems with friends and parents. My advice is not limited to certain types of questions. I'm a concerned listener. I am an objective friend. I'm on your side, but I will always call it like I see it. I can help bring judgment to your problems without being judgmental. I help you think through problems. I am not Dear Abby. I am Annie, a college student, just like you.

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).



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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Coach discusses Alabama game

By Brandon Morrison  
Assistant Sports Editor

Head coach Andy McCollum started off the football season by greeting MT football fans at the season's first press conference Monday.

During the conference, the coach covered everything from how healthy the team is after training camp to the upcoming Southeastern Conference games.

McCollum started by expressing his feelings about the upcoming University of

Alabama game Saturday.

"We've had a good fall camp and we've got a great challenge ahead of us," McCollum said. "We've heard it from everybody and all around the country about our schedule and it starts this week.

"I think any team or any program gets excited when the first game gets here after going against each other for so long and being in camp for so long. We have a lot of work to do ourselves. We have to have a great week of work," McCollum said. Although cautious,

McCollum was confident about his team's ability to play.

"Up to this point we're healthy. We have everybody back, so we have to start to narrow this thing down, go out and have a great week of work and get ready to play one of the best teams in the country," he said.

McCollum continued to comment about the health of his players. "Any time you come out of camp you're a little banged up, and we had a physical camp," McCollum said. "We got a lot of live work against each other and a lot of 11-on-11

work done, but we felt like we had to because of the physical schedule we play, especially early on.

"But we've been smart about it, too. We know that, with our schedule and the people we play, we have to have our best players on the field. We have to have our playmakers make plays. We have to stay healthy this week, too, but we've still got some physical work left to do, so we will be doing that this week," he said.

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Photo provided  
Running back Dwone Hicks fields a swarm of reporters at MT's first weekly football press conference.

## Billings makes Ray Guy Award watch list

Staff Reports

The Ray Guy Award Committee and the Greater Augusta Sports Council named Middle Tennessee punter Robert Billings to the 2002 Ray Guy Award watch list yesterday as the top collegiate punter of the year.

Billings was a walk on during the 1999 season. The next year he played in all of the team's matches and during the 2001 season he was put on scholarship by head coach Andy McCollum. Billings was named second team All-Sun Belt Conference last year and had 10 punts travel over 50 yards. Billings has a 42.3-yard punting average, the fourth best in MT history.

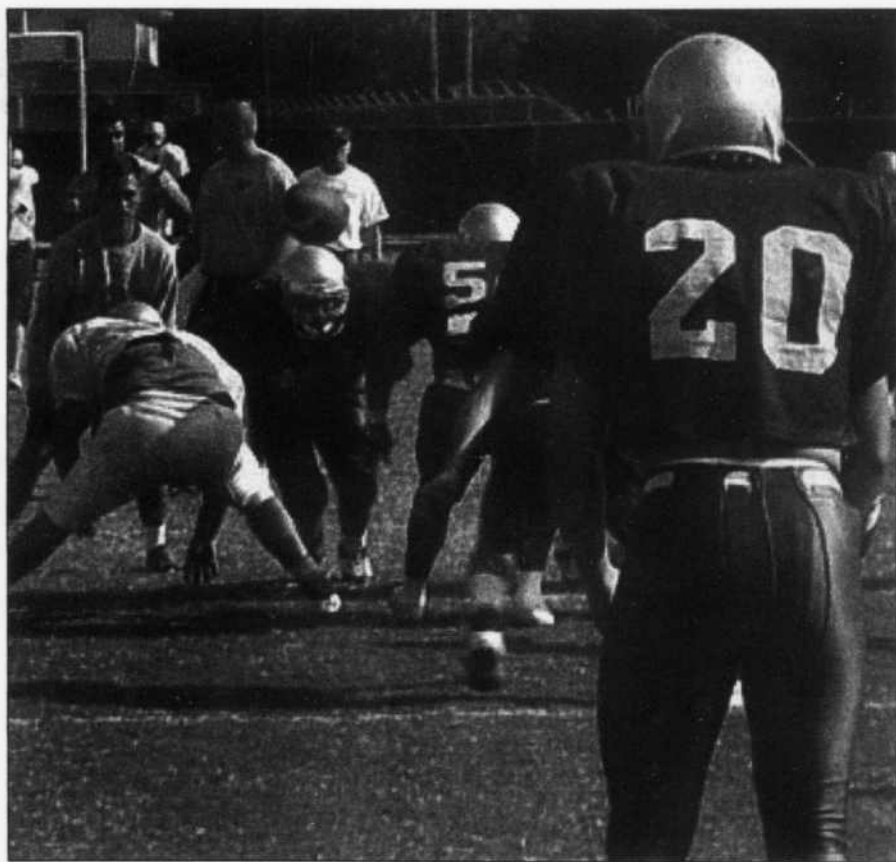
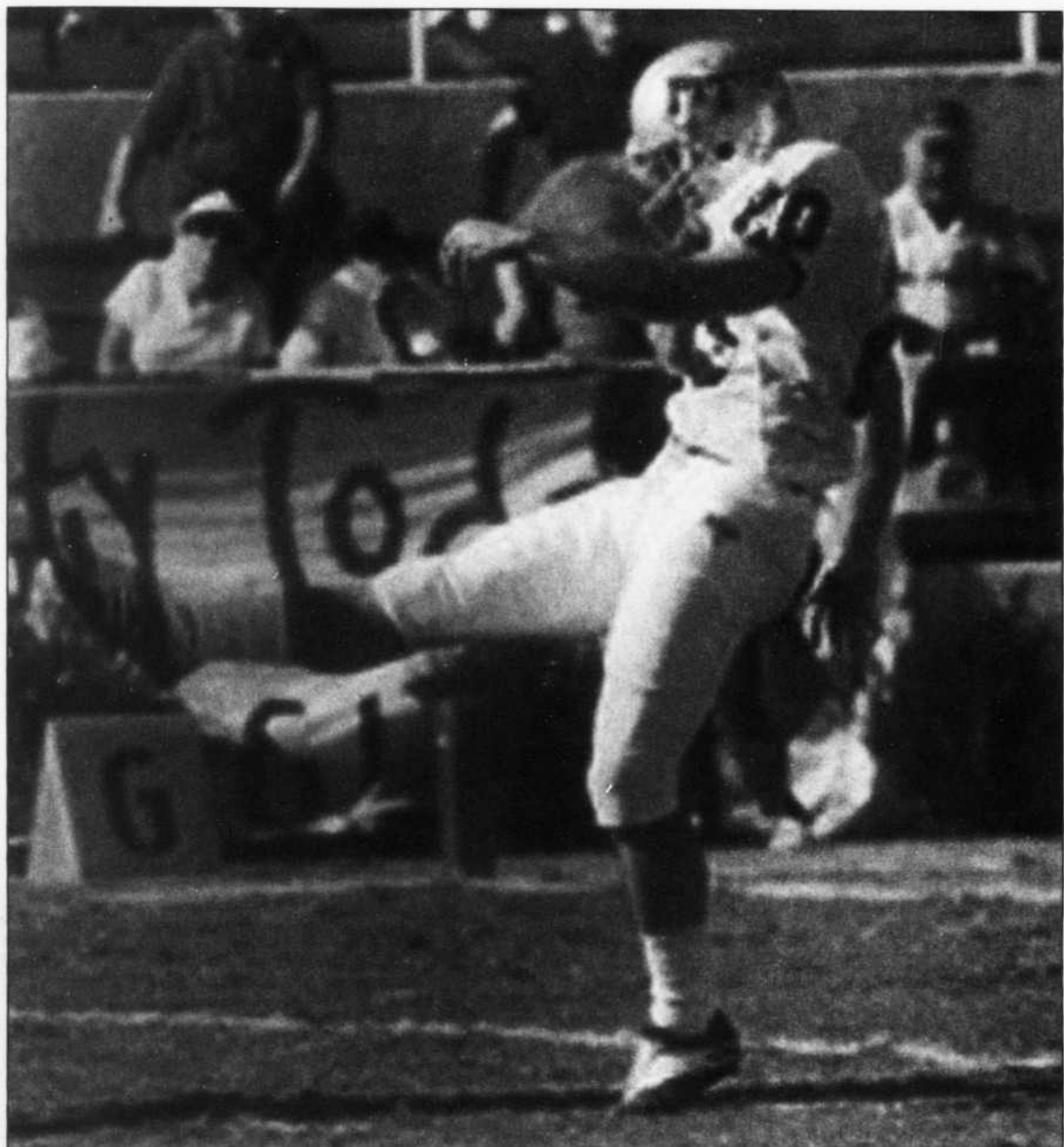
Three finalists for the Ray Guy Award will be picked by a national panel of sports writers, college football coaches and sports information directors, for-

mer punters and members designated by the Greater Augusta Sports Council.

The finalists will travel to Orlando, Fla., Dec. 12 for the Home Depot College Football Awards Show, with the winner announced and presented the award live on ESPN. From there the Ray Guy Award winner will be invited to Augusta, Ga., to participate in the Greater Augusta Sports Awards Gala.

The winner of the Ray Guy Award is supposed to display leadership and self-discipline, and will have a positive impact on the team's success.

Billings makes the fourth MT football player to be put on a national list. Running back Dwone Hicks is a Doak Walker Award candidate, offensive lineman Brandon Westbrook is on the Outland trophy watch list and line-backer Michael Woods is on the Butkus Award list. ♦



Photos provided  
Punter Robert Billings (above) takes a snap from John Crawford in preseason practice. Billings (above right) is punting the ball at a home game. He is the fourth MT player to make a national watch list

### Other candidates of Ray Guy Award

Joey Biasatti (Texas Christian University)  
Robert Billings (Middle Tennessee)  
Brian Brandt (Central Michigan University)  
Richie Butler (University of Arkansas)  
Freddie Capshaw (University of Miami)  
Adam Copes (University of Connecticut)  
Dustin Colquitt (University of Tennessee)  
Luke Donovan (University of Wyoming)  
Damon Duval (Auburn University)  
Dan Dyke (Georgia Tech)  
Jimmy Erwin (Northern Illinois University)  
Nate Fikse (University of California - LA)  
Pat Fleming (Bowling Green State University)  
Jared Fritz (Kent State University)  
James Gaither (University of Memphis)  
Clinton Greathouse (Texas Tech)  
Andy Groom (Ohio State University)

Mark Haulman (University of Southern Miss.)  
Curtis Head (Marshall University)  
Joey Hildbold (University of Notre Dame)  
Joey Huber (Colorado State University)  
Donnie Jones (Louisiana State University)  
Jonathan Kilgo (University of Georgia)  
Kyle Larson (University of Nebraska)  
Mark Mariscal (University of Colorado)  
Glenn Pakulak (University of Kentucky)  
Jarad Preston (East Carolina University)  
Cody Scates (Texas A&M University)  
Mike Shafer (Syracuse University)  
Brian Simjanovski (San Diego State University)  
John Skaggs (U.S. Naval Academy)  
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Dustin Upton (Louisiana Tech University)  
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## Volleyball squad opens season hosting tournament this weekend

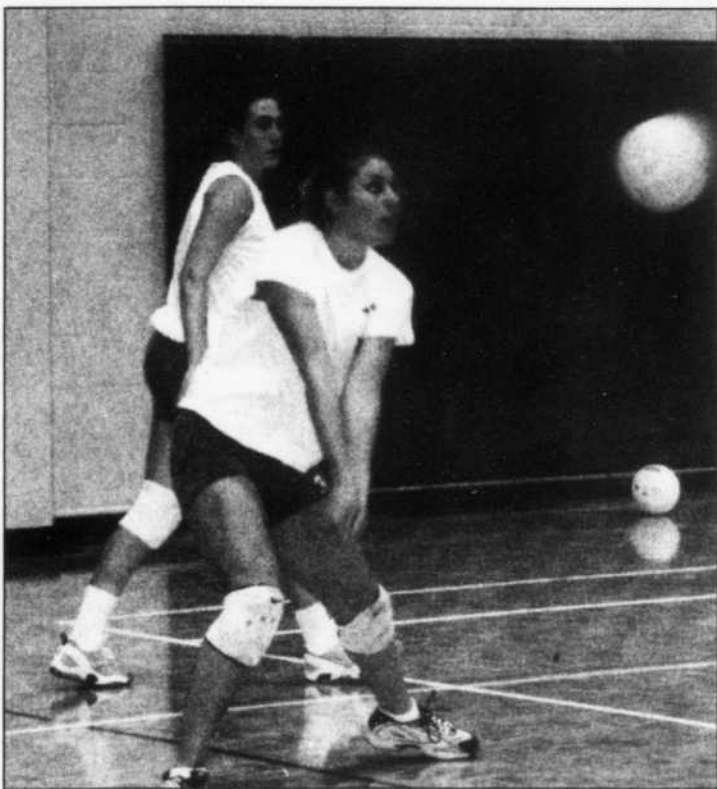


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer  
Erin Hillstrom bumps the ball to her teammates at the front of the net at practice yesterday afternoon.

By Amy Jones  
Staff Writer

After spending the summer traveling the world, the Lady Raider volleyball team is gearing up for the beginning of the 2002 season by hosting the Lady Raider tournament that will begin Friday at the Alumni Memorial Gym.

Attending the tournament are teams from Chicago State University, Purdue University, Western Carolina University and the University of Evansville.

After recording a 10-23 2001 season, Middle Tennessee is looking for a better campaign in 2002. With five seniors on the roster and a summer of helpful international matches, the Lady Raiders are looking to take a win over the Cats to begin the tournament and the fall season.

"We finally got the competitiveness out of the seniors that I have been looking at for three seasons and it finally came out in pretty much full force during

"We finally got the competitiveness out of the seniors that I have been looking at for three seasons."

—Lisa Kisee,  
MT head volleyball coach

the tour," said head coach Lisa Kisee.

The Lady Raiders will begin the tournament with a 1 p.m. matchup against WCU, which is the only team in the tourney with a 2001 winning record.

WCU's squad, which has no seniors on the roster this fall, ended the last season with a 21-11 record. This record included a 15-1 record while playing at home.

"That was last year," MT head coach Lisa Kisee said in reference to the Cats' record. "The concern we have is this season, one day at a time."

WCU's top player Sara Komosinski, a 5-foot-11-inch junior from Michigan, led the team in attacks and serves. Komosinski averaged 3.05 attacks per match and gained 31 serving aces during 2001.

All other Cat categories were lead by the 2001 senior trio of Bri Milan-Williams, Paula Stein and Christy Attebery.

After the MT tournament, WCU will host their own their own in Cullowhee, N.C., called the Catamount Clash III. Georgia State University, the University of Tennessee and Villanova University are all scheduled to attend.

Later Friday evening, MT will face Purdue at 7. The Boilermakers will be taking on the Lady Raiders after a 3 p.m. matchup against UE.

The Purdue volleyball team,

which has only one senior on the roster, returns from a 4-24 2001 campaign. The Purdue schedule in 2001 included nine top 25 NCAA teams and many well respected programs.

The Boilermakers will head home after Saturday to take on MT Sun Belt Conference rival Western Kentucky University Sept. 6.

The tournament resumes Saturday with Purdue and CSU opening the morning with an 11:30 a.m. start.

MT will hit the court again Saturday at 2 p.m. against UE.

UE hits the tournament after a 6-25 record last season. The Purple Aces return three seniors to the roster, including two of last fall's top players.

Seniors Megan Sacksteder and Brooke Krodell played in 110 games each during their junior seasons. Sacksteder booked 1,187 assists and averaged 10.79 assists per game.

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## Carter's season in doubt at Crimson Tide

By Matt Giesman  
The Crimson White  
(U. Alabama)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — A nagging leg injury may cause Alabama wide receiver Antonio Carter to miss the Crimson Tide's Aug. 31 season opener against Middle Tennessee.

Carter received a cortisone shot over the weekend to relieve some of the pain in his right leg, but coach Dennis Franchione said since the shot that Carter has looked "better but not well."

Carter underwent surgery in the spring to heal a tibial stress fracture. The surgery took place after spring practice, but the 5-foot-9-inch senior was expected to be healthy by the fall. Franchione said if the season opener were today, Carter would most likely not be able to play.

"I don't think he could," Franchione said. "He hasn't practiced much. It's getting to the point where it may be hard for him."

Since the start of two-a-days, Carter has practiced sparingly,

sitting out most workouts. He still has a metal rod inserted in his leg from the surgery, which has been the cause of his discomfort.

Carter's 32 receptions last year were second only to Freddie Milons, who has since moved on to the NFL. He was expected to fill one of the starting wide receiver slots for the Tide.

After Carter, the Tide's leading receiver is senior Sam Collins, who caught 18 passes last year for 252 yards and a team-leading four touchdowns.

Sophomore Triandos Luke also returns for the Tide. Luke recorded 15 receptions last year for 152 yards and three touchdowns.

The only other receiver for the Tide who has recorded a catch in a Division I game is junior Dre Fulgham, who has three catches in two seasons.

"Any time you lose someone at a position, it creates opportunities," Franchione said. "It's created opportunities for Sam and Dre Fulgham, and they've certainly done very well with those opportunities."

### Notes:

• Fullback Marvin Brown, defensive lineman Gerard Clark and offensive lineman Dante Ellington have been declared academically ineligible for the 2002 season. Ellington, a senior, will have the opportunity to redshirt, and could possibly play his senior season in 2003. Brown is currently in training camp with the Baltimore Ravens.

• Donnie Lowe, last year's starting fullback, did not pass his physical and has been forced to give up football. Lowe suffered three concussions while at Alabama, and will remain in school on a medical scholarship.

Lowe's departure caused head coach Dennis Franchione to move freshman Greg McLain to fullback from linebacker. McLain has progressed quickly, and Franchione said he could possibly start the Aug. 31 season opener against Middle Tennessee State. Sophomore linebacker Brandon Dean of Mobile replaced Lowe on the 105-man roster.

• Marquez Dupree, a sopho-

more fullback for the Tide, left the team Aug. 12 for personal reasons. He was replaced on the roster by freshman cornerback Ben Rose from Rochester Hills, Minn. Dupree is the third fullback to leave or be dismissed from the team since spring practice.

• Ted Gryska, a sophomore tight end, has a broken ankle and will be out for approximately six weeks.

• Freshman running back Ken Darby suffered a third-degree shoulder separation, which will cause him to miss at least a week of practice and could hurt his chances of playing this fall. Darby figures to be about sixth on the Tide's depth chart at tailback behind fellow freshman Nic Luke, returning starters Santonio Beard and Ahmaad Galloway and A-backs Shaud Williams and Ray Hudson.

Franchione was optimistic about Darby's chances of playing and said it depends on his retention of the offense and the team's injury status at tailback.

"He's making a pretty rapid recovery," Franchione said. ♦

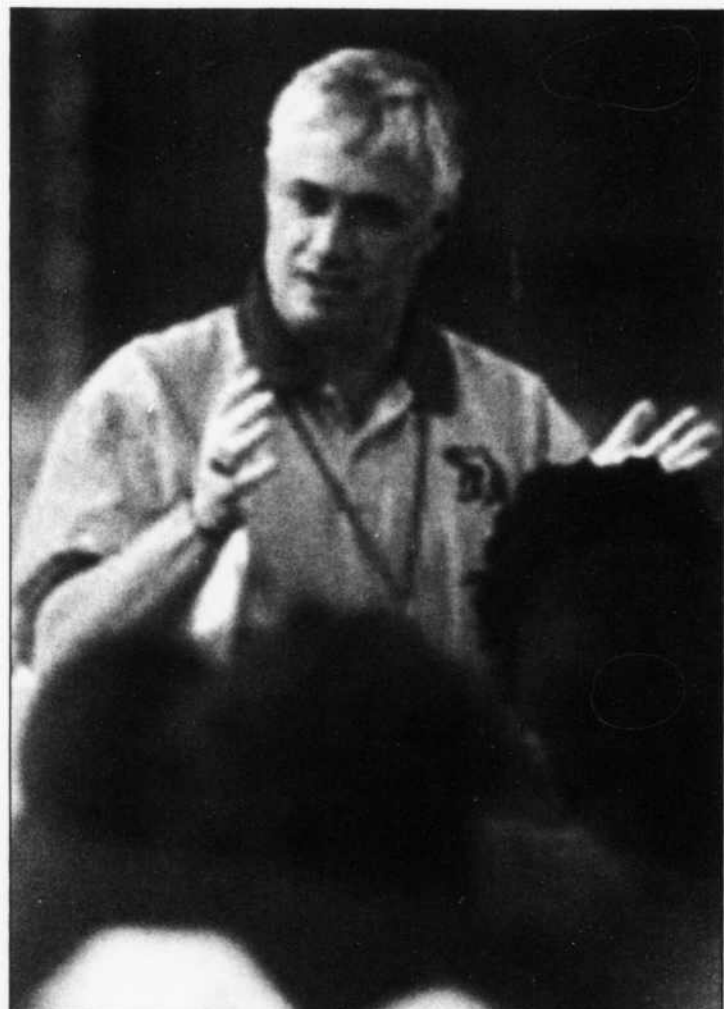


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Coach Dennis Franchione for the University of Alabama is looking for replacements for the upcoming game.

## Middle Tennessee tennis hosts tournament

### MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee men's and women's teams are preparing for the 16th Annual Blue Raider Pro-Am Tennis Classic set for Sept. 13-14 on the MT campus.

The Pro-Am is the tennis program's biggest fundraiser of the year, and fans and participants can watch the round-

robin formatted tournament at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Complex.

The event kicks off with a clinic, exhibition and dinner party at the tennis complex on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. followed by a men's and women's doubles round robin Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m.

"We match up area tennis teaching professionals along

with current and former team members with amateurs to make out doubles teams," said Middle Tennessee men's tennis coach Dale Short. "The event has proven to be Murfreesboro's highlight tennis event of the season."

For more information, please contact Dale Short at (615) 898-2957. ♦

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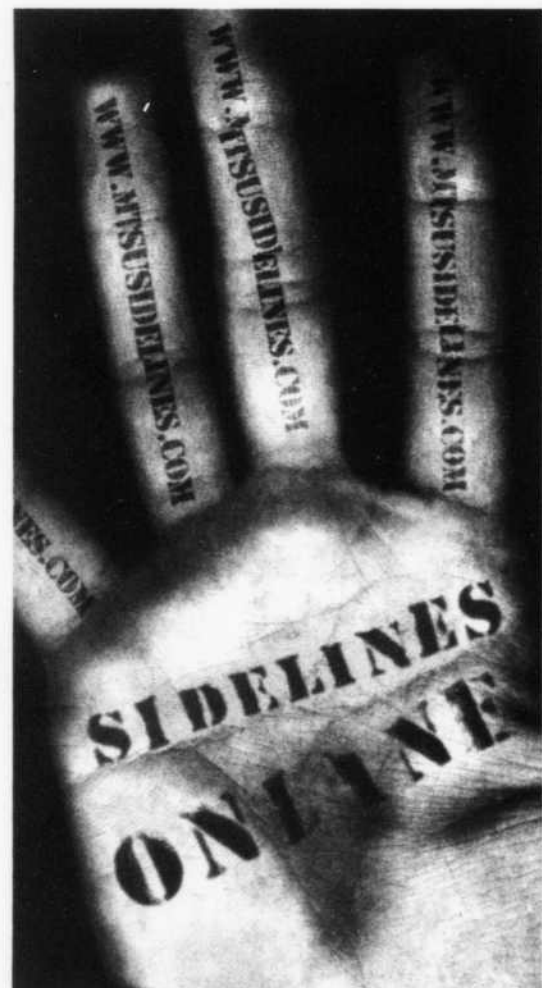
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## Conference: Hicks goes home for match

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McCollum wasn't the only one looking ahead to the upcoming SEC games. Linebacker Randy Arnold expressed his excitement about the upcoming games.

"Being in the [SEC road] environments, you get used to it," Arnold said. "At first I admit it was big, but you get used to it. It gets me excited more than anything. I don't get nervous, just excited."

Running back Dwone Hicks also showed his enthusiasm about the Alabama game.

"It's going to be great. It's always fun to go out there and play against SEC teams," Hicks said. "Everyone always loves the atmosphere [in the big games]. I know I do. Personally, I like playing on a grass field a lot. To be able to go out and play

against Alabama is going to be great for the university and for me, also."

Even though the team had eight wins last year, Hicks said he wanted the team to step up their game to the same level as other colleges with football traditions.

"We had a few chances [last year], but didn't perform as well as we wanted to," Hicks said. "To be able to go out and play against SEC teams and to play against a school with great tradition such as Alabama, that's going to be great for our team and university."

"It is going to be special because I grew up, part of my years, in Alabama. And everyone I went to high school with, all the teachers, are Alabama fans. It's going to be great to go out there and have them rooting for me," he said.

McCollum also talked about how getting into the right mindset to play against a team with a history such as Alabama's.

"I grew up watching Alabama, but when you get out there its 11-on-11," McCollum said. "We just have to try to be as good as Middle Tennessee can be that day. Our team is playing the Alabama team of this year, not from 20 years ago or anything like that."

"We have to get ready to play the team that's on the field now. I can't control a lot of that kind of stuff, but what I can control is believing in ourselves when we walk into that stadium."

MT will play Alabama Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The game will be shown locally on WUXP 30 or channel 14 on Comcast cable. The game can be heard on 89.5 WMOT. ♦



Photo provided  
Jonathan Callahan is one of the several players on Middle Tennessee's team who will be trying his best to defeat the University of Alabama at Birmingham on Saturday.

## Volleyball: tourney draws team together

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Krodel recorded 208 kills and averaged 1.89 kills per game.

After the match with Evansville, MT will return to the court at 7 p.m. to take on Chicago for the final contest of the tourney.

The Cougars start the 2002 season after a disappointing 2-24 term last fall. Chicago's two wins came in Mid-Continent

Conference wins over Western Illinois University and Oakland University.

While in Tennessee, Chicago will head west Sept. 2 to take on Belmont University at 11 a.m. and Tennessee State University at 7 p.m.

After the tournament, the Lady Raiders will host the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Sept. 4 in the AMG.

Next weekend, while the football team travels to Knoxville to take on the University of Tennessee, the volleyball team will travel to the other side of the state to the University of Memphis for a tournament.

MT will take on Appalachian State University, UM and Birmingham-Southern College while in Memphis. ♦

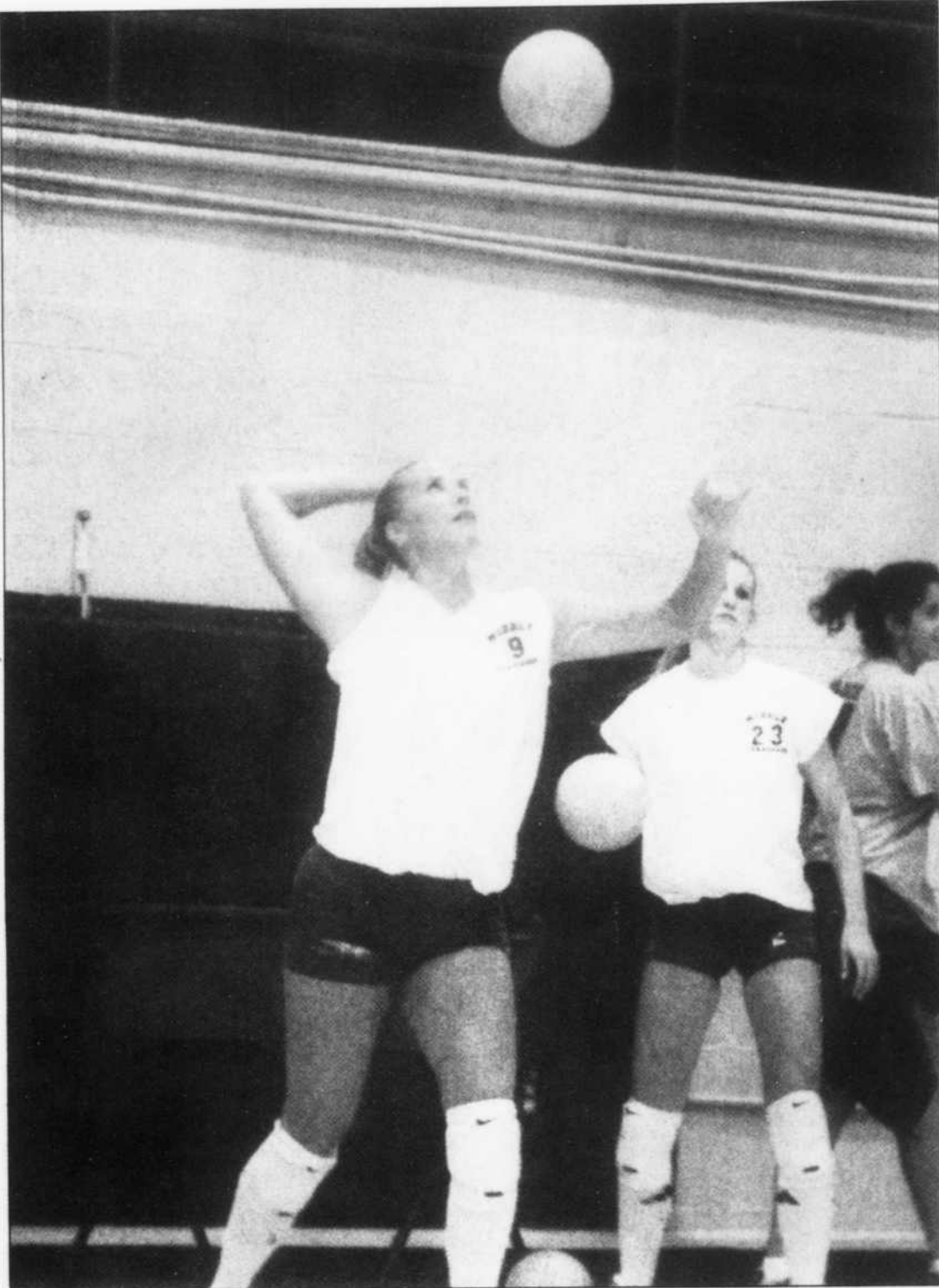
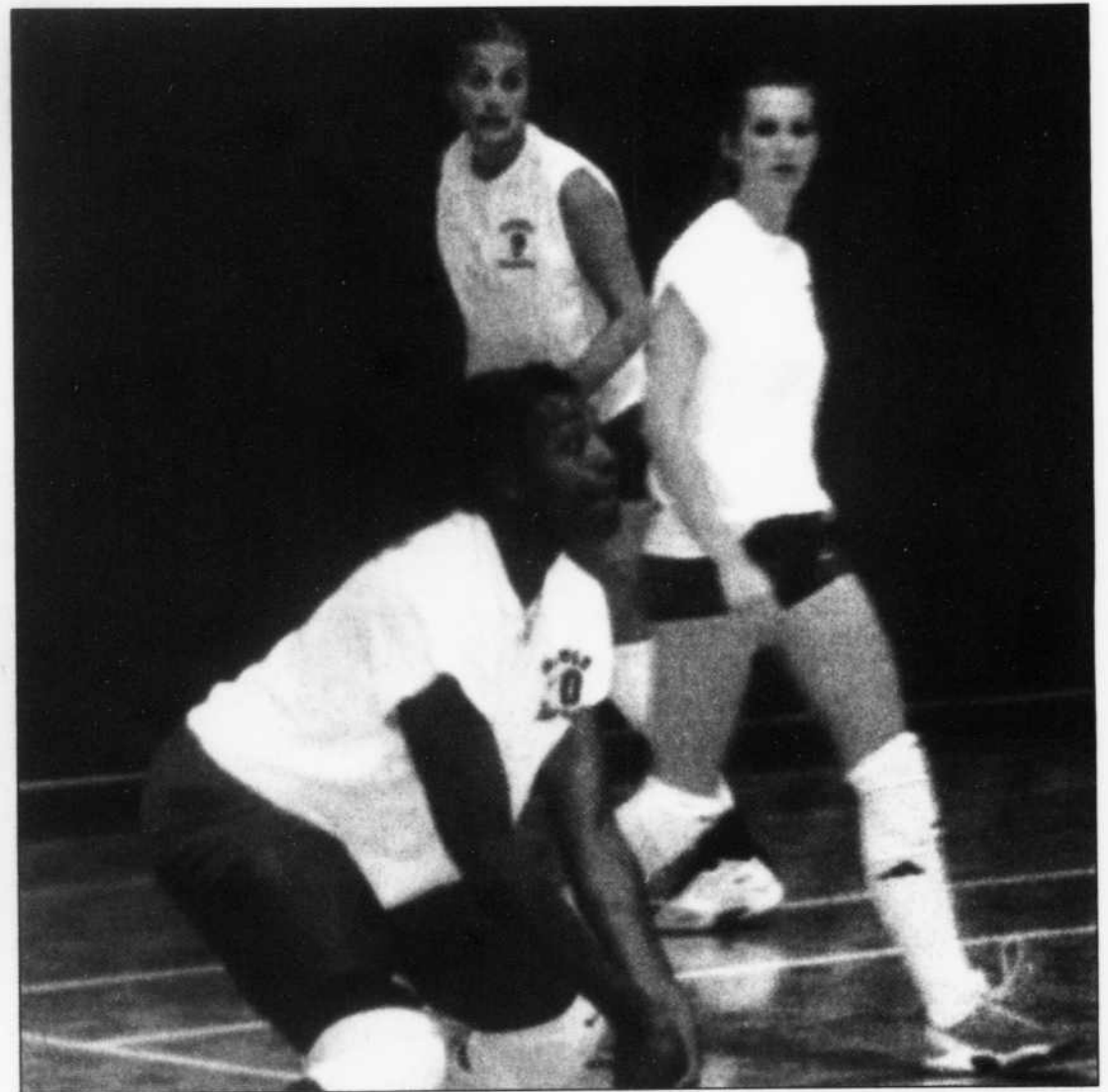


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Katie Thieson (above) serves the ball while her teammates wait their turn. Keke Deckard (left) squats for a dig. Deckard is second on the team in digs at 320.



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