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## Geier conditions met, suit dismissed

By Dana Owens and Lucas L. Johnson II

Community News and Associated Press

The end of a 38-year old desegregation lawsuit that has had major effects on Tennessee universities, including MTSU, was announced by Gov. Phil Bredesen Monday.

The Geier lawsuit was put in place to increase racial diversity in Tennessee after a Tennessee State University instructor filed a lawsuit against the state in 1968.

"In some ways, this journey is ended," said Bredesen, who was joined by parties of the court-ordered agreement, as well as lawmakers, state officials and community leaders. "But in other ways, this journey stretches far out before us and won't be complete until we remove every kind of barrier that stands in the way of any Tennessean's dream to earn a college education."

After one settlement failed in 1984, a federal judge approved a new one in 2001, which became the Geier Consent Decree. This set up a list of requirements for Tennessee universities to comply to within five years.

Now that the terms of the decree have been met, involved parties in the case filed a joint motion for dismissal in a U.S. District Court, stating that they "agree the state is now operating a unitary system of public higher education."

According to Wendy Thompson, special assistant to the chancellor at Tennessee Board of Regents, the case is now ending after 30 years because it has taken that long for all the parties to meet their goals. Those goals, according to Thompson, include TSU and traditionally white universities building up their programs that encourage diversity in students and faculty.

"The state has done what it said it would do and set out to do in 2001," Thompson said.

Since the Decree of 2001, \$77 million has been spent to help public colleges and universities diversify their student bodies, faculties and staffs. Bredesen said Monday that he plans on committing about \$19 million a year to fund required programs as long as he is governor.

According to Thompson, TBR will look at programs that worked well under Geier and will broaden them to reach other underrepresented groups. Initiatives set up by the Decree included the creation of a state-wide committee to review retention rates of African-American students and employees, the removal of graduate program restrictions from MTSU and a scholarships match program.

Another initiative of the 2001 Geier Decree was that MTSU establish a visiting scholars program. The current visiting scholar is Phillip Jeter, professor of journalism.

"[The program] has given me a chance to work on research projects and explore opportunities at

another university, and teach a bunch of students I wouldn't have otherwise," Jeter said.

The end to the Geier suit means that instead of operating under the terms of the agreement, Tennessee will be operating under the "law of the land," or a 2003 Supreme Court ruling that decided that race can be used as a factor in admission to a university as well as other factors, Thompson said.

"Officials of Tennessee must show that we can continue to make strides without government oversight, because it's the right thing to do, not because we're forced to," Thompson said.

Before the Geier suit, Tennessee and many other states had a "duel system of higher education," meaning black and white students mainly attended different colleges.

"We're committed to not losing any ground as it pertains to black students, but instead broadening to capture others as well," Thompson.

## Old rivalries compete with new blood

By Geoff Brashear

Contributing Writer

The blood-drive competition between MTSU and Tennessee Tech will raise awareness on bloodstock shortage and revives an old, friendly rivalry.

"The competition is more than a revived rivalry. It also is designed to raise awareness about donating blood and how in need the Red Cross is," said Jennifer Kirk, Keathley University Center event coordinator.

MTSU will play against Tennessee Tech Thursday, and the blood drive is a pre-game competition to promote the game and blood donation.

"We are trying to have a five-day supply," said Madelin Methvin, Heart of Tennessee Red Cross office manager.

"We're expecting a big turnout because of the competition. Our goal for the two days is to get 180 types. Normally we'd get 75 types."

Currently the Heart of Tennessee Red Cross has about a one-day supply of positive and universal blood, and less than one-half a days' supply of negative blood types.

"To be a blood donor you must be 17-years-old, weigh at least 110 pounds and not be taking any antibiotics," Methvin said.

All types of blood are needed — especially O-negative, because it is the universal donor and anyone can receive it.

"The Red Cross desperately needs blood. It is at one of its lowest points, and I hope the competition will help," said Megan Flippin, Student

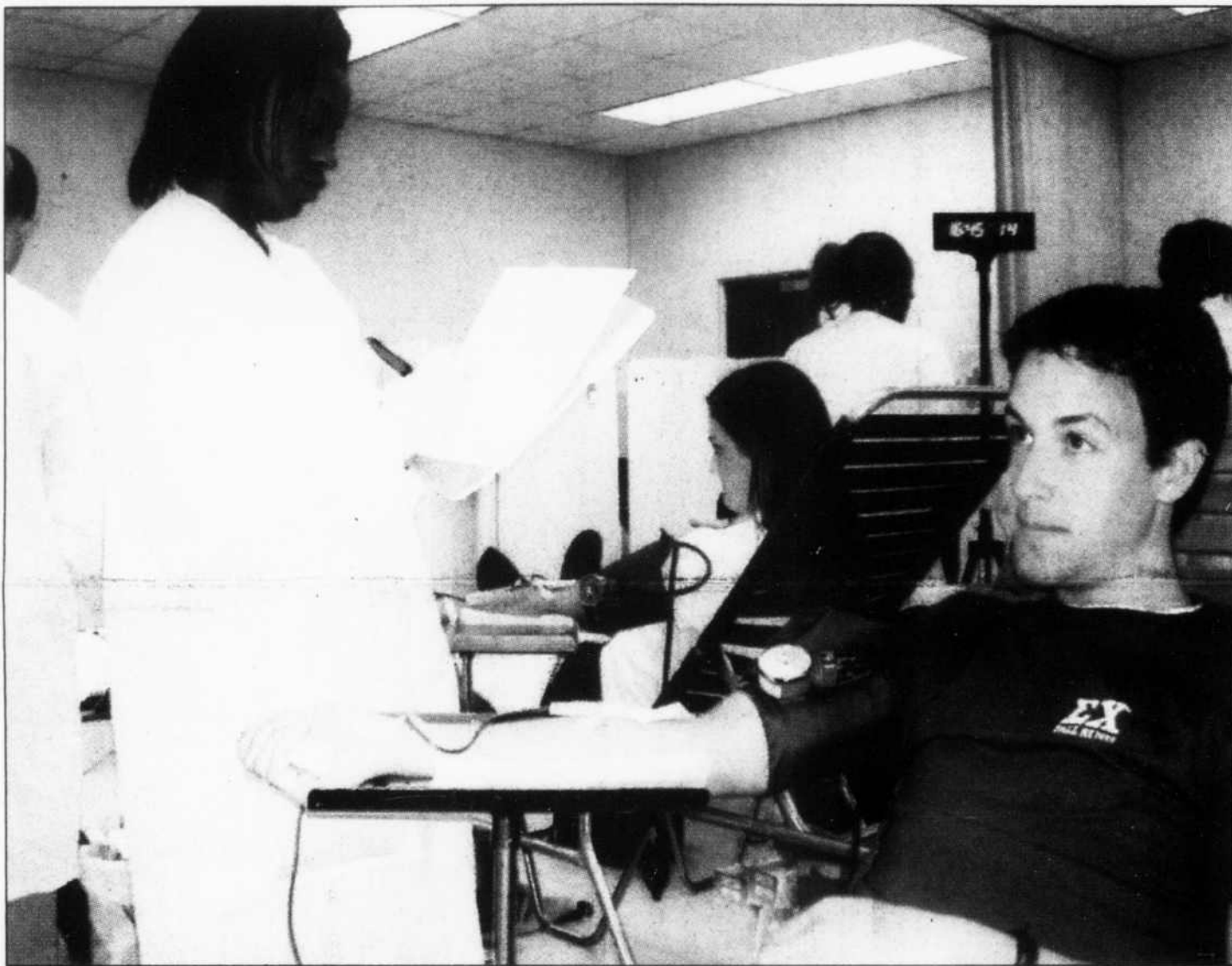


Photo by Andy Harper | Campus Life Editor

Sean Stewart, a senior computer information systems major, has blood drawn as Vanessa Whitaker, a Red Cross nurse, reviews his paperwork.

Government Association vice president of administration and public affairs.

Requirements for donation are valid picture identification, a 56-day waiting period since a previous donation, no tattoos within the past 12 months and recent piercing must have been done with a clean needle.

"A single donation is around

a pint of blood that saves three lives using platelets, plasma and red blood cells, so roll up your sleeves and save lives," Methvin said.

Blood is donated and sent to the Tennessee Valley Blood Services Region in Nashville where it is distributed among 84 counties and 100 area hospitals, Methvin said.

"More than donating blood and the football game, the blood drive comes at the anniversary of Sept. 11, and that is a reminder of how important it is to have a fully stocked blood supply," said Athletic Director Chris Massaro.

The blood drive is open to students, faculty, the MTSU community and alumni who meet the requirements to

donate blood.

Any participant in the drive will be eligible for free Titans items, Flippin said.

Students who donate will also receive cards that can be used to purchase food on campus.

The blood drive will be held Wednesday in the KUC Room 322 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Just the Facts

\$. WHO: The American Red Cross and MTSU Student Programming

\$. WHAT: Blood drive

\$. WHEN: Sept. 13, donating begins at 10:00 a.m.

\$. WHERE: KUC Room 322

\$. WHY: The blood drive is a competition between MTSU and Tennessee Tech to see who will raise the most blood donations.

### How to Prepare

#### Before Donating:

- \$. Get a good night's sleep.
- \$. Have a good meal.
- \$. Drink extra water to replace the volume you will donate (avoid caffeine).
- \$. Eat iron-rich foods such as red meat, fish, poultry or liver, beans, iron-fortified cereals, raisins and prunes.
- \$. Avoid fatty foods such as hamburgers, french fries or ice cream.

#### While Donating:

- \$. Wear short sleeves.
- \$. Show the staff any "good veins."
- \$. Relax.
- \$. Take the time to enjoy a snack and a drink.

#### After Donating:

- \$. Rehydrate yourself.
- \$. Avoid strenuous physical activity or heavy lifting for five hours after.
- \$. Lie down if light headed with feet elevated.
- \$. Enjoy the good feeling that comes with knowing that you may have saved as many as three lives.

## Raider Republicans honor Sept. 11



Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer

The MTSU Raider Republicans honored the memory of victims in the Sept. 11 attacks by placing one flag for each life lost in the KUC on Monday, 2.973 flags covered the ground as Raider Republicans accepted donations to benefit the families of the victims that each flag represented.

## Student loses life in wreck

By Kristen Teffetteller

Staff Writer

An MTSU student was killed early Sunday morning when the vehicle she was driving hit a utility pole on East Northfield Boulevard, Murfreesboro police reported.

Courtney Hunkapiller, 21, was driving alone in the right lane along Northfield when her car ran off of the road and into a power pole at the intersection of North Highland Avenue and Northfield. No other vehicles were involved.

According to the Fatal Accident Crash Team report, Hunkapiller was ejected from the 1996 Honda Accord.

Police and medical services arrived on the scene at 3:28 a.m. Sunday morning.

Hunkapiller was reported as not using her seatbelt and the involvement of alcohol and drugs are unknown, however testing has been requested.

Rutherford County Emergency Medical Services

pronounced Hunkapiller dead with their arrival on the scene.

The wreck is under investigation by the Murfreesboro F.A.C.T.

Visitations with the family were Tuesday at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Burial is Wednesday at Evergreen Cemetery.



Hunkapiller



# Professor researches book in Venezuela

By Josh Cross

Contributing Writer

Sekou Franklin, a professor of MTSU, spent 10 days this past summer gathering information about Venezuelans of African descent as research for an upcoming book.

Franklin, assistant professor of political science, needed the research on Venezuelans of African descent, also known as Afro-Venezuelans, for a chapter he is writing for a book by Michael Clemons.

While the book focuses on African Americans and global affairs, Franklin said there is a "misperception about Venezuela and President Hugo Chavez."

The trip provided enough material for the book chapter, as well as valuable information that will aid him in teaching his comparative social movements class, Franklin said.

During the 10-day trip, Franklin traveled in a group with reporters from the Wall Street Journal and CNN International. The group visited Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, and the Barlovento

region, which is inhabited primarily by Afro-Venezuelans.

"We got out into the community and started talking with folks," Franklin said.

The group met with the Afro-Venezuelan Network, which organizes individuals against racism and corporate globalization in the Americas, community workers in state-financed cooperatives, people in education and the local media, workers in health clinics and SUMATE, an opposition group to Hugo Chavez.

"Venezuelans want to have good relations with Americans," Franklin said. "They want Americans to come and visit."

"The description of Chavez is simply not true."

The media in Venezuela are privately owned and are highly critical of Chavez, an aspect of expression that does not usually exist under a dictatorship.

"Chavez is a cutting-edge leader, a champion of the poor and an elected leader," Franklin said. "But I don't think that he is perfect. He's worthy of some criticism."

Chavez rose to power during the anti-neo-liberalism move-

ment and was elected as president in 1998.

Chavez has since implemented what Franklin called "the most innovative social reform system out there."

According to Franklin, Chavez has been able to do this redistribution of wealth to the poor with money gained from exporting oil.

The reason there is so much hysteria over Chavez is because 12 to 15 percent of America's oil comes from Venezuela, Franklin said. However, many Africans and Latinos embrace what is happening in Venezuela despite all of the negative reports.

This December there will be a presidential election, and while there are many who oppose Chavez, it is highly unlikely that he will be removed from office.

The reason, according to Franklin, is not because Chavez is a dictator, but because of the highly unorganized opposition towards him.

"It's opposite of what Americans think. If you don't believe it, go there and visit yourself," Franklin said.



Photo submitted by Sekou Franklin  
Individuals work in an agricultural, chocolate cooperative. These pictures come from the oldest cumbre in the Barlovento region of Venezuela. A cumbre is a town settled by either runaway or former slaves.

## Community remembers Sept. 11 with local fair



Photo by Brittany Washburn | Contributing Photographer  
Al Menah Shriners drive their mini prowlers through the crowd at the Sheriff's Department Sept. 11 fair.

By Brittany Washburn

Staff Writer

The Rutherford County Sheriff's Department hosted a fair Monday night in remembrance of the lives lost on Sept. 11, featuring music, a display of emergency vehicles and children's games.

"[The fair] was a remembrance of what our country has been through; and an opportunity to come together and celebrate our freedom," said Sgt. James Harrell, a member of the Community Service Unit of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department. "It is an opportunity for people to come out in a safe environment, with activities for both adults and children."

Several representatives spoke, including former Chattanooga Mayor and U.S. Senate candidate Bob Corker. Country music artist Trace Adkins sang the national anthem following a presentation of colors by the Blackman High

School ROTC.

Sheriff Truman Jones Jr. led the opening ceremonies that included a 21-gun salute accompanied by bagpipes and a dedication of the POW/MIA flag. The flag was donated by Rolling Thunder, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the troops, veterans, prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Other attractions in the fair included the Al Menah Shriners and their miniature prowler cars, an inflatable slide contributed by MTSU fraternity Beta Theta Pi, a bean bag toss and Tae Kwon Do demonstrations by the Cox Family Peak Performance Martial Arts.

There were also displays of vehicles and equipment used by law enforcement, military, the Fire Department and first responders.

"[The display] is a chance to inform citizens of the expertise and equipment used to respond if



Photo by Brittany Washburn | Contributing Photographer  
Candidate for U.S. Senate Bob Corker, Rutherford County Sheriff Truman Jones, Jr. and country music singer Trace Adkins sing the national anthem during the opening ceremonies at the Sheriff's Department Sept. 11 Fair.

a disaster struck Rutherford County, like a tornado," Harrell said.

Capt. John T. Frost and his band Simply Black and White also performed in front of a large crowd.

"It was one of the largest crowds we've ever seen since the start of the event after the tragedy on Sept. 11," Harrell said.

The event was sponsored by the YMCA, the American Red Cross, the U.S. Army and the Al Menah Shriners.

"There were several individuals and churches that set up displays," Harrell said. "[The Sheriff's Department] appreciates everyone that was involved in the community fair."

## MTSU expanding police bike patrol

By Bryan Magdal

Staff Writer

MTSU's police department is finding innovative ways to keep pace with the school's dynamic growth by relying increasingly on police bike patrols.

As budgetary restraints force schools to balance economic realities with the need to provide better services and protection for the school's population, MTSU Police Chief Buddy Peaster said he views the bike patrols as an effective way to meet these challenges.

"We have to use the resources we have," Peaster said. "The bikes help us do both [protect the population and conserve funds]."

The MTSU Police Department began using bike patrols about four years ago. The program has since expanded to nearly a dozen officers, with more on the way.

"Our plan is to add as many bikes as we can into our stable," said Peaster, who joined the MTSU police force in April 2006.

The officers receive specialized training and testing from other bike-patrol officers before joining, Peaster said.

In addition to the work done by the department to expand the program, Peaster said the bike patrol has received help from outside MTSU, including donations of equipment from Greenvale Homes, a local construction company.

"We've been grateful for people donating bikes. At least two have come from Greenvale Homes," Peaster said.

"We feel honored that they want to spend their money to

help the school. To fully outfit a patrol bike costs between \$500 and \$600 dollars."

Peaster described three main reasons why the bike patrol has been effective in meeting the school's needs.

"The first reason is that it allows officers in and out of areas that a patrol car can't go. The bike gives us the ability to use pathways and other areas where it's not prudent to drive a car."

The second reason bikes are effective is that officers on bikes interact better with the people on campus, Peaster said. It allows for greater accessibility for the officers, as people tend to feel less intimidated by the bike patrols.

"Maybe it's the uniform. Or maybe it's just because the bike is very environmentally friendly. People just seem more comfortable with it," Peaster said.

The third reason for increasing bike patrols is it provides flexibility that the traditional squad car doesn't have.

Peaster said, "We've been able to apprehend persons on foot in areas where a car can't go, and with the bike, we're faster than anyone on foot."

"One thing about the bike," he said, "is that the officers are a little higher and they see more. This is great for checking parking lots."

"With the bikes we can ride up on suspicious persons and they don't know we're there until we're on them. People can hear a car, but they don't hear a bike."

"When a typical day becomes atypical, it's nice to have the extra people to help us out," Peaster said.

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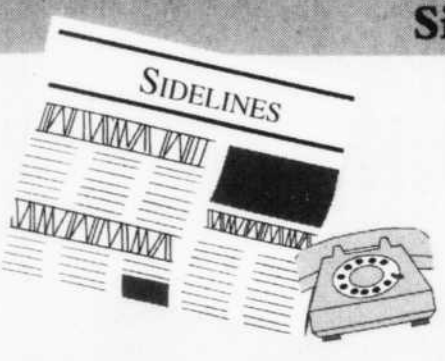
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# Students opine on master plan

By Wesley Murchison  
Campus Admin. Editor

Students had the chance to voice their praise and their gripes about campus this week as part of research regarding changes planned for campus over the next 15 to 20 years.

The consultant firm formulating the campus master plan held two focus groups Monday night in the Keathley University Center. The first group gathered student leaders, and the second gathered students from the general campus population.

Arthur J. Lidsky from Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc. is in the process of doing three studies on the university that will be presented to the administration to make functionality improvements for transportation, buildings renovations, environment and departmental organization.

Lidsky asked the students for their opinions on "the problems that you see [and] the culture of [MTSU]," adding that they utilize the campus in different ways than the administration.

Complaints about parking spaces, questions about dormitory renovations, thoughts on a new student university center, frustration with lack of communication between organizations and comments on department layout all made their way into Monday's discussion.

One of the main grievances among the student leaders' group, which included students from the Student Government Association, Housing and Residential Life, Sports Club, Martial Arts Club and Sidelines, was the issue of traffic congestion and the lack of adequate parking spaces.

Lidsky responded briefly to the problems and made several suggestions that will be considered, including the construction of parking decks in the interior of campus. The first floor of the deck could house a restaurant or a shopping center.

This solution addressed an issue among the attending resident assistants, who voiced the complaint that students who live on campus only have a small window of time before cafeterias and Aramark shops close down on the weekends.

Another problem discussed was a need for a new university center for students. At the moment, an initiative is being

developed by Student Affairs and SGA to place on the ballot in the October elections that would increase student fees to pay for the new center.

The state of Tennessee does not pay the non-academic buildings, so the only way the new center will be built is through a fee increase, said Vice President for Student Affairs Gene Fitch, who did not attend Monday's focus groups.

The new center would provide new space for campus media, including both the radio and television station and Sidelines, as well as Greek Row and SGA, said Spencer Wood, the SGA senator for Mass Communications who attended the meeting. The center would also provide additional high-tech rooms for student organization use.

"We are the largest undergrad in the state of Tennessee, and we need to stay competitive with our programs across the board," Wood said.

Patti Miller, of Campus Planning, explained to the students at the meeting that many improvement projects are already in the works.

As of now, projects that are a part of the tenure track include adding an additional lane on the outskirts of campus that would double as a bus and bicycle lane to reduce traffic. Also, Abernathy and Ezell halls are scheduled to be torn down in 2011, according to John Cothern, senior vice president of the Business and Exchange Office.

One of the main complaints among the RAs and SGA senators attending the meeting was the quality of Jim Cummings and Corlew halls, both of which are already scheduled for renovations.

After hearing everyone's input, Lidsky said that he would be able to include their comments in his study and come back and present before students options that had been agreed upon by administration and faculty.

Many of the students attending the meeting responded well to this idea and thought the meeting was helpful and considerate towards student views.

Billy Colepaugh, head coach of the Martial Arts Club, said he thought the focus group was a success and would be helpful for the future of MTSU.

"[For] down the road, I think this forum was very productive," Copelaugh said. "Because it lets the contractors know, and those who are making the decisions, what is actually needed. So I think it was very productive."

The second focus group was open to general students not representing any particular organization. Most of the students in this group complained about the lack of technology in buildings on the East side of campus, yet they preferred the architecture design of these older buildings, said Adam Leatham, a sophomore entrepreneur major.

Leatham said that above all less the students felt that parking needed the most improvements. But that the focus group was a good step forward for helping later generations.

"We are just trying to make it better for up-and-coming students," Leatham said.

Dober, Lidsky, Craig and Associates, Inc. is a consultant firm subcontracted by Lose Associates, who won the a bidding to start designing a master plan that is a part of the new science building project. The contract with Lose Associates was totaled at \$375,000, Cothern said.

Lidsky said the firm hopes to have something ready to show the administration within three months.

"Some of the studies will be on paper, some on power point presentations," Lidsky said.

The next step for Lidsky is to meet with faculty from the science department to discuss plans for their new building.

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To All MTSU Students and Faculty;

With the game against Tennessee Tech slated for Thursday at 6 p.m., the Middle Tennessee Department of Athletics is anticipating a large crowd with events planned throughout the campus community during the afternoon and into the evening.

The Greenland Drive Parking Lot will be closed to students all day and Blue Raider fans planning on tailgating will be arriving as early as Wednesday. Activities at "The Grove" also will take place Throughout the day Thursday. (Check for all activities on [GoBlueRaiders.com](http://GoBlueRaiders.com)).

Due to anticipation of the event and the large crowd expected, Middle Tennessee Director of Athletics Chris Massaro has released the following announcement regarding the game:

# Thursday Football Traffic Overflow



MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
Thursday Gameday Parking Map

We certainly recognize the University's academic mission and we realize that playing the football game on a weeknight requires give-and-take on everyone's part, including boosters, students, and faculty.

We are grateful for everyone's cooperation and realize this may create stress on the campus infrastructure. However, there are plans in place to help alleviate this concern and we trust it will make for a wonderful experience for everyone if the plan is followed.

Overflow parking is at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Fans attending Thursday's game may ride the Blue Raider Express into the Greenland Drive Lot in order to get into the football stadium.

We realize the inconvenience of closing the Greenland Drive Lot to students all day Thursday. We are asking students to park at the Tennessee Livestock Center that day. While we regret the inconveniences this may cause some of the students, we believe Thursday is going to be a great night for Middle Tennessee because of the exposure generated and the large crowd we anticipate.

On the more positive side we are excited about all of the activities at Walnut Grove beginning at 1 p.m., where students can participate in the tailgating opportunities and other scheduled events.

Thanks in advance for your support in helping make this 2006 season a fantastic experience for everyone. We hope to see you at the game at 6 p.m., and get there early.

Let's Go Blue!!!

Chris Massaro  
Director of Athletics  
Be Loud. Be Proud. Be Blue.

(Check for all activities on [GoBlueRaiders.com](http://GoBlueRaiders.com))



# OPINIONS

## From the Editorial Board

### Categorizing students by their race still a form of racial discrimination

With the settling of the Geier Consent Decree, the state of Tennessee is no longer required to follow its settlements and requirements. Though Governor Phil Bredesen has announced plans to continue to allot the funds required to sustain the program as long as he is governor, his is a term that could end come October. Without the structure of the Geier suit, schools will fall under a U.S. Supreme Court 2003 ruling which decided that race can be an acceptable deciding factor when a university selects students for admission.

It seems that whether or not the state, the governor and the Tennessee Board of Regents chose to keep the Geier Degree's programs or not, students will still be subjected to a form of racial grouping.

Selecting students to hold up, to support or to favor over another based on race is nothing but another form of racism. These sorts of programs and rulings encourage students and faculty to separate and differentiate between and classify themselves by skin color and heritage, as opposed to unifying and connecting under one university's academic standards and goals.

According to the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, U.S. Solicitor General Paul Clement describes in legal briefs that the Bush administration plans to contest the 2003 ruling, claiming that such policies are contrary to the 1954 ruling of *Brown v. Board of Education*, and are "at odds with Brown's ultimate objective of 'achieving a system of determining admission to the public schools on a non-racial basis.'"

Whether students are eagerly accepted to meet quotas and desired goals, or turned away due to the same, they still suffer from a system no longer necessary in most cases.

By declaring that certain people require aid or favorable placement over others due to their race is nothing more than a case of valuing and judging students, not based on the content of their characters, but on the color of their skin.

## Letters to the Editor

### Traugher coverage violates "golden rule"

To the Editor:

I always enjoy reading *Sidelines*, and usually am amazed at the maturity of your writers. However, I don't think I would be a good citizen or responsible person if I didn't protest your hatchet job on Belinda Traugher. ("MT professor faces multiple charges," Sept. 11) Everyone goes through bad times, but not everyone gets his or her nose shoved into it. She was a cute, young professor when you, dear editor, were a toddler. She is a mother who has feelings. Why do everything you can to hurt a person?

One can only wonder if Ms. [Karen] Demonbreun and her family will be spoken of with the same disregard if they ever have personal troubles. The Golden Rule has been violated and that is worse than hitting a few signs!

Heloise Shilstat

Lascassas Pike, Murfreesboro, TN

### Administration misleads, uses scare tactics

To the Editor:

The Bush administration says critics of their policies are suffering from moral or intellectual confusion. I'm not confused at all.

I know President George W. Bush couldn't find Iraq on a map, didn't know a Sunni from a Shiite, didn't know the history and culture of Iraq and failed to listen to or seek advice from those who did.

I know Bush was itching for a fight with Saddam Hussein long before Sept. 11, 2001. I know he misled us all about the reasons for the war, ignored dissenting opinions, prematurely removed the weapons inspectors, exaggerated the threat and created, without evidence and despite his denials, a nonexistent link between Saddam and Sept. 11.

I know, to gain political advantage, Bush deliberately morphs the war in Iraq into the war on terror when they are separate, distinct and unrelated. I know he used extreme and excessive violence to force democracy upon Iraqis who may not care, understand or live to see it and the world has lost faith in our judgment and values because of what he did.

I know Bush uses scare tactics to win elections and he is doing it again. Finally, I know we went to war for the wrong reasons in the wrong country, and it is wrong to stay there sacrificing our troops indefinitely.

Unlike the Bush administration, I'm not confused.

Not morally. Not intellectually. Not at all.

Alan L. Light

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## Corrections:

Geoscience Associate Professor Clay Harris' Honors Lecture "Angry Earth: Waiting for the Big One" ("Honors lectures illuminate facets of natural disasters," Sept. 11) was developed from the book "Our Angry Earth" by Isaac Asimov.

The Martial Arts Club meets from 8:30 p.m. to 11 on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the aerobics room of the Student Recreation Center.

*Sidelines* regrets these errors.

## Homosexuals deserve equal rights, even in marriage

"I, personally, am not a homosexual, but..." and so goes the intro to most defenses for homosexuality. I am straight, but that is hardly relevant to my compassion for homosexuals. To be tormented with the idea of living life as you are and facing hell after death or living life as it is expected and facing hell on earth hardly qualifies as an easy decision for those that are, in fact, born "different." Being gay is not a choice, and to say it is undermines your own ability at decision-making.

My good friend Zach, who only definitively came out recently, wrote:

"I have known there was something different about me as long as I can remember. I feared everyday that someone would find out that I was gay, so I lived my life to conceal who I am. Whatever it was that tipped people off – they figured I was – so, everyday I was tortured at school. I was called a faggot in the halls, pushed into lockers, hit, had pennies flicked at my head and had someone hold me over the railing of the stairway on the second story of my school and threaten to drop me.

"It got to the point where I stood in my empty house holding a handful of pills. Thankfully, I was too afraid of hell to take the pills, so I put them back in the bottle and spent the night crying in bed. I finally came out of hiding when I was 19. It was taken relatively well, except by my grandparents who told me I was going to hell and told me that they were going to go to the doctor to find out how to deal with me when I got AIDS.

"It has taken time, but through the years I have come to the point where I love who I am, and I wouldn't want to change a thing about



Kvetch A Break

Sarah Lavery  
Staff Columnist

myself."

This November, Tennesseans will vote on a constitutional ban on gay marriage. Before you jump to a conclusion because it just seems wrong or it just says so in the Bible, remember that the same gut feeling of general discomfort and the same book were what once prevented Jews from swimming in the community pool, women from voting and blacks from riding in the front of the bus. What years ago was considered "just the way it should be" is now inhumane and unarguably not the way anyone should be treated.

The most common claim is that allowing gay marriage somehow dilutes the institution – because Britney Spears didn't water it down enough already. Call me crazy, but I'm of the opinion that adultery, marrying for money, marrying for a good drunken laugh or treating your spouse badly because you would rather be with someone else all dilute the "institution" more. Even more, not all religions hold homosexuality as sinful, and since America is a country with – hallelujah! – a separation of church and state, religious beliefs hardly hold any credibility in this neverending argument.

Even if one believes a homosexual to be a sinner, state laws provide and high courts have

ruled that sinners, such as murderers, tax-evaders, wife-beaters and adulterers – even if they are still in prison – have the constitutional right to marry.

So, for those of you vehemently opposed to gay marriage, let me ask you where the solution lies. Do we attempt to change a homosexual's programming for the sake of social uniformity – a process which, over the years, has seen a success rate of somewhere between 0 and 0.1 percent? Do we pretend that a "legal union" is to par with or has the same emotional, mental and economical benefits as legal marriage? Or, do we simply deny an entire group their civil equality so those opposed don't have to deal with what goes on in same-sex couple's bedrooms? Believe it or not, you don't have to watch.

Marriage, undoubtedly, holds people together. Imagine a world without it; something tells me that promiscuous sex, dysfunctional relationships and sexually transmitted diseases might become more common. Everyone deserves the chance for the American Dream: the chance to experience dysfunctional relationships protected with the legality of marriage.

Don't ride the fence on this issue. "I love gay people; I have lots of gay friends, but I don't think gay people should be able to get married." I hate to break it to you, but you don't love them and they aren't your friends if you don't think they deserve equality.

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## Does facial hair determine a society's acceptance of authority?

Last Saturday I found myself in a Ruby Tuesday's parking lot with my 10-year-old daughter Meredith. After lunch, I realized that I had locked my keys in the car. After an initial moment of panic, I called the Sheriff's Department, then waited for 45 minutes, gratefully signed a waiver and watched in astonishment as the officer broke into my car with a blood pressure cuff.

My daughter was so relieved to see the officer's car pull into the parking lot she cheered. As he drove closer to us, however, she leaned in and whispered into my ear: "Mommy, why do all policemen have the same mustache?"

Meredith has had remarkably few interactions with law enforcement officials in her 10 years, yet she has already intuited a phenomenon that is rarely discussed outside of comedy routines and sitcoms: the cop-stache.

Far from just a comical physical characteristic, the cop-stache is a uniquely brazen way of displaying authority utilized by many law enforcement officials, presidents and dictators. If we pay attention, it can even teach us about the nature of displaying, using and accepting authority in society.

A brief examination of contemporary world leaders is illuminat-



Speaking Truth to Power

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Contributing Columnist

ing. Examples abound of powerful, despicable and colorful characters sporting manly facial hair. The recently deposed Saddam Hussein of Iraq is a good one, as is the recently deceased Yasser Arafat of the Palestinian Authority. King Abdullah II of Jordan, still breathing and free to govern, enjoys his authoritative mustache, and radical Holocaust denier President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran is frequently seen cursing Israeli politics while brushing crumbs out of his beard.

However, flagrantly clean-shaven anti-American President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela stands out among his colleagues. Cuban dictator Fidel Castro and Brazilian President Lula da Silva might look to him for left-leaning policy ideas, but not for grooming advice: they prefer to wear their authority on their faces. Even peace-loving United Nations officials are not immune to the need to publicly display their authority.

Mild-mannered Secretary

General Kofi Annan and brash UN Ambassador John Bolton may not have much in common, but they both garner respect with their prominent whiskers.

History is full of examples of strong-bearded and mustachioed leaders. World War II was a time in history when a handful of those ambitious leaders simultaneously rose to power in disparate nations and infamy and land were too important to share. Interestingly, a good many of those powerful men preferred the fuzzy look. Significantly, almost all of them were the leaders of Axis powers: Hitler, with perhaps the most infamous mustache in history, Emperor Hirohito, with a trim, almost dainty mustache and Stalin, the man of steel himself, with a jaunty push broom atop his upper lip.

The one exception to the rule? Benito Mussolini, fascist dictator of Italy. Of course, history reminds us that Mussolini was shot, beaten, stabbed, burned, spit upon and strung up in the public square. Perhaps he should have taken a lesson from his hairier and more successful colleagues.

What about the United States? We're the world's last remaining super power, the undisputed military and economic leader.

Terrorists quake at our military strength and the World Trade Organization writes trade regulations to suit the desires of our businesses. What respect! What power! Our president must have the biggest mustache of them all!

No?

U.S. history does not follow the pattern set by other nations. There has been a surprising lack of hairy presidents in our past: only nine out of 43. The first was Abraham Lincoln, one of the strongest presidents, but not more so than George Washington or Franklin Roosevelt, both of whom shaved regularly. The last not too embarrassed to be photographed with facial hair was William Taft, who served from 1909 to 1913. Since then, presidents have presided over two world wars, dropped two nuclear bombs on civilian populations and brought the mighty Soviet Union to its knees – all without the extra authority that facial hair can lend.

Perhaps, like my 10-year-old daughter, Meredith, American voters just recognize the inherent silliness of the cop-stache.

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## Fantasy football gives fans chance to feel like part of the team

In recent years, fantasy football has gradually grown in popularity, found mainly on the Internet, for fans to follow other players aside from following their team.

Fans joining fantasy leagues are finding themselves wanting certain players to score a touchdown, or wanting a certain kicker to make a field goal. Some, confusingly enough, will cheer for an offense to not score a touchdown in the red zone so their kicker can kick a field goal.

It goes to show that it is easy to cheer for players to make you points, but what happens when it comes down to having your players play against your team one week? How would you feel if your player got the winning points for your game off a last minute touchdown to beat your team? It now comes to a point that, for NFL fans, joining a fantasy league is a little distracting from what people envision the NFL should be. Is it the hard work of the athletes and team as a whole, or is it a fan wanting to see a certain player on a team do well, instead of the team as a whole?

One definite positive reward is being a statistics nut, but a more serious reward is that those who follow their league daily keep in



Rocky

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touch with news on their players, such as injuries and whether a player will start or not.

You can't even deny fantasy football has affected the sports industry; there is fantasy baseball, basketball, even hockey. A fan is even able to go online to look up rankings of players for fantasy value.

Fantasy has changed the whole outlook of sports for the NFL. With their fantasy games on live update, a fan can sit down in their living room watching one game, looking at their screen to see how their players are doing on other games and not waiting for that five minute gap for the program to show them.

However, is this popularity good or bad?

It can be weighed both ways, and it doesn't really change the players on the field. The new phase of sports can make fans feel more like a

part of the games, instead of just seeing if their team wins – or, for gamblers, if their team can cover the spread.

The fantasy football phase is here, though for how long is unknown. The NFL has taken things into its own hands, having its own Web site. Feeding off CBS Sportsline, it holds many fans' leagues, while other servers host leagues as well. Since the NFL accepts fantasy football, more and more fans will be joining it over time – kind of reminds me of poker.

Will fantasy football dry out in the future?

It will probably be less popular, but still keep its impact on football in general.

Fantasy football is here to stay.

Sure, the reason a fan may cheer for a team may not be like it was 20 years ago, but this is the constant changing of life. However, this fantasy phase is the next step in national sports. Fans are now able to cheer for their teams, and are able to keep in touch with other teams besides their own and be more in touch with the NFL in whole.

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# FEATURES

## Center preserves home, churches, farms



Among the Center for Historic Preservation's initiatives is a survey to locate and document the buildings that are representative of the time in Tennessee's history before slaves were freed.

Photos courtesy of the Center of Historic Preservation Web site

By Mary Rose Fox  
Staff Writer

At roughly 80 years old, the Black House on East Main Street has hosted men and women charged with looking at global human nature, but someone new has moved in.

The Center for Historic Preservation, an on-campus partner of the history department, promotes the preservation of the historical aspects for Tennessee.

"Our goal is, really, to support university academic programs but also research and public service missions," said Carroll Van West, the center's director.

The center was established as the university's very first center of excellence in 1984. Funding for the center's activities comes directly from the state, he said.

"We receive annual appropriations from Congress," he said, adding that last year the center received \$400,000 to deal with its numerous projects. "[Currently,] our big federal program is the Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area."

The government asked MTSU to oversee the Civil War project, which delves into many aspects of the conflict.

"The way we look at it, the Civil War was a great human event, and you have to look at all the components, not just battlefields," West said, adding that the components the team is researching include issues such as slavery, women on the home front, the occupation of the South and Reconstruction.

"The eastern part of the state was

mostly Unionists, so the state was always divided, it wasn't just a 'Confederate' state," he said of the complexity of Tennessee's involvement in the war.

Part of what makes the project interesting is that, according to West, MTSU is the "only university unit in the country to run a unit of the national park service."

Because projects can be difficult and costly, the center sometimes splits the costs of projects with other organizations. The center does create and manage its own projects of preservation, though.

"This sort of preservation isn't just for pretty homes in big towns," he said. "It's really part of the fabric of our state, and it touches all parts of the state."

Nine years ago, the center was asked to survey rural black churches all across Tennessee. "That was something the state asked us to do when there was a rash of church burnings in Tennessee," West said, explaining that people wanted to know where the churches are and why they are important. "We've surveyed over 500 African-American churches and nominated a whole bunch of them for the National Register of Historic Places."

The center actually nominates properties to be approved by the National Register of Historic Places, which protects listed structures from development. "We will tend to do about 15 to 20 of those a year," West said, adding that in 20 years of work, only two nominations have not gone through.

The center wants to make sure historical places are not misrepresented. There are a lot of "white collar" houses on the register, but the center is looking for more than just rich homes, West said.

"That might not interest us as much as say, a really folk-art type of house out in a rural county. So we do a lot of work in rural counties," he said.

One of these rural projects is the Tennessee Century Farms Program. The center works in conjunction with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to safeguard farms that have been owned in a single family for 100 years or more.

"It's a registry of historic family farms, and we have those in all counties," he said, explaining that the project is a big land conservation effort throughout the state.

Century farm owners want to get a nomination to protect their lands from development so that even the government can't buy the properties for highway or other types of projects, West said.

Determining whether or not to nominate a property involves more than simply viewing the land. When the center begins surveying a property, they spend a lot of time researching, he said. "Typically, we find out so much information it's not even funny," he said.

"To me, that's the fun part of it — learning something new about the state," he said enthusiastically.

West said he believes the center's work is a great asset to these communities because they "are getting a top [rate]

professional service for free."

But conservation of land is not the only issue for property owners who wish to be added on to the national register because, "Some people just want the notoriety [of having a historic home]," West said.

Businesses listed in the national register are eligible for tax credits through a federal program. These tax credits lower the cost of the rehabilitation because the business receives a 20 percent credit on its tax bill. West explains that, through this program, "a \$5 million rehabilitation project [gets] a \$1 million tax credit."

For the research and nomination process, many different skills are necessary. Students from all different departments and disciplines — those involved in photography, geography, English, architecture, anthropology and mass communications — work with staff members, West said.

"Here at the center, we also have students from a bunch of different departments," he said. "We have our own IT staff because we run four national Web sites."

The areas of study the center's students engage in allows the staff to work on larger projects than might otherwise be possible, West said.

"We do a lot of networking and working with other universities, and state agencies and federal agencies," he said, adding that the center's largest project for the fall is surveying the University of Tennessee at Knoxville property.

"Our biggest project of the fall is

working with the University of Tennessee. They've asked us to come in and assess every historic building on the UT campus."

This is one of many projects that prove the competency of the center.

"I think it's good for MTSU to be brought in by UT as an expert. It shows the growth of MTSU," he said.

Also starting up this fall is a project on Pickett's Chapel Church in Lebanon.

"It's the oldest brick building in Lebanon. It was built in the 1820s," West said. He adds that the church wants a restoration plan set up, "so we've got a group of students working with us, and at the end of the semester, we'll hand the church our restoration plan."

The center is heavily involved in restorations and preservation, and this is evident by the location of the center. It is in an old building on East Main Street, which was built around 1925. The center is very dedicated to the history of the state, and is grateful when it gets a little help from other departments on campus, West said.

The center has also published the Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture and made the online edition possible. The center's staff edits the Tennessee Historical Quarterly, the state's professional history journal.

"We did the print version of the Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture and we're also now doing a new update to the online edition."

The online edition can be viewed at [tennesseencyclopedia.net](http://tennesseencyclopedia.net).

## Police chief advises caution, common sense to combat crime



Photo courtesy of News and Public Affairs

By Lisa Rollins

News and Public Affairs

A window of opportunity. That's all those who commit campus crimes need, advises Police Chief Carl "Buddy" Peaster Jr.

As director of Middle Tennessee State University's Department of Public Safety, Peaster is in the know when it comes to crime, including campus-based crimes and what students should be aware of as they embark upon leaving the safety of home and family for life at college.

The most important thing to remember is to lock your doors. "Lock your residence hall room door; lock your apartment door; lock your car doors; lock up your bike," says Peaster, who's been involved with law enforcement and campus safe-

ty for more than 20 years.

In fact, according to one report, young people age 16-24 are three times more likely to be victims of burglary than any other group; plus, college students typically own more expensive consumer goods per person than the rest of the population at large. And criminals know this.

"While people spend a lot of time being concerned over violent attacks, the truth is that more campus crime is about opportunistic thefts than it is about violent crimes," he says. "So the first thing to do when you arrive in your dormitory or apartment is to lock up everything."

Security On Campus Inc., a brochure containing campus safety tips, reports that, statistically, college students are one of the most-likely groups to fall victim to crime — especially mugging, burglary and vehicle-related thefts.

However, if students, both seasoned and incoming freshman, take preventative safety part of their college curriculum and implement some common-sense precautions, they can significantly reduce their chances of becoming a crime statistic, say law enforcement experts.

Offentimes, though, students joining campus life and leaving home for the first time are unaware of the dangers. Further, parents frequently are unsure of how to best protect their children so far from home.

Single-parent Shelly Graham, for example, says when it came time for her two daughters to go away to college, the only thing she knew to do to try and ensure their safety was to arm them with pepper spray and "tell them to scream, even if they felt foolish when confronted by a stranger who they deemed questionable."

"I also told them to never go places alone," she says. "Of course, they didn't listen to me, [but] I found that just repeating safety information whenever possible, and still doing it when they complained, was the best I could do."

For starters, though, students living away from home can help promote their own safety by keeping valuables close at hand, Peaster notes.

"If you went to a restaurant, set your cell phone down, forgot it and walked out of the restaurant without it, and then realized two hours later you had left it, you wouldn't be surprised that it was gone when you went back to the restaurant to retrieve it," he says.

Similarly, when it comes to the campus environment, "You should not leave your book bag, your CDs, your keys, your wallet or purse, or any other thing of value lying around and then expect to come back to find it still there [because] there's no magic aura that permeates campus and keeps people from stealing items left unattended."

Moreover, don't "mistake monetary value for importance," observes the MTSU police chief.

"A graduate student once had his book bag taken and was not as upset about the fact that his wallet had been in the book bag as he was about the fact that a computer floppy disk had been in the book bag," Peaster says. "Why? Because he had a 35-page homework paper on the floppy disk — and he had no back-up of it."

Keeping personal information personal is also vital for safety reasons, warns Peaster, who's well aware of how much students enjoy blogging, online Web sites and e-mail communication.

"Some people," he says, "find that they are comfortable putting personal information on the Internet; others do not. But whatever your choice about personal information such as name, address, phone number, et cetera, remember that sensitive information — including social security numbers, account numbers, passwords and dates of birth — is better left off Internet sites."

"Keep your sensitive information confidential," he says. "Lots of people enjoy writing about themselves online, and plenty of people keep a profile online." However, "it is also vital that people shred letters, offers and other papers and mail that have these personal identifiers on them."

Most people would be amazed at how many would-be criminals turn to the garbage and trash cans to find personal information that they can use, Peaster notes, and the college-campus envi-

ronment is no expectation.

"Alcohol problems and sexual assaults occur to people all the time, too, and the statistics are alarming, troubling and scary," Peaster says, noting that one survey suggests the average age of alcohol intake in the U.S. is 13 years of age, with an average age for first consensual sexual intimacy of 14 years of age.

Coincidence?

"Probably not," Peaster says. "Sexual assaults can vary greatly in shape, form and fashion, but there are some common traits many times. Most sexual assaults for people between the ages of 17 and 24 involve the use of alcohol — usually excessively by at least one or both of the parties — as well as drug use and familiarity, meaning that the victim actually knows the offender."

"While some might believe that most assaults involve offenders that victims do not know, that is not typically the case for most college students," he says. "And the number of women who are assaulted at some point in their life is alarming: one in three. Not to mention the number of men assaulted — an astounding one in six."

Regarding sexual assaults among college students, Peaster says most begin as a consensual encounter and end "in a bad situation."

Most such assaults, he adds, take place in either the victim or the perpetrator's own residence. Thus, "Add to all that the specter of having drugs put in drinks and of having drunk sex, and the possibilities just get worse."

Although there's no fail-proof way to ensure one's personal safety on campus, a key component to helping enhance the odds of not becoming a statistic are relatively basic.

"If you go out to have fun, make plans ahead of time, leave with who you planned to leave with, do not get excessively drunk, and do not invite guests into your bedroom alone unless you are willing to engage in sexual intimacy."

"Trust your gut feelings and instincts," Peaster says, "and if you do become a victim, contact the police as soon as possible."



# SPORTS

## MT men's golf reigns in second place

By Clarence Plank  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee men's golf team finished second yesterday at the Scenic City Invitational in Ooltewah, Tenn.

Blue Raider Rick Cochran finished with a 73 in the final round to clinch second place in the individual standings. The Blue Raiders faced wind and rainy conditions while shooting 308 yesterday for the tournament.

MT finished behind Charlotte, who shot 890 overall, while beating out Mississippi State 901, who finished in third place.

"I'm very happy with the way the team played. A top eight or nine finish against this field would have been very good for us," MT head coach Johnny Moore told MT Media Relations. "We got off to a great start with the 285 [Monday]. That's an outstanding score. We lost a little bit of our intensity the final two rounds and the course got harder and harder, but we saw a lot of positives and we'll take those with us as we play more tournaments this fall."

Cochran had three birdies, four bogeys a double bogey and an eagle. The three bogeys and two birdies came in the front nine. He double bogeyed the par-3 16th hole after hitting his shot into the water, but eagled the par-5 17th with a three-day total of 216.

"I had a couple of three-putts in the middle of my round, at 6 and 7, but I think this is one of the smartest rounds I've played," Cochran told MT



Top row from left to right: Assistant coach Whit Turnbow, Derrick Bright, Craig Smith, Josh Nelms, Jonathan Burns, Bart Barnes, Head Coach Johnny Moore. Bottom row from left to right: Patrick McLennan, Chas Narramore, Spencer Provow, Campbell Brewer, Nick Bailes and Josh Nelms.

Media Relations. "I made a few putts down the stretch to keep that score. The difference is knowing when to go at holes and when not to, learning how valuable a bogey is compared to a double [bogey] and taking [double bogeys] out of play."

It was a rough day for Chas Narramore on the front nine, but he made a comeback on the back nine to shoot an even par 79 in the final round. Narramore had three bogeys in his last round, but birdied on the 11th and 14th holes to finish tied for

second with a total of 224.

Craig Smith hit three bogeys on the back nine and birdied the par-5 2nd hole, but struggled through the rest of his round. Nick Bailes finished tied for 74th in the individually standings as well Kent Bulle, who finished in 9th place in the overall individual standings with 224.

The Blue Raiders travel to Azalea City Golf Course in Mobile, Ala. for the Jaguar Intercollegiate next week Sept 18-19.

### 2006 Scenic City Invitational Final Individual Scores

- 2. Rick Cochran 216
- t7. Chas Narramore 223
- 9. Kent Bulle 224
- t39. Craig Smith 233
- t74. Nick Bailes 243

### Final Team Scores

- 1. Charlotte 890
- 2. MTSU 899
- 3. Miss. State 901
- 4. UAB 908
- 5. Memphis 910
- 6. Ole Miss 912
- 7. Chattanooga 914
- 8. UT-Arlington 921
- t9. So. East LA 931
- t9. LA Tech 931
- 11. Rice 937
- 12. Mercer 940
- 13. Virginia 942
- 14. Furman 944
- 15. So. Miss 946
- 16. So. Alabama 947
- 17. Francis Marion 948

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## MT Blue Raiders Men's Golf Schedule

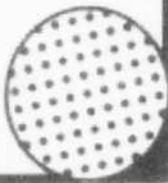


Sept. 18-19  
Jaguar Intercollegiate at Azalea City Golf Club  
Mobile, Ala.

Oct. 9-10  
Crown Colony Classic at Crown Colony Country Club  
Lufkin, Tex.

Oct. 22-24  
Mason Rudolph Invitational at Vanderbilt Legends Club  
Franklin, Tenn.

Oct. 30-31  
Sam H. Hall Invitational at Canebrake Country Club  
Hattiesburg, Miss.



## Cross-country finishes in fifth place at UTC

Courtesy of MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee's juniors Marjorie Gombert and Tony Carufe were the top finishers for the Blue Raiders at Friday's UTC Opener in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Gombert, posted an 18th-place finish on the two-mile Moccasin Bend Course, finishing in a time of 12:41. Senior Sara Lunning was just 11 seconds behind in 26th position, while freshman Sangau Zamzam placed 31st in 13:17 and sophomore Tiffany Sawyer finished 32nd in 13:32.

Sophomores Ashleigh Thaler and Catherine Chester posted times of 13:51 and 14:17, respectively, for 34th and 37th place as the women finished fifth in the team standings.

On the men's side, Carufe was the top finisher for MT for the second straight week, placing 36th on the 5K course with a time of 17:03. Freshman Phillip Benevides was 39th in 17:20, with junior Matt Young 43rd in 17:49 and sophomore Ryan Hood 45th in 18:09.

Sophomore Luke Pfeleger placed 46th in 18:44, and freshman Chris Travis was 47th in 18:50.

### UTC Opener

MEN - 5K (7th)  
36. Tony Carufe, 17:03  
39. Phillip Benevides, 17:20  
43. Matt Young, 17:49  
45. Ryan Hood, 18:09  
46. Luke Pfeleger, 18:44  
47. Chris Travis, 18:50

WOMEN - 2 miles (5th)  
18. Marjorie Gombert, 12:41  
26. Sara Lunning, 12:52  
31. Sangau Zamzam, 13:17  
32. Tiffany Sawyer, 13:32  
34. Ashleigh Thaler, 13:51  
37. Catherine Chester, 14:17

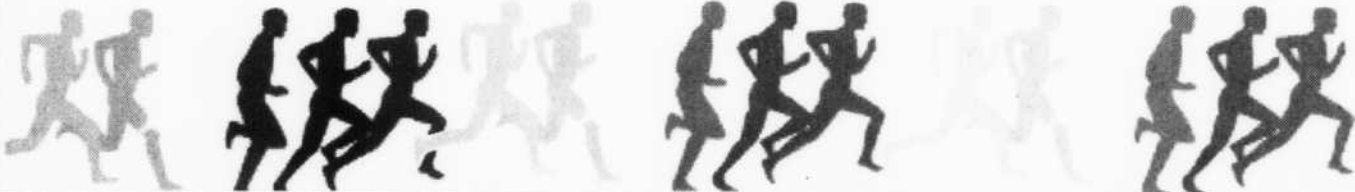
"Marjorie ran very well and Zamzam is getting better every week," assistant coach Keith Vroman said. "The women ran very well overall."

"Carufe was 30 seconds faster at this race than he was last year, so that's a good sign. Our guys just have to keep working to improve their times with each race."

Middle Tennessee next runs Saturday in the WKU Old Timers Classic in Bowling Green, Ky., at the Kereikes Park course.

## Middle Tennessee Cross-country schedules

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|----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept. 16 | WKU Old Timers Classic          | Bowling Green, Ky. |
| Sept. 30 | Greater Louisville Invitational | Louisville, Ky.    |
| Oct. 14  | UTC Invitational                | Chattanooga, Tenn. |
| Oct. 28  | Sun Belt Championships          | Little Rock, Ark.  |



### MT Blue Raider Women's Golf Schedule

- Sept. 18-19  
Napa River Grill Cardinal Cup  
Louisville, KY
- Sept. 25-26  
Unlimited Potential Myrtle Beach Classic  
Myrtle Beach, SC
- Oct. 16-17  
GSU Pelican Preserve Invitational  
Fort Myers, FL
- Oct. 30-31  
Ross Resorts invitational  
Southern Pines, NC



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