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## Mass Comm dean leaves

### Babbili takes job at Texas university

By Andy Harper and Christin Pepple  
Managing Editor and Campus News Editor

Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communication, announced his departure from MTSU Wednesday afternoon during a meeting with college faculty.

Babbili received notification from Texas A&M University on Tuesday evening that he had been selected as the new provost and vice president for academic affairs at the university. He will start his new position on Oct. 1.

"Leaving is really hard, personally," Babbili said. "There are so many wonderful faculty and students at this university, and it really has become like a family."

During his speech to the college's faculty, Babbili spoke about the success of the school and the dedication of its staff.

"We have an amazing faculty of teachers who are strongly dedicated to the academic excellence," Babbili said. "I know that this tradition will continue far into the future."

Babbili has served as dean for the College of Mass Communication for the past five years.

"Leadership isn't about following my own vision, but working with the key players towards a shared goal," Babbili said.

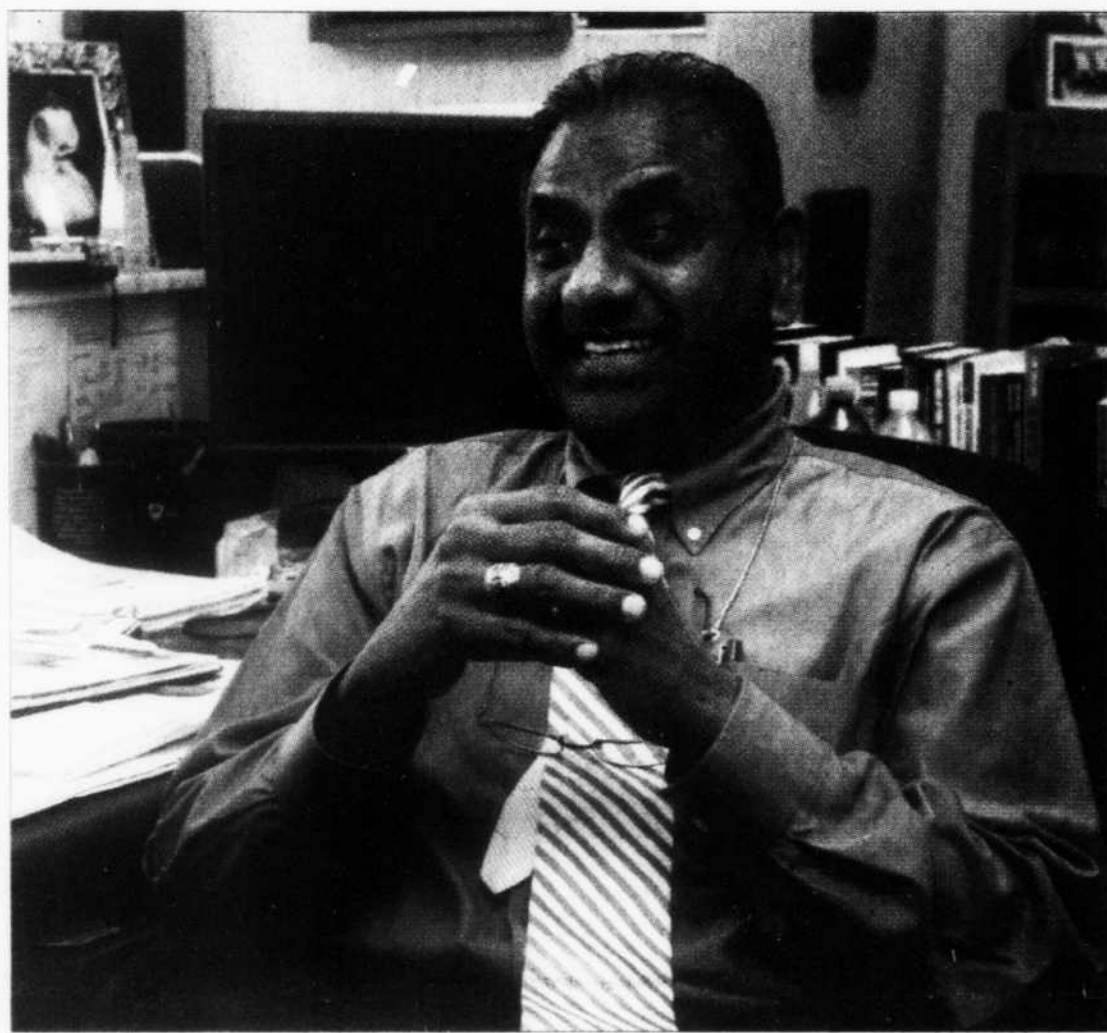


Photo by Justin Keoninh | Photography Editor  
Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communication, speaks about his time as a dean at MTSU and his new position as provost and vice president of academic affairs at Texas A&M.

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## Library gets an upgrade

By Brian Estes  
Contributing Writer

The Walker Library at MTSU received a technology upgrade over the month of Aug., just as students were returning to class.

226 new GX745 Dell computers are now ready for use in the electronic information center on the library's first floor, as well as the scholar work stations located between the elevators and bookshelves on the second, third and fourth floors.

David Robinson, systems librarian, said that the new computers are "a pretty significant upgrade."

"The computers, which were installed the week of Aug. 20, no longer have floppy drives, Robinson said. Instead, each computer has four USB ports.

Last year's computers had USB ports in a flip-up door, which Robinson said were "hard to get to, and no one could use them."

He also said they have three gigahertz processors, more RAM and better resolution. The new computers have 1024x728 resolution, an improvement over the 600x800 resolution of the old computers.

"Having this many computers in the library has really facilitated the students' ability to do a number of different functions in one place, such as email, writing papers, doing Powerpoint presentations and getting together to study as a group," said Don Craig, dean of the library.

Robinson said the library has also received new printers for student use after printing a total of 6,287,115 pages last year. He said the

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Photo by Justin Keoninh | Photography Editor  
Students new and old gathered in the Keathley University Center Knoll on Wednesday, Sept. 5 for the annual Student Organizations Fair. The fair featured booths from Greek organizations, professional societies and sports clubs.

## Student Organizations Fair offers opportunities to new students

By Christin Pepple  
Campus News Editor

The Student Organization fair that took place on Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside of the Keathley University Center was an opportunity for students to see several of the organizations available to them on campus.

100 organizations were represented, according to Leslie Merritt, graduate assistant to the office of leadership and service. They included the Army, the Women's Rugby Club, Scared Rabbit Recording, Pi Sigma Epsilon, the Digital Millennium Copyright Society, the Student Government Association, Mount Zion College Ministry, the Actuary Society and Students for Environmental Action.

Tera Todd, senior, marketing major and vice president of marketing for Pi Sigma Epsilon, repre-

sented her sorority at the fair and said that among the many reasons to join their co-ed organization, is that it is a good opportunity to meet people and to network for the future.

"The Digital Millennium Society offers information to recording industry majors outside of what they learn in class," said Adam Beasley, senior, recording industry major and founder and president of the society.

Reggie Miller, junior, recording industry major and co-chair of the Students for Environmental Action, said that it was MTSU's only environmental activist organization and that they had a good track record of getting projects started, such as the Clean Energy Initiative on campus.

"I think the Student Organization Fair is great," said Brandye Kent, freshman and theatre major.

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## Student wins Dell computer



Photo submitted by Michael DeFere  
(Left to right) Tristea Bankston, US Bank; Blake Downey, MTSU freshman and laptop winner; Mike DeFere, US Bank; Bryan Nale, US Bank.

Last week, US Bank of Murfreesboro gave away a new Dell 1501 Laptop Computer to an incoming freshman.

Blake Downey won the laptop after registering in the contest this summer during CUSTOMS orientation.

The drawing was made during the "Meet Murfreesboro" fair held on the Keathley University Center Knoll on Wednesday, August 29.

"Meet Murfreesboro" was a fair sponsored by MTSU to introduce students to various businesses around the city of Murfreesboro. ♦

### LOCAL FORECAST

#### Thursday



HI: 90°  
LO: 64°

#### Friday



HI: 88°  
LO: 69°

#### Saturday



HI: 93°  
LO: 67°

#### Sunday



HI: 85°  
LO: 63°

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# Road projects near completion

## Construction should be finished by end of year, opening up roadways around campus

By Kayla Bates

Contributing Writer

City officials said that the eight-year road construction around MTSU should be completed before January.

Middle Tennessee Boulevard is currently a two-lane road, but once construction is finished it will be eight lanes.

"I don't like the inconvenience, but I do like that they are doing something about it," said Shane Collins, a junior sociology major.

Traffic is heavy due to the alternating closures, but after the construction is complete the road will accommodate the growing number of drivers in

the Rutherford County area.

"I'd say the majority of that project is going to be completed by the end of the year," said Chris Griffith, engineering director for Murfreesboro.

MTSU will soon be linked directly to I-24 between Church Street and Old Fort Parkway.

"Eventually, that will give students a direct route to get off at an interchange on I-24 directly onto [Highway] 99," said Griffith. The extension and widening of Middle Tennessee Boulevard will add to this additional interchange.

Another road adjacent to campus, Rutherford Boulevard, is also under construction. It is in the beginning stages, but the

goal is to have a five-lane roadway once the process is complete, Griffith said. This will open up two separate highways on opposite sides of the MTSU campus, making traffic less of a hassle for students.

In addition to road construction, Stones River Mall will be undergoing a \$40 million expansion. The renovation is meant to honor the history of Murfreesboro, while also offering a more modern atmosphere, Griffith said. Almost 200,000 square feet will be added to the mall.

J.C. Penney and Dillards will be moving into larger replacement stores, making room for new additions. Once J.C.

Penney is moved to its new location, the original store will be replaced with a food court. The old Dillards location will be turned into an open-air lifestyle promenade.

The shops at Stones River will be the new outdoor center. Several retailers and restaurants are under construction for the new outdoor shopping plaza. TGI Fridays and Olive Garden are both under construction. Freshman and recording industry major Jennifer Kennedy said, "I'm really excited about Olive Garden." Both restaurants are anticipating openings early next year. ♦

## Ticketing cameras to be installed at six intersections

### Recommendations approved by city council for Red Light Enforcement System

By Genine E. Murray

Assistant News Editor

The city council unanimously voted to approve the recommendation for an Automated Red Light Enforcement System at the meeting last week.

The proposed system calls for cameras to be placed at six select intersections throughout Murfreesboro. The council is considering entering into a 3 to 5 year contract with Traffipax, a private vendor that would own, install and monitor these special "red light" cameras.

Traffipax will receive almost \$32,000 a month from the city, along with 22 percent of all fines. Chief of Police W. Glenn Chrisman presented the proposal, along with Traffic Director Dana Richardson and Staff Attorney Kelly Baker.

If the city issues at least 818 traffic citations each month at \$50, the tickets themselves may offset the overall cost.

The six intersections to be outfitted with cameras are Broad and Church Streets, Memorial and Northfield Bldgs., NW Broad Street and Northfield Blvd., Old Fort Parkway and Thompson Lane, Rutherford and Mercury Bldgs., and South Church Street and Middle Tennessee Blvd.

After a vehicle runs a red light, a \$50 citation will be issued and the owner of the vehicle will be able to review the camera image online. Individuals will then have the right to request a hearing to review the citation. Vehicle owners will automatically be fined, although the citation may be discussed at the hearing. This citation will equal a civil violation, and it will not place a mark on the individual's record.

Once the contract between the city and Traffipax is final-

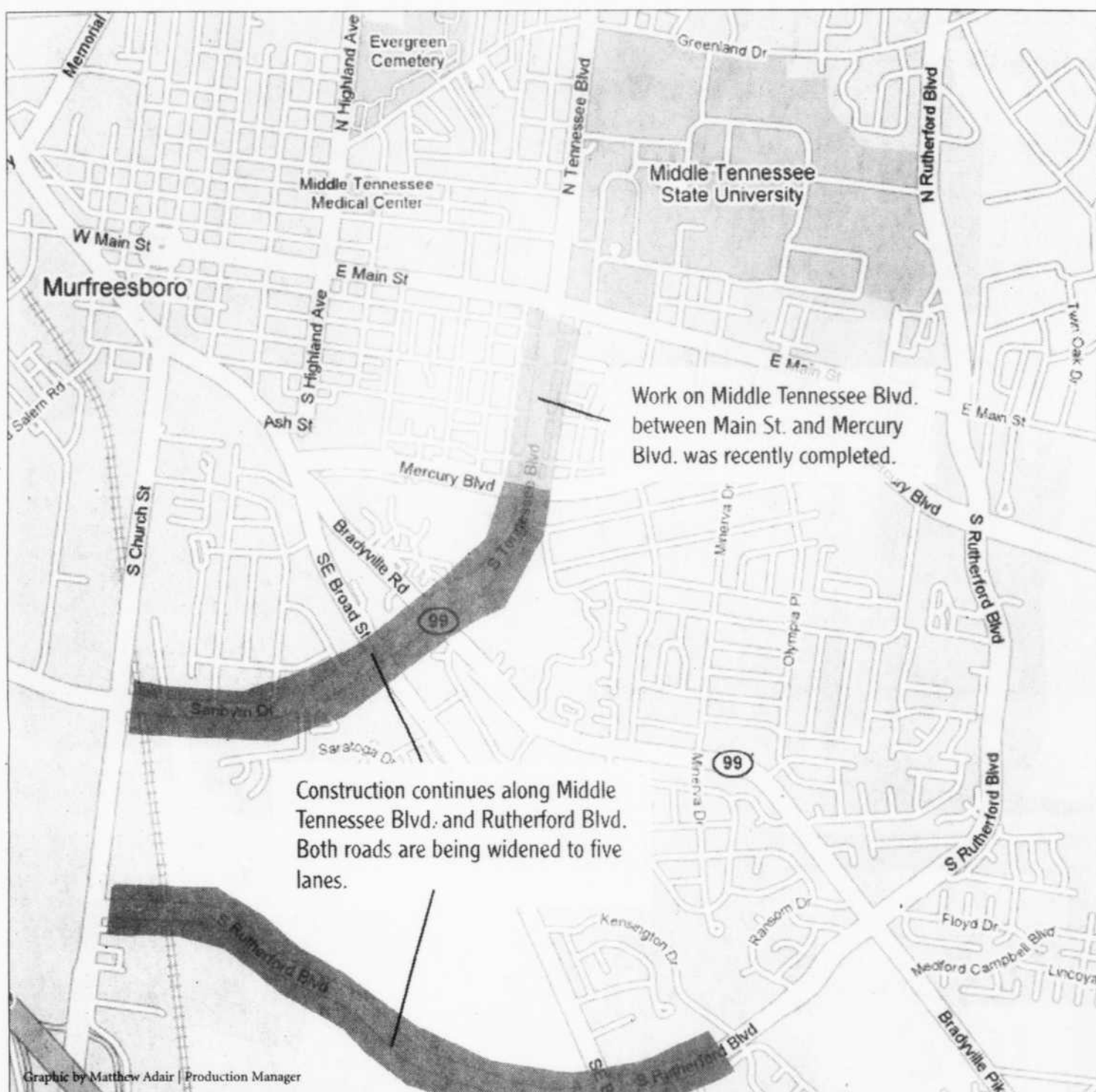
ized, it will need to be presented to the council again for final approval. Pending that approval, Chrisman said he hopes to enact a tentative 6-month completion schedule. A camera will be placed at one intersection each month.

The cameras will cover all lanes and routes of travel at each intersection, Chrisman said. Photographic evidence will be taken of the vehicle and reviewed by Traffipax. If a violation is suspected, the license plate of the vehicle will be searched through the State Vehicle Registration Database. A city officer will then carefully review the images and it will be decided whether to issue a citation.

The council and the police department expect that the enforcement system will significantly reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents that are caused by traffic violations. "We are looking for a way to make our intersections safer," Chrisman said, adding that similar red light traffic cameras in Knoxville, reduced side-angle collisions by 45 percent.

Not only will the system keep drivers safer, Councilman Doug Young said, it will also help to protect police officers from peril by keeping them off the side of the road during traffic stops.

However, controversy has been associated with the enforcement system. City Attorney Susan McGannon said that a lawsuit recently filed in Gallatin challenges the city's use of traffic cameras. The council has discussed this and similar incidents, but McGannon said the council's decision will not be influenced by the lawsuits. ♦



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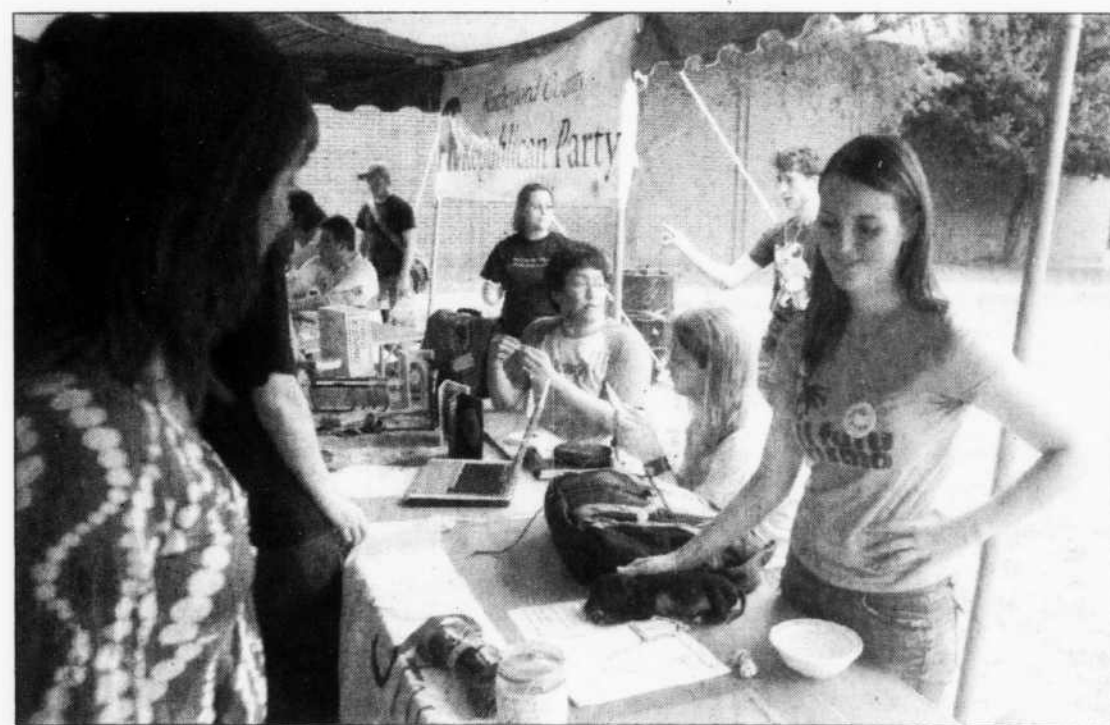


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Photo by Justin Keonin | Photography Editor

## Students get involved during Volunteer Fair

### Organizations recruit student volunteers for causes on campus, in the community

By Tiffany Gibson

Contributing Writer

The 7th Annual Volunteer Fair was held on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Keathley University Center on the Knoll.

The objective of the Volunteer Fair is to give assistance to outside agencies, family programs and other organizations by recruiting student volunteers.

"It's good to give back to agencies so they can offer more for the community," said Mary Beth Lee, freshman and family and consumer major.

Organizations like the June Anderson's Women's Center, Tennessee Department Of Health, Circle K, AFFIRM, The Cumberland Trail Conference and Habitat for Humanity were at fair with sign up sheets for anyone interested in volunteering.

The Volunteer Fair is sponsored by the Student Life office. Megan Flippin, graduate student and statistical leadership major, aided in the organization of the fair. When asked about the event before it began, Flippin seemed determined and excited.

"Hopefully it will be a successful event," said Flippin.

The Volunteer Fair has recruited a many volunteers over the years to help organizations such as the Cumberland Trail Conference, that is building a four mile trail along the Chattanooga and Cumberland Gap. It also encourages people to sign up to battle Bio-terrorism in case of a crisis like a smallpox epidemic.

In the event of a Bio-terrorism crisis, those who volunteered and received brief training beforehand would be the first to receive inoculations along with their family members.

"This is one of those things you want to be right in the middle of," said George Howes, emergency response volunteer coordinator of the department of health.

Many of the twenty-five organizations taking part in the Volunteer Fair offer workshops or internships on the side pertaining to volunteer services. Some of the workshops include Women's Self Defense and Nature Education classes and Child Behavior internships.

"Students are our future, and they receive just as much from volunteering as does the community," said Linda Reed, Project AFFIRM respite consultant.

Reed also went on to explain AFFIRM's unique purpose of keeping families intact by working with children who have behavioral problems and peer counseling them.

Many of the organizations that participate in the Volunteer Fair depend on volunteers for survival. One of these organizations is Habitat for Humanity. It is expected that 180 people are required to build a house, so a large quantity of volunteers is needed.

"It's great to volunteer to help out the community you live in," said Travis Gaywood, freshman and music industry management major.

Tony Hook, director of the Cumberland Trail Conference, believes that a little hard work will pay off in the end. After working all week during spring break, Tony and the volunteers will throw a celebration for the participants.

"We just like to have a good time," said Hook.

Mary Ann Guiliano, executive aide of the June Anderson's Women's Center, said that by raising awareness, people will want to help out and affect change. ♦



# Tomorrow brings end of free concert season

By Shanda Kruse  
Contributing Writer

Murfreesboro's Main Street plays host to the last of "The First Friday Concert Series" tomorrow night on the square.

The free outdoor event will feature The Whiskey River Band, a southern rock group.

This is the third year of "The First Friday Concert Series," which runs the first Friday each month, from June through September. Event Coordinator Kathleen Herzog said that the concert series got its start when the Tennessee Arts Commission gave it a grant three years ago.

The grant, along with local sponsors [such as this Friday's College Motors], enables Main Street to produce the concerts. Herzog said August's attendance was estimated at around 1,000 people.

The event lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and concertgoers may bring lawn chairs.

Main Street has experience with crowds

though, since it also hosts the popular Jazzfest. Concerts are only a small part of what Main Street does. It operates as a non-profit corporation that works to preserve the courthouse square and to revitalize the surrounding area by encouraging business development in the area.

Herzog feels that the concerts fulfill the first point of Main Street: "promotion and awareness of the Square."

"Maybe people will see there is a photography studio on the square and come back to it," Herzog said. Some downtown stores and restaurants plan to stay open late for the concert, and vendors will be serving up food for the event.

Other recent projects by Main Street utilized \$2.66 million for sidewalks, street repairs, landscaping and underground wiring projects.

Main Street has also worked on repairs on the courthouse and have helped improve occupancy rates of downtown buildings. Those interested in future downtown events and projects can refer to downtownmurfreesboro.com. ♦

## Library: Office 2007 not yet installed

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old printers were "starting to break down and we were starting to get complaints." He said the new printers are "faster and quieter."

However, the new computers will not yet be compatible with Microsoft Office 2007. Robinson said he expects they will be made compatible with Office 2007 sometime this year.

"That would involve installing it on every PC, and we're not in a real big hurry to do that," Robinson said.

In the meantime however, he said that there is a software program to change Office 2007 documents to Office 2003 documents at the Student Technical Assistant desk on the first floor.

"[The computers] seem really cool," said MTSU student Eric Moreno, senior and music busi-

ness major.

"I like their flat screen, but the only thing I don't like is that I have all my files on zip drives, so I have to get USB cords," said Moreno.

Allison McGee, senior and chemistry major, said the keyboards on the old computers were dusty and that she appreciates that these new computers are clean. ♦

## Organizations: Students find club niche

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"I've just joined the Smart Student Society and I am still looking."

Raider Republican Lora Hortet, junior and political science major, said that the mission of the organization was to increase public opinion on MTSU campus and the

Murfreesboro community.

"Anybody who doesn't fit in anywhere can come and be a part of the Anime club, it might as well be called the 'geek hang-out,'" said Jason Grissom, junior, journalism major, and member of the Anime club.

"It's a really good opportunity for students to get to know the organizations on this cam-

pus, but especially the freshman," Merritt said. "It's good that MTSU offers the opportunity to join organizations that they have interest in outside of classrooms," said Merritt. ♦

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and CrimeStoppers

June 25, 3:47 a.m.  
August 29, 3:48 p.m.  
Miscellaneous  
Greenhouse Lot  
Subject came to the Police Station and advised he was in a wreck today on Campus.

August 29, 4:32 p.m.  
Theft Over \$500  
Peck Hall  
Subject called to advise a laptop had been stolen.

August 29, 5:09 p.m.  
Vagrancy - Criminal Trespass  
Wood Hall  
Enrico Harris

August 30, 1:20 a.m.  
Alcohol Consumption - Under 21 & Littering  
Blue Raider Drive  
Alexander D. Roberts

August 31, 12:12 a.m.  
Alcohol Consumption - Under 21  
Alumni Drive  
William F. Swift  
Benjamin P. Menefee

August 31, 1:58 a.m.  
Vagrancy - Trespass Warning  
Davis Science Building Lot

August 31, 3:26 a.m.  
Alcohol Consumption - Under 21  
Baird Lane Lot  
Melissa A. McDonald  
Darmon N. Dotson

August 31, 3:53 a.m.  
DUI 1st Offense, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Alcohol Consumption - Under 21  
MTSU Blvd.  
Haywood Burgess

August 31, 10:12 a.m.  
Miscellaneous  
Peck Hall  
Subject came to the station to fill out report regarding a problem with a student yesterday.

August 31, 4:31 p.m.  
Theft Over \$500  
Sigma Nu House—Greek Row  
Individual advised that a laptop computer was stolen.

August 31, 4:53 p.m.  
Theft Under \$500

MTSU Campus  
Theft of purse

September 1, 11:27 a.m.  
Vandalism Over \$500  
Wiser-Patten Science Hall

September 4, 6:16 p.m.  
Vagrancy Trespass Warning  
James E. Walker Library  
Individual requested officer in reference to a non-student attempting to take books out of the library.

CrimeStoppers: 893-7867

A cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who broke into one locker and attempted to break into another locker located in the Men's Locker Room of the Student Rec. Center. These crimes were committed sometime between 1 p.m. and 1:50 p.m. on Friday, August 17.

A cash reward of up to \$300 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who vandalized a walkway light behind Scarlett Commons Building #2. This crime was committed sometime between 2 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. on Monday Aug. 27.

A cash reward of up to \$300 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who took copper from two different construction sites on campus. Sometime between 4 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 and 6:35 a.m. the next day, 15 feet of copper wire, weighing over 100 lbs., were stolen from the James Union Building Cafeteria Construction Site. Sometime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Friday, August 10th, a 4-foot piece of copper was stolen from the electrical room located on the north east side of Peck Hall.

A cash reward of up to \$300 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who egged a dark green 1993 four-door Buick parked near Scarlett Commons Building #4. This crime was committed sometime between 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 8 and 8:50 a.m. on Friday, August 10.

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Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.



# Financial aid late for students

By Andy Harper

Managing Editor

Some MTSU students still have not received excess student loan money, despite problems with a new business operating system being solved.

Information published by the Bursar's Office stated that students would receive excess loans on Monday, August 28, the first day of school.

"All of our paperwork was processed, on time, for students who signed up for their loans before the cut-off date," said David Chambers, associate director of Financial Aid.

Once a loan is processed through the Financial Aid office and the money is received from the lender, Chambers said the Bursar's Office takes over the excess.

"We had issues with our vendor that we have now cleared up," said Janie Chavis, loan manager in the Bursar's Office.

The new vendor system the Bursar's Office uses is called TouchNet. Fall 2007 was the first time the business office had used the new system.

"There should not be any more delays with returns," Chavis said.

A representative from TouchNet was unable to be reached for comment.

"[Financial Aid] doesn't compete to the standards of other schools," said Andrea Huffman, junior electronic media major. "I finally got my money, but had to wait a week to get my books."

Unlike Huffman, some students, like Chelsey Shelton, have only received some excess funds.

"I still haven't gotten all my money," said Shelton, senior vocal and general music education

major. "I'm worried about funds for rent. I got my books and everything, but it is still stressful."

According to Shelton, she received only half of her refund. The other half was mailed to her parents and received only recently.

"I guess it was a glitch or something," Shelton said. "This is my fifth year here and I've never had this happen before."

Other students have simply had difficulties processing loans. Elisha Horn, sophomore nursing major, said paperwork did not process correctly.

"I've only been able to buy two books for my classes, but at least my other teachers are being lenient," Horn said.

Financial Aid sent Horn an e-mail notification of the mistake.

"There have been no major problems with financial aid," Chambers said. "Just the same headaches with a few more issues."

Chambers said the most common problem the office faces with students is time.

"While the majority fill out the necessary paperwork on time, there is always 3000 that, for whatever reason, do not start the financial aid process until the last minute," Chambers said.

Two to three weeks before school, Financial Aid is faced with the influx of students, which creates hundreds of pages of faxes, forms and documentation, Chambers said.

"Again, the majority do it on time, but we give you eight months to do it," Chambers said. "For about a third of the students, loans can be a time consuming process with verification and auditing. However, the earlier a student begins the process for a loan, the less likely they are to get selected for an audit." ♦

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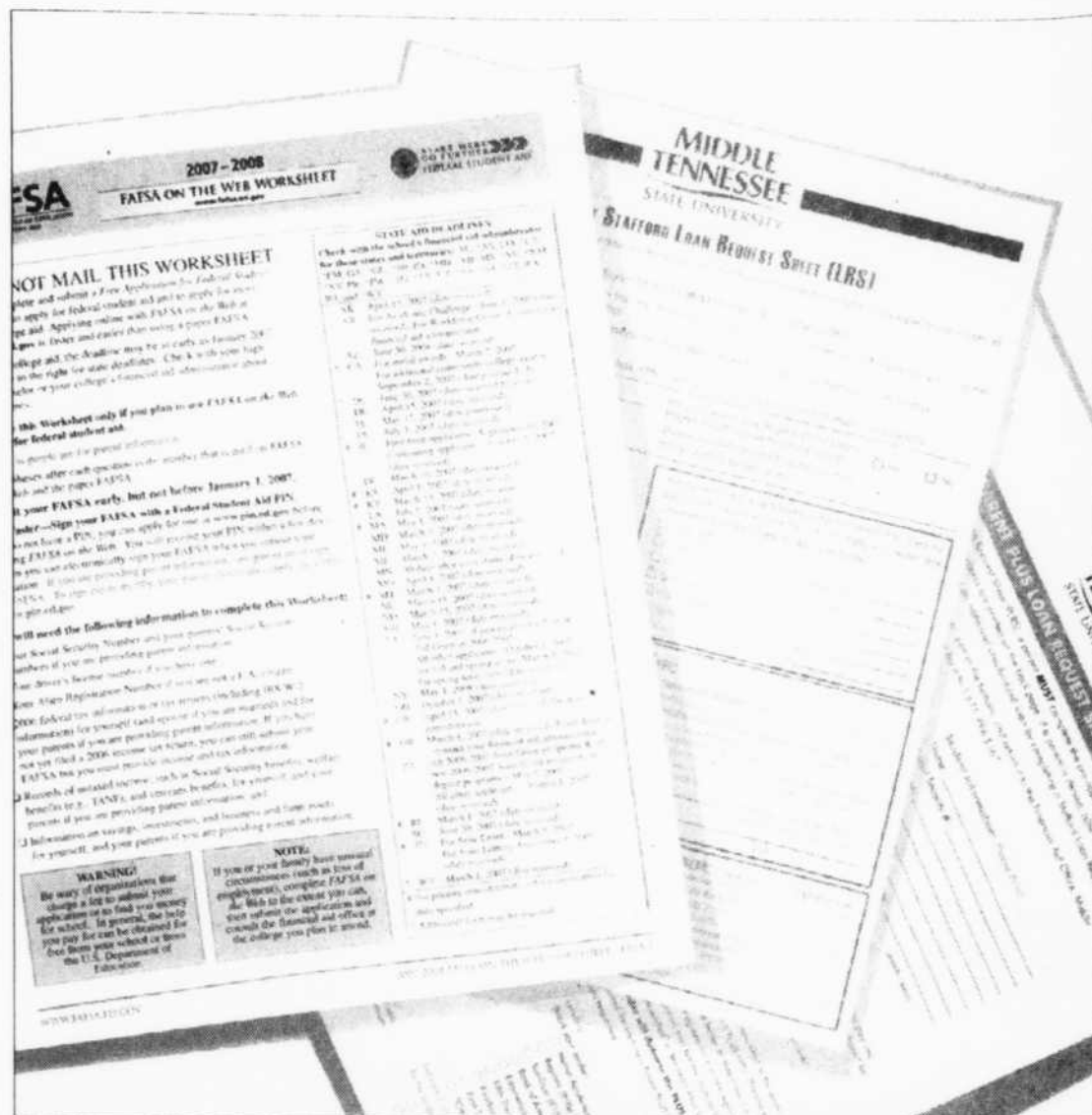


Illustration by Matthew Adair | Production Manager

## Babbili: Dean leaves university

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At the meeting, Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost at MTSU, said the university will immediately start the search for a new dean.

"It will be hard to find someone close to the same caliber as Dean Babbili," Gebert said.

In the absence of Babbili, John Omachonu, associate dean of the College of Mass Communication, will become interim dean.

"He will be missed," Omachonu said. "He is a very warm and friendly person and his strong leadership

laid a solid foundation for the school. We can only continue to go up."

According to Omachonu, the academic master plan that Babbili followed for the college mirrors the university's plan.

"Like MTSU, the College of Mass Communication stresses academic quality, student centeredness and strategic partnerships," Omachonu said. "Quality will continue to be strengthened."

Omachonu said he is applying for the position of dean as soon as the position is posted.

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# FEATURES

## Culture shock: Scotland to Tenn.

By Charlotte Bartholomew  
Contributing Writer

I have only been in Tennessee for two weeks. I am an exchange student from the United Kingdom, Scotland, to be exact, and I will be studying at MTSU for one semester.

So far, life on campus has been pretty interesting, to say the least. As a native of a small ex-fishing village on the west coast of Scotland, moving to any American city was going to be a culture shock. The population of my hometown of Gourock is around 11,000, which is falling as more people leave for the bustling city of Glasgow.

With an average temperature of 56 F, you can imagine how the heat hit me as I left the Nashville airport on August 20. Even for summer, the United Kingdom has been hit by flash floods and an absence of sunshine with only a couple of days in May resembling anything we would call "summer."

But the weather is just one small difference. Before I even set foot in Tennessee, I noticed that even the airports in the United Kingdom and the United States are as different as night and day.

I left from Glasgow Airport for the sunny United States, the same day terrorists drove a jeep into one of the terminals, setting it on fire and leaving the nation shocked and stunned.

Luckily no one was killed, but you would think the United Kingdom would adopt some of the United States' more stringent security checks. This is not the case. At Glasgow, I was only asked to take my laptop out of my bag and to take everything out of my pockets.

After arriving at Newark, New Jersey, however, I was told to take my shoes off, place them in a box along with my bag, laptop and any liquid items into a clear plastic bag; only one per person. Glasgow allows you as many as bags you like.

While in Newark I made full advantage of my location, stocking up on New York souvenirs to send back home. I also sought out some American food.

Not so successful.

It is a well known fact that food just isn't the same when you go abroad. I eventually settled for a burger chain and got some fries. Sorting out my money at the cash register was fun, but the identically-colored green dollars makes it so hard to get the right note quickly.

My flight to Nashville was delayed, and by this time, the seven-hour flight from Glasgow had caught up with me and I was exhausted. Boarding the plane an hour late, I realized how very small this one was. Only three seats across, I had to hope it would hold up during the journey to Nashville. The flight attendant went through the usual security speech, but my first encounter with a Tennesseean accent didn't go over so smoothly. I could barely understand a word she said.

Obviously the plane didn't crash, as I am here to write the story as I sit in my humble American dorm room. Soon I will meet with my friend, a fellow exchange student from China, for lunch. To me, this is an example of one of the biggest differences.

I have met more people from different cultures and other ethnicities in one week than I ever have in my 20 years living in Scotland.

Don't get me wrong, I love my country, but it isn't a very diverse nation. That was part of my reason for coming, to experience this completely different way of life and to push myself. After all, it is easy to stay in your own "safe" community.

Take this university, for example, located on a big campus that houses many students. Even the recreation centre, the sports stadiums and fields located within walking distance seems amazing. My home university, Glasgow Caledonian University, is very small – perhaps only nine

or 10 buildings with only two or three buildings located just off campus for housing.

I am also struck by how proud everyone is of MTSU, wearing the t-shirts, lanyards, hats and drinking from its official brand cups. This definitely is an American tradition that has not made it across the pond yet. We have sweaters with the uni's name on it, but hardly anyone wears them. Students that are studying sports are given sweaters with their initials on them along with the uni logo, but you would never see a journalism student walking around in them.

Taking a jaunt outside the campus is also a precarious task for an exchange student, something many of us have found out the hard way. America is not equipped for the walker, rambler or sightseer by foot. This is a big culture shock for someone who is used to walking everywhere and anywhere; to the convenience store, to meet a friend for a coffee, to work or even to catch a bus or train.

I always knew the United States wasn't big on public transportation, but I didn't think there would be a complete lack of services.

I tried the new bus service in Murfreesboro, Rover, with no joy. On Labour Day, Rover takes a break. Luckily, I found out Murfreesboro does have cabs, and they were much cheaper than back home. At least the exchange rate is in my favour, and driving on the right side of the road is always fun.

From this short account of the many, many differences between my hometown and Murfreesboro, I hope it can be appreciated how overwhelming the United States is, and not only in size. So next time you're in the McCallie Dining Hall, tucking into your favourite meal, and you over hear a foreign voice asking: "What's this?" do your best to help us exchange students out.

We'll try our best to embrace the American lifestyle, strange green veggies and all. ♦



Charlotte Bartholomew's home town in Gourock, Scotland suffered the hottest day of the year when this picture was taken – 77 degrees. An exchange student at MTSU, Bartholomew is studying Journalism and enjoying the transition to the United States.

## From Moscow to Murfreesboro

Recording industry program attracts students from across the pond

By Katy Coil  
Staff Writer

At the beginning of the fall semester, MTSU's Recording Industry program welcomed graduate students from the State University of Management in Moscow, the first participants in MTSU's student exchange program with Russia.

Two students who came to study at MTSU for the semester are Anna Zhiganova and Yuri Babarin. Anna wants to

work with artist management and touring while Yuri emcees and works with his own label, Prime Rhyme Productions. Both, though, had similar reasons for coming to study with the RIM program at MTSU: to get to know the American recording industry.

"We wanted to know about our major, Producing and Management in Musical Show Business," Anna says. "What I want to get here is knowledge that I can't get in Moscow. Everyone knows that America is the center of the recording industry."

"I work with music in Moscow and I'm interested in getting to know the United States' music, Russian hip-hop and American hip-hop," Yuri says.

Anna and Yuri, however, both have different ambitions for what they want to do with their lives.

"I'm going to work in a management company, [on] independent projects, and work backstage. It's what I really want to do. In the future, I want to have my own

company; I want to work in artist management but I haven't met an artist I really love yet," Anna says.

Yuri, on the other hand, wants to continue work with his own label.

"I'll still do what I did before; work at my studio, bring local music from here to Moscow, bring U.S. hip-hop to Moscow, and present the culture of my country," Yuri says. "I can't call it a job because it's my life."

Both Anna and Yuri were impressed with the recording studios and program run by the RIM department and plan on taking advantage of it.

"It's a very good program, I think. And I want to say you have a very good recording studio with good equipment. We don't have that in Moscow," Anna says.

"I'm trying to get work at the studio and the label [MTSU has]. It's a good chance to get to know your

studio here because it's different than at home."

Leaving home and getting adjusted to MTSU was not particularly hard for either Anna or Yuri.

"Of course, I think about my family and the people where we live. I can e-mail them and talk about what is going on so I can keep track of things. I think about them," Yuri says.

"I'm a very independent person. I didn't feel bad leaving my parents," Anna says.

"I've been to more than 15 countries and this is my second time in the United States." The thing Anna and Yuri seemed to enjoy most about MTSU was having rooms

on campus.

"It's cool. What you have in your room is enough to sleep. You go to your room, you sleep, you can get up and go out and see people or just stay in your room. It's cool to live here," Yuri says.

"I think it's cool to live on campus like you have here. We don't have this in Moscow. We all live in our own apartments. I've never had the experience like this. It's like you're living with a very big family," Anna agrees.

Anna says the atmosphere on campus was very welcoming.

"It's cool because everyone is really interested in how we live in Russia. Everyone wants us to tell them how we live in Moscow. Everyone here is really friendly, very caring," Anna says.

Since they arrived, Anna and Yuri have noticed differences between Murfreesboro and Moscow. The first thing was something one might not expect.

"Everybody who drives stops at the stop signal," Yuri says.

"Even if there's no traffic," Anna adds. Beyond the traffic, Anna and Yuri say Moscow and Murfreesboro have different energies.

"It's really different," Anna says. "Moscow is a really huge city, on the same level as New York. More drive, there's too many people, everyone's thinking about their own stuff, work, problems. Here we really have a rest, we get to enjoy life, and have an opportunity to study. Just everything's different."

"And everything's the same," Yuri adds. "You just need to visit Russia and you feel our energy and spirit. Yes there is a difference; it's a big city like New York. We never sleep. You'd really enjoy it," Yuri says.

"Yes," Anna agrees. "It's like Vegas, I think." ♦

## Nearly Horoscopes

### Aries

March 21 - April 19

Don't think for one second that you are safe this month. Beware of giraffes! (Seriously.)

### Taurus

April 20 - May 20

There are good things in store for you this month. Saturn is pleased with you – for now... until you mess it up...yet again.

### Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Pluto is angry that it is no longer considered a planet and he is taking it out on you in the form of a nasty rash.

### Cancer

June 22 - July 22

Just when you thought that you had passed that test in that class that you have to have for your major, you will drop the ball because the stars hate you for liking sunlight better.

### Leo

July 23 - Aug. 22

You are a free spirit and not in a good way. You were supposed to have a whirlwind romance until you became annoying. Now you are just going to die alone.

### Virgo

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Happy freaking birthday to you if the cosmic powers that be decide to play nice, but since someone slipped them a note in economics about what you said about them, they hate you now.

### Libra

Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Jupiter decrees you will not get one good parking space this month on campus. (Although how that's different from any other month, you don't know.)

### Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 21

You will be ugly and smellier than usual this month. Apparently, deodorant is not your friend.

### Sagittarius

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

It is not a good month for your shaky romance. In other words, your significant other got hammered and found someone else. And yes, it is your fault.

### Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Don't count on financial assistance from the gods. They like money more than you. So does your mom, FYI.

### Aquarius

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Your life is one cosmic bad joke among the gods. What? Did you expect a new car and a hug?

### Pisces

Feb. 19 - March 20

It will be a boring month for you which you should be grateful for, because the next one will bankrupt you, rob you of your academic standing, and generally eat your soul. Have a good one!



# OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board:

## Students left out of the loop and out of money

Every year, you can see the signs. Traffic picks up, bars and restaurants become crowded and textbooks become scarce. This is the start of the fall semester. If you missed those indicators, chances are, you caught the most obvious one: the yearly train-wreck in financial aid disbursements.

Usually, the first day of classes is like Christmas in August for many students. They awaken bright and early, and check their bank accounts. Usually, the money that they expected from Santa MTSU arrives, right on time. Not so, this year.

An abnormally large number of students did not receive their money on the first day of classes. Many still had not by the second day. Some are still waiting to buy textbooks or groceries, or pay rent with the money they do not yet have.

Mistakes happen occasionally. Mistakes happen in the MTSU Business Office constantly.

Today marks the eighth day of classes. As of yesterday, some students had still not received their money.

Some of the blame has been placed on the Business Office's new operating system, TouchNet. Students were instructed to renew their deposit paperwork by a certain date. Those who did were promised deposits in full, on time. *Sidelines* contacted the Business Office regarding the problems, and was told, in essence, that the problems had been solved. TouchNet administrators declined to respond.

Fine, MTSU is a massive university with a massive bureaucracy. Sure, many computer systems on campus have recently been upgraded. These growing pains can certainly account for some of the problems that we face, i.e. Parking.

Growing pains, however, cannot account for a significant number of students being left without their much-needed money. They can also not be blamed for total administrative silence on the matter. The Financial Aid office is not to blame. It is the Business Office's purview to pay out loan and scholarship refunds. Not that they'd bother to draw the attention to themselves by clarifying.

It's all about priorities. If you fail to pay a parking ticket or a library fine, the Business Office will be on your back until the day you die. If it is your money in the balance, no one cares. The Business Office's priorities lay in making money; not paying the students with their loans or scholarships, on time, or at all.

Apparently, amid MTSU's rapid growth, some departments have been allowed to maintain the status quo, because that's close enough for government work.

## Letter to the Editor

### Parking not really all that bad

To the Editor:

In response to the recent column on MTSU parking, ["Parking stacked against students" Aug. 27] and the constant griping I hear from students on campus, I'd like to offer a differing perspective on the parking situation.

It is so commonplace to hear the same old "There isn't enough parking, and the parking lots are so far away; why do the white pass people get to park close; this sucks" that I think it just comes out now without anyone thinking about it, and it is getting passed down from generation to generation of students.

Please note, I have nothing to do with the parking office or any related department on campus. I am a graduate student, and I had a green pass for 6 years of undergraduate work. It is unrealistic to think that a campus of 23,000 students can have parking next to every building on campus for everyone that has to use that building.

An ever more unrealistic thought is the one that has to do with a parking garage easing the trouble. In order to build one close to campus, another parking lot would have to be shut down for construction, fees would be increased for the cost, and students would just complain more about those two things. Darned if you do, darned if you don't, I guess.

As I tell students every year during CUSTOMS, parking is not bad when you stop and think about it. We have buses that run constantly, and new buses were just purchased to accommodate student growth and the new Rutherford parking lot. It is also free, just to throw that out there.

The only time I ever couldn't make it to a class on time from a parking lot was when I had to be on crutches; otherwise it is a ten minute walk from one side of campus to the other unless you are just really, really slow.

If any of you know a student at UT Knoxville, ask them if they would like to trade their campus built on a bunch of hills for our flat ground, and I am sure they would oblige. I know it is a lot to ask students to get here a few minutes early and park an extra tenth of a mile away from their building, but look at the bright side. Walking more can help fight off that Freshman 15.

It is good that our campus actually allows cars, as some institutions forbid them on campus. So, take advantage of the Raider Xpress, your apartment's shuttle, a bike, rollerblades, a skateboard, or those annoying shoes with the wheels in them and give the parking people a break; it could be a lot worse around here.

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"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

## Bias harmful to democracy

In his latest book, "The Assault on Reason," Al Gore describes the withering of American democracy in the modern age, arguing this is due in large part to television's eclipse of print as the medium of our national discourse, an unabated trend since 1963.

Because television is almost exclusively a medium by which a small group of wealthy private interests address the population at large, Gore reasons, the information and issues presented to the country by television favor a similar agenda, deviating far from the nation's overall interest.

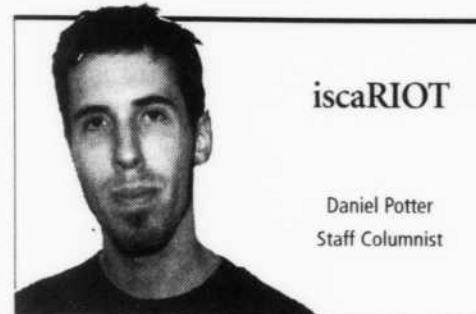
In turn, this leads to our largely misinformed citizenry, which incidentally casts millions more votes in American Idol than in presidential elections. Never mind Gore's unique position to criticize when it comes to botched elections; the man raises some good points.

Of course, the Iraq War provides Gore's centerpiece as a current example of a national mistake that could've been avoided, given better information in our national discussion.

By Gore's reckoning, almost everyone agrees the war was a mistake by now, and would never have supported it had they known there was no real justification for it – that is, no relation to September 11, no link between Osama and Saddam, and no rush to head off any looming development of weapons of mass destruction.

The trouble is that such information was all there before the invasion – it was simply absent from the talking points of Bush and company, as well as the popular television outlets regurgitating their sound bites. Case in point, invisibility of dissent on national television equated to invisibility of dissent in national discussion, at least long enough to kick the war machine into high gear.

Flash forward to today, with Bush's approval ratings as low as ever, and players like Rove, Snow and Gonzales all clearing



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out their desks.

Rove apparently tired of the presidency when it stopping functioning as a monarchy this past year. The White House simply can't pay Snow enough for him to keep lying for them this much. While being cut loose as a liability must sting for Gonzales, given his evidently short memory he'll probably get over it quickly.

The nation is forced to assess an ever growing cost in both dollars and lives for accomplishments that one would be generous to describe as 'meager,' particularly given government reports indicating our current approach is actually making America less safe, if anything.

Amazingly, even now, the same voices that drowned out the truth with their clamor for war in Iraq almost five years ago are attempting to perpetuate the same tired lies.

Enter Freedom's Watch, which describes itself on its website as a nonprofit corporation aiming to remind Americans "that victory is America's only choice."

In an ad currently running on CNN and Fox News, a wounded Iraq War veteran is depicted saying, "They attacked us, and they will again. They won't stop in Iraq." Meanwhile a picture from the attack on the World Trade Center is displayed along with the words "They attacked us."

It's undeniably provocative, but still insulting to think anyone could mistake it for actual validation of the war in Iraq. Surely at some point over the last six years

everyone got the memo that the preponderance of the hijackers weren't Iraqis, right?

Unsurprisingly, donors and members of Freedom's Watch include many of Bush's old cronies, such as former press secretary Ari Fleischer, and former ambassadors Mel Sembler and Howard Leach, both of whom the Washington Post reports helped finance the Florida recount in 2000.

That brings us back to Al Gore. One of the key closing points he makes in his latest book is that while television is a one-way medium controlled by a select few, the Internet is a highly interactive medium controlled by everyone, and therefore a potentially revitalizing agent for open debate – the lifeblood of democracy.

Perhaps one day, sooner rather than later Gore hopes, "television as we now know it may be looked back on as a transition between the age of print and the age of the Internet."

One interesting example of how the Internet can facilitate this sort of awakening from the stultifying grip of television can be found in Robert Greenwald's video "Fox attacks Iran." The YouTube montage consists of Fox News clips of ancient arguments for attacking Iraq dating to 2003, neatly contrasted with footage of the same arguments being made more recently, only this time about Iran.

As the aforementioned Freedom's Watch ad illustrates, this administration still aims to distort matters down to a conflict between those who are with us and those against us. In this manner, perhaps they hope to consolidate our fights in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in doing so finally establish that long-sought link between the two.

At least from a geographic standpoint, that would be Iran.

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## Young compete with old

College graduates are said to be the cream of the crop. They are the next leaders of not only business but of this country and in essence, the world. With this understanding, there is and will always be some sort of resentment among the current opinion makers of the country. What this animosity causes is a reaction among the younger generation to hold nothing back and from that the battle begins.

In a recent article in Inc. magazine, the debate of the "inflated sense of entitlement" of young workers was examined. Although it may seem that recent college graduates are asking for too much with the light workweeks or the relaxed dress codes put in place to recruit this new generation of American workers, we must remember that came before today. Those generations asked for things also unheard of for that time: better pay, help with child care and



He's a Serious Dude

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medical assistance. All these things would never been negotiable in the 1920s. Why are the requests of this new working class viewed as "inflated sense of entitlement?"

As this discussion continues more important issues come to light. Will the job market continue to please the new workers? Do the new workers really deserve all they request of the companies? Even more importantly, what will the requests for a more pleasant workplace do for the real battle that young Americans are fighting? The battle that they are faced with is not against each other but with the raging bull, or in a more

politically correct term, the aging American working class.

Since this issue does have a large effect on both parties, they are voicing their opinions on platforms where both the young and the old are able to hear them. Ad Age, one of the leading sources of advertising and marketing news, recently ran an article discussing this issue: young Americans taking over American business. In the article, Jonathan Feit wrote "how many times do we young people have to prove that we're at least as capable of being wondrous as our geriatric counterparts?" Feit is a member of these up and coming American leaders who went on to show how young Americans are able to hold their own ground when placed in a position to do so. The examples of YouTube, Facebook, Myspace and Google all show that this new class of young Americans have the power, just as did past generations. The article was also

commented on by some older readers, such as Vicki Saint Gemme, a veteran marketing research and advertising executive, who said "The young'uns of today think they know it all until you ask them simple questions."

As generations grow and take the position of their predecessors there will continue to be some sort of discomfort for those that are asked or forced out. With that, those that come and take their seats at the boardroom meetings and corner offices must understand the importance of respect, wisdom and humility. Some will never gain these characteristics but those that do will not only gain the respect of their elders but as important, they will have a lasting impact.

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# SPORTS



Photo by Bradley Lambert | MT Media Relations  
Unable to take the picture they planned for most of the off-season, MT's new faces sit without freshman Jasmine Duffey. From left Khadija Head, Emily Queen, Morgan Boyd, Alysha Clark, Anne Marie Lanning, Eric White.

## Lady Raiders look forward

### Loss of potential star player will not hold team back

By Richard Lowe  
Assistant Sports Editor

When the Lady Raiders hold their first official practice of the 2007-2008 basketball season on October 12, they will be without a family member. Jasmine Duffey, a junior college transfer student from Jonesboro, GA, was one of the new recruits that would join the team this year but because of a serious health condition, her basketball career is possibly over. From an outsiders standpoint, the Lady Raiders lost the inside presence that has been craved since Rick Insell accepted the position of head coach in spring of 2005. From the team's standpoint, the loss of a teammate's career still runs through their minds.

Jasmine Duffey had her share of accomplishments. By the end of her high school career, she averaged 12 points and 9 rebounds a game, was a three-time Street and Smith honorable mention all-

American, and a part of the Georgia Metros, who won the AAU national championship while she was a member of the team. "She is a great kid who loves basketball and her family," says Khadija Head, also an assistant women's basketball coach for MT. Before she came to MT, while she was still an assistant at the University of Arkansas, Head recruited Duffey.

"[Jasmine] is very soft spoken at first [but] really opened up when she got to know you," Head said.

Duffey had high hopes for her basketball career, hoping to

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The Lady Raider program is [here] to help Jasmine through her hard times. We lost her as a player, but not as a friend  
— Rick Insell, head coach

eventually play in the WNBA. When she first left high school, she signed her letter of intent to Georgia Tech before eventually heading to Okaloosa-Walton College for one year.

"One of the reasons she came [to MT] is because she knew we would work her and make sure she would get what she needed to get a chance to go to the WNBA," said Insell.

"All the kids loved her. She was playing with the kids and the kids looked up to her," said Clark.

When news first broke that Jasmine could not play, everyone in the program took it hard.

"[She] was kind of sad because we have never had anyone that tall on our team. Coach said we need to support her because it is hard on her right now," said senior point guard Latoya Barclay.

Sophomore Chelsia Lymon also spoke of coach Insell's words to

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## MT loses opener

### Owl's defensive line too tough for inexperienced Blue Raider offense

By J. Owen Shipley  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee lost its season opener 27-14 to Florida Atlantic Saturday in a game that saw the Owls dominate the Raiders on both sides of the ball.

The defending Sun Belt co-champion Raiders were only able to manage 18 rushing yards on 32 attempts and were held to 217 total yards on offense. The Owls, on the other hand, were able to torch the Raiders for 411 yards, including 216 on the ground.

"I thought Florida Atlantic's defense really dominated our offense last year, especially up front," MTSU head coach Rick Stockstill said. "We couldn't block (Jervonte Jackson) and half our rushing yards came on two plays."

The trouble started early for the Raiders when they turned the ball over on their first two possessions. After holding FAU to a quick three and out on the opening drive, MTSU lost possession on a muffed punt which led to FAU's first touchdown of the game. On the subsequent kickoff, All-American return specialist Damon Nickson fumbled the return, giving the Owls the ball at the MTSU 27 yard line.

"You know, the defense did a great job stopping them," Stockstill said. "You got a young guy run-

ning into the ball and that was frustrating. And then [after they scored] Damon fumbled the kick off and here we go on defense again."

MTSU didn't begin its first offensive series until 7:24 in the first quarter, and didn't even score until the fourth quarter, when the score was already 24-0.

Even when the Raiders had the ball, they were plagued with penalties and turnovers. MTSU was the least penalized team in the Sun Belt last year, but the Raiders were flagged ten times for 81 yards. FAU was also able to capitalize on MTSU's four turnovers by scoring 10 points from turnovers.

"Penalties before the ball is snapped and penalties after the whistle is blown, those are the kinds of penalties that can stop a drive," Stockstill said.

The one bright spot for the Raiders was a play on special teams, where freshman Jeremy Kellem blocked an FAU punt and junior Michael Cannon took the loose ball 32 yards into the end zone.

The Raiders were expected to take a step back this season after losing many key performers from last year's 7-6 squad, including starting quarterback Clint Marks and starting running back Eugene Gross.

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"We just have to block better," "It's no secret we're struggling [in the line] we've had to shuffle guys around. We just don't have a lot of people."  
- Rick Stockstill, head coach



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# Intermurals open to all

By Vincent Skyler

Contributing Writer

Daily practices, roaring crowds and flowing adrenaline are the signatures of college sports and can be found on campuses across the nation. However, not all students have the time to practice on a daily basis, or travel across the country to play games. Within this void is where intramural sports come into play, literally.

As classes start up and students learn their way around campus, many begin looking for fun things to do. Of these students, many choose to compete in intramural sports to help them stay fit and active. The sports that most MT students tend to sign up for in the fall are 7-on-7 soccer and flag football, but one could also sign-up for ultimate frisbee, racquetball, dodgeball, softball, indoor soccer, or 3-on-3 basketball. There are numerous tournaments that teams can register for, including dodge ball and golf.

Intramural sports are hosted in and around the University Recreation Center. Registration deadlines for intramural sports range from September 5 through November 20, depending on the sport. Each league has "Captains Meetings" between the registration deadline and the start of play. This September soccer officials training and flag football take place will take place.

In recent years, intramural sports have seen tremendous growth- about a 15-20 percent increase in participation. Sports are adding teams at very fast rates, sometimes even 10 teams per season, as some 5,000 plus students come out each year to participate. Whatever a person's athletic interest, they should be able to find a sport to get into, either as a spectator, an athlete, or even an official. Intramural

sports provide an excellent opportunity for busy students to be a part of a competitive sports team without having to be practice as often as most varsity athletes. Playing on an intramural sports team is a great way to get to know people and stay active. For freshmen, it is a great way to help avoid the dreaded "Freshman 15".

On the first weekend of November MT will be hosting the TIRSA Shootout. The TIRSA Shootout is a regional flag football tournament that involves teams from around the southeast. Though many flag football teams want to register for the event, only a certain amount of teams get to compete in the renowned tournament.

The most recent winners of the tournament are the two-time defending champions at the University of West Florida, in Pensacola. The teams that invited to play in this tournament are some of the best in the region. The TIRSA Shootout has provided some exciting moments in the past years of the gathering, and football fans could certainly expect more of the same this November.

The regional tournament is the closest thing the sport has to a post season. Flag football is definitely one of the most popular intramural activities at MTSU and you can expect the sport to grow even more considering the jolt that the TIRSA Shootout provides.

The growth and expansion of the intramural programs at MTSU is a sign of the strength of the community and could be bolstered if some of the sports end up acquiring television coverage. TV deals are reportedly in the works and could soon become a reality for the popular sports of flag football and 7-on-7 soccer. Television coverage will be dependent upon staff and time restrictions. ♦

## MT takes on Louisville

By Richard Lowe

Assistant Sports Editor

Tonight, Middle Tennessee travels to Papa John's Stadium to take on the eighth ranked University of Louisville in their second game in five days. UL enters the game at 1-0 overall following last week's win over Murray State, while Middle Tennessee enters the week at 0-1 following a season-opening 27-14 loss at Florida Atlantic University.

These two teams met for the first time last year in a game that saw Damon Nickson return the first kickoff to him for a touchdown to give MT an early lead but eventually turned into a deficit when Hunter Cantwell threw a 68-yard touchdown pass to Mario Urrutia. A field goal from Art Carmody put UL in the lead in the second quarter and MT never saw the lead again. The 44-17 loss put MT's record last season at 3-3 but put confidence in players that they could compete with almost anyone.

Last year's game was held at LP Field in Nashville on a Friday night on ESPN2. Tonight's game will, once again, be on ESPN2 and MT head coach Rick Stockstill knows the benefits of the national exposure. "[Tonight] everyone in the country will have a chance to

see Middle Tennessee," says Stockstill. "It helps in a lot of ways from a national scope. It also helps our players get to play against some of the best players in the country. If we can play against those people then it helps you down the road in conference play. This is a great opportunity for our football team and our university."

Although it was a short week for MT, UL will be playing their second game in a row on a Thursday, which proves to be beneficial according to UL head coach Steve Kragthorpe. "It's a normal week of work for us," said Kragthorpe. We started back on Saturday, which was Monday for us, and continued with our normal progression."

Even though Kragthorpe was not in attendance for last year's game against the Blue Raiders, he acknowledges that he is not looking past MT. "We know they are a very good football team in terms of the talent they have. They gave us everything we wanted down in Nashville last year...we got another challenge on our hands."

Another person who was not part of the MT/UL match up last year was senior quarterback and Heisman Trophy hopeful Brian Brohm. Brohm missed last year's game because of a leg injury that sidelined him for a good portion

of the season. Stockstill thinks, "He is as good as there is. He is a legitimate Heisman candidate. He is tall, he can make all the throws and they are throwing the ball all over the place."

Senior defensive end Javaree Jones notes that a strategy has been put in place to control Brohm. "We have to create a good pass rush. He is a great quarterback and he has to get pressure on him. There is motivation there but not a lot. He has great receivers around him. We just have to work hard in order to make him make decisions under pressure."

UL's defense held Murray State's offense to 271 yards, which may prove to be advantageous to a MT offense that only gained 15 yards rushing to go along with 199 yards passing against Florida Atlantic University. ♦

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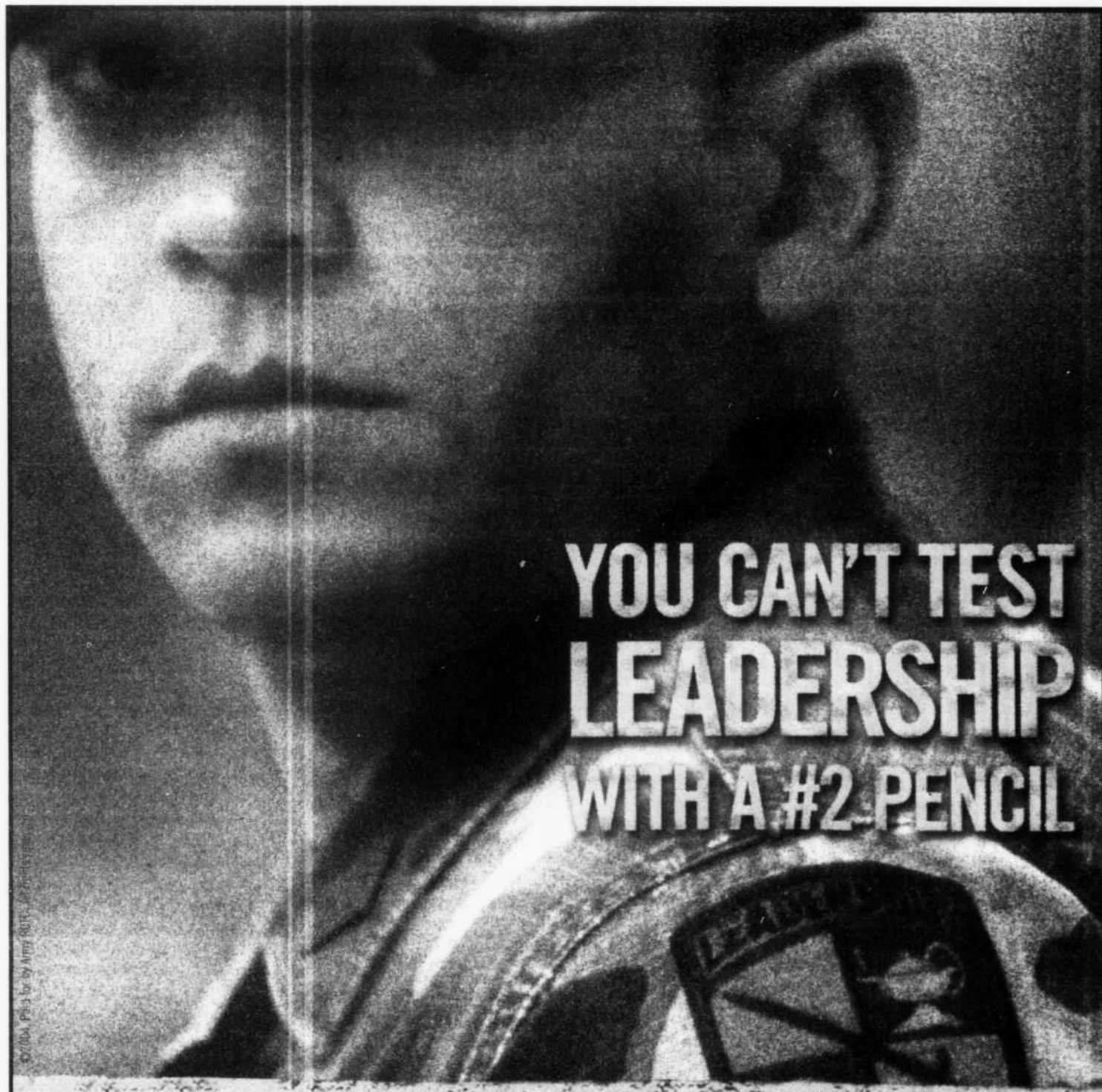
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# The rules of not gambling

J. Owen Shipley

Sports Editor

About this time last year, I wrote an article entitled "The Dos and Don'ts of Accidental Betting," thinking I understood all the ways people could be tricked into gambling.

I was wrong.

Most often, accidental betting is a result of drinking around a television. A team flashes across ESPN, or the local station previews an upcoming game and someone claims to be an expert.

The problem is, the claim this person makes is offensively opposed to logic. So you say something stupid like "put your money where your mouth is" whether you are a betting man or not.

I never considered there could be a truly textbook case of accidental betting that occurred within the norms of polite conversation. To make a long story short, I spent Saturday night sweating bullets because someone I barely know bet \$600 on a team I couldn't stand, just because I said they "should" win.

If you read my column last year you'd know I wouldn't actually bet on sports, but I didn't make this bet - it was made for me.

Sometime after the MT loss, I was at a party walking around in a

stupor, and a friend of a friend asked me a question about a game. This friend isn't into college football, but what he is into, apparently, is gambling.

I swear I did not know this when he asked me for a prediction. Truthfully, I gave him a semi-honest answer.

"They should win. So long as the head coach doesn't screw it up or there aren't like 20 turnovers."

I had no confidence in the pick, but it just didn't seem important at the time. People ask me sports questions all the time, and they expect an answer - so I give them one. It was that simple and I quickly forgot it had happened until halfway through the first quarter.

The team in question was already losing due to, of course, turnovers and horrible coaching, when the friend of a friend told me I better not be wrong.

"Why is that?" I laughed as I sipped the Coors Light he had paid for.

"Because I just bet a nickel on this game and you said they'd win."

Not being a gambling man, I had no idea what a nickel was. When he informed me it was bookie shorthand for \$500, I nearly shot beer out of my nose.

"What? I never said to bet on it. In fact, I would have specifically said 'don't bet on it' had you asked."

Alas, it was already too late. To make matters worse he handed me \$100 and said, "If they win, you can keep it. But if they lose, take this and buy your mother something nice."

I love my mom, I do - but I'm a writer. Which means being dead broke, and money has nothing to do with love. Money means food. Money good.

So there I was, sweating bullets, hoping a team I hate, with a coach I loathe, could make a comeback against a respectful school. Obsession set in the moment he handed me the money, but that only helped solidify my failure to see the appeal of gambling.

I know enough about sports to know you will be wrong more often than right. Which means you will lose money you already had. Even when someone else's money was on the line, once I knew I was going to lose I was heartbroken that it would never be mine.

The moral of the story? I have no idea, but I'm too broke to care. I really could have used that \$100.

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## Sports: MT loses opener

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Marks' replacement, Joe Craddock, completed 20 of 32 passes for 199 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions in his first collegiate start. DeMarco McNair and Philip Tanner, Gross's replacements, carried the ball a combined fifteen times for 31 yards.

"He played a good game, protected the ball, good other than those two [interceptions] he made. He didn't have a lot of time in the pocket [and] we didn't help him a lot with the rushing game," Stockstill said.

The Raiders also had some problems on a young offensive line which features only one senior, center Brandon Nix. The offensive line struggled against FAU's experienced defense as the Owls were able to hold the Raiders to only 0.6 yards per carry and racked up four sacks.

"We just have to block better," Stockstill said. "It's no secret we're struggling [in the line] we've had to shuffle guys around. We just don't have a lot of people."

MTSU's next game will come on short rest as the Raiders will be traveling to Louisville, KY to take on No.10-ranked Louisville.

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Undergraduate students taking more than 12 hours benefit in that tuition calculations are capped at 12 hours, and no additional tuition and fees are assessed for registering for more than 12 hours.

This new system will affect full-time students taking more than 12 hours who - during a fee-adjustment period - adjust their schedules below 12 hours, including withdrawal. Students who fall into this category will be assessed a prorated fee for the dropped hours.

Example: If a student originally registered for 15 hours and dropped to 9 hours during the 75 percent fee-adjustment period, the adjusted student-fee assessment before any refund will be nine hours at the full rate per hour and six hours at 25 percent of the per-hour rate.

The difference between this calculated assessment and the original tuition and fee amounts capped at 12 hours would be the refund.

In short, the fee adjustment will be based on courses dropped. It is possible that certain adjustments will result in no refund after the fee adjustment calculation.

The same procedures apply to graduate students who tuition calculation is capped at 10 hours.

For examples on how the new fee adjustment works, go to <http://www.mtsu.edu/~bursarmt/feeadjustment.htm>.

We encourage students to better plan their schedules and retain their full-time status no their way to a timely and successful graduation.



# MT hosts Blue Raider Bash

Lady Raiders become first ever Sun Belt team to be ranked in the Associaed Press top 25 after win against #21 Oklohama

By Clarence Plank  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee women's volleyball team returns home with a Top 25 ranking after short trip.

The Blue Raiders' conference opener will be at the Blue Raider Bash over at the Alumni Memorial Gym this weekend.

MT is currently ranked 25th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll after defeating Oklahoma, Idaho and Oregon State last weekend.

"We pretty much played well last weekend during our match with Oklahoma," MT coach Matt Peck said. "We had a little more difficult time with Idaho. We just didn't play our best. Against Oregon State we started out pretty weak and they were up 2-0 on us and we were about to lose that match. Then something sparked and [we] came back to win that match."

"Oregon State had beaten Hawaii who are traditionally one of the best programs in the country," Peck said. "We are kind of feeding off the success of the teams we've beaten."

This is the first time that a Sun Belt conference program has been ranked in the top 25. Western Kentucky was ranked 32nd in 2004.

There is a chance that MT could move up in the poll if teams ranked higher lose their games, which makes the Blue Raiders chances of advancement much better.

Rising star Ashley Adams was named Sun Belt Player of the Week after she helped MT to overcome then No. 21 ranked Oklahoma to keep the Blue Raiders' unbeaten streak alive.

Coach Peck has been pleased with the effort of Adams and the rest of the Blue Raiders team. "Adams is a very consistent player for us," Peck said. "She plays well, she plays hard and she steps up her game when the game is close. I know of expect that of Ashley."

Peck thinks sophomores Ashley Mead and Hannah Pegg can do some really great things this year. "We're looking for consistency from the both of them. Once they get on a little bit I definitely think they're going to make a big difference this weekend."

MT comes into this weekend bash with a 6-2 record over the last two years.

This year opponents are Northeastern, Georgia State and UT-Arlington will be in town for the Bash and the tournament has immediate conference implications.

"We really don't know much about these teams as of yet," Peck said. "We'll look at tapes

tonight. I think that some of these teams are very good ball control teams. They pass, serve and get setup into their offense pretty well. I just think if we run our offense well, teams will have a hard time trying to stop us."

"I think that when we play it's more about us than who we are playing," Peck said. "Of course if we were playing one of the top teams in the country that wouldn't be the case. I think when we are playing well, it is very difficult for teams to play with us."

The Blue Raiders will try to control the tempo of the game early on and keep the other teams off balance just long enough to wear them down.

Northeastern (3-4) comes into the Blue Raider Bash on a three-game winning streak after beating Sacred Heart University, Holy Cross University and University of New Hampshire in the BC/NU Challenge.

MT will have their hands full with Northeastern's Lauren DeTurk, who led the Huskies with 23 kills and a hitting percentage of .750 in the New Hampshire game. Fellow teammate Britany Brown had 30 assists in the game.

Georgia State (6-2) comes into this series having swept the North Texas Invitational where they beat the SBC rival Mean Green in a game that went the distance 3-2.

For GSU it was their fifth year senior Ana Paula Ferreira, Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Week and tournament MVP, that made it possible for Georgia State to complete their sweep.

The Blue Raiders played GSU in a preseason tournament in the summer and beat them.

However the Panthers have a distinct size advantage over MT. Seven members of GSU's fourteen-player roster stand at 6ft. or taller. This is the third meeting between the schools.

The final team in the Bash is UT-Arlington (4-1) who swept the Marquette Kickoff Tournament a couple of days ago. Teena Sobczak helped the Mavs finish off Marquette for their fourth straight win.

Then the Blue Raiders play a single game on Sunday at 4 p.m. against Missouri State before heading back on the road.

"Missouri State made the second round of the NCAA tournament," Peck said. "We have beaten all of last year's NCAA participants. We are doing a really good job I think with playing the teams that have had success in the NCAA tournament."

The action begins Friday at 1 p.m. at the AMG with Northeastern. Matches will be played between the visiting schools all day Friday and Saturday.

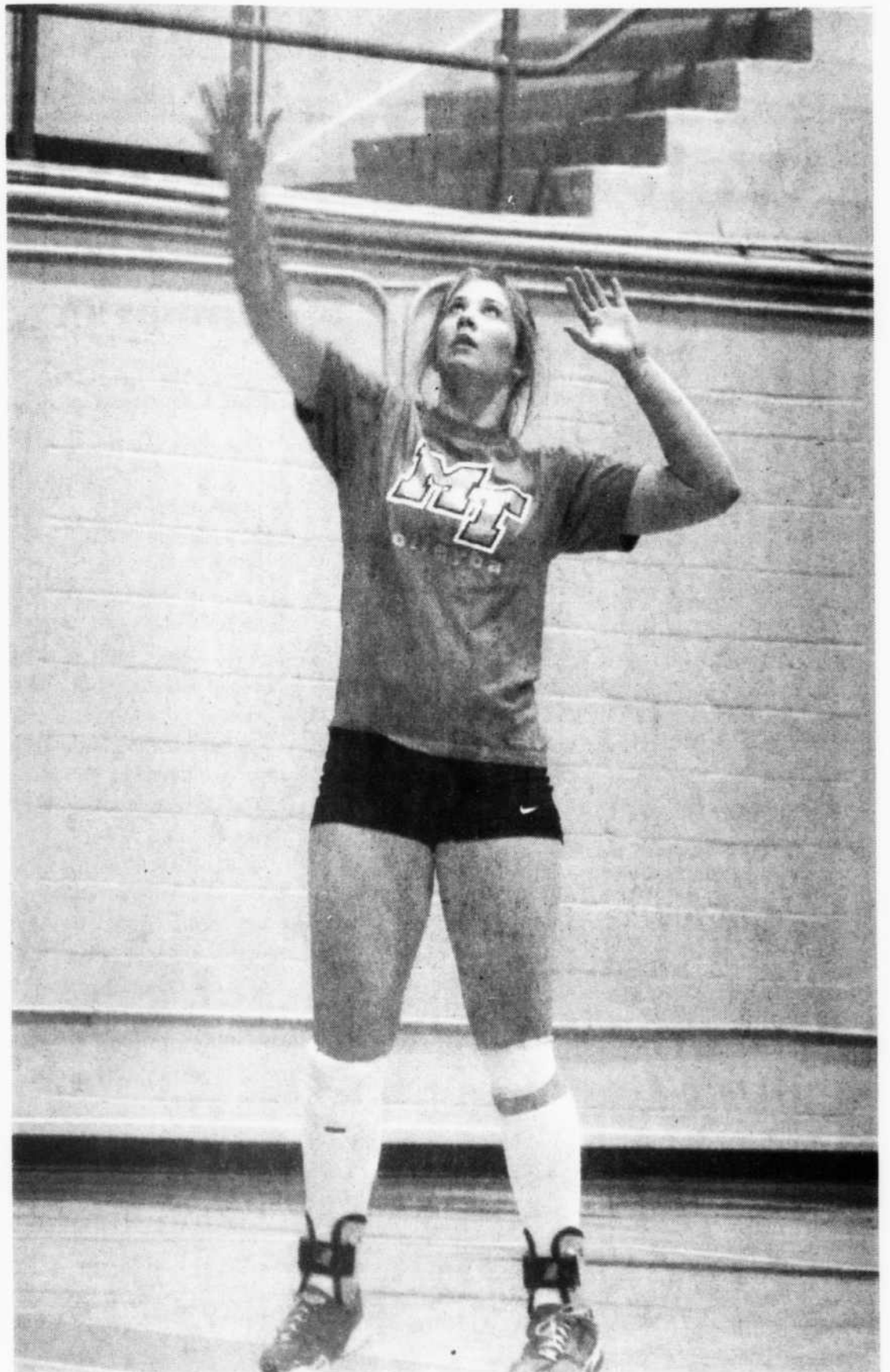


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### Lady Raiders

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Coach said we need to look for her and tell her everything will be alright. Somebody told me I couldn't play for 6 months to almost a year was I don't know how I would feel if they told me I could play again."

"There's no easy way to get over Jasmine," said Head. "She has great talent and has a wonderful personality."

"The setbacks for any team are on but the recovery is still in place. Coach Clark said hopefully the girls will be able to do anything that can be taken at any time. Be fortunate to have every day like it's your last. The team should use this as motivation because that has happened to her."

Head believes the recovery process won't be tough because she is still a part of the women's basketball program. "She is still on campus, she's still going to school, and she's still around the basketball program. There is something in the stars for her. The Lord has a plan for her. We are here and we are going to do what we have to do as far as the Lady Raider program is concerned to help Jasmine through the tough times. We lost her as a player but not as a friend and we are sure that's not the most important part about life any-

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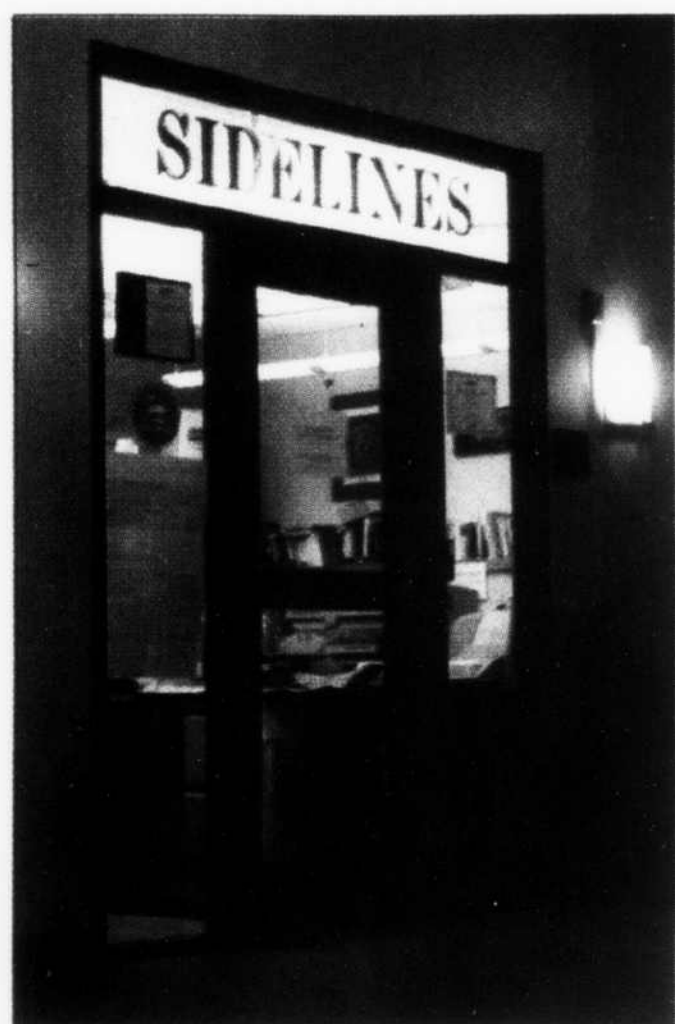


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### Opportunities await incoming, transfer students; campus newspaper provides useful information

#### Staff Report

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There's a lot to get used to here: from continuing construction on roads and around buildings and the winding corridors of Peck Hall, to the knot of people and vendors outside the Keathley University Center and the never-ending search for a good parking spot, you have to wonder if you're really prepared to deal with everything that's being thrown at you.

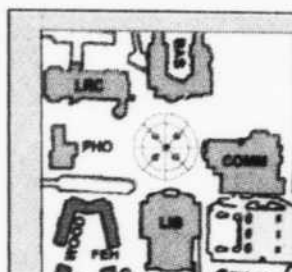
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