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Nursing shortage doesn't reflect MT enrollment

Master of
science program
on list of
goals for future

By Michael Haynes
Staff Writer

A nationwide nursing shortage is creating a demand for health care that might push MTSU's School of Nursing to expand.

According to the Department of Health and

Human Services, demand for nurses is 1.9 million full-time employees and the supply is 1.8 million FTEs.

"By 2010, the shortage will be 12 percent," said Pamela Holder, chair of the MTSU School of Nursing. "By 2015 the shortage will have quadrupled, unless addressed."

According to the HHS report, if trends continue, the shortage of nurses will increase to approximately 275,000 in 2010.

To enter the nursing profession, one must either earn an associate of science or a bache-

lor of science degree in nursing. MTSU offers the bachelor's degree.

"The BSN degree requires 141 hours of course work," Holder said. The curriculum also requires a clinical practicum in a hospital for which students receive credit.

MTSU's nursing program isn't seeing a decline in enrollment, while some other institutions are.

"MTSU has three quality applicants per space," Holder said. "There isn't enough space, faculty or scholarships for students."

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— Pamela Holder
School of Nursing chair

Because the bachelor's program requires the clinical practicum, it can be difficult for nursing students to hold jobs and attend school.

Holder said adding a master of science program is on the list of goals for approval by the

Tennessee Higher Education Commission and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"We have been wanting to add the program for a decade," she said.

There are also plans, although nothing is being considered for the near future, to expand the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building. The current facility is eight years old.

Other strategies to reach these goals, as outlined in the School of Nursing Growth Strategy Report, are to increase the number of scholarships, add three endowed professorships

and expand facility space.

The shortage of nurses nationwide is alarming to health care professionals. Considering the demographics in the United States, the age of the nursing workforce indicates that, after 2011, the supply of nurses will decline faster as nurses leave the profession.

"The factors that are driving the demand for nurses are an 18 percent increase in population, a larger proportion of elderly persons and medical advances that heighten the need for nurses," according to the HHS report. ♦

Celebration honors MTSU heritage

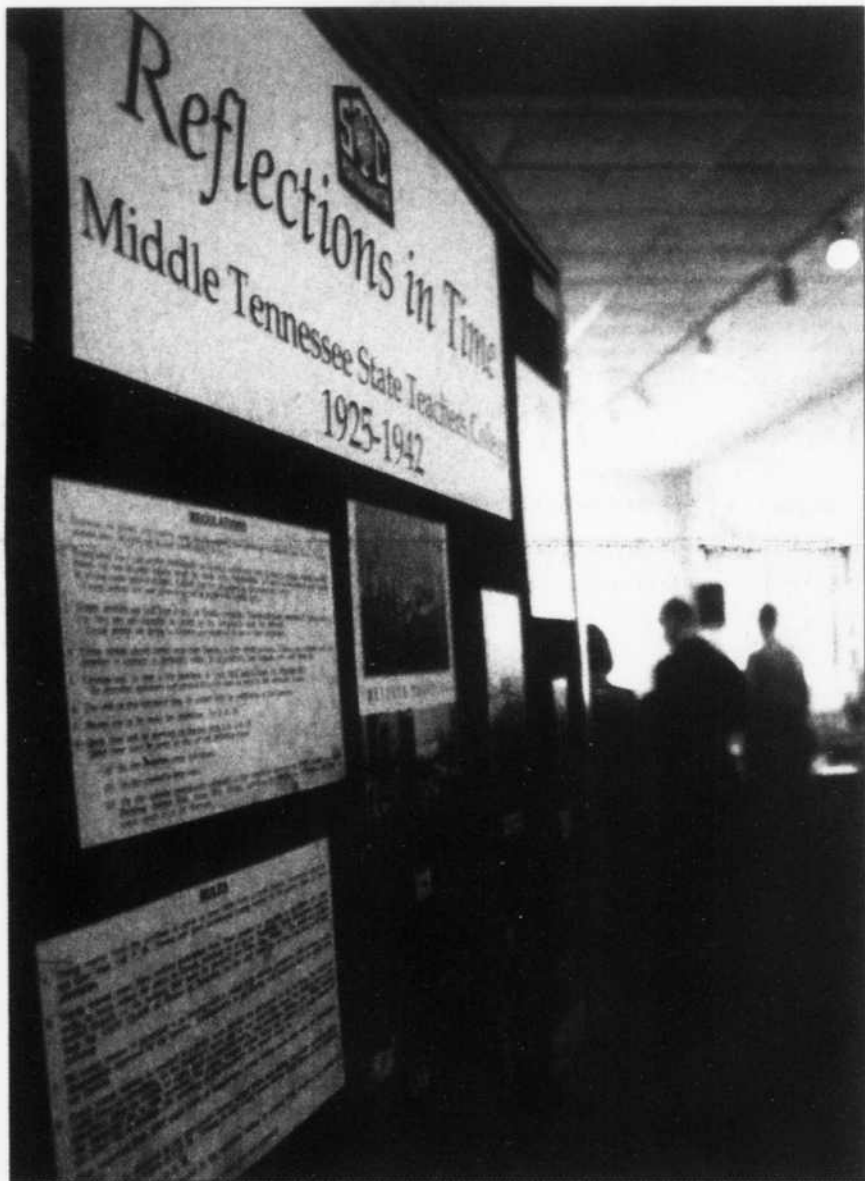
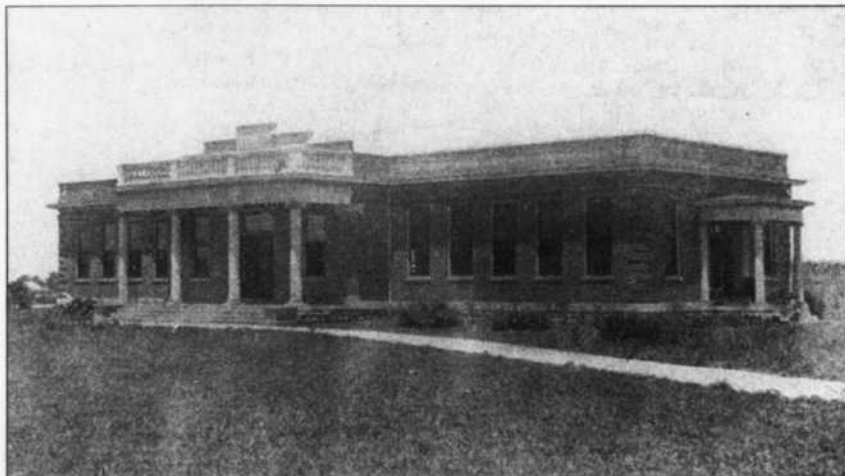


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Display boards (above) illustrate various time periods in MTSU history through photographs at yesterday's Founders' Day celebration in the Alumni Center. The Center (top right) was one of the original buildings on campus, built in 1911 when the university was a normal school.



By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

MTSU celebrated its 91st birthday a week early yesterday at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Center.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee kicked off the annual Founders' Day celebration by introducing the descendants of the original founders of MTSU – the Black and Harrison families.

In his speech, McPhee stressed his appreciation for the past, as well as his hopes for the future.

"We continue as an institution to grow both in numbers and in quality of students," McPhee said. "It is imperative that we continue controlled and measured growth, not just in academic standards but in [our] facilities as well."

The members of the Harrison and Black families assisted McPhee in dedicating a historical land marker. The marker commemorated the attainment of the original acres of land used.

"The gift of land is what started it all," said Terry MacMahan, one of the family representatives. "It is the very essence of what MTSU was built upon."

Price Harrison Jr., grandson of Thomas Henry Harrison Sr., gave a speech commemorating his grandfather – one of the two original founders.

"He was concerned about people," Harrison said. "He was concerned about education."

The ceremony was followed by a breakfast reception in the main hall of the Alumni Center.

In honor of the occasion, the Albert Gore Research Center and MTSU Photographic Services prepared a historic exhibit displaying photographs and

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Scholar questions faith

By Patrick Chinnery
Assistant News Editor

Christianity was founded on nothing more than a myth.

At least that's what one campus speaker would have you believe.

Gerd Ludemann, professor at the University of Gottingen in Gottingen, Germany, spoke to a crowd of 111 people Tuesday night in the Business and Aerospace Building on what he has termed the "hoax of the Resurrection."

Ludemann immediately addressed in his talk the brevity of what he was suggesting.

"Without the resurrection of Jesus, there would be no church, there would be no Christianity, no 2,000 years of Christendom, no basis whatsoever for Christianity," he said.

As the foundation of his argument, Ludemann highlighted inconsistent accounts within the four Gospels regarding the burial of Jesus.

Ludemann first explained that the chronological order of writings must be determined when studying the Bible to understand contextual progression. He then ordered the Gospels as Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.

Quoting from Mark 15:42-

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Librarian uses organization to ease research woes

Communication,
Web resources,
directory usage
emphasized

By Lindsay Palmer
Staff Writer

Rachel Kirk is committed to making independent research easier for MTSU students.

Newly hired in the James E. Walker Library's users services department, Kirk's job is to guide overwhelmed students through the various research programs the university has to offer.

According to Kirk, the majority of students recently out of high school feel intimidated when they have to do research.

"It's not taught well in the high schools," Kirk said. "Nobody feels prepared. Students feel like they should know more."

Kirk views research as being process-oriented. To help stu-

dents get organized, she has developed a walk-through presentation titled, "Taking the Fear Out of Library Research: A Guide for Those Who Cringe When They Hear 'Research Assignment'."

In her presentation, Kirk emphasizes the three basic skills needed to conduct effective research: talking to people, use of the library's directories and taking advantage of the various Web resources that are available.

The first thing Kirk suggests students should do is to bring a copy of their assignment to show a librarian. She stresses the necessity of doing this in a timely fashion.

"It's so much easier if we have time to work with," Kirk said.

After getting a general idea of what type of research the particular assignment calls for, Kirk advises the students to go to the Voyager catalogue or to use other web resources.

The James E. Walker Library has access to a vast collection of

online databases, e-journals, and 25,000 e-books. In her presentation, Kirk gives computer-phobic students an overview of how to use the search systems.

According to Kirk, online databases are collections of records that offer articles and the information surrounding the articles. Kirk instructs students to enter a specific word in the search box. The result will be a screen showing a list of authors, titles, article citations and the journals in which they are found.

Kirk also reminds students that, when searching for an article title on Voyager, they must remember to search under the name of the journal in which the article is published.

The main address for access to the library's Web site is <http://www.mtsu.edu/~library/subjects/netsites.html>. Kirk also suggests that students look at Research Gateway.

This way, they can conduct research at home, on their own

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Photo by Jenny Cordle | Staff Photographer

Distance education librarian Rachel Kirk (left) helps freshman Shelby Lay (right) make sense of some of the research programs in the James E. Walker Library.

Celebration: Founders' Day pays homage to decades of MTSU through photos, speeches

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drawings of MTSU throughout the decades, such as an aerial shot of the original campus and a picture of the old school sign that read "Middle Tennessee State Normal School."

"There was quite a battle between Murfreesboro and Cookeville to become the site of the state's normal school," McPhee said.

According to McPhee, the land was purchased with the intent of building a school to provide the state with a strong teacher-education program.

He noted Middle Tennessee State Normal School was founded on Sept. 11, 1911. Due to the anniversary of the Sept.

11 attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., the celebration was held a week early.

McPhee added that the school began offering bachelor of science degrees in 1925.

It was designated a state college in 1943.

The school became Middle Tennessee State University in 1965 because of its continued development and growth.

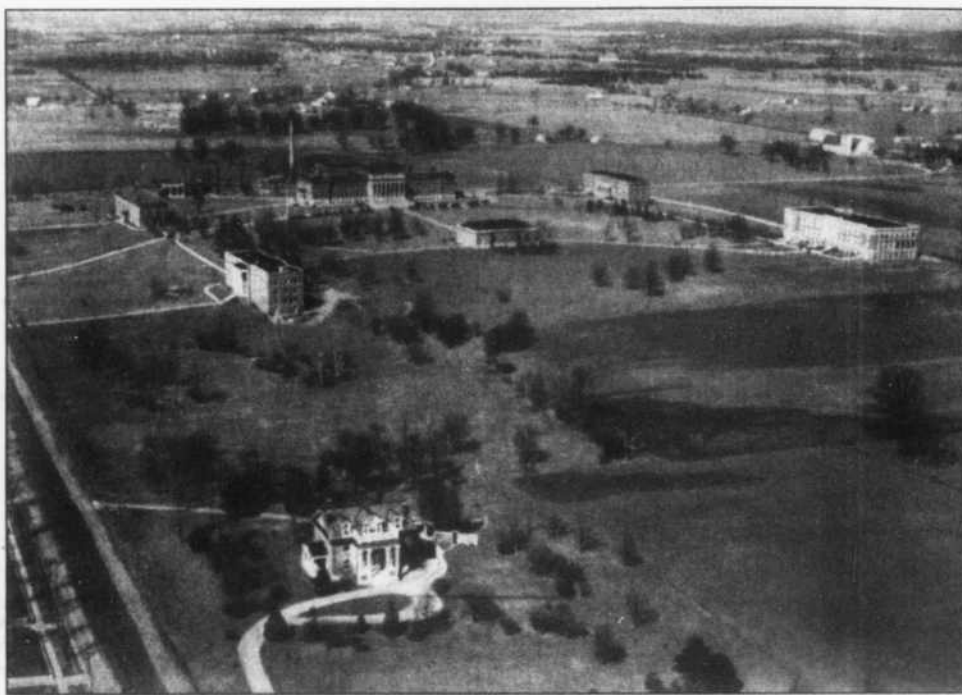
Along with representatives from the Black and Harrison families, several important community members were also present.

State Representative John Hood and County Executive Nancy Allen were among the attendees at yesterday's ceremony. ♦



Photos provided

Kirksey Old Main (top) has been a staple of the MTSU landscape since the college was founded in 1911. The president's home and Rutledge Hall (bottom left) were also part of the original layout of the campus. Over the course of several years, the school would almost 30 acres of land (bottom right).



Kirk: Students feel comfortable

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research at home, on their own computers.

Kirk said the faculty of the library wants students to use all the available resources, even if they are not used to dealing with computers.

The faculty is stressing "information literacy."

"It's what we're committed to," Kirk said.

Students are already displaying a positive attitude toward the library faculty's new method of simplifying the research process.

"An essential part of the education process is independent research, and the assistance provided by Kirk can be a springboard for students who aren't acquainted with this," said Christopher Myer, a junior.

Kirk attained a bachelor's degree in English at Wakeforest University. She went on to get her master's degree in account-

ing, and worked as a CPA for seven years.

She was interested in the research aspect of her job, but she found the subject matter to be too narrow.

She returned to school and received her master's degree in communication science from the University of Tennessee.

Kirk's goal is to get more of the students and faculty involved in her program.

She said she wants students to feel at ease in the library environment. She theorizes that one of the reasons students are so uncomfortable in the library is because they were taught to be.

She said the first thing a kindergarten student ever hears in the library is, "Shhh!"

The formal, stern setting gives students "bad vibes" at an early age, according to Kirk.

She wants to try to change their mindset about that.

To make an appointment with Kirk, call 615-898-2919. ♦

Scholar: Jesus was a 'nice guy' who 'got killed'

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47, Ludemann described Joseph of Arimathea as "looking for the kingdom of God." The wording was important, he explained, because it meant that Joseph was not a disciple, but a man merely searching for spiritual answers.

In the book of Matthew, Joseph is now described as a disciple of Jesus, the linen shroud mentioned in Mark is now a clean linen shroud and the tomb is now a new tomb, Ludemann said.

Moving to Luke and John, the speaker pointed out that details attributed to Jesus' burial were becoming more and more like the rituals performed for a king's burial. Examples included spices and ointments prepared by women (Luke 23:56), a second, and completely new, person bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes (John 19:39) and the tomb now being in a garden (John 19:41).

Ludemann said to the crowd that the Greek authors of the Gospels made the setting more and more elaborate so as to describe the rites for someone who was the son of God, and therefore must be clean.

The idea of exaggeration did

not go unchallenged by the crowd.

One student stated to Ludemann, "Just because the earlier Gospels didn't include the details, didn't mean they didn't happen."

The guest speaker was quick to reply.

"The Gospels show the tendency of writers to exaggerate," he said. "Secondly, none of [the writers] were eyewitnesses. If we can observe this tendency from Mark to John, I'm wondering whether Mark changed something."

The cornerstone of Ludemann's case was in 1 Corinthians 15. Several references about Jesus' resurrection are made in the first four verses of that letter that include the words, "in accordance with the scripture." According to Ludemann, these words were included out of necessity.

"You have to understand how the Jewish mind worked at the time. Anything of importance had to be of the scripture. They had an experience and, as Jews, they could only convince other Jews if it was in accordance with the scripture," Ludemann said, adding that early Christians claimed their experience went along with the

scripture to gain credibility.

The crux of the case was based on the word "appearance," which Ludemann said should be translated as vision. 1 Corinthians 15:5-7 describes Jesus' "appearances" to both individuals and groups. This, Ludemann said, can only be explained with mass psychology.

"The earliest phenomenon of Easter was a dream, a vision, not reality. The resurrection was a hoax; it was nothing more than a dream everyone had," Ludemann said.

One crowd member asked how it was possible that 500 people, as mentioned in 1 Corinthians, could have the same vision at the same time.

"The vision was contagious because they wanted to believe it. Jesus was a nice, wonderful guy and got killed," Ludemann answered.

The Campus Freethought Alliance, a year-old student organization, and the Student Government Association sponsored the event. Ludemann was the first in a series of speakers the club plans on bringing to campus to promote critical thinking and valid scientific thought. Massimo Pigliucci, an evolutionary biologist, will give the next lecture Oct. 4. ♦

CRIME LOG

Aug. 22, 4:16 p.m.
Greenland Drive parking lot

An unknown vehicle caused property damage in the Greenland lot. A vehicle was seen leaving the area.

Aug. 22, 10:59 p.m.
Corlew Hall

Campus Police assisted housing staff with the search of a dorm room that resulted in the discovery of drug paraphernalia. The matter has been turned over to Housing and Residential Life.

Aug. 23, 10:20 a.m.
James Union Building

A glass door on the west side of the JUB was found broken.

Aug. 23, 10:54 a.m.
Greenland Drive parking lot

Another hit-and-run vehicle damaged a car in the parking lot adjacent to Murphy Center.

Aug. 23, 11:12 a.m.
Ewing Terrace Apartments

A black male described as wearing yel-

low pants, a black T-shirt and mini-braids ran from an officer on a bicycle as she was trying to stop him. She caught up to him at the apartments and issued him a trespass warning.

Aug. 25, 4:46 a.m.
Kappa Alpha House

The Kappa Alpha fraternity reported that a six-foot suit of armor was stolen from their mansion.

Aug. 25, 12:44 p.m.
Family housing

A bike was stolen from campus family housing.

Aug. 26, 9:59 a.m.
Ezell Hall

Two subjects who had stolen property from Ezell Hall came to the Campus Police office and turned themselves in. The individuals each received a dean citation.

Aug. 28, 9:11 a.m.
Business and Aerospace Building

A computer was reported stolen from the computer lab in the BAS.

Aug. 28, 5:05 p.m.
Floyd Stadium

Items were reported stolen from the coach's locker room at the stadium.

Aug. 28, 9:00 p.m.
James E. Walker Library

Labresio Vass of Murfreesboro was arrested for indecent exposure at the James E. Walker Library on Wednesday night.

Aug. 29, 2:21 a.m.
Cummings Hall

Thomas Buerstetta was arrested and charged with one count of public intoxication, one count of underage consumption and two counts of vandalism under \$500.

Aug. 29, 8:12 a.m.
Kirksey Old Main

A faculty member notified the Campus Police that \$110 was stolen from her office between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

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WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Patrick Chinnery - Assistant News Editor



Powell defends vow to environment, poor at world summit

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) - Repeatedly interrupted by jeers and protests, Secretary of State Colin Powell defended the United States' environmental record and its efforts to help the poor in the developing world Wednesday, the closing day of the World Summit.

"The U.S. is taking action to meet environmental challenges, including global climate change," Powell told delegates at the summit.

The United States has been criticized for President Bush's decision last year to reject the Kyoto Protocol, which many countries view as crucial for reversing a global warming trend blamed for cataclysmic storms, floods and droughts.

The United States has said it

was taking many other actions to fight global warming, but the international agreement's strictures were inappropriate and too costly for the U.S. economy.

Washington also had been hammered for resisting binding targets to increase the use of renewable energy sources, and for Bush's decision not to attend the summit.

As Powell spoke, delegates from non-governmental groups in the audience repeatedly interrupted him, shouting "Shame on Bush." Two people held up a banner reading, "Betrayed by governments." At least two people were removed by security.

Bush invites congressional leaders to White House for discussions on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, answering demands to know his inten-

tions toward Iraq, invited the congressional leadership to a Cabinet Room briefing and dispatched his Pentagon chief to Capitol Hill.

The president's meeting Wednesday with top Democratic and Republican lawmakers comes amid increasing signals that Bush is ready to go public with a fuller picture of what the United States knows about Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's weapons capabilities.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who was going to the Capitol on Wednesday to provide closed-door "operational updates" on the war on terrorism, told reporters Tuesday that the administration had secret information supporting its claims that Saddam is close to developing nuclear weapons and must be overthrown.

Rumsfeld said it is already

publicly known that Iraq wants to acquire nuclear weapons, that nuclear technologies have spread in recent years and that Iraq has ways of obtaining such materials.

"And we know some other things, but those are the kinds of things that would come out if and when the president decides that he thinks it's appropriate," Rumsfeld said. "I'll leave that for the coming days and weeks."

Secretary of State Colin Powell, in South Africa for a United Nations summit, similarly suggested that Bush was nearing a decision - if not on his course of action against Saddam, then a more detailed indictment of the Iraqi leader. Powell said Iraq, in trying to deny any work on weapons of mass destruction and has been playing a "con" game for years.

"Where we are now is that it is time for the international

community to speak back," Powell said.

When asked what the United States will do, the secretary replied: "The president will articulate it. He will articulate fully and in the near future."

West Nile virus confirmed in death of Georgia organ donor recipient

ATLANTA (AP) - Donated organs from a Georgia woman killed in a car crash last month may have proved deadly when the West Nile virus in her blood apparently killed one recipient and sickened others.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Tuesday an organ recipient died in Atlanta on Aug. 29 after receiving the Georgia woman's tainted organ.

Three other people also received organs from the woman. The CDC said two of

them have the virus and have developed encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain. West Nile has not been confirmed in the third person, who is recovering from a milder infection.

Health officials said the organ recipients could have contracted the virus from mosquitoes, but it is unlikely. The cases are believed to be the first West Nile infections from a medical procedure.

The CDC was tracking about 60 blood donors whose products were used in transfusions to the Georgia organ donor before she died to determine if the blood products gave her West Nile, officials said.

Health officials stopped using the 60 donors' blood and said they were searching for about a dozen people who had already received blood products from those donors. ♦

After almost a year, the affects still resonate.

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OPINIONS

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Thursday, September 5, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Open your mind, shut your piehole

The Campus Freethought Alliance welcomed Gerd Ludemann, the director of the Institute of Early Christian Studies, to present his theory Tuesday that the resurrection of Jesus Christ was a sham. Ludemann was quoted in the *Nashville Scene* as saying, "The body of Jesus rotted in the tomb, if it was not eaten before then by vultures and jackals."

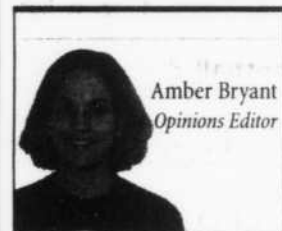
Overall, Ludemann's audience was attentive to his message. There were a select few, however, who loudly opposed his theory. Ludemann explained that every known Biblical scholar agrees: An unknown author is responsible for writing the Gospel According to Mark after verse 16:8, a short portion of the entire book covering the resurrection. One audience member laughed skeptically. One scoffed aloud. During another part of Ludemann's speech, someone audibly proclaimed his message to be B.S. and walked out of the lecture hall.

The purpose of a university is to teach and inspire students to think for themselves. Groups like the Campus Freethought Alliance aren't necessarily opposed to Christianity, just mainstream ideas everyone follows without knowing why. Just as nonbelievers shouldn't attend organized religious meetings to rudely denounce concepts they don't accept, believers shouldn't attend secular forums and openly reject their messages.

The reason we're here is to immerse ourselves in original, new ideas and subject ourselves to diverse arguments. Every student should attend at least one lecture that differs from his or her current beliefs; if those beliefs can't stand under scrutiny, they aren't worth believing.

If we rely on preconceived notions and avoid exposing our minds fully while we have access to a free and open marketplace of knowledge, we will have missed the point of a college education entirely. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Gender conventions make unhealthy teens



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

University of Minnesota researchers stated yesterday that the nature of sex discussions between mothers and their children usually depend on the gender of the child.

Researcher Dr. Robert Blum told CNN correspondent Gina Greene that mothers often caution their daughters not to ruin their reputations or futures, but only warn sons about the necessity of using protection.

When it comes to sex, women and men have always been divided by a plethora of gender conventions. While a man is free to roam the world spreading his seed, a woman is expected to sit at home thinking up ways to remain chaste until she's married.

Women and men both have equally strong sex drives. There's only one real difference – for centuries, women have been conditioned to suppress natural urges in

favor of the Madonna complex. For those of you more exposed to MTV than to biblical references, I'm speaking of the divinely un-sexual Virgin Mary, not the singer.

Where did women get the notion we should live up to such unrealistic ideals? Our mothers, it would seem.

I'm certainly not suggesting moms should prance around the house, scantily clad and proclaiming their deepest desires in front of their children. They should, however, throw unhealthy social standards to the wind when discussing sex with both their sons and daughters.

Male and female teenagers should be taught to be honest and embrace sexuality, while respecting their minds and bodies until and after they're mature enough to engage in sexual activity.

When parents stop using old-fashioned archetypes when talking to teens about the birds and the bees, they'll be able to make sound decisions based on modern logic instead of 17th century fallacies. ♦

Clarification

In the Aug. 19 issue of *Sidelines*, the Phi Chi sorority recruitment dates were omitted. They are Sept. 9, 10 and 12.

Schools need monetary support



Filler

Brandon Morrison
Staff Columnist

I hate having to choose the lesser of two evils. You know the kinds of choices I'm talking about. Problems like choosing between the first 15 minutes of your morning class or 15 minutes of extra sleep. I hate choosing whether or not I should eat lunch one day or buy a new CD I really want.

A new report by Justice Policy Institute President Vincent Schiraldi states

that, on average, the growth of spending on correctional institutes on the state and local level is double that of the growth of spending in universities. That means that over the past 15 years, the amount of money spent on prisons and police has increased twice as fast as spending on public universities.

I don't have a problem with giving cops more money.

Cops do a wonderful job with the limited funds that are given to them. I'm not about to tell somebody who risks his or her life every day that they need to trim their budget because school programs are hurting.

However, with this drastic difference in funding increases between schools and prisons, we need to ask if this is really what we want to pump our money into.

On one side, I don't want a bunch of convicted felons walking the streets if funding is slowed to correctional institutes. Increasing the amount of funds going to universities at the expense of prisons isn't helpful if students are getting robbed blind everywhere they go.

However, the increased spending on adult education could indirectly lower the amount of felons for prisons to hold.

One reason why people

commit crimes is because they feel that they have no other way of supporting themselves.

If people had a way to earn the GEDs they didn't get in high school for whatever reason, they'd have a greater opportunity to find a job to support themselves and keep out of trouble.

Adding basic adult education classes isn't going to solve our crime problem. While keeping busy and needing money for food are a few reasons why people commit crimes, there are about a million other reasons why people lie, cheat and steal their way through life.

We can't use the 1.2

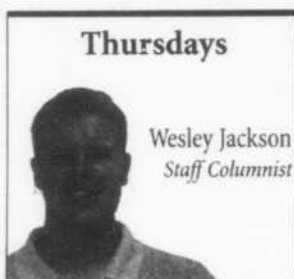
million prison inmates in America as a scapegoat for an unbridled increase in school spending.

If we can gradually increase our spending to the point where the amount of money spent on schools is comparable to correctional institute spendings, then we should be able to lower the amount of inmates while adding needed funds to higher education.

For once, adding more money for police spending is the greater of two evils. ♦

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Evolution takes away need for God



Thursdays

Wesley Jackson
Staff Columnist

In my current biology class, we do not have a textbook. We have a CD-ROM video-professor. The recorded lectures are by a guy named George Wolfe. His attire is a bit strange: purple shirt, yellow tie and white fluffy hair. But more distracting than his wardrobe are his sermons; his pep-rallies on the theory of evolution.

Wolfe presents God and religion as major hindrances to scientific progress. According to him, evolution has liberated scientific study. I don't know about evolution liberating science, but I do know that it minimizes the influence of God. Darwin's theory is not necessarily atheistic or totally anti-

God, though some evolutionists are atheists. Evolution merely portrays God as non-essential for the development of life – an agnostic approach at best.

The real problem with the theory of evolution is not scientific evidence (although it does struggle in that department). The difficulty is that it is incapable of giving meaning to life.

Whenever God (or an ultimate objective authority) is minimized, we are left only to our opinions and our preferences, and those change. Then we have no standard for truth and therefore nothing to give us meaning or purpose. Only when we have an absolute, objective authority (which becomes our god) can we have meaning.

Most of us are probably not Darwinian atheists. We're probably something like evolutionary agnostics. We believe that God is probably out there, some-

where. He's there for us when we need Him. But we still do science (and life in general) a lot better without His help.

We are fast approaching the Sept. 11 anniversary. Last year, we were so proud to be "one nation under God." We wanted God's aid. America was hurting, and it consoled us to think the God of the universe was on our side.

For an atheist, such a calamity as Sept. 11 is meaningless. Not only can there be no logical concept of justice for him or her, there's nothing to give the victims or their families any significance or meaning. All that atheists have are their opinions, and opinions change and differ from person to person.

Without God to give life importance as a whole, Sept. 11 has little difference from the road kill accidents we pass on the highway – just one of those things that happens. Life is meaningless.

But the events of last

year meant something to us. Innocent life had been stolen. We grieved and were outraged. We still are in many ways. Is it because we still think there is a God in heaven who sees what goes on here? That He cares about the suffering of helpless people? That He rewards the good and punishes the bad?

That was last year. We wanted God to be with us through the pain. But what about now? What about other issues besides terrorism? What about abortion, stem cell research, the economy, genetic engineering, international trade or gay rights issues? Where is God in all this? We cough, shrug and "let science take care of it." After all, modern science – evolutionary science – works much better without God in the picture.

We slump back into an evolutionary agnosticism: God is there when we want Him to be, and He's conveniently absent when we don't.

This means that we really want to play God. We only want Him to be God when we say He can.

We take His advice only when we like it. In this position, our lives are ultimately still based on mere opinion, and opinions change and differ from person to person. This means we accept no real standard for truth.

Life is meaningless again.

For George Wolfe, my evolutionist video-professor, God is not very important in science.

Heavenly power is viewed as a marginal influence at best. But it seems to me that, if life is to have any meaning, God must be found and embraced in every area of our existence.

Otherwise, why should we care that the twin towers fell? ♦

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Nudity, obesity tasteful

Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

I was sitting in English class when the guy next to me starts drawing pictures of naked fat people.

Lucky for him, I can appreciate a picture of a naked fat person.

Mind you, naked fat people aren't funny.

Naked skinny people aren't funny, either. These naked fat people happened to be involved in all sorts of naked hijinx.

One particularly clumsy naked man had fallen to the ground, apparently having slipped on a banana peel. Another nude lady was performing stand-up comedy to an audience of naked fat people.

His cartoons were filled with classic comedy, but with nudity.

This was all well and good, as the naked fat people were more entertaining than my professor, who I'm sure is the love child of a Nazi and a Communist.

He's a likable fellow, but a little frightening at first.

As much as I enjoyed the cartoons of the naked fat people, the young lady sitting next to my cartoonist friend was not so amused.

She looked over his drawings and was a bit startled. I know you may think she should mind her own business, but, I assure you, it was a casual glance which she probably couldn't even control.

There could even have been a naked fat man in her peripheral vision. What was she to do but look? You would have looked, too.

So she looked and so she couldn't help but blurt out a phrase unbecoming a young college coed. She asked my young cartoonist friend, "What the heck?" Only she didn't say "heck." Though I suppose it could have been a rhetorical question.

Rhetorical question or not, my friend didn't have a chance to answer her. The professor wanted to know what the "heck" as well, though he asked without cursing. Everyone in the class was looking at this horrified young lady.

Judging by the expressions on their faces, they also wanted to know what the "heck?"

The young lady pointed to the notebook my friend was doodling in.

The professor took a look. The rest of the class crowded around. "Oh my, he's quite fat," said the professor.

"Stupid American," he said.

"Why is that crowd of naked fat people laughing at the naked fat lady?" a dimwitted student asked.

It was obvious the crowd wasn't laughing at the fat lady but with her. She was a stand-up comedienne.

Worse came to worse, and soon my friend was practically tarred and feathered, run out on a rail, even.

I tried to explain the jokes to our class, but they didn't get it. Banana peel jokes just aren't funny to everyone, I suppose.

This just goes to show there's no accounting for taste. ♦

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Letter to the Editor Alliance not for free thought

To the Editor:

I noticed in the Wednesday edition of *Sidelines* that the Campus Freethought Alliance is hosting a lecture titled "The Hoax of the Resurrection." This lecture is, of course, an attempt to discard the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is presented by an author of anti-Christian material.

The Campus Freethought Alliance promotes anything but free thought. It seems that, to be part of the Freethought Alliance, you are free to think what you want as long as you don't think like a Christian. Last year, they ran a counter-campaign against "I Agree With Dave," an open discussion about who Jesus was. Now, they're bringing in an anti-Christian author to try to convince people Jesus was a fraud.

Excuse me, Alliance, this isn't sounding much like free thought.

I'm not asking the Freethought Alliance to stop attacking Christians. We have resolve and will stand up under persecution. The thing I would like to see is the Alliance to admit what their agenda is and stop hiding behind a name.

Apparently, they think Jesus deceived people. Why should they have such a problem with that if they deceive people with a false name? Jesus didn't tiptoe around issues or sugarcoat his speech. He was a real man who told the truth, whether you wanted to hear it or not, and stood behind it. That's more than I can say for the Freethought Alliance.

Now, I am not afraid to admit when I'm wrong, so if I have drawn the wrong conclusion, I hope someone will point it out to me. I've just never seen the Alliance attack any other group of people other than Christians.

So to the Campus "Free Thought" Alliance, I offer this challenge: defend yourself.

Spencer Hyatt

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Blue Raiders take first win of season

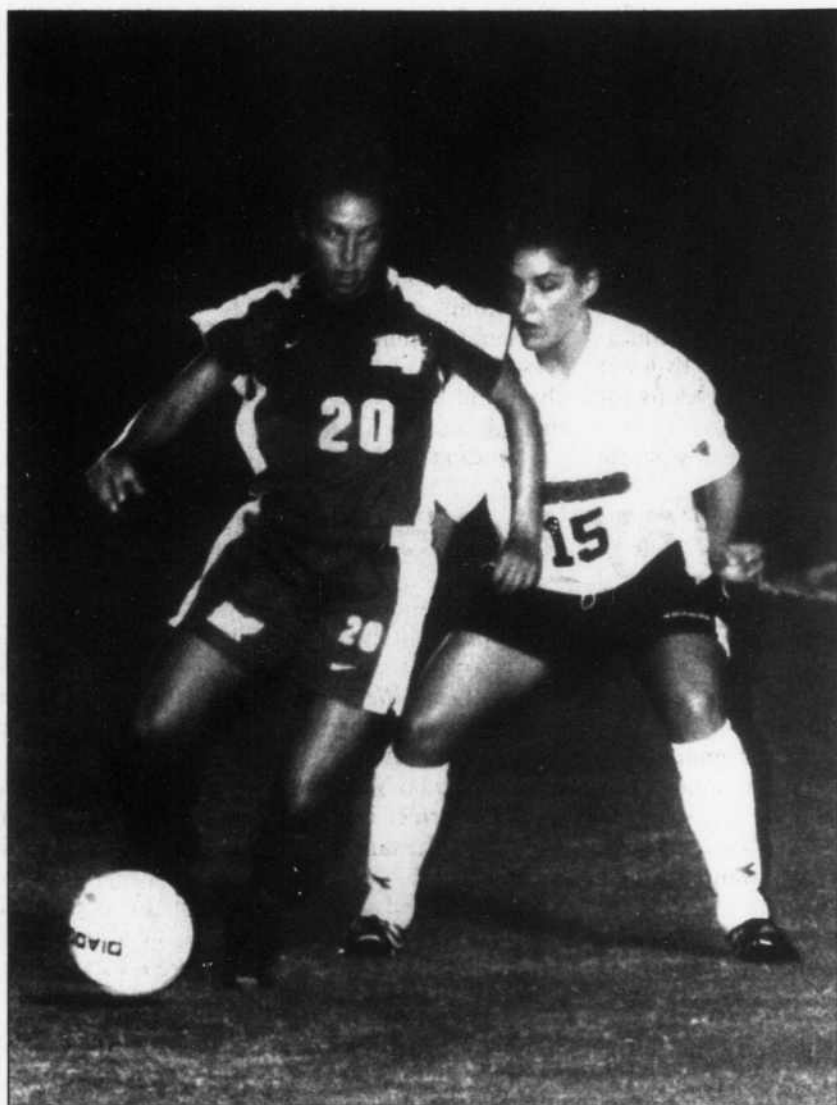


Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer
Laura Miguez (above) gets another assist during the game against Lipscomb University Tuesday night. Danielle LaDuke (left) and Ashley Elliot (above right) dribble the ball during the Lipscomb match.

By Amy Jones
Staff Writer

After losing two games on the road last weekend, the Middle Tennessee soccer team recorded its first win of the season with a 4-1 victory at Lipscomb University Tuesday night.

During the first 45 minutes of play, the Blue Raiders (1-2) out shot the Lady Bisons 13-1 and scored two goals on the LU defense.

Sophomore midfielder Sarah Linder scored the first goal of the night during minute 17 after an assist from junior Christina Mascaro.

Linder's goal also went into the MT record books as the first Blue Raider goal of the 2002 season.

The second goal came less than two minutes later off the foot of junior Emily Carter, with Laura Miguez picking up the assist on the score.

Carter had already attempted a close

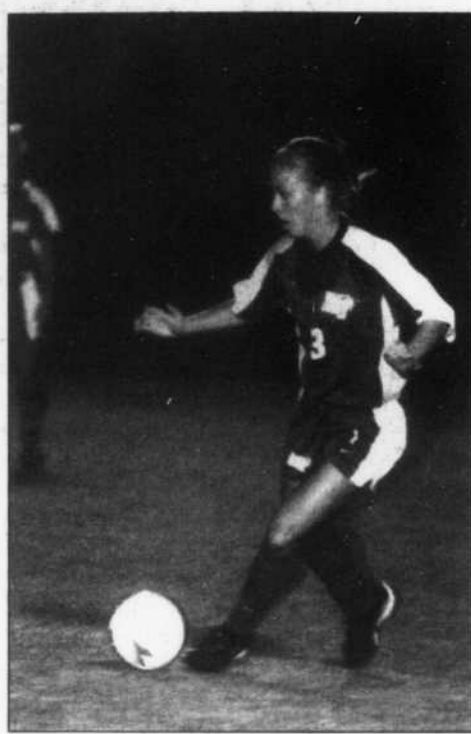
left-foot shot prior to the score during the first 15 minutes of play. The shot was blocked by LU goalie Jennifer Brittingham. Carter left the game during the second half with a sprained ankle.

After halftime, the Lady Bisons (1-1) took control of the ball and scored a goal during the 58th minute of play. LU's Kelley Wade kicked the goal past Blue Raider goalie Emily Shrum to cut the MT lead in half and put the score at 2-1.

After kicking the ball back and forth for 15 minutes, the Blue Raiders took control of the game and scored after Jenny Cox fed Megan McGregor. McGregor took the shot from 30 yards away and dropped it over the LU goalie's head.

During the 84th minute of play, freshman Brook Ward shot the final goal of the night.

Ward scored on a blocked shot that



Cox shot from the 18-yard line. After Ward fired the shot into the goal, the score was put at 4-1.

"We played better and moved the ball around a lot more," head coach Aston Rhoden said.

"We created many scoring opportunities, but we have to get better production from our forwards.

"Three midfielders and one defender scored for us tonight, and we need our forwards to be able to finish their chances, because they are getting them."

The Blue Raiders out shot the Lady Bisons 13-4 in the second half and 26-5 overall in the matchup.

MT will play the first home game of the season Friday against the University of Southern Mississippi at 4 p.m. on the Blue Raider Soccer Field.

The Blue Raiders will also meet up against the Lady Panthers of Drury University Sunday at 1 p.m. ♦

MT, UT get ready for Saturday game

By Brandon Morrison
Assistant Sports Editor

After one hard game on the road, the Blue Raiders are traveling once again to play the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

In what will probably be viewed as the biggest game of the season, Middle Tennessee faces the No. 4 team in the country Saturday. MT comes to the game after a close loss against the University of Alabama Saturday.

"Like I told my players, we're never proud of losing and that's not an option at Middle Tennessee and it's not OK," said coach Andy McCollum Monday. "I was very proud of how our players responded under adversity and I was very proud of the way, when it got to be 22-0, that they didn't give in and they kept believing even against a hostile crowd."

The Blue Raiders are going into the game the 22 1/2-point underdog, but the team doesn't feel the situation is as hopeless.

"We don't consider ourselves underdogs," McCollum said. "We have to hear about it and read about it, but I want these kids believing in themselves. The toughest thing for us to overcome is the environments that we go into and the situations that we go into."

"We know we are underdogs

because my kids read about it and hear about it," McCollum said. "I want them to understand that they have a chance to be pretty good, too, if they do what they're supposed to do. That's what we have to keep coaching."

McCollum

stressed the

importance of

not

underesti-

ating their

opponents. "We

know, just like last

week, that we have to

play perfect to go into a stadium such as that and a team from a conference that's one of the best in America [to have a chance to win]," McCollum said. "There is no room for error for us to have a chance to win those games. That's why it goes back to being

as good as we can be

and not turning the

ball over or making

critical errors and get-

ting stupid penalties.

"We don't talk about numbers, we talk about wins."

McCollum isn't the only person on the team excited about playing Tennessee. Defensive end Samuel Smith commented on the game next week.

"Every week we prepare," Smith said. "We know going into this week that Tennessee is going to be a tough obstacle for us. But every week, as we come into it, we ask what we can do to better ourselves. That's all we can ask from the defensive line is, 'How can we better ourselves and get ready for this week?'"

The MT football team has

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Martial Arts Club offers a variety of styles to students

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

The Martial Arts Club of Middle Tennessee offers students an opportunity to take part in ancient traditions.

Originally, an unofficial martial arts club was formed through the efforts of Billy Colepaugh. The MT graduate put up flyers around campus in search of other martial artists interested in meeting and training together.

Separately, Butch Nunley, a student at the time, and Adonijah Bakari, an associate professor in history, were meeting at the Recreation Center and training each week. Charlie Gregory, an employee at the Recreation Center, approached Nunley and Bakari about the possibility of forming MAC.

At first, they were hesitant of the idea of forming a club from the ground up by themselves, but then they came across Colepaugh's flyer and discovered that there was an interest in such a club.

The two approached Colepaugh with Gregory's idea, and MAC was born. After much hard work, MAC started meeting in the spring of 1999.

Martial Arts is a broad term that covers a variety of art forms that include Aikido, Judo, Karate, Kendo, Kung Fu and Tae Kwon Do.

The founding members of MAC have a strong and diverse background in martial arts. Both Nunley and Bakari have been training for more than two decades, and Colepaugh has been training for over a decade. Nunley trains in Boxing and Shito-ryu karate, Bakari trains in Uechi and Colepaugh trains in Tae Kwon Do and Kung-Fu.

"Every style has a strong area and a weak area," Colepaugh said. "One style's weak area may be another style's strong area, so we swap info."

Aikido was founded by Morihei Ueshiba and was

named in 1942. Aikido is the combination of jiu-jitsu joint locks, sword and spear fighting's body movement and Morihei Ueshiba's innovations. The style is designed for idealized situations and not for maximum damage as some other martial arts are. Aikido is good for teaching and developing self-defense techniques that do not permanently harm the other person.

Judo was founded by Jigro Kano and is an evolution and refinement of the weaponless elements of Jujitsu. Judo was created to provide a safer but still effective art and is known for the variety, effectiveness and impressive look of its throws. Judo consists primarily of throwing, grappling and striking. It uses the popular martial art belt ranking system with six colored belts and 10 black belt levels called dan.

Karate can be traced to sixth century China where Dharma developed a system to promote the physical development and to give monks and missionaries the skills and ability to defend themselves. In 1609, Okinawa, Japan was conquered, and the rulers implemented strict no weapons policies. To defend themselves, the Okinawans refined empty-handed combat techniques.

The Okinawans trained mostly at night and in their sleeping garments, which is the origin of the karate gi. Karate is a striking art in which one confronts an opponent face to face and then blocks and weakens his blows while striking with maximum impact until one can incapacitate the opponent.

Kendo is a Japanese fencing art and is derived from the two-handed sword techniques of the samurai. Kendo is a mental and physical training discipline but not a self-defense discipline. During Kendo matches, practitioners wear protective gear

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Baseball team starts 2003 practice this week

Staff Reports

Starting this week, the Middle Tennessee baseball team starts practice in anticipation of the 2002 season.

"I am really looking forward to practice because it will be an interesting fall," said head coach Steve Peterson. "We'll see where our recruiting efforts paid off, and I think we are very balanced left and right on the mound."

There are currently 43 players on the active roster and several walk-ons participating in practice. The 43 players include 24 newcomers and 19 returns.

Freshman All-American Nate Jagers is one of the 19 returning players. The sophomore infielder will be joined by Honorable Mention Freshman All-American Josh Archer. The other players returning are starters Chuck Akers, Brett Carroll and Troy Harp.

The returning pitchers will be John Williams, who sat out the last half of the 2002 season with a broken hand. Other pitchers include Steven Kines, Chris Mobley and Travis Horschel.

"Pitchers and hitters have to know how to make adjustments, and that comes with experience," Peterson said. "But experience does you no good unless you improve with it. This will be an important fall to solidify our infield, find a new shortstop and fill in a couple of

outfield spots vacated last year."

Last year's team had several freshmen and sophomores who were in the starting line-up of several matches. With the

influx of new players this season, Peterson is anticipating new players to again occupy starting positions.

"Some guys will have to step up and it should be a fun five weeks," Peterson said. "Hopefully, it will be intense so we can get a good idea of how we want to open the season. You don't have a lot of time in the spring to get ready for the first

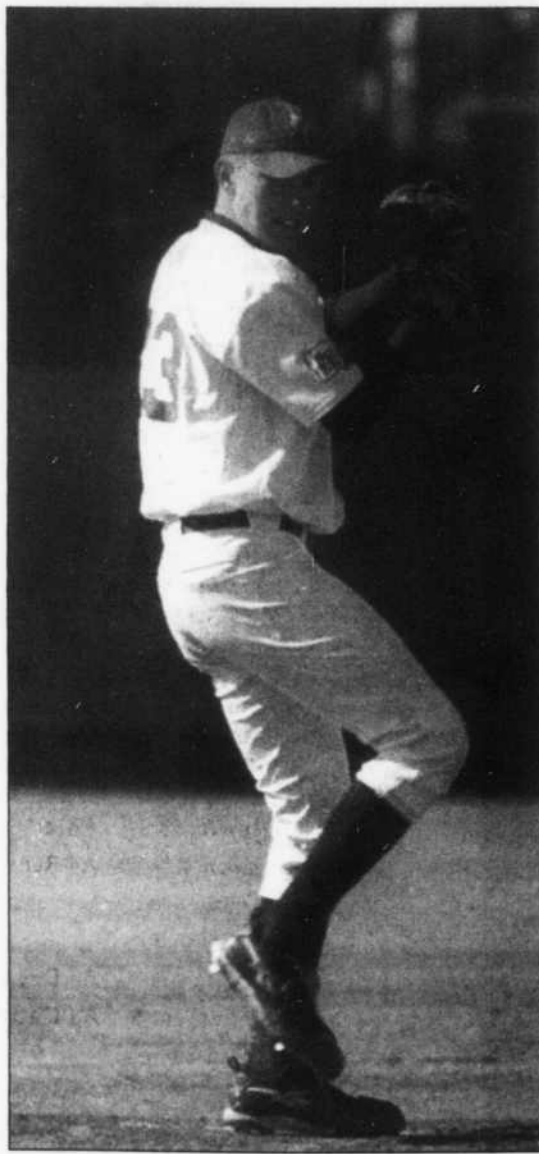
game."

Another occurrence this fall is the annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fundraiser Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the Livestock Center and will feature catfish and Cajun gumbo for adults and hot dogs for kids.

"This is an annual event we've been hosting since 1984," Peterson said. "It's a great socializer for everyone and a great way to raise money for the program. It's great food, fun and entertainment."

Tickets for the event are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under six are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available at the MT Ticket Office and Vick's Outdoor Power in Murfreesboro.

The Blue Raiders will practice this week and scrimmage Saturday and Sunday this weekend at 2 p.m. and noon. ♦



File Photo
John Williams is one of the 19 returning players on MT's baseball team this season.

MT football gains new respect from University of Alabama game

Guest Commentary



Colleen Cox
Contributor

The Middle Tennessee football team didn't pull out a victory in Birmingham Saturday, but it did earn a lot of respect.

The Blue Raiders went into their game against the Crimson Tide as a 19-point underdog and nearly came out with the victory. MT had a chance to beat Alabama had a few plays gone differently.

People will be talking about that holding call on a fumble recovery for a long time to come. Had that call gone the Blue Raiders' way, the campus could be celebrating the biggest

upset and biggest victory of MT's short Division I-A history.

Of course, the Blue Raiders understand they needed to get off to a better start as well. A 22-point deficit is tough for any team to come back from.

MT never gave up and fought hard to make up that hole. Still, the team knows it cannot dig itself that big of a hole in the future.

"We knew we could hang with them," linebacker Michael Woods said in a post-game press conference. "We know if we didn't give up those 22 points in the first quarter we could have won this game."

For now, the team will have to settle for respect. Alabama is a far bigger program than Vanderbilt. Students and fans were excited at the possibilities for the Blue Raiders last season after a season-opening upset of

the Commodores. That proved not to be a big helper when bowl time came around as MT was left sitting home after an 8-3 season.

This time the Blue Raiders didn't pull off the upset, but they narrowly missed beating one of the biggest programs in the country. Sure, Alabama isn't ranked and currently is on probation and a bowl ban, but this program has won 12 national championships and is a powerhouse in anyone's book. A just-miss loss to Alabama means more for MT on a national basis than any win over Vanderbilt.

"We want to play ranked teams," Athletic Director Boots Donnelly told the *Tuscaloosa News*. "The only way we can move forward recruiting and publicity-wise is to constantly have our name associated with ranked teams. Alabama is not

ranked right now, but everybody knows Alabama football. It's such a positive for us. Everybody gets excited about it."

Not only did MT gain respect from the nation, but the Blue Raiders also gained respect from their fans. The fan support for MT was estimated between 3,500 and 4,000. Those fans gave the Blue Raiders a standing ovation as the team left the field Saturday.

"Two years ago we had hardly any fan support," senior wide receiver Tyrone Calico said in a post-game press conference. "Now they know what we can do and they are proud of us."

Still, while the Blue Raiders enjoy the respect, they would rather have the victory.

"I don't think a loss ever gives you confidence," MT head coach Andy McCollum said

after the game. "It gives you something to learn off of. We want to belong. We want respect across the country. Our kids want it, and they're hungry."

One member of the Blue Raider team who received no respect going into the game was quarterback Andrico Hines. Everyone was questioning his ability to lead the Blue Raiders after sitting out last season. He proved to be a key ingredient in the offensive attack Saturday. Hines threw for 165 yards on 16-for-24 passing and rushed for 47 yards on seven carries.

"I couldn't be prouder of Andrico," McCollum said. "He made one mistake, but he made so many good plays and did so many good things. He was a big reason we were able to get it to the fourth quarter with a chance to win."

Calico gave this assessment:

"He was definitely poised out there. He told me he was feeling it and I thought he took over for us and showed that he can play and lead our offense."

MT showed it could play with the "big boys" Saturday and has to feel good going into its game with the University of Tennessee Saturday.

The Blue Raiders realize they earned respect during the Alabama game, but I'm sure the odds makers will still have them as a underdog going into Knoxville.

This should make the team all the more hungry to prove that the game in Birmingham wasn't a fluke – the Blue Raiders are for real. ♦

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MT students should support their team at weekend game

Sports Commentary



Jared Hastings
Staff Columnist

A recent conversation with my girlfriend went something like this:

Me: So who are you going for when Middle Tennessee plays the University of Tennessee?

Her: UT. Why?

Me: Oh yeah. And how many hours have you taken there?

Her: None. So what's your point?

Me: And where do you go to school?

Her: MT. What's your problem?

My problem is this. MT is in the middle of a dilemma. As a Division I-AA school it was possible for students to support the Blue Raiders while still supporting their "Bowl Championship Series University" of choice. Now that it's 2002 and MT is in its fourth year of Division I-A football, the majority of the student body apparently hasn't noticed the

change.

Too many students plan their weekends around watching the "big you-know-who," but I'd be willing to bet my plastic flask that there aren't a lot of students wearing blue up on Rocky Top.

MT now plays at the highest level of college football. They play the big boys, and that means making choices. Last week, I put aside my beloved crimson and white that I had worn all of my 22 years to wear my blue and white and become more animated than Andy Mac on the sidelines. It's a choice that has to be made.

MT has a football coach that at the end of the season will be coveted by more than one of the BCS schools.

They have several players you will be seeing play on Sundays in the near future. Collectively their goals are to win games, earn respect and put MT football on the map.

At our leisure, pick up an MT football media guide. If you're too lazy just get on the Internet.

On every player profile there is a list of schools that particular player was recruited by.

That list reads like a who's

who of big time college football: Auburn University, the University of Georgia, Clemson University, the University of Louisville, University of Arkansas, the University of Alabama, the University of Mississippi and Mississippi State University to name a few.

Players have gone to these established programs where their only worry would be if there were going to be enough tickets for family and friends.

Instead, they have to worry if that icy wind ripping through the empty seats in the student section is going to give their

parents pneumonia.

This team is refreshing in the commercial and media driven sports world that surrounds us. They're not concerned with national television games and signing contracts with Nike or Reebok. They shy away from the "me first" attitude that is so pervasive in more prominent schools.

They wanted to be a part of a program's rise to prominence. They wanted to be a part of something special. They chose MT.

When will you? ♦

Martial Arts: Kung Fu, Ninjitsu, Tae Kwon Do trace origins to eastern Asian continent

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called bogu. The set includes:

- men – a face mask and head protector
- do – glove with wrist protection
- Kote – a heavily-quilted waistband with hip and groin protection. The weapon is called a shinai and is an 4-foot long bamboo sword.

Kung Fu is the original Chinese art. Shao-Lin monks

developed and taught Kung Fu as a tool for strengthening the body and achieving the coordination of mind and body that is required to sustain prolonged meditative states.

Kung Fu is a highly intellectual art, with the ultimate goal being a symbiotic relationship between the physical and mental aspects of self.

Tae Kwon Do is the art of the kick and the punch. It is a defensive art and is motivated as

much by the art, exercise and respectful competition as the self-defense aspects.

MAC offers group body conditioning sessions, self-defense sessions, group sessions involving weapons and different styles.

One-on-one sessions are offered in all of these groups. Members have a choice between these different groups or they can train on their own with access to more than \$5,000

worth of equipment and gear including mats, sparring gear, targets, weapons, videos and heavy bags.

MAC offers all MT students a free first session with \$7 per month after that. They also offer a \$15 deal for the entire semester.

Members can receive discounts on training supplies from Century Martial Arts Supplies.

A media library is available

with instructional books and videos that can be checked out for free for up to seven days.

In addition, the club offers their services in fund-raisers and community service projects, and they do self-defense seminars for groups on campus.

"Our two most important goals are to introduce the real benefits of the martial arts to the MT campus and to allot the experienced members to share their style and knowledge with

each other," Colepaugh said.

The club meets every Tuesday and Thursday night from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center in the aerobics room on the second floor.

The only requirement is students take at least one credit hour during the semester.

The club welcomes beginners and those experienced in the martial arts to come and learn. ♦

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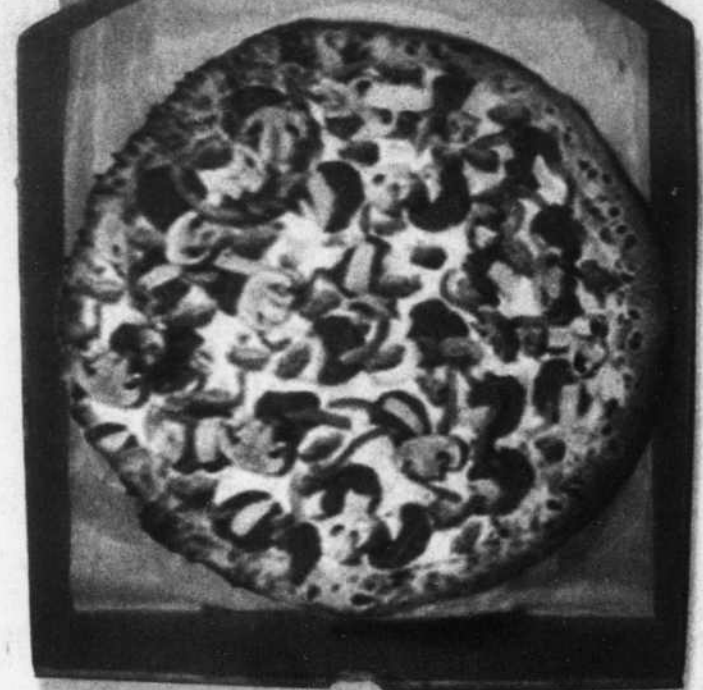
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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Brandon Morrison
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Sampras gets win at Open

NEW YORK (AP) — A sweat-soaked Pete Sampras seemed barely able to muster the strength to wave to the crowd after his victory. Just hours earlier, on another court, Andy Roddick packed a match's worth of athleticism and emotion into one sequence.

Sampras and Roddick, at opposite ends of their careers, both won to set up a showdown in the U.S. Open quarterfinals.

The 31-year-old Sampras powered 27 aces, was aided by his opponent's late double faults, and got past third-seeded Tommy Haas 7-5, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-5. It was Sampras' 200th Grand Slam tournament match victory.

Playing on a heavily taped bruised left foot, the 11th-seeded Roddick reached the Open's final eight for the second straight year with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over No. 26 Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina.

The winner of Sampras-Roddick will play No. 24 Sjeng Schalken of Netherlands or No. 28 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile. Like Roddick, neither has been to a major semifinal.

On the women's side, Serena Williams, trying to become the first woman since Steffi Graf in 1996 to win three majors in a

season, and Lindsay Davenport won to set up a semifinal meeting.

Williams' sister Venus and Monica Seles will meet in a quarterfinal on the other side of the draw after picking up victories.

Serena reached the semifinals by dominating Daniela Hantuchova. Venus looked a bit vulnerable against Chanda Rubin before emerging with a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory to reach the quarterfinals for the 18th time in 20 Grand Slam events.

Fed Cup hosted by Spain

LONDON (AP) — Spain's Canary Islands will play host to the semifinals and final of the women's tennis Fed Cup beginning Oct. 28.

Austria and Spain will play one best-of-five semifinal, and Italy faces Slovakia in the other. The winners will meet in the final.

Storm's manager retires

SEATTLE (AP) — Lin Dunn resigned as coach and general manager of the Seattle Storm.

Dunn compiled a 33-63 record in the three years that the WNBA team has been in existence. The Storm improved to 17-15 this season and reached

the playoffs for the first time.

Mets break losing streak

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Mets ended their NL-record home losing streak at 15 by beating the Florida Marlins 11-5 in the second game of a doubleheader.

The Mets won for the first time at Shea Stadium since beating the Houston Astros 10-0 on July 31. Their 3-2 loss in 12 innings in the first game set the record for ineptitude at home, surpassing Boston's 14 in a row in 1911.

Jays staff gets extensions

TORONTO (AP) — Toronto Blue Jays manager Carlos Tosca and his coaching staff received contract extensions through the 2004 season.

Tosca took over the Blue Jays after Buck Martinez was fired on June 3, and led the team to a 40-44 record going into this game.

Quarterback turns Yankee

NEW YORK (AP) — Drew Henson could have been studying film and preparing for his first start as an NFL quarterback this week.

Instead, the only studying

Henson is doing is watching how his New York Yankees' teammates prepare for pennant-race baseball.

Henson, one of the top quarterbacks in the nation at the University of Michigan, gave up football to sign a \$17 million, six-year contract with the Yankees in March 2001.

Shaquille gets hacked up

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal will have surgery on his right foot on Sept. 11, and could miss the start of the season.

U.S. to take on Argentina

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A dominant third quarter made up for an uninspired first half, as the United States basketball team defeated New Zealand 110-62 to set up a meeting of the only two unbeaten teams at the World Championships.

Michael Finley and Paul Pierce scored 20 points each, and Shawn Marion added 16 for the Americans (5-0), who conclude the second round against Argentina (5-0) on Wednesday night.

Sparks repeat as champs

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Cheered by about 400 fans who stood patiently under a blazing hot sun, the Los Angeles Sparks celebrated their second consecutive WNBA championship at a rally.

Rookie Nikki Teasley cradled the silver championship trophy on a stage set up in the courtyard of a shopping center on Hollywood Boulevard near the Kodak Theatre.

Coach gets large contract

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington and football coach Rick Neuheisel agreed on to a six-year contract extension, keeping him with the Huskies through 2008.

The university also gave him a \$1.5 million loan, in addition to his annual university compensation of \$1.2 million, athletic director Barbara Hedges said.

Ray replaces injured Hearn

DALLAS (AP) — Former IRL champion Greg Ray was hired to drive in the last two races of the season for Sam Schmidt Motorsports.

The 1999 IRL champion will replace injured Richie Hearn in the race Sunday at Chicago Speedway and in the season finale Sept. 15 at Texas Motor

Speedway.

Hearn is recovering from ankle surgery. He was injured in a crash Aug. 11 at Kentucky Motor Speedway.

Street Cry retires injured

NEW YORK (AP) — Street Cry, the world's top-rated older horse who was training for the Breeders' Cup Classic next month, was retired because of an ankle injury.

The 4-year-old Street Cry never finished out of the money in 12 career starts and earned \$5,150,837 with five victories, six seconds and one third-place finish.

Delahoussaye hurt at race

DEL MAR, Calif. (AP) — Hall of Fame jockey Eddie Delahoussaye, injured in a spill at Del Mar, won't ride for the rest of the meeting, which ends Sept. 11.

Chiefs tackle dodges DUI

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs tackle Willie Roaf, who was arrested over the weekend for driving under the influence, will face no disciplinary action from the team. ♦

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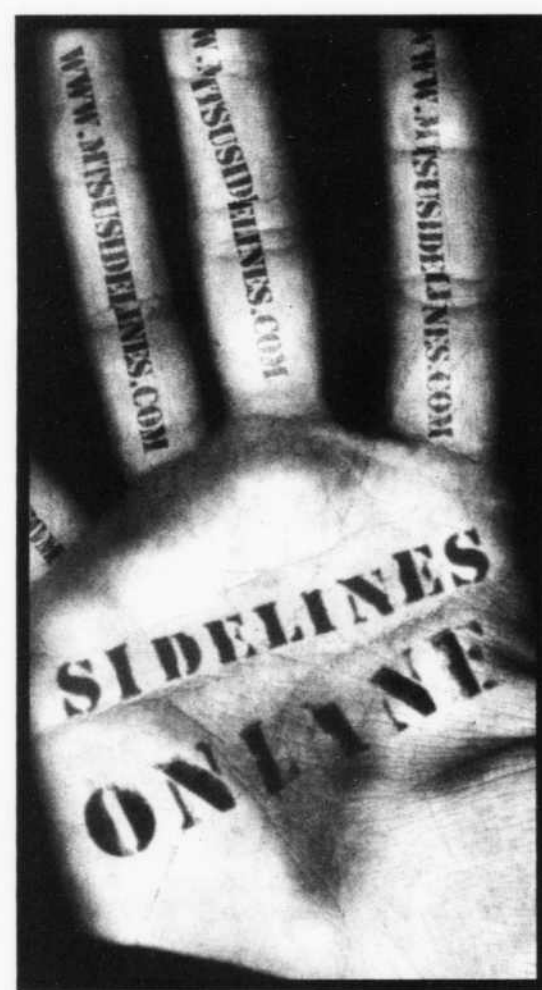
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Football: Fulmer has harsh words for MT recruitment

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made huge improvements from its Division I-AA status a few years ago to the Sun Belt Conference champions they are today. When asked about MT's abilities, Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer had some choice words.

Fulmer said MT's academic policies are "obviously a physical help" in getting its program up to Division I-A standards.

"I have no idea what their acceptance policy is or what their conference policies are in terms of how many [non-qualifiers or partial qualifiers] are allowed," Fulmer said.

"It's obviously a physical help if you're not shackled by academic problems and academic issues."

The Southeastern Conference currently has a two-person cap for their rosters on players who are not academically eligi-

ble, while the SBC does not.

When he heard about the comments, McCollum defended his players.

"I'm proud of all my kids," McCollum said.

"I've had five non-qualifiers in my program that are playing for Middle Tennessee in the four years I've been here. They're all on track to graduate."

Tennessee is going into the game with a 47-7 win over the University of Wyoming. UT put

up 467 offensive yards and held Wyoming to 187 yards. UT picked up two fumbles from Wyoming while keeping their penalties down to 60 yards.

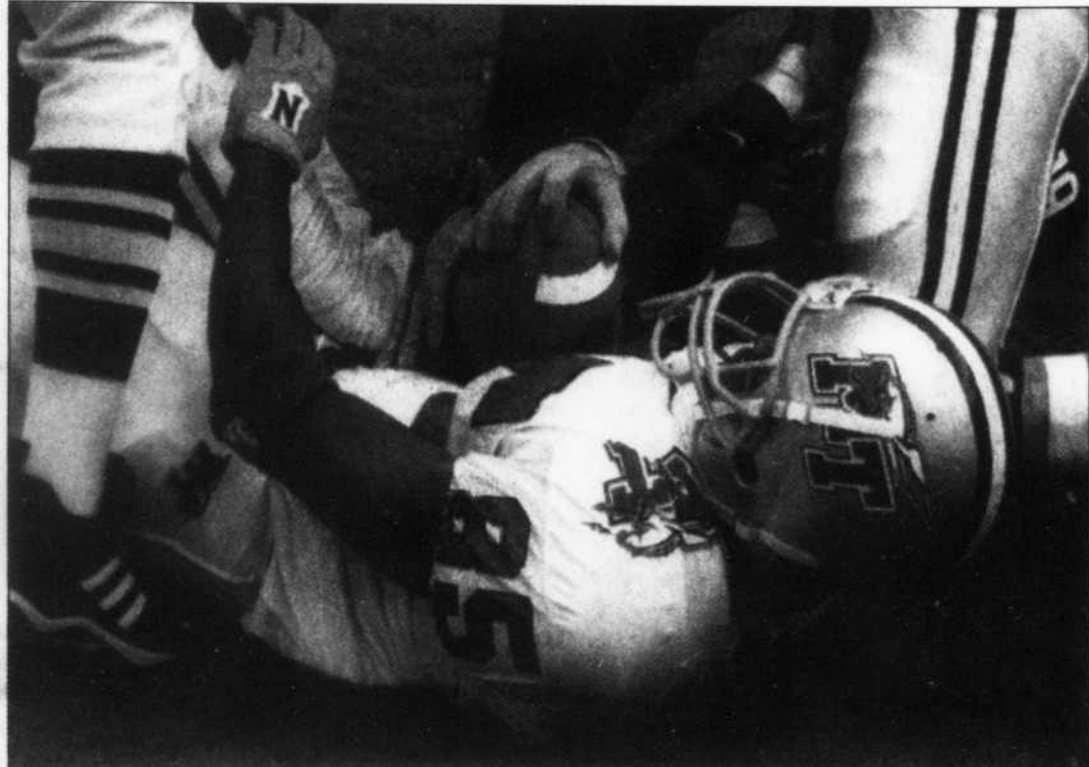
MT's offense also put up some impressive numbers in the Alabama game, with 385 offensive yards. Both MT and Alabama lost one fumble each.

The game will be played at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville Saturday. Kick off is at 6 p.m. Central Standard Time. ♦



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Dwone Hicks (above) and Chris Henry (below) are expected to perform big at the Tennessee game. Huge crowds are anticipated at the upcoming game.

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New Mexico State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	24	34	0-0	0-1	0-0	L2
Arkansas State	0-0	.000	0	0	0-2	.000	21	96	0-0	0-1	0-1	L6
Idaho	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	21	38	0-0	0-1	0-0	L3
UL Lafayette	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	7	31	0-0	0-1	0-0	L4
UL Monroe	0-0	.000	0	0	0-1	.000	3	31	0-0	0-1	0-0	L2
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