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Campus Briefs

Director steps down, begins teaching full time

Professor Albert DePrince Jr. has stepped down as the director of the Business and Economic Research Center at MTSU after three years of serving in the role. He has no plans to leave campus, however, as he has begun teaching economics and finance classes full time.

His replacement is David Penn, formerly of the University of Oklahoma.

The BERC is a resource for both students and mid-state businesses. It maintains several online databases and also educates by hosting presentations and printing publications for the public at large. The publications include *Midstate Economic Indicators* and *Global Commerce*, which come out quarterly, and *Tennessee's Business*, a magazine published three times a year.

Major achievements of DePrince while in office include the enlarging of the databases and the addition of Kathleen Vinlove, an economist and editor of *Midstate Economic Indicators*, to the MTSU faculty.

Dance company offers students an outlet

"Blue Moves," a modern dance company based in Murfreesboro, will be holding its annual auditions Sunday in the Murphy Center.

The dance club, which is mostly composed of MTSU students and alumni, rehearses every Sunday evening. Positions in the club are not paid; the goal of the club is to provide a local and professional-level outlet for choreographers and dancers.

The tryouts will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. in the dance studio of Murphy Center. To join the company, one must audition.

For more information, please contact Amanda Cantrell Roche at 865-0408 or roche@edge.net

New round of classes begin videoconferencing

MTSU's Satellite Videoconferencing Center began broadcasting its series of lectures yesterday to schools in nine nearby counties.

The interactive programs are targeted to children in grades K-12. Two will be shown each week, one for students and one for teachers.

During lectures, which may be watched via televisions or computers, participants can phone in with questions as well as contact the host by desktop videoconferencing systems that have been installed in some participating systems.

Schools that are participating can be found in Bedford, Cannon, Coffee, Franklin, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore and Rutherford counties in Tennessee and Huntsville, Ala.

Children's programs will broadcast on Tuesdays. Teacher presentations will air on Thursdays. ♦

Founders' Day honors origins of MTSU

By Melanie Blair
Contributor

MTSU celebrates its 91st birthday today by dedicating a historical marker in honor of Tom Harrison and Joe Black, the original land donors for the school.

After last year's 90th birthday celebration that included the Homecoming theme "Cheers to the Last 90 Years," the school hopes that today's ceremony will make this year's Founders' Day just as noteworthy.

"Ninety-one is not a real milestone birthday, but we still wanted to do something special this year," said Susan Barnes of Student Personnel Services.

The descendants of Harrison and Black have been invited to attend the ceremony this morning at 9 a.m. in the Alumni Center where the historical marker will be dedicated. Pamela Riddle will say a few

words on behalf of the Harrison family and Bubba Woodfin will speak for the Black family.

Harrison and Black donated the original 80 acres of land for the school in 1909. The families of both men are excited to see these men honored this year.

"Tom Harrison was a business man who thought a lot of education. He was interested in having a college in Murfreesboro so he gave the land," said Pamela Riddle, the granddaughter of Harrison. "I'm tickled to death the university is doing this. I only wish my mother could be here to see it."

"[Harrison] probably would have thanked the school [for the dedication], but he was a quiet man who wouldn't have liked a lot of recognition," Riddle said. "He would have been very excited to see how much the school has grown."

No direct descendants of Joe Black, the other original land

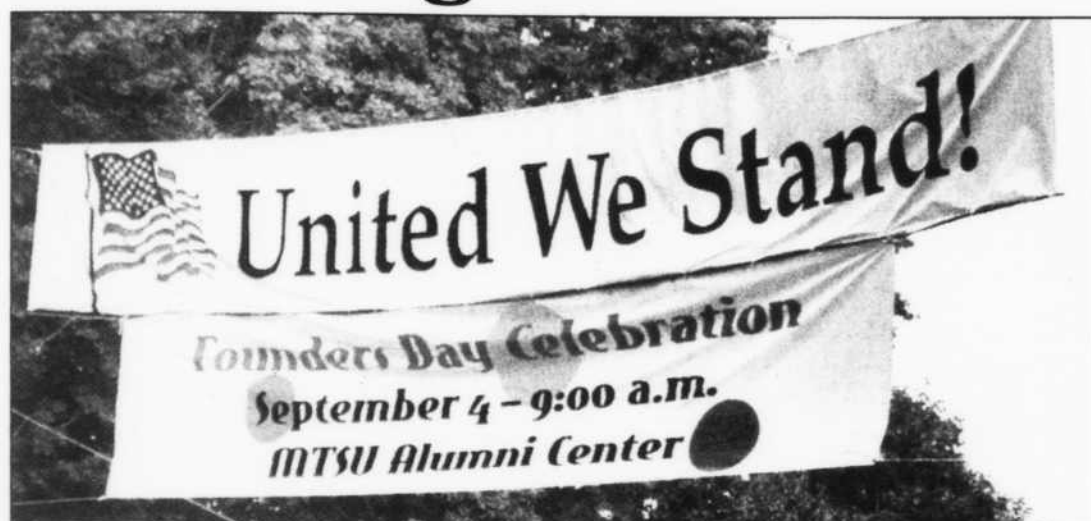


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Banners fly high on East Main Street to promote the Founders' Day celebration today.

donor, have been found in time for Founders' Day. However, several of his great-grand-nephews and nieces will attend the dedication.

Although she has no recollection of Black, Love Woodfin Beasley, Black's great-grand

grandniece, said she thinks it's wonderful the university is honoring her family.

"I remember as a child hearing a conversation about him donating the land when my grandmother was contemplating leaving her home to the uni-

versity," Beasley said. However, her family is not aware of how Black actually came to donate the land.

"The only reason why I know Joe Black even existed is because

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Desk helps answer questions

Information center offers students lost and found

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

It took almost 18 years of discussion, but an information desk has been constructed in the Keathley University Center.

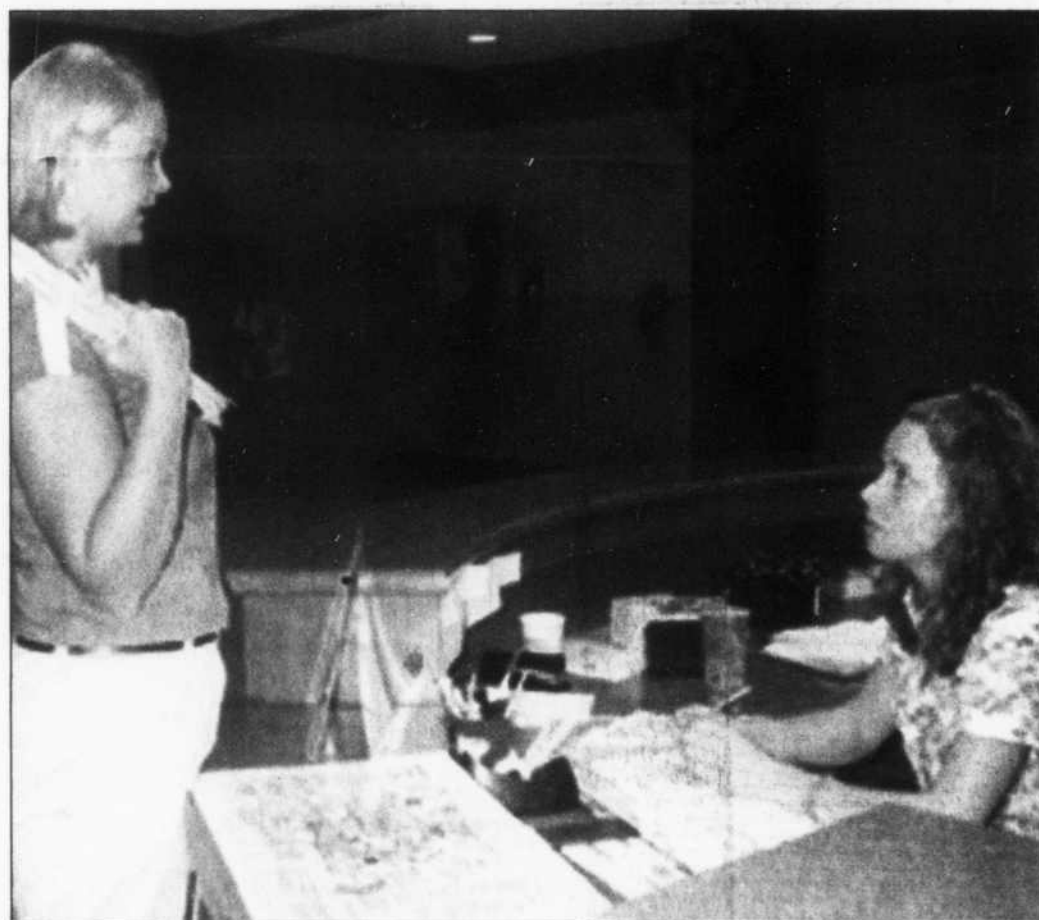
Renovations were completed on the second floor in July, giving the building reference point for students or passers-by with questions.

Students now have a central and easily accessible spot to seek information.

The desk offers information on lost and found items, students' phone numbers and addresses, professor and department numbers, campus maps and more.

Also, if individuals or organizations want to use a KUC classroom or set up a table outside the cafeteria, they must first get permission from this desk.

Jan Garrett, the KUC facility coordinator, gives permission for table set-ups. Her office is directly behind the



Photos by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Junior Leah Wilson helps senior Tiffany Green at the new KUC information desk.

information desk. She has been a member of the MTSU staff for more than three years and can remember when the information office was on the KUC's third floor.

"It's been a good move," Garrett said.

Although the operations of the information center haven't changed, its front-and-center location has made informa-

tion better available to students.

The desk opened immediately after construction was

See Info desk, 2

Christian sorority finds home at MTSU

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

Founded by women who wanted to join a sorority but feared the "party girl" reputation, MTSU's first Christian sorority makes its debut Sept. 7.

And the local innovation could fill an even bigger void. The student organizers aim for Alpha Theta Omega to become the first national sorority to have a Christian orientation.

"We wanted a sorority experience but didn't want to take a chance on compromising our values," said founder and president Alisha Vaughn, a junior mass communication major. "I'm not saying all sororities are that way. We just didn't want to take a chance."

Vaughn and her triplet sister Aileen Vaughn, a junior criminal justice major, said they thought other women might feel the same. When they shared their concerns with friends, a vision soon emerged.

"We began to write down the things we wanted in a sorority," Alisha said.

In time, the women

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History club welcomes student input

Group hopes to improve department

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

Dinner and a movie, overnight trips and free coffee during final exams.

These are just a few of the activities that MTSU's History Club participated in last semester.

Events included local and state trips to historical sites such as the "Memphis" Egyptian exhibit, which took place at the Pyramid; hosting campus speakers like author Howard Jones, whose work inspired

Steven Spielberg's movie *Amistad*, and a Halloween costume party.

They plan to do it all again, only better.

The History Club was started to build a sense of community among History majors by allowing them to enjoy events outside the classroom. It also has provided students with greater input in department decisions and a united source that allowed their thoughts to be heard across campus.

For example, they have expressed the desire for future history department listings to be available early to aid in scheduling. They have also requested that the library change its policies about operation hours and the number of books a student can check out

at one time.

Senior Jaime Woodcock is the current president of the history club. Her role as president is mainly coordinating events and handling club business. She will be graduating in December, so the club will be looking for a new president next semester. Martha Foster and Amy Staples are the two faculty advisers helping to head the club.

"This is very much a student-oriented club," Staples said. "I play the role of advisor and facilitator. The main brake on our activities is how much time and how willing students are to participate in the planning. Professor Foster and I primarily facilitate the activities the students want to do." Adviser activities involve driving the university vans, filling

"This is very much a student-oriented club."

— Amy Staples,
history professor

out facility use forms and other official jobs.

The typical history club student is female. On average, about 75 percent of those students who participate in activities are female, while history majors as a whole are 75 percent male.

Most are history majors or minors and are upper-classmen, though the group is working to change that.

Although being a history major might make it more

enjoyable, a student does not need to be a history major, or even a minor, to join the club. They just have to be interested in history, having fun and eating some free food.

Staples, who helps organize many of the club meetings, said the group has a great time and that she hopes this semester the club will have at least one meeting monthly, sometimes off campus at a place such as the local Mexican restaurant La Siesta.

She also says she would like the club to take an out-of-state trip in coming months, if the students are willing to coordinate the trip.

For more information, e-mail Staples at Astaples@mtsu.edu or contact Foster at 898-2642. ♦

Info desk: New desk helps students

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completed.

Graduate student Makiko Uemura has worked at the desk since its opening.

She said she was busy during the summer.

"Parents came and also freshmen," Uemura said about students attending Customs. They wanted to know all they could about MTSU.

The desk was also busy the first week of fall semester, with students trying to figure out where they were supposed to be.

"At first," Garrett remembered, "students didn't know where their classes were, where their buildings were."

Lost and found is a facility often used at the information desk. If a student has misplaced an item, he or she can check the information desk for the item. If the desk doesn't have the missing item, the student can fill out a form in case it turns up.

The desk provides unlimited information.

From handing out student health packages to answering questions about KUC Theater movies, those staffing the desk should be able to answer a wide variety of questions.

If they can't answer a question, they'll lead you in the right

direction to someone who can.

During KUC renovations, the information desk was not the only new facility constructed for students.

The new brightly lit lobby is an improvement from the previous one. Here, students can hook up their laptop computers.

Also, a television is available for students as they're taking a break between classes.

Dwight's Mini-Mart has also opened up next to the information desk.

Previously, the store was located on the third floor.

"I always called in the inconvenient store," said Dwight Johnson, owner of the mini-mart, who said the store was too difficult for students to find when it was on the third floor.

Because of the move, he says business has almost doubled. The store is currently open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Johnson said he hopes to start opening on Saturdays, too.

"Many students pass by and say 'Wow, that's nice,'" Uemura said about the newly modernized location. "I haven't heard any negative comments."

The desk is located across from the KUC Grill. The number to reach it is 898-2782. ♦

Sorority: Sisters look for diverse members

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developed a purpose statement that reads in part, "Alpha Theta Omega shall be a sorority of distinct women who are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"It is a ministry for women who share the desire to grow in excellence, spiritually, mentally and socially."

The next step is finding more members.

"We're looking for women who are really excited about their faith in Jesus Christ," Alisha said.

As with other sororities, members of Alpha Theta Omega will share a sister-like bond and be committed to community service.

The sorority plans to participate in a mentoring program at a local church and plan to hold fund-raisers.

One way Alpha Theta Omega breaks tradition with most Greek organizations for women is their call for diversity.

"What excites me most

about this sorority is the diversity we hope to bring in," said charter member Carmen Chandler, a senior general science major. "We want Caucasian women, African American women, Hispanic women, Asian women."

"We're even open to diversity in our ages. In fact, our treasurer is a non-traditional student in her 30s."

Alpha Theta Omega also breaks tradition regarding their rush and initiation period.

"We are looking for distinct women, but there won't be an oath or anything like that," said Alisha.

"Our mission is not to keep anything secret," said charter member Shalynda Parker, a senior in nursing. "We just want to reach out to our campus and community that being a Christian is something to be proud of."

"We want to be an example, to show God's love through us," she said.

"A sorority promotes sisterhood and loyalty," Chandler

said Chandler said. "It's a life-long thing. There's more commitment than just being in a Bible study."

With assistance from an older mentor and the sorority's adviser, Alpha Theta Omega has filed the necessary paperwork and received official approval from the office of Student Affairs.

They now join the more than 175 registered organizations on campus, several of which are designed to meet the spiritual needs of students.

Long-term goals for MTSU's Alpha Theta Omega include setting up a national headquarters and branching out to other campuses.

"We have big plans," Alisha said, "but not right now. Those are definitely dreams for the future."

Women interested in attending the orientation Saturday, Sept. 7, at 2 p.m. can call Alisha Vaughn at 893-1012 for more information. ♦

Sleep Well, Do Well

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Founder: Descendants attend in memory of founders

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he was listed in a family history my grandmother made," Beasley said.

The only direct descendant of Black is his daughter, Beasley said, but she has not been found. Black was also the youngest of 13 children, all of which are now deceased.

Beasley plans to attend the ceremony today.

"MTSU is very close to me since I literally grew up on the campus," Beasley said. Her grandmother's house on Main

Street was donated to the university in the 1960s.

"My mother and I went to Campus School there in the early and mid-1900s," she said. "At that time, it was just a single classroom in the top of the Old Main building."

The college, originally named the Middle Tennessee State Normal School, was dedicated Sept. 11, 1911 after the Tennessee Board of Education bought an additional 20 acres for the campus.

The school began with 125 students and 19 faculty mem-

bers. MTSU now educates more than 21,000 students with more than 700 faculty members.

Founders' Day has been moved to today, a week earlier than the Sept. 11 date, this year.

"We didn't think it would be appropriate to have a big party on Sept. 11 due to last year's events in New York," Barnes said.

Students are encouraged to attend today's ceremony at the Alumni Center. The historical marker, which has been in place at the campus's main entrance for several months, will be

moved to the center for the dedication.

The Albert Gore Sr. Research Center will also have a historic display at the event. A free breakfast reception will follow the ceremony.

The June Anderson Women's Center will also hold its 25th anniversary luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. as part of the Founders' Day activities in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

The featured speaker will be state Senator Thelma Harper. ♦

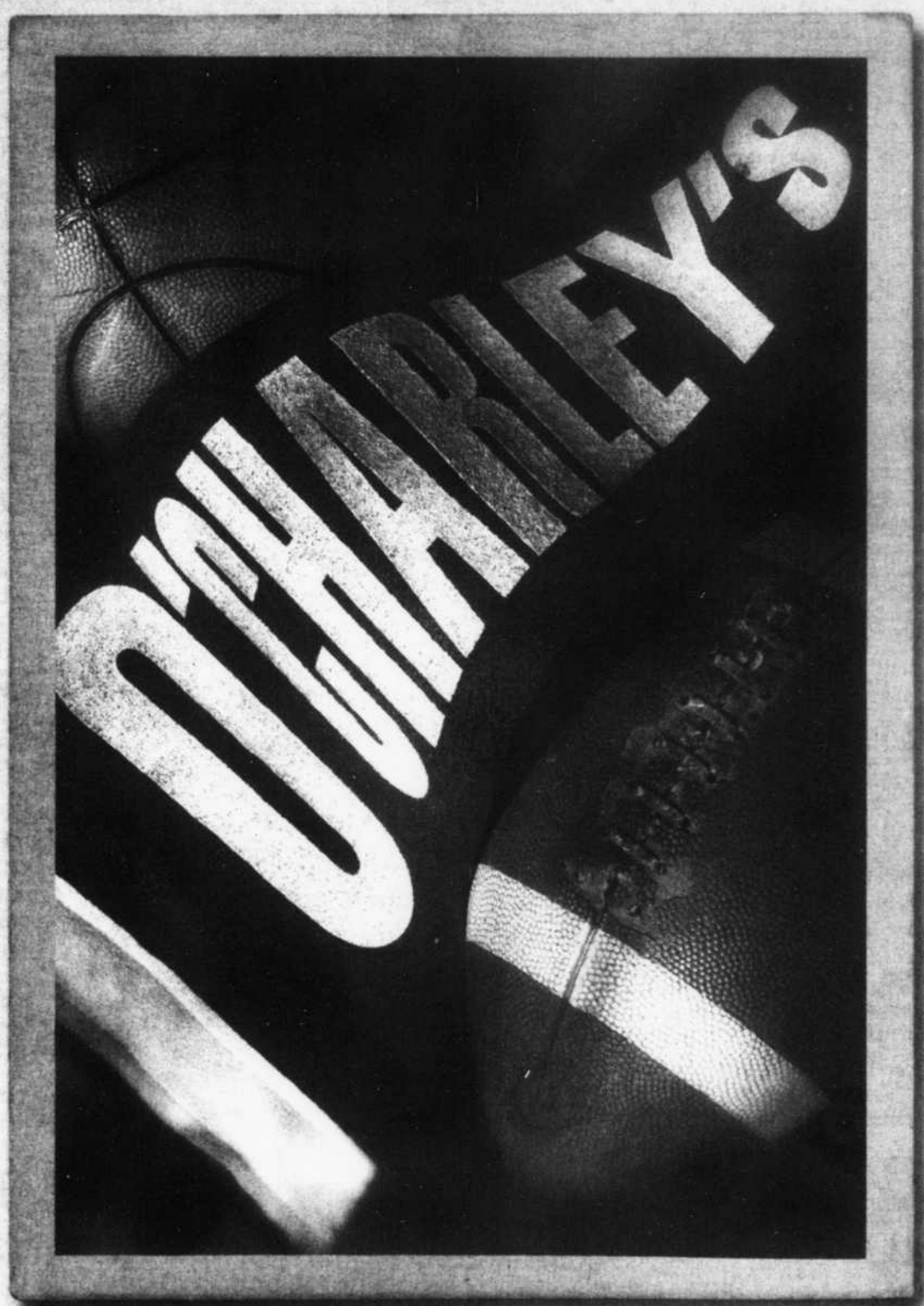
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board Founders: 'This isn't what we expected at all'

As MTSU celebrates its 91st birthday, the *Sidelines* staff couldn't help but wonder what the original intents and mission of the people who founded the Middle Tennessee Normal School in 1911 were – and how they would have felt about where we've ended up.

For instance, did the founders even know what a pegasus was, much less one dressed up in blue with lightning shooting out of various orifices? OK, so maybe it isn't fair to pick on poor Lightning. After all, the founders would likely agree that the winged equine tops the terribly derivative Ol' Blue tick hound or a horse-mounted man who looks suspiciously like the founder of the Ku Klux Klan.

There is little doubt, however, that they would've hated the Baha Men and wondered how they managed to get the school's nickname wrong. There's certainly no mistaking MTSU for Duke University or White House High School.

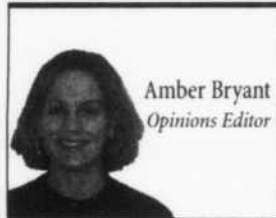
The Blue Devils? May the Baha Men rot in one-hit wonder hell.

To their credit, the original mission of the university (to teach teachers to teach and, in turn, promote academia) has not been entirely compromised. Two years ago, the Genocide Awareness Project brought giant pictures of aborted fetuses and lots of screaming, posturing and education the old fashioned way – good friendly dissent.

There is also Gerd Ludemann, the speaker who brought his theory that Jesus' body rotted in the tomb if it was not devoured first by beasts. MTSU should be commended braving the Bible Belt and giving Ludemann – a theology professor trained at one of the world's most prominent divinity schools – a chance to bring his message to campus.

Whether our story is one of triumph or tragedy is one to be determined by the smart-ass college journalists of the future; however, it certainly can't be said that there isn't a lot of life learning going on. The founders would have to at least appreciate, if not embrace, it. ♦

From the Opinions Editor Airline pilots should be allowed to carry weapons



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

After a year of superfluously collecting nail clippers and tweezers from unsuspecting airport patrons, the U.S. Senate is finally expected to pass laws allowing pilots to carry firearms when flying.

This decision should've come to pass months ago.

A decade or so ago, pilots routinely carried guns on board to resist terrorists. They were prohibited after someone decided talking to hijackers was a much better plan. Now that we're all fully aware of the gross mistake that was, the Transportation Security Administration should readopt laws arming trained pilots in case of an emergency.

The moment a passenger steps into a plane,

his or her life is ultimately in the hands of the pilots. We trust them not to barrel-roll us straight into the next life, but members of the Bush Administration have been opposed to giving them the means to protect us. Hesitation is based on the idea that heightened security and passenger-profiling can eliminate the need for armed pilots. However, mistakes are often made and potential wackos fall through the cracks. Once a plane is in the air, profiling is useless.

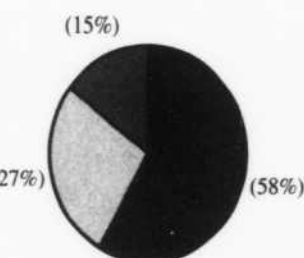
It's disturbing to think that firearms are handed out to rookie security guards like candy, but pilots are expected to fight hijackers using hand-to-hand combat, all while controlling a 875,000-pound aircraft.

There isn't a better way to boost safety than to arm pilots. They have the training and ability to keep passengers safer than the most extensive bag check ever could. ♦

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "Do you think MT will defeat the University of Alabama this weekend?"

- Yes, we've got a worthy team.
- No, we don't have the skills or the fan support.
- I don't know – it's a close call.



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Do you think MTSU has achieved what the founders intended?"

Popular music based on profit, image



John Miller
Staff Columnist

As I sat on my couch burning CDs and watching the MTV Video Music Awards Thursday, I couldn't help but think that MTV, just like the radio, is a medium that is based on profit and appearance rather than musical talent.

With all of the thousands of musical artists in this world, why is it that we always seem to see the same few over and over again?

I can remember back when you could actually see people with real talent on MTV; those were the days before *Total Request Live* and the onslaught of

prefab boy bands and teeny bopper, out-of-the-bottle blondes.

Today, we're lucky if we're able to see one talented artist for every five or more videos played.

Up until recently, if you were tired of the same old mundane music selection on MTV, there was MTV 2 for your viewing pleasure. Sadly, this, too, is ever changing into a mixture of hip-hop, Blink-182, Sum 41 and other such artists.

A few months ago there was MTV Rock, where one could see a large diversity of all kinds of rock 'n' roll videos. This, however, was drowned out and changed to MTV Jams. Not that I am against hip-hop – I like to listen to some Outkast and Snoop and Dre from time to time – but when that becomes all you are exposed to on MTV, it becomes cliché.

All the videos and songs start to look and sound the same. MTV is not totally to blame for the recent decline in musical talent. At least half of it, if not the majority, belongs to the record companies themselves.

The five major record labels have almost evolved into one giant monopolist corporation driven only by money.

Artists no longer rise to the top – they are made like a cake. The music business is one that requires the artists to sell their souls to get a foot in the door. The record labels write contracts that, in any other business, would have the companies sued and imprisoned for fraud and deceit.

This is why we all too often see artists sell millions and millions of CDs, and after everything is said

and done, they are penniless. Case in point: TLC who, after selling around 10 million albums, had to declare bankruptcy.

Another way the record companies manipulate artists and fans is by controlling what artists are released. By being able to manage what goes into the market, they are able to control who gets a top ten single and who will soon be unemployed. Making things worse yet is the fact that many a radio station is now owned by Clear Channel Communications.

This is why you can go to almost any major city and almost everything sounds the same. Do you ever wonder why you hear the same artist 20 times a day on the same radio station? It's because many of the top 10 singles are bought and paid for before

the CD ever reaches stores. If you are sick of the same old thing and looking for a change, live music is a good place to start.

There are dozens of venues in the Nashville area to view everything from huge acts to the ones who might just be the next big thing. You may discover something you would have never heard on the radio. There is also the *Local Buzz* on 102.9 WBUZ-FM every Sunday night from 10 p.m. to midnight, or one of my personal favorites, the Internet.

With all of the music out there, don't be content with hearing the same eight songs every day; find something new. ♦

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Caring teachers, parents key to their childrens' education



Kasimu L. Harris
Staff Columnist

Every other Wednesday, for the remainder of the semester, my column is scheduled to appear in *Sidelines*. I felt it would be only proper that I formally introduced myself.

Perhaps, if one understands who I am and where I'm coming from, maybe it will aid in understanding my various views.

It's interesting that I have decided to write for *Sidelines* this year – until recently, I never considered myself much of a writer. Like many other people, I had a disdain for writing and would only do it when necessary.

Early on in my academic career, English wasn't enjoyable and my grades suffered.

I know it wasn't a lack of aptitude or intellect. In fact, in the third grade, I was reading on a collegiate level. It was the technical aspects of English that troubled me; therefore, I had a tutor in English until high school.

My parents and teachers at the Catholic school I attended cared enough to help me.

However, as child I couldn't understand this – I thought they were being mean.

My parents would review my homework at the end of the night. My mother, Eartha Harris, would take a red pen and correct my paper, forcing me to revise it until it was correct.

My father, LeRoy Harris, would drill math problems into my head. He also had a working relationship with my teachers, who all knew him by name.

The principal of my middle school, Sister Mave, required me to report to her office each morning prior to class, to improve my penmanship (it's still illegible, but she tried). Those lessons early in life enabled me to improve my writing skills, and now I enjoy it.

Fortunately, I was blessed with parents and teachers who cared – most school children aren't. It's by design that most children are in a system designed to fail, especially in New Orleans, La., where I was raised.

The Orleans Parish School Board is the culprit, along with others who profit from the demise

of a system that educates approximately 80,000 students.

Children are in classes that don't have books for every student, so they can't take books home. Some schools don't have a central cooling system, so in summer months schools are forced to dismiss students early due to the immense heat.

The *Times Picayune* reported in 1997 that the district had lost \$3.4 million in property, including 10 air conditioners, three pianos, computer equipment, automotive equipment and 450 band instruments.

In addition, a federal jury in 2000 found that the Orleans Parish School Board had deliberately overcharged the U.S. Department of Education by \$7.6 million dollars in insurance costs over 11 years.

On Jan. 24, 2001 WDSU New Channel 6 in New Orleans reported the teachers picketing at a school board meeting. For more than a year, a computer glitch has been shortchanging paychecks, deleting accrued sick leave or deducting incorrect amounts.

The teachers indicated that it would be only the beginning if the problem wasn't alleviated.

Consequently, it's extremely hard to excel in environments such as those previously described. Knowledge is truly power, and is essential in every field of human endeavor.

Being poorly educated – or not educated – is being a powerless army of people who are weaponless. Acts such as stealing from the school board are essentially stealing from the students, only making the rich richer and the poor poorer. Many students are not well prepared for the increased work load of college, or even a college placement test. As college students, we often take a plethora of things for granted, including a quality education. Not long ago, college wasn't for many people; everyone didn't have the opportunity.

Some people weren't allowed to attend because they were forced to become the head of the household. In some cultures, being educated was a crime, and people died in pursuit of education for themselves and others.

Yet we, with all of our modern technology and amenities, take this opportunity for granted. ♦

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Avoiding DUIs, accidents

Unless Ya Gon' Do It



Chris Jones
Staff Columnist

Here we go again.

The weekend approaches and your friends are so determined to lure you to a party.

You know, time to roll out the kegs and pass the Courvoisier – "unless ya gon' do it."

They're pretty much just trying to see you make a fool of yourself. Well, that's usually how it is – with me at least. The only issue is that, if I know that I'm going to get wasted (my favorite phrase – get warm), please believe I already have a designated driver in mind. Usually, these are my peeps who I know don't drink, because everybody is not driving my ride.

But for those of you who drink and still insist on driving yourself, let me paint a scenario for you. You're driving down Womack Lane, sloppy as hell, trying to stay composed. Next thing you know, sirens sound and it's the MT super trooper flash-light cops coming to brighten your day with a heavy citation.

From there, things get a little bit ugly. Your name appears in *Sidelines'* crime log, everyone is pointing you out on campus and laughing.

Which brings to mind country singer Marty Stuart. He had a run-in with police in Hendersonville, Tenn., after some people allegedly saw him drive from a store, sloppy drunk.

Get this. The police found

him and pulled him over, but only because Stuart was riding too close to the yellow line, which is like most things ego-tripping cops say – full of crap.

After he was pulled over and asked to step out of the car, immediately the cop recognized that Stuart was stinking drunk and began to make him perform the normal test for intoxicated drivers. You know, the usual touch your nose and walk-in-a-straight-line deal that everyone does after parties to prove to their friends that aren't drunk when they know they are.

Stuart was tripping over his feet and falling over. In the long run, because the cop didn't have a valid reason to pull him over, he wasn't convicted in court.

All I can say to that is, "unless ya gon' do it."

So, if you're like Stuart, one who is determined to drive despite all the warning signs, let me give you some survival tips I picked up off the Internet for when you get pulled over.

Don't answer any questions other than your name and address and don't agree to perform a roadside test.

But show requested documents like license and registration. And do consent to a breath or blood test, if asked.

By the way, keep in mind that DUI fines in Tennessee can add up to more than \$4,000.

The number of alcohol-related car crashes has slowly declined in the past few years – so don't contribute, because I'm sure everyone can't afford lawyers like Stuart can. ♦

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Letter to the Editor MT support, team attitude impressive

To the Editor:

I just finished watching the game with Alabama and was very impressed with not only the play and attitude of the football team, but also the MTSU fan support.

I, along with many others, counted MTSU out when they converted to a division I-A school. We were all pleasantly surprised. I am a senior at the University of Tennessee, and have seen a lot of great football and what I saw today was a team at its greatest.

Take away a bad call or two and we would be celebrating a victory. Good luck Blue Raiders, but as always, go Vols!

Jeremy England

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Being fashionable on a shoestring

While big-name designers might cost a bit, knowing where to look and what to look for can save cash

By Keosha Thomas
Staff Writer

By this time of the year, all of us have spent our hard-earned money on tuition and books. It's time now for us to treat ourselves with a key necessity to our lifestyles — fashion. As a cash-strapped college student, it can be difficult at times to keep up with the Joneses at your local Dillard's, Kohl's or Goody's department stores. Here is a solution that enables students to save money and at the same time have quality, name-brand clothing.

There's no reason to be afraid to let the secret out, so here it is: shop at area thrift stores or consignment shops.

Not only can a person save money, but he or she will not have to worry about seeing an unwanted duplicate copy of themselves around campus. The stores also offer a great opportunity for students to express their personalities and creativity through various trends of clothing and accessories.

The inside tip on where students should go to get this great attire shown is Betty White's B&J Thrift Shop located at 4507 Charlotte Ave. in Nashville, Tenn. The store has quality name-brand clothing at unbeatable prices.

"I recently bought the store from the original owner and I am looking forward to serving my customers to the best of my ability," said Betty White, the owner.

"I have been a native Nashvillian and I have a lot of history here. I want people to come and visit my store, and see the nice bargains I offer for everybody."

The store is now offering an unbelievable 70-percent-off sale. Just to give you an idea of what they have, here are some of the brands that can be found while browsing through the store: Pelle-Pelle, K-Swiss, Aignnes, Nike, Gap, Lerner New York and Express. Seeing a new Pelle-Pelle hat for \$5 when normally it would cost you about \$30 is quite shocking.

Anyone who loves any of these brands would be wise to go check it out. Displayed on this page and page 5 are some of the outfits put together by the models and myself. The outfits will give you the direction for fashion in these last days of summer and upcoming fall.

Darcy Lack, a fashion purchasing major featured on page 5, is wearing the trendy fall look with her red-and-black striped blouse (\$1), gray skirt with the split (\$1.50), black belt (\$1), and snakeskin black pumps (\$3).

"The store had a lot of brands that I really did not expect to see," Lack said. "It was hard looking for things, but I found it to be a good thrift store with cheap prices."

With this outfit, she can be casual but dressy at the same time. This is a great look for those who want to be fashionable with a spin of a semi-casual look.

Tanya Nunnally, a journalism major featured to the left, gives us the comfortable college summer fit with the purple Izod collar shirt (\$2), Dockers khaki cargo pants (\$1.50), and K-Swiss white sneakers (\$2).

"I like the '80s, so I found the store to have a lot of things I liked and would consider wearing," Nunnally said. This is a great outfit because it offers you style and comfort at the same time.

Matt Jarratt, a non-student, is sporting the comfort look as well with a collared shirt (\$4), and new khaki pants (\$10).

"It is a great place to find different styles for whatever your preference may be," Jarratt said.

Hopefully, this article will help the student to take the time to visit a thrift store or consignment shop. Anyone interested in learning more about various styles or shopping at a thrift or consignment shop may contact White at (615) 463-2858. ♦

Photo illustrations by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Tanya Nunnally (left) and Matt Jarratt (right) sport fashions found at Betty White's B&J Thrift Shop in Nashville. Jarratt is wearing a collar shirt (\$4) and khaki pants (\$10). Nunnally is wearing an Izod collar shirt (\$2), Dockers khaki cargo pants (\$1.50) and a pair of K-Swiss sneakers (\$2).

Shopping district helps out community, pocketbooks with good deals on clothes



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor
The Southern Thrift store, one of the older stores in the Richland Park area in Nashville, sells secondhand furniture and clothing that the common student might find both affordable and aesthetically pleasing.

By Kristin Hooper
Photo Editor

Just a few blocks down from the hustle and bustle of downtown Nashville exists a peaceful shopping district known to its vendors and shoppers alike as the Richland Park Shopping District.

Here, a number of charity organization-based shops cater to the needs of single parents, poverty-level individuals and curious college students looking for styles of the past.

Each store has its own special charm. There are even a couple antique stores on the block. A park with swings and a branch library are just across the street from the stores.

In the distance looms an old

school building now serving as an adult education center where high school dropouts can study to get their GED and a better life.

In this budding district are some truly special places to shop.

Not only can shoppers give to the cause of their choice; they can shop for clothes, furniture and crazy knickknacks from any decade imaginable.

First on the list is B&J Thrift Shop, located on the corner of 46th, next to a flower shop.

The layout of the store is random; you never know what you can find among the piles, stacks and racks of clothes, books, furniture and

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Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor
Suitcases line the ceilings of the New Life Thrift Store in Nashville's Richland Park Area. Shops such as these help support local charities while offering students bargains on items from clothing to accessories.

Social stigma doesn't always mean trouble for relationships

Dear Annie,

Since moving to Tennessee, I haven't been able to find just the "right" guy to match my outgoing personality. Now, I have. He's great. He is sweet, funny, caring, fun and very attractive. I haven't enjoyed hanging out with anyone this much in a long time. I was sure we were perfect.

But then I found out he was, shall we say, a few years younger than me. He'll be 18 in May and I'm 22. I've now gone into panic mode.

Is this OK? Should it stop? You hear often of girls dating guys older than them, but not too many cases the other way around. What should I do? — Cradle Robber

Dear Cradle Robber,

I think it's great that you've finally met someone you can have fun with. It seems like everything is working out, except for the fact that he's younger. This is really not a reason to panic.

I've always thought that age was just a state of mind. I know 25-year-old guys who act like they're 17. As you both get older the age thing really won't be that big of an issue. And you're right — you do hear of guys dating younger girls more often.

I have to mention the legal problems this could present, however. Surely I don't have to continue with the actions that you cannot do. I will assume that you haven't already crossed any legal boundaries.

To answer your question if dating a younger guy is okay, it's not really my place to say. What really matters is if you are comfortable dating a younger guy. I don't see any reason why you can't be friends and have lots of fun with this guy. If you want to pursue a serious relationship with him, you have until his birthday in May to make your decision.

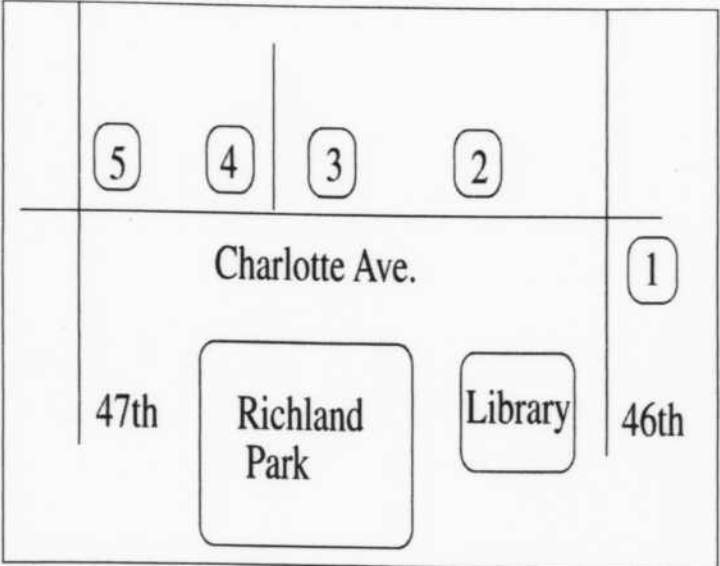
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Stores in the Richland Park Area

1. Betty White's B&J Thrift Store
2. New Life Thrift Store
3. The Crystal Dragon
4. Sylvan Park Antiques
5. Southern Thrift Store



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electronics.

The clerk inside is grandma-sweet. She'll help you find anything from an orange fondue pot to crocodile pumps. It is definitely a scavenger hunt.

Just half a block down and across the street, the New Life Thrift store is a little more organized. Second only to Christie's NY, it is possibly the best source of little Jackie O. numbers and kitschy '60s furniture.

On one side of the store, a rainbow of suitcases lines a shelf placed just under the ceiling. On the other, every board game imaginable.

Underneath an inconspic-

uous countertop is a large collection of records. You can dig through them for hours and no one will bother you.

New Life mainly "provides a huge array of low-cost goods to the community at large, particularly west Nashville," said Karen Brukhardt, president of the Nashville chapter of Right to Life and a volunteer in the store.

"We have a unique situation as a business, because there is only one full-time employee; everyone else is a volunteer," she said.

Centered by everything, the Crystal Dragon provides some comic relief with its "cool stuff, weird things" sign out front and a huge metal sculpture of Gene Simmons just inside.

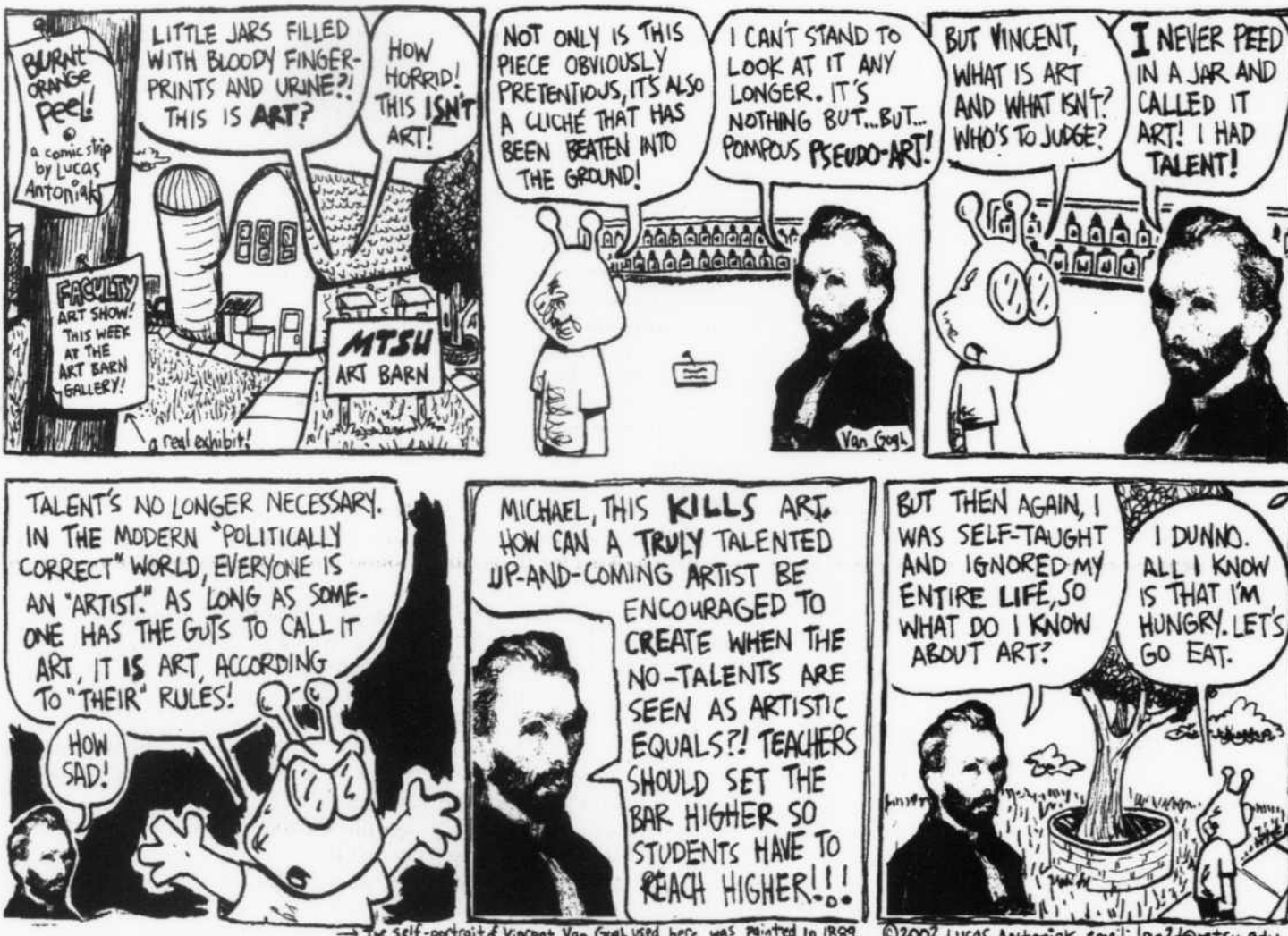
Here you can find furniture, record players, old marquees and just about anything you'd never need.

A block away is the distinct hodgepodge of the Southern Thrift Store. Believe it or not, you can get T-shirts there for mere pocket change. Besides finding shirts in the less-than-a-dollar range, shoppers can also discover a relatively unharmed selection of furniture.

Old man's pants? They have more than you could try on in a day and plaid shirts to match. It's a little more run down than its neighbors, but there is a wonderful neon sign outside that could have come only from another time entirely. ♦



Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor
Darcy Lack is shown modeling fashions from Betty White's B&J Thrift Store, one of several stores in the Richland Park area, a Nashville shopping district.



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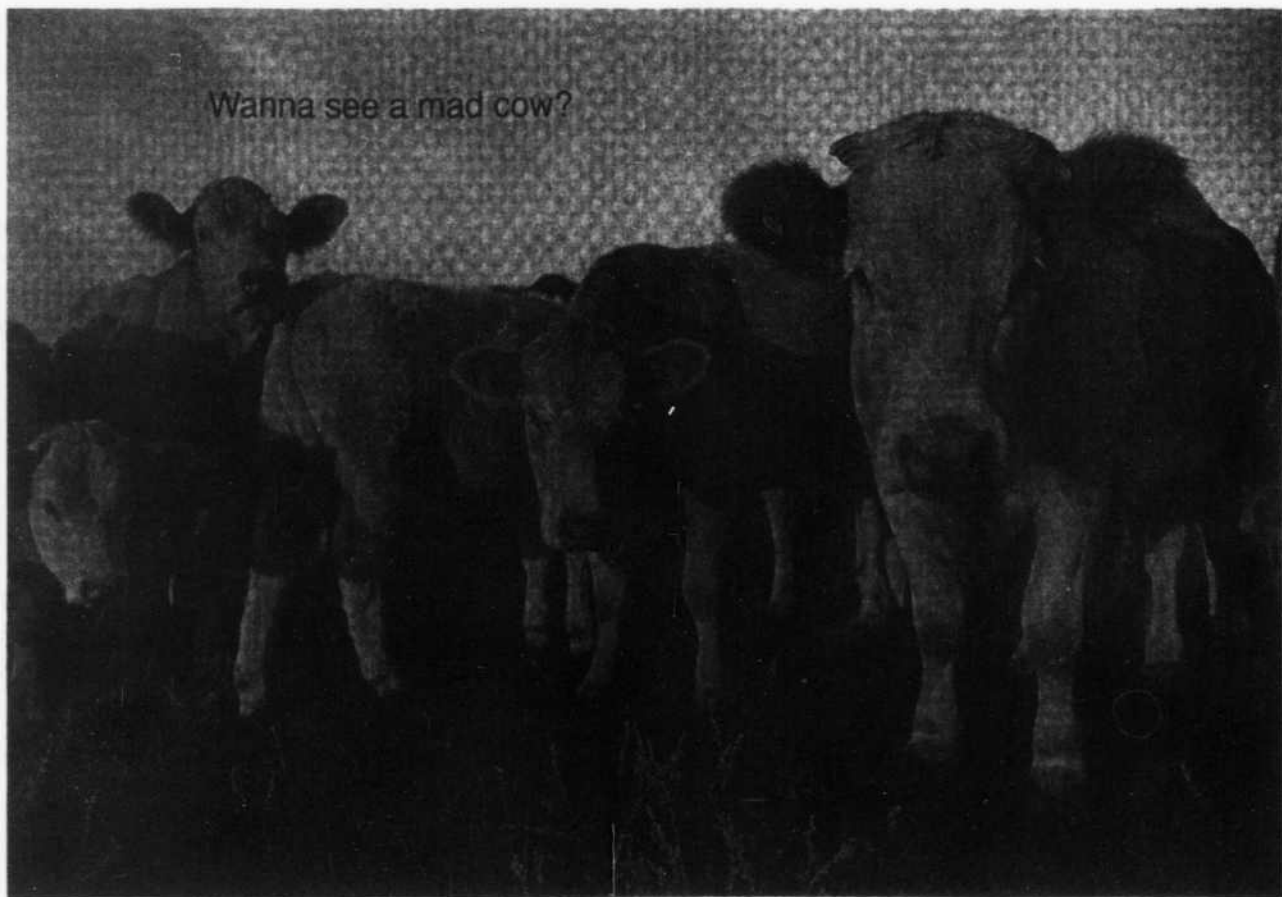
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Andy McCollum (above) gets out the field to protest a questionable holding call against MT No. 58, Demetri Carter, who was not in attendance at the game. MT's Muhammed Rashada (below) takes on the Alabama offense. Andrico Hines (below right) was in his first MT match Saturday.



MT faces heartbreak against Crimson Tide

By Kasimu L. Harris
 Staff Writer

With 80,091 in attendance, the University of Alabama's Crimson Tide defeated the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders 39-34 Saturday at Legion Field in Birmingham, Ala.

The offense started off slow and was forced to punt on its first three possessions of the game.

"We didn't get into the rhythm offensively," said MT head coach Andy McCollum.

The Alabama drive began on their 25-yard line. After several short plays, Alabama's quarterback Tyler Watts' pass to receiver Dre Fulgham was complete for 33 yards. Antonio Beard capped the 10 play drive with a 4-yard run with 9:01 remaining in the first quarter.

MT's defense held strong for several plays and forced Alabama to punt. MT's Kerry Wright handled the punt and returned it 6 yards to their 18-yard line.

But MT's defense was penalized for roughing the kicker, giving Alabama a first down. Two plays later Watts completed a 35-yard touchdown pass to Collins with 5:04 left in the first quarter. After a fumbled snap, Alabama's kicker, Lane Bearden, still managed to complete a pass to Fulgham. The two-point conversion put Alabama up 15-0 late in the first quarter.

On MT's next drive the high powered offense continued to struggle and MT's Dwone Hicks rushed two times for negative 3 yards.

"It really wasn't too much frustration," Hicks said. "I knew my time was coming. All the other players were trying to get involved in the game and we got them involved early. Then they came back to me and I just tried to give it all I had."

MT was forced to punt again. Alabama's drive began at its own 30-yard line with 3:15 remaining in the first quarter and after several big plays, Alabama scored again with a 15-yard pass from

Watts to David Cavan. After the extra point, Alabama was up by 22 with 23 seconds left in the first quarter.

"We jumped out on them early and really thought we were going to be able to close the deal there, but I tell you what, they kept fighting. They kept coming back," Watts said.

In the second quarter, MT's high-flying offense began to take flight. With a mix of short runs and intermediate passes, MT marched the ball up the field. Alabama's defense aided the MT cause with three penalties, including roughing the kicker, giving MT's offense a first down at the Alabama 39-yard line.

Lee rushed over Alabama's left tackle for a 22-yard gain, leaving MT at the Alabama 12-yard line. MT capitalized on the opportunity with a 3-yard run from Hicks. Lee converted the two-point conversion with a run. The drive was 18 plays and spanned 80 yards, with 7:02 left on the clock.

"We don't get down," said MT free safety Will Martin. "[We] take [it], put it behind our backs and go on to the next play. We were trying to run around and move too fast. After we calmed down, it all came back to us, what we have been doing in practice."

"The first half we came out a little shallow," said MT free safety Michael Woods. "We did a little adjusting on defense, and that is what helped us the last three quarters."

After the punt, a 20-yard run by Hicks and 18 yards gained on a reverse by Kerry Wright put MT in scoring position. After several plays, Brian Kelly's field goal attempt from 30 yards out sailed through the uprights as the half expired. The final score at halftime was MT 11, Alabama 22.

"When we came here we felt like we could play with them," said wide receiver Tyrone Calico. "When we went out there [to the field] everybody wrote Xs on their hands. Execute, execute every

play. Don't worry about the big play, get first downs."

The secondary had solid play throughout and held Alabama's offense to five plays and 15 yards, forcing a punt. MT's offense did just what they had promised themselves: Execute. In nine plays, MT gained 43 yards and kicked a 35-yard field goal with 8:04 on the clock. MT pulled within eight points. The score was now Alabama 22, MT 14.

MT's defense stopped Alabama's third down conversion. However, they could not force a turnover on downs. On fourth-and-one, Alabama's Ahmad Galloway rushed over the right end breaking several tackles for a 32-yard touchdown. The score was now Alabama 29, MT 14, with 3:51 left in the third quarter.

On the drive, MT's offense continued to march up and down the field. Hines' shovel pass to Hicks gained 23 yards, plus a 15-yard personal foul against Alabama put MT in the red zone again and ended the third quarter.

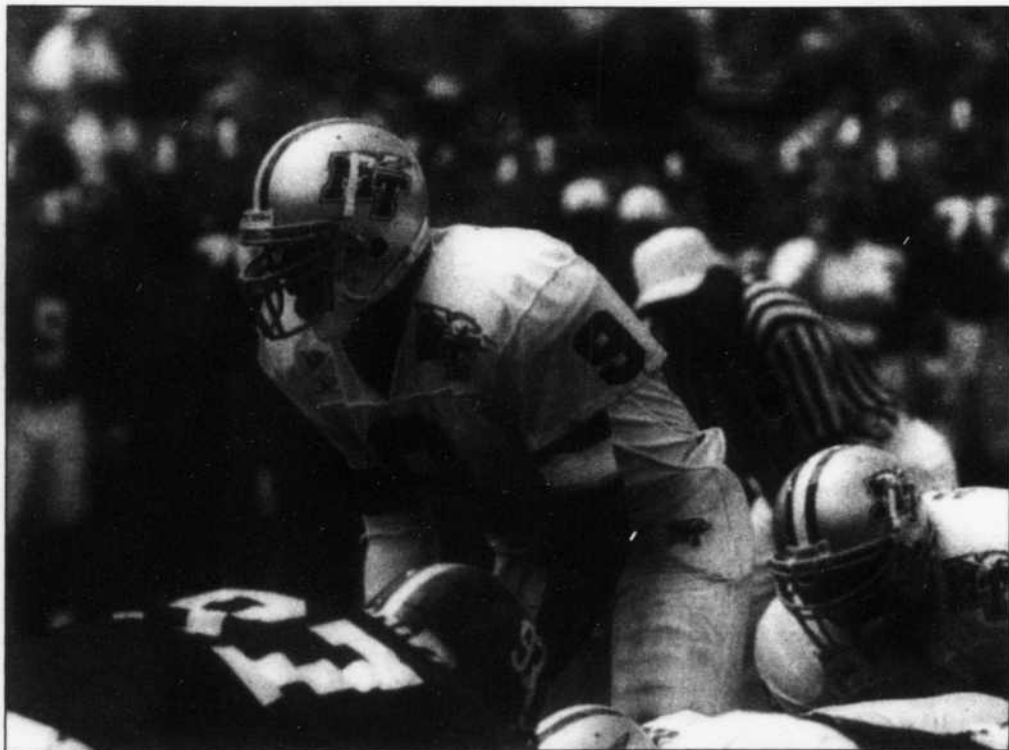
"It's just that we got a chance to wear them down," Hicks said. "And once we started to wear them down, we started to get rolling. And once we got rolling we started to score some points."

At the start of the fourth quarter, Lee, lined behind the center and on the quarterback draw gained 9 yards. On the next play, Lee, still at quarterback, handed off to Don Calloway for a 4-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion by Hines failed, with 14:16 left in the fourth quarter: Alabama 29, MT 20.

Despite being called for pass interference on third down, MT's defense was able to overcome the penalty and force Alabama to punt.

MT offense responded with a 46-yard pass to Calico from quarterback Andrico Hines. After several plays, MT converted a crucial third down conversion with a 12-yard pass from Hines to wide receiver Chris Henry. After

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Middle Tennessee's fraternities support football team

By David Sterle and
 Dennis Sterle
 Contributors

Andy McCollum, head coach of the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders football team, recorded the first post-game show after the MT vs. the University of Alabama game from the barn at the Kappa Sigma house Sunday night.

The show was the first ever to take place in a fraternity house on campus. McCollum quickly acknowledged that the people of MT are starting to support the MT program.

"The excitement is starting to grow," McCollum said.

The excitement was evident in the number of people who showed up for the taping of the show. It was difficult to find a seat in the bottom of the Kappa Sigma barn so some fans resorted to watching the taping from a loft area.

The show was hosted by Chip Walters, the marketing director for athletics at MT. Walters referred to the MT fans as the "Blue Crazies" during the show.

During the show, McCollum went over some of the game's highlights.

MT, who appeared to be on the verge of getting blown out of Legion Field, had, by half-

time, drawn to within two scores. McCollum said the team and the coaching staff were extremely motivated by the great support for the Blue Raiders from the cheering fans in the stands.

Some of those fans attending were MT's Kappa Sigma and Chi Omega chapters. The Greeks chartered a bus last weekend to cheer on MT.

The bus departed Greek Row at 7 a.m. Saturday. Though it was early for 50 college kids, the atmosphere was far from somber.

As the bus rolled down the interstate, the 50 students sang the MT fight song. Every time

the song ended, a student would scream, "One more time," so the song was sung most of the way to Birmingham, Ala.

The students arrived at the stadium just as the game started. This left no time for tailgating, but most of that had already taken place on the bus.

"We should charter a bus to every away game as a way of tailgating," said Kappa Sigma member Bryce Phillips.

"The game this weekend was better than last year's Vandy game," said Kappa Sigma member Marcus Cowen. "It really felt as though everyone there in blue was in support of the team, not just there to see an SEC

football team play."

As the bus rolled back to Murfreesboro, there was already talk of this week's game, which McCollum also discussed at the press conference.

"It has been a long awaited game for people in Middle Tennessee," McCollum said of the upcoming game against the University of Tennessee.

McCollum said it was great that people came out and supported MT at Alabama. About 4,000 MT fans attended the game.

McCollum said he wanted to see what MT could do next week at UT with the 8,000-10,000 MT fans who have

already purchased their tickets to the game.

This marks the first-ever meeting of the two teams.

"One defeat can't bring down the excitement for the rest of the season," said Kappa Sigma member Chris Deaton. "The season really begins when conference play starts, and this wasn't even a conference game."

The Andy McCollum Show is scheduled to be taped at a fraternity house each Sunday following Saturday's game. His show will be rotated among the fraternities and each location will be announced prior to the actual taping. ♦

Blue Raiders take blows on first matches

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The Middle Tennessee women's soccer team kicked off its 2002 season under new head coach, Aston Rhoden, this weekend with back-to-back losses on the road to Southwest Missouri State University and Eastern Illinois University.

On the road trip to Springfield, Mo., the Bears' Christel Poague scored the only goal in minute 70 of the game on an assist from Mary Litvan. MT goalkeeper, junior Emily Shrum, collected 11 saves in the match — a career high.

MT committed 16 fouls

against the Bears, while the Bears only had eight against

MT. The aggressive play of the Blue Raiders did not affect their shooting rate, however. The Bears had 22 shots on goal compared to the Blue Raiders' 15.

Junior Emily Carter led the Blue Raiders in shots with six, and junior Christina Mascaro came in second with four.

"We didn't play bad for our first game, but we probably

should have won," Rhoden said. "We played hard but things didn't

"We didn't play bad for our first game, but we probably should have won."

—Aston Rhoden
MT volleyball head coach

The second game took the Blue Raiders to EIU on Sunday where they had their second loss.

In this match, the lone goal in

minute 30 by Rebecca Traen on an assist from Kim Garkie. The ball went under Shrum and into the net. Shrum had five saves in the first half, but was replaced in the second half by freshman Danielle Perreault.

MT had many chances to score in the game, but was incapable of finishing. One such opportunity was when sophomore Danielle LaDuke nailed a shot off the post that ricocheted back out. Another chance in the second half was when the Blue Raiders actually netted a goal but were called offside.

"We played much better today than Friday," Rhoden said about the Sunday match. "We

did a much better job of controlling the ball and the match, but unfortunately weren't able to come out with a victory."

Carter had a team-high five shots in the match and sophomore Laura Miguez had three more for the Blue Raiders. Again, the Blue Raiders trailed their opponents in shots with EIU leading 16-13.

This is the first 0-2 start for MT since the 1998 season, where they opened with losses to Belmont University and EIU.

"We played much better Sunday than we did Friday, and we have to build on that as a team and get better," Rhoden said. "We missed some opportu-

nities at Eastern Illinois, and if we can begin converting those chances into scores, the wins will come."

Tuesday the Blue Raiders end their three-game road trip with a 7 p.m. game at Lipscomb University.

Last season MT defeated Lipscomb 9-0 at home. The win broke school records for points, goals and assists.

This is the longest road trip ever for the Blue Raiders to start a season.

The first home game will be Sept. 6 against the University of Southern Mississippi at the Blue Raider Soccer Field at 4 p.m. ♦

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several plays and a fumble recovered by Lee, MT scored on a 1-yard run by Lee. Kelly's extra point was good and with 9:04 remaining in the fourth quarter the score was Alabama 29, MT 27.

Alabama's offense began to march up the field with several plays for positive yards. On third down-and-11, MT was flagged for defensive holding which made them third-and-two.

"I think it was a tremendous turning point in the game," McCollum said. "It is the first time I've heard of my nose tackle holding. If we get a turnover right there, we're in great field position and our offense is lathered up and we're moving the ball pretty well."

Controversy about the call also arose when the officials gave the penalty to MT player No. 58, Demetri Carter, who was not present at the game.

Alabama converted the third

down on a pass to Theo Sander for 15 yards. After an Alabama field goal Bama's lead was at five points, with 3:18 remaining on the clock, the score was Alabama 32, MT 27.

Lee returned the kickoff from Bearden for 37 yards. With the ball on the MT 37-yard line and 2:56 on the clock, aside from the Blue Raider fans, the stadium was quiet.

Hines handled the snap, and dropped back into the pocket. With the pocket collapsing, Hines' pass, intended for an MT receiver, was intercepted as Alabama's linebacker Freddie Roach broke on the ball and returned 41 yards for a touchdown.

"It was a great play on his behalf and that's a great ball club," Hines said. "I can't take anything from them."

Alabama's Michael Ziffle's extra point brought the score to Alabama 39, MT 27, with 2:56 on the clock. The Alabama fans finally came back to life.

"The game is not over and

we're capable of scoring at any time with the weapons that we possess," Hines said. "They just told me to keep my head up."

Lee returned Alabama's kick-off 58 yards to the Alabama 42-yard line. With just less than three minutes remaining in the game, Hines took the snap and swung the ball out to Lee, who, on a halfback pass, connected with Wardell Alsop for a 37-yard gain to the Alabama 5-yard line. Hicks rushed over the right guard for a 5-yard touchdown and the extra point attempt was good: Alabama 39, MT 34.

MT then attempted an onside kick. The ball hit an Alabama defender, but MT was unable to recover it. Alabama's drive began on the 50-yard line with 2:21 on the clock. After several short runs, Alabama faced third down-and-four. Beard rushed over the right guard gaining 4 yards according to the official's spot of the ball. After measuring, it was enough for a first down. MT, without any timeouts left, was unable to

stop the clock, and Watts took a knee twice, running out the clock and ending the game.

"We felt they couldn't stop us and we were in a pretty good position in the fourth quarter but the interception was [the] play for them and my hats off to the linebacker," Hines said.

"We did a good job on Hicks," said Alabama head coach Dennis Franchione. "I think we held him to 42 yards, and I think those backs are good running backs. They would play well in this conference. We tip our hats to Middle the way they kept fighting. They stayed after it, but we admire ourselves for hanging in."

MT plays again Saturday against UT.

Kickoff is at 6 p.m. in Knoxville, Tenn. ♦

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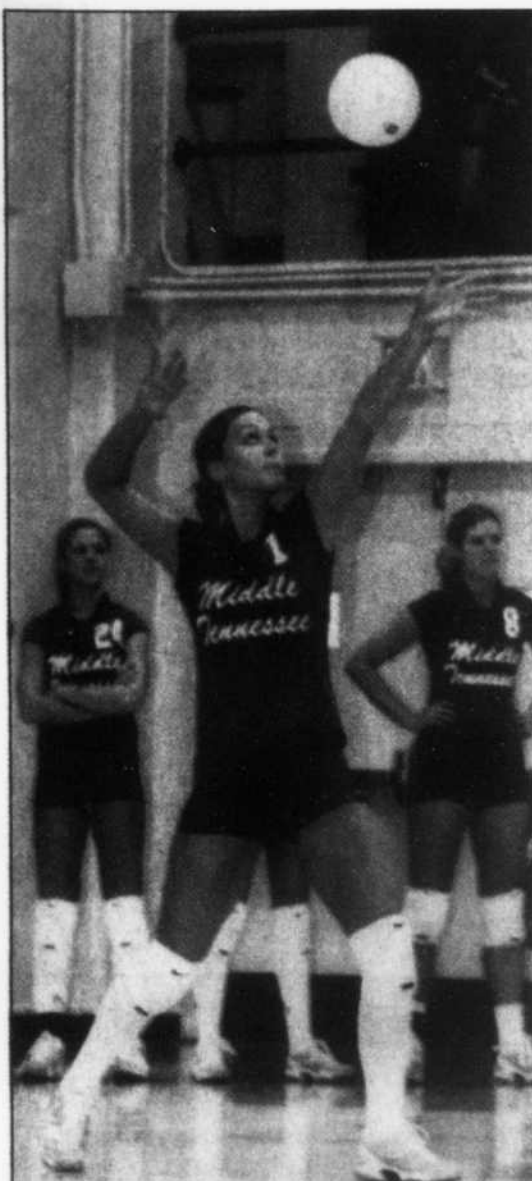


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Erin Hillstrom reaches back for a serve while her fellow teammates look on.

Lady Raider volleyball team takes second at weekend tournament

By Amy Jones
Staff Writer

After the first weekend of regular season play, the Middle Tennessee volleyball team finished the Lady Raider Tournament Saturday with a 2-2 record and a second place finish overall behind first place Purdue University.

Head coach Lisa Kisee and the Lady Raiders began the tournament Friday with a 3-1 home-opener win over Western Carolina University in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

"We are really excited about playing in Alumni," Kisee said. "It is a great atmosphere and can be a loud venue when filled with fans."

In years past the Lady Raiders called the Murphy Center home.

Sophomore standout KeKe Deckard recorded a double-double against the WCU Cats, which included 21 kills and 19 digs. Erin Hillstrom noted 20 digs, while Katie Thiesen took second in kills with 11. Senior Kelly Quinn had 42 assists against WCU.

In game two of the evening, MT took on Purdue in a 2-3 loss to end day one. The Lady Raiders went up early on the Boilermakers, 2-0, but Purdue fought hard and came back to win three straight games and the match.

Thiesen led the Lady Raiders in the game against Purdue with 14 kills. Hillstrom and Baker both had 12 kills in the match.

After a 1-1 record for day one, the Lady

Raiders came back for day two and were set to take on the University of Evansville and Chicago State University.

MT began Saturday with a loss to UE, 3-1. The Lady Raiders lost the first two games but won the third, 30-22. The Purple Aces came back to win the fourth game, 30-22, and took the match.

Jennifer Hignite led the game for the Lady Raiders in kills with 11 and had three block assists. Thiesen was No. 2 in the game with 10 kills.

In the final game of the night and the tournament, MT took a 3-1 win over CSU. Hillstrom recorded a double-double with 14 kills and 15 digs. Dara McLean and Hignite each registered nine kills against the Cougars.

After the tournament Hignite was named to the All-tournament team for her performance in the tourney. Purdue's Joanna Lowry was awarded the the Lady Raider Tournament MVP.

Purdue finished the tournament in first place with a 4-0 record with MT in second, UE third, WCU fourth and CSU fifth.

"The first few tournaments you are usually experimenting with line-ups and testing out players," Kisee said. "This year we won't be doing a lot of that because we have a pretty solid line-up."

The Lady Raiders will play at home again today with a match-up against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga before hitting the road next weekend. ♦

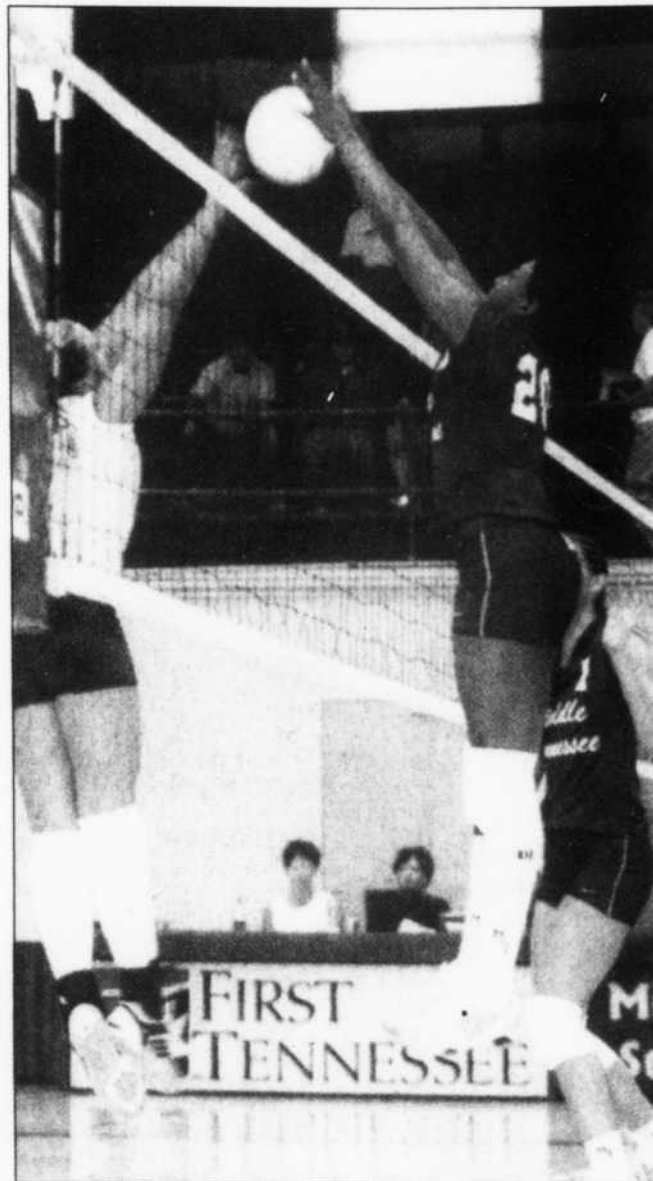


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KeKe Deckard gets air as she tries to avoid the opposing team's block at last weekend's tourney.

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