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## Star receiver sacked

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Head coach Rick Stockstill dismissed senior wide receiver Eldred Jamar King from the Blue Raider football team on June 24 after King pleaded guilty to two misdemeanor domestic assault charges.

The decision came after the original announcement was made that King had been suspended for the 2009 season. At the time, Stockstill said he

believed there was only one charge pending against King.

When the coach was informed that there were actually two charges pending, he cut the receiver from the team.

"In order to comply with requests from the media, I made a statement before receiving all the information," Stockstill said. "Where we made the mistake was we should have said the decision was not finalized, as we still had not received all of the information."

"Once we received all of the documents today, I felt it was necessary that King be dismissed from the team."

King has been arrested three times since March 1, all of which involved disputes between he and his girlfriend Dazarae Higgs. The first incident took place on Woodbury Pike after King called the police to inform them that

he was in a fight with Higgs. When officers arrived, King had blood on his

hand, which he admitted was from punching Higgs in the mouth while she was driving. Higgs told police that she did not wish to press charges at the time, but it was enough for Stockstill to suspend King from spring practice.

The second incident occurred on May 1 when Murfreesboro Police were called to the Raiders Ridge apartment complex on Wenlon Drive. When police arrived, officers found King in the courtyard on his knees yelling and crying and armed with a 5-inch steak knife. Police ordered King to drop the weapon, and



King

**Arrests:** March 1 - King is not formally charged  
May 1 - He is charged with domestic assault, unlawful possession of weapon and public intoxication  
May 6 - He is charged with violation of bond condition

**2008 Stats:**

Games	Receptions	Yards	Touchdowns
12	51	598	4

when he did not comply, police hit him with two blasts of "chemical spray," the Murfreesboro police report said.

Upon entering the apartment, police found Higgs, who had been punched in the mouth, kicked in the head and choked until she vomited, briefly losing consciousness.

them he didn't want any trouble and that he just wanted to leave.

When the officers learned of his previous arrests, his presence at the apartment was determined to be a violation of his bond condition and he was arrested again.

At King's June 18 court date, he pleaded guilty to the domestic assault and unlawful possession of weapon charges. He received a sentence of 14 days in jail,

11 months and 29 days of probation, as well as an order to participate in an eight-week anger management program, in addition to paying all of Higgs' medical and dental expenses. The violation of bond

condition as well as public intoxication charges were dismissed.

Stockstill said that just because King is off the team, doesn't mean he still doesn't wish the best for him.

"This is a decision that disappoints me," Stockstill said. "I really wanted to try and help Eldred out and turn his life around, but I had to make a decision that is in the best interest of our team and university."

"I hope Eldred can put this behind him, learn from his mistake and be able to earn his degree."

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**RICK STOCKSTILL**  
FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

ness. The Murfreesboro Police report said that the dispute erupted over text messages on Higgs' cell phone.

King was charged with domestic assault, unlawful possession of a weapon and public intoxication. The arrest caused the previous case to be reinstated, leaving King facing two separate charges.

Five days later, police reports said King went to Higgs' apartment and got into an argument with her over leaving. Higgs said that she was getting ready for work while King was shouting that he was ready to leave. When police arrived, King told



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# State assists groundbreaking change

By DUSTIN EVANS  
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The groundbreaking of the new building for the department of education and behavioral sciences occurred in mid June due to an estimated \$29 million of state bonded funding that earmarked the project by Tennessee lawmakers.

Tom Tozer, MTSU's director of news and public affairs said the building is slated to be finished in 2011 with its first classes scheduled in the spring semester of 2012.

"We were delighted by the recent decision to fulfill the commitment to construct the building, [and] we are excited to be able to move forward with that project," said Diane Miller, interim executive vice president and provost. "With the economic times the way that they have been, there was certainly some anxiety on our campus that we might lose the appropriations for the building."

Tennessee State Senator Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, said the state legislators had appropriated the funding for the building two years ago, but the funding had somehow been used to fund other projects.

"MTSU is the largest undergraduate institution in Tennessee, [and] we have numerous students that major in education," Tracy said. "It is very valuable for MTSU to have the building – It is the responsible thing to do."

Tozer said the building would house a department of students and faculty that are divided into the Ned McWherter Learning Resource Center and other buildings on campus.

"People are spread out over the campus, and I think they want to put them under one roof so they can achieve a synergy with the students and faculty," Tozer said.

Tozer said that the funding was originally set in place with around \$17 million in cash and \$12 million in bonds, but the new approved legislation was issued solely in bonds.

Miller said that the original funding somehow never made it to MTSU.

"We serve a lot of students in the college of education and a lot of faculty members who have been looking for a home for their college and their teaching preparation projects," Miller said.

Miller also said that there is a lengthy



Photo by Erin O'Leary, photography editor

Ground was broken on the College of Education Building in mid June, which is located near Jim Cummings Residence Hall.

process in order to secure funds for MTSU construction. She said that generally the senior leaders of campus, primarily the president, garner what the university's needs are and they submit a list of project proposals to the Tennessee Board of Regents and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

The proposals are reviewed by TBR and THEC and then are sent to the

Capitol for legislative and gubernatorial approval.

The new building is being placed next to Jim Cummings Residence Hall by the new Student Union Building, which is also under construction on the east side of campus.

The future plans of the university also include the new science building, and university officials are working with state officials on securing the funding for it.

# Legislation butts out of Tobacco Use Surcharge

By MEGAN MCSWAIN  
Contributing Writer

The Tobacco Use Surcharge, which requires all state employees who smoke tobacco to pay an extra \$50 a month in health care premiums, will be postponed until Jan. 1, 2011.

Joe Burchfield, a public information officer for the State of Tennessee, said the reason for its postponement has not been formally disclosed, but State Representative John Litz, the sponsor of the legislation, has been quoted, saying it's because of a bad economy.

"Some legislators felt like that adding a \$50 surcharge at this point in time, given the economy, was not the right thing to do," Burchfield said.

The MTSU Human Resource Services Web site said the Tobacco Use Surcharge and Quitter's Refund program was sched-



Photo Illustration by Erin O'Leary, photography editor

State employees will now be given another year before the Tobacco Use Surcharge is implemented. The surcharge will add a \$50 co-pay to any person considered a smoker.

uled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2010, and would charge all state employees who were considered smokers after July 2009.

An amendment to delay the bill passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, said Wendy Brown, a benefits special-

ist for the MTSU Department of Human Resources. The bill was sent to Gov. Phil Bredesen Thursday for his signature.

Senate Bill 0205, the formal title of the piece of legislation, was signed into law by the governor's office on June 25. It was for-

malized through both houses of Congress by June 19.

The postponement will not change the program, but it gives smokers more time to quit, Batey said. They have until July 1, 2010, to stop smoking before the surcharge will apply to them on January 2011.

Employees who quit smoking after July will still be able to request a refund for the premiums they pay, which once applied, are "locked in for a year," Batey said. Smokers will also have access to smoking cessation seminars and medications.

"The State Insurance Committee voted to continue funding support of the Tobacco Quit Products [patches, lozenges, gum, etc.] being offered at \$5 co-pays until Dec. 31, 2009," Batey said in an e-mail to MTSU employees. "Jan. 1, 2010, the co-pays will return to normal and the over-the-counter products will not be covered."





Photo courtesy Heather Bailey

Heather Bailey won an all-expense-paid trip to New York for her personal historical journal.

## Student wins trip from online contest

By CALLIE DURHAM  
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Heather Bailey, fourth year student of the PhD. program for Public History at MTSU, won the Heritage Travel Inc. contest, a subsidiary for the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Bailey was chosen as the first ever contest winner on GoWithAPurpose.com, a new online community that was launched this spring. Bailey is in her fourth year of the PhD. program for Public History here at MTSU.

"Heritage Travel Inc. began the new Web site, GoWithAPurpose.com, so that people can find enriching destinations and view other people's accounts of their own historical experiences,"

said Ciara Franklin, public relations consultant for Heritage Travel Inc. "[Heritage Travel Inc.] began this contest to get the word out about the new Web site.

"They also wanted to offer incentive for people to begin blogging about their own historical experience and then the prize would be awarded to the best historical review submitted."

Bailey said she does Heritage tourism all the time and it was only natural that she would submit her own travel review.

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## United States Senate to vote on bill to secure borders

By BEN UNDERWOOD  
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The United States Senate is scheduled to vote within the next few weeks on the increases in funding for U.S. border security for 2010.

The U.S. House of Representatives voted on June 24 to approve the Homeland Security Appropriations Act of the 2010 fiscal year. This act will increase the number of U.S. Border Patrol agents from around 18,000 to more than 20,000. The act will also add fencing and electronic surveillance at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Congressman Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., voted for the act and said in a press release that a secure border directly benefits Tennessee.

"The border situation directly affects Tennessee communities - our state has a major drug problem, especially with meth, and much of it comes from Mexico," Gordon said on his Web site.

"More needs to be done to secure our border."

Gordon said the extra funding included in this bill will increase the number of border agents and support initiatives that have proven to be effective in reducing drug trafficking.

Rutherford County has a Hispanic population of around 5.2 percent, the 2007 census information said. The average for Tennessee is 3.5 percent.

Ira Mehlman, media director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR), said stopping illegal immigration does not end at the border.

"The current administration is eliminating interior enforcement," Mehlman said.

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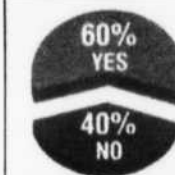
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## Make vacation memories v

By KATY COIL  
Features Editor

It's the middle of the summer and your bank account is bare, except for that hard-earned cash you're saving to help cover tuition and book costs next semester. You could really use a break, but with your budget, a vacation seems out of the question. Or is it?

Due to the economy, a new type of vacation has emerged: the staycation. Staying at home and still having summer adventures are easy on the wallet and still add excitement to the summer. Though Middle Tennessee might not seem like a hotbed of exciting activity, there is still tons to do, see and experience if you know where to look.

### Food and Fun

To get some entertainment and try some new cuisine, Middle Tennessee has a variety of places for you to visit. Six blocks from downtown Franklin is The Factory, a converted building that now houses everything from antiques to arts



Photo by Erin O'Leary, Photography Editor  
The Factory, Franklin, Tenn.

and crafts to clothing and dining.

The Boiler Room Theatre offers amazing shows. Tons of restaurants are available for taste-testing, including the classy Boxwood Bistro, the best seafood bar in Nashville, Saffire and a taste of homecooking at the Stoveworks Restaurant. Every Saturday morning the Factory also hosts a Farmer's Market with freshly grown produce for you to buy and use for your own recipes.

A little over an hour from Murfreesboro is Lynchburg, the home of Jack Daniel's Distillery, perhaps the most famous whisky manufacturing plant in the world. You can spend a day touring the grounds of the distillery, soaking up the history of Tennessee's most famous alcohol manufacturer, then head into town for a good old fashioned lunch at Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House or the Iron Kettle Restaurant in downtown Lynchburg.

### Outdoorsy Outings

One of the great things about Murfreesboro is its proximity to so many of Tennessee's State Parks, which were voted the best in the nation in 2007. There are three parks only a 40 minute drive away from Murfreesboro: Cedars of Lebanon, Edgar Evans and Long Hunter. Cedars of Lebanon hosts 117 campsites, as well as 30 tent sites that include picnic tables, grills, electricity and water hooks.

There are three bathhouses for showering and such with a laundromat and seasonally open camp store. The park has an olympic sized swimming pool open after Memorial Day as well as four easy hiking trails through the breathtaking cedar forest for which the park is named.

Against the backdrop of Center Hill Lake and the Eastern Highland Rim is Edgar Evans State Park, which offers both cabins and campsites for those who want to stay in the park. Recreational activities in the park include fishing, boating, swimming and around 11 miles of trail to hike, ranging from moderate to strenuous.

Nestled around Percy Priest Lake is Long Hunter State Park, offering great ways to have fun on the lake without paying those Nashville Shores prices. The park offers camping, hiking, fishing, biking, as well as boating and canoeing on Percy Priest and Couchville Lakes. Many areas of the park are pet friendly.

For a longer drive, one can venture to the Harpeth River State Park, Rock Island

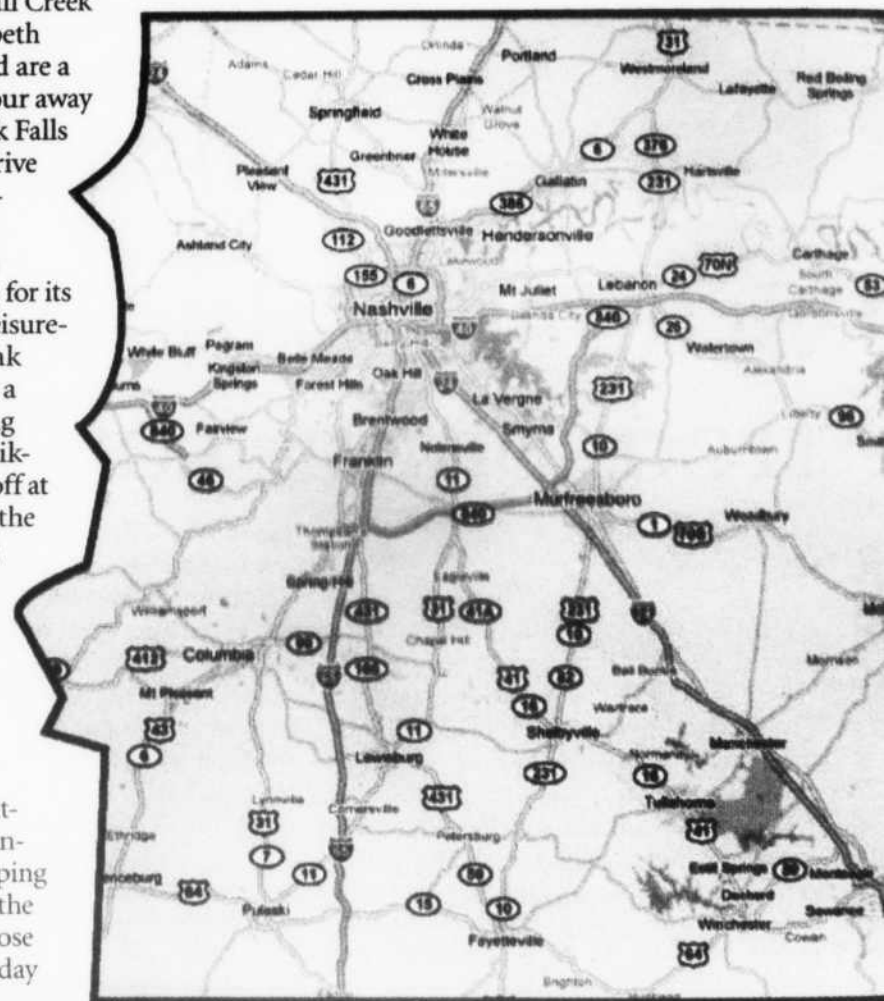
State Park or Fall Creek Falls. The Harpeth and Rock Island are a little over an hour away while Fall Creek Falls is a two hour drive from Murfreesboro.

The Harpeth River is famous for its beautiful and leisurely canoe or kayak rides and offers a variety of fishing as well. Three hiking trails head off at the Narrows of the Harpeth taking hikers by ancient Indian ceremonial center Mound Bottom, Hidden Lake, Newsom's Mill Ruins and Montgomery Bell Ironworks. No camping is permitted in the park, but it is close enough to be a day trip.

Rock Island has 10 cabins and 60 campsites for tents, picnicking and a plethora of fun activities, such as boating, fishing, swimming, badminton, basketball, horseshoes, ping-pong, softball, tennis courts, volleyball



Photo by Kyle McCormick, contributing photographer  
Fall Creek Falls, Crossville, Tenn.



Graphic by Chris Carter, production manager

and more. Throughout the summer, Rock Island offers a variety of programs, including interpretive hikes, canoe floats, boat tours, birdwalks, rock hops in the gorge and live animal shows.

The park also features a 19th century textile mill, an old moonshine distillery and one of Tennessee's early hydroelectric plants. The park has four hiking trails, but the most popular is the Caney Fork Gorge, taking hikers to a gorge view below the dam.

A two-hour drive from Murfreesboro is Fall Creek Falls State Park, one of the most popular Tennessee State Parks. Lodging at the park ranges from campsites to log cabins to the Park Inn where visitors can stay in all the comfort of a hotel, while still having magnificent views of the park.



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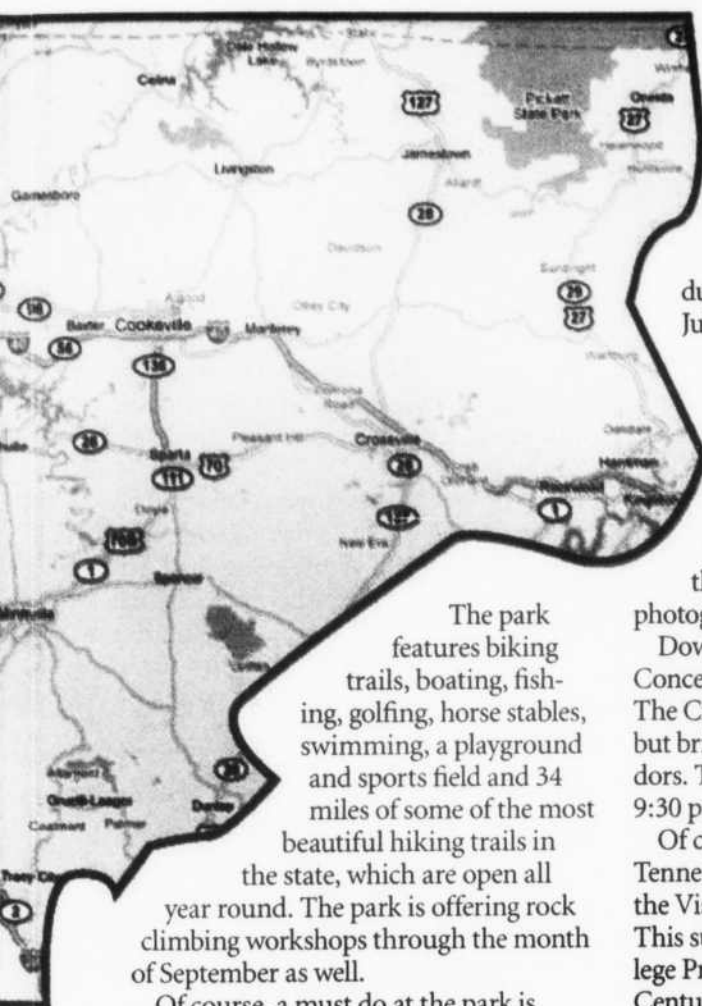
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# while staying close to home



The park features biking trails, boating, fishing, golfing, horse stables, swimming, a playground and sports field and 34 miles of some of the most beautiful hiking trails in the state, which are open all year round. The park is offering rock climbing workshops through the month of September as well.

Of course, a must do at the park is looking at the falls themselves, which is the highest plunge waterfall east of the Mississippi. A short trail leads to the falls from the parking lot above for visitor's easy access. Five other waterfalls also dot the park.

## Artastic

For those into a more arty scene, there are tons of things to take in to satisfy the starving artist in everyone. Just off the

Square, the Rutherford County Center for the Arts is doing a show entitled "Saturation - Exuberant Color Photography" from June 26 to Sept. 27. Gallery hours are from Tuesday-Friday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is always free. The Center for the Arts is also doing a theatrical production of Disney's "Aladdin" from July 9 to 19.

On West College Street in Murfreesboro, The Heritage Center of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County is doing a photography exhibit entitled Visions of the Past: Through the Lens of Shacklett's Photography, showing the changes of the area through the photography of Shacklett's on the Square.

Downtown is hosting the "First Friday Concert Series" on July 3 featuring the The Crusty Veterans. Admission is free but bring money for the local food vendors. The concert lasts from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Of course, the art museum d'jour in Tennessee has to be the Frist Center for the Visual Arts in downtown Nashville. This summer, exhibitions feature College Print Makers, Museums in the 21st Century, Seeing Ourselves: Photographs of Safe Haven, George Rickey's Three Red Lines, Chuck Close Prints, and Artists' Perspective: Dean Byington.

The best news? College students can get into the Frist for free with their student IDs on Thursday and Friday evenings from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you finish touring the museum, you can visit the museum cafe, enjoy music in the lobby and spend time at the museum's bistro and wine bar. If you can't make it on a Thursday or Friday night, you can come any other time the museum is open and pay only \$6.50 for admission if you have your student ID.

## Magical History Tours

For history buffs, there is plenty to do this summer. As always, the Stones River

Battlefield has free admission to tour its grounds and on-premises museum. On July 18-19, the battlefield will be offering artillery demonstrations with free admission at various intervals throughout the day.



Photo by Erin O'Leary, photography editor  
Stones River Battlefield, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

For a ghostly encounter, the battlefield is also offering Lantern Tours of the Stones River Battlefield Cemetery on July 11 at 7:30 p.m. with a TBA announced price.

On July 25 at 7 p.m., the Battlefield is hosting Voices From the Past, an interpretive history talk with reenactors. Reservations for this event are required and can be made at the battlefield's Web site ([nps.gov/stri](http://nps.gov/stri)).

The Oaklands Historic House Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., charging admission. The house tours gives insight into the participation of Murfreesboro and what plantation life was like during the Civil War period.

If you are willing to travel to Franklin, there awaits the Historic Carnton Plantation, the subject of the recent best seller "Widow of the South" by Robert Hicks. The tours of the house are \$12 for adults and last Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Featuring a restored cemetery and garden, the house is not far from the site of the Battle of Franklin, and gives history lessons on the battle and historic life.

For the union perspective, you can go across town to Carter House with \$10 admission and it is open to the public on Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. from 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



The 32nd Annual Uncle Dave Macon Days festival is scheduled to be held in Cannonsburgh from July 10 to 12. The festival features good old fashioned food from corn-on-a-stick to funnel cakes and the Lions Club Fish Fry.

In addition to touring the buildings of Cannonsburgh, there are local arts and crafts on sale from wood carvings to homespun dresses and metalworks. You can watch the stages for picking and grinning performances by traditional bluegrass artists as well as the National Championships in Old-Time Banjo, Old-Time Buck Dancing and Old-Time Clogging.

The festival also features a "Motorless Parade" and old-time Gospel singing on Sunday.

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### King should be kicked out of MTSU

In addition to Eldred King's 14 days in the slammer, nearly a year of probation and medical costs for MTSU student Dazarae Higgs, the star wide receiver has received his football pink slip from MT.

But is being dismissed really a suitable punishment? Should MTSU punish him academically for something that occurred off property?

King is certainly not undergoing the same treatment as Starlett Custer or Kevin Sisco. Both students attacked other students. Both Custer and Sisco were kicked out of school.

True that both the aforementioned incidents occurred on campus property and the university probably felt it was within the best interest of student safety to remove these people. But doesn't someone who pleads guilty to two counts of domestic assault pose a danger too?

MT Athletics dismissed King from the football team. Essentially, his career for the Blue Raiders is over. But is this enough for King? Is this enough for the people who go to school with him?

MTSU should not only dismiss him from the football team, they should dismiss him from school.

It can be argued that people make mistakes and everyone deserves a second chance. In most cases, this argument can be valid – unfortunately, King plead guilty to two counts of domestic assault. Which means he pretty much blew his second chance when he decided to beat on his significant other again.

If MTSU wants to continue its precedent of keeping our campus safe by removing students like Sisco and Custer, it only seems fair to kick out King.

## Going for another Grand Slam

Federer seeks another Wimbledon win, but will it be a win without Nadal?

As Roger Federer seeks to claim his sixth title at Wimbledon in the next two weeks, some experts question whether this championship will be legitimate if he wins it without Rafael Nadal present. Nadal had to pull out of Wimbledon the week before due to the nagging tendonitis in his knees.

Nadal has been Federer's main foe over the last couple of years, but Nadal's absence at Wimbledon does not nullify Federer's would-be victory. It actually just illustrates the unwavering consistency that he has shown throughout his career.

Federer is in the midst of one of the greatest streaks the sport, or any sport for that matter, has ever seen. Since his win at Wimbledon in 2004, he has made 20 straight Grand Slam semi-finals.

To put that in perspective, the previous record was 10 successive semi-finals. Also, from Wimbledon in 2005 to the United States Open in 2007, he made 10 consecutive Grand Slam finals. Both of these records stand alone in history and show his longevity in the game of tennis.

As for Rafael Nadal, he is a great



### Guest Columnist

Ethan Lannom

player and is sorely missed in this year's Wimbledon Championships. However, his absence would not diminish Federer's achievement of winning his 15th and record-breaking Grand Slam at the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

Nadal's injury just reminds us of how durable Federer has been over his outstanding career. Nadal has had an exceptional run in the last year of men's tennis. He won the French Open and Wimbledon in 2008. These victories propelled him to the No. 1 ranking in the game overtaking Federer. Ear-

lier this year, he defeated Federer in the Australian Open.

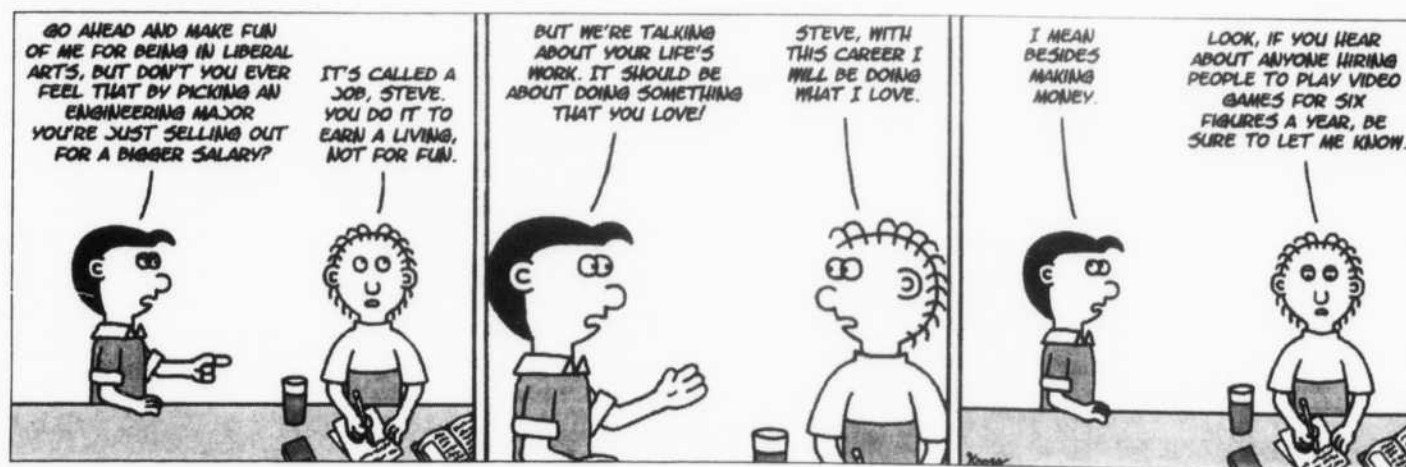
However, even after this great stretch of play, Nadal has succumbed to the wear and tear his grinding game has put on his body. Already, he has felt the pressure of maintaining a healthy physique throughout the battle of competing for Grand Slam titles.

On the other hand, Federer has not missed a Grand Slam since 1999, and he has done so presiding over the top of the men's game. The unprecedented streaks of Grand Slam finals and semi-finals just prove his endurance and greatness in the last decade.

So, do not blame Roger Federer if he takes advantage of Rafael Nadal's absence in the 2009 Wimbledon field. Instead, let us consider the amazing feat that Federer is still going strong after all these years and hope that his prominence in the men's game withstands for some time.

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# Brentz named to Team USA

By RICHARD LOWE  
Sports Editor

The accolades keep growing for sophomore Bryce Brentz. After being named to six All-America teams, the Sun Belt Player of the Year and a semi-finalist for the Golden Spikes award, he has now been named to the 2009 USA National Collegiate Baseball team.



"I am just glad to have made the team because it is a great honor," Brentz said to GoBlueRaiders.com. "Everyone who's here trying out are great players and competitors."

"I think it helped being a two-way player [because] I plan to help them on the mound but I know my main focus is to hit."

The Crossville, Tenn. native is one of 22 players selected. He is the only representative from the Sun Belt Conference and one of four players from the state of Tennessee with Vanderbilt's Sonny Gray, Tennessee's Blake Forsythe and Mississippi's Drew Pomeranz.

Play for the team began Thursday with a five game sweep against Canada. The combined runs of both teams for the series was 63-16, including Sunday's final score of 20-3. Brentz went 4 for 13 with two RBIs, scoring three runs.

The USA National Collegiate Baseball Team has now won 29 consecutive games dating back to last summer.

The team will play Guatemala in a four-game series in North Carolina beginning July 1, followed by games against summer collegiate baseball teams in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The team will then travel to Japan for a five-game series at the 37th USA vs. Japan Collegiate All-Star Championship.

The final event the team will play in is the World Baseball Challenge in Prince George, British Columbia July 18-26.

Brentz joins Dewon Brazelton, the most recent Blue Raiders to be apart of the USA National Baseball team.

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**Toughest opponent in 2009: Oct. 31 at Troy University**

With a schedule that includes games at the University of Texas, Arizona State University and the University of Kentucky, the Warhawks have a tough road ahead of them to get to bowl eligibility. Since none of those games are likely winnable, the Halloween showdown against the defending Sun Belt Conference champs in Troy, Ala. should be the biggest test of how much, if at all, the Warhawks have improved.

**Key game in 2009: Sept. 26 at Florida Atlantic University**

The Warhawks will likely start the season losing to Texas and Arizona State, with a good shot at a win over Texas Southern University. The week after their trip to ASU they travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. to take on the Owls in what could be a big morale game. The team is looking at two potentially lopsided games the first three weeks of the year, and this game will be a good chance to rebound and gain some confidence going into the rest of the schedule. If the team can't turn it around here, the outlook for the rest of the season does not look bright.



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## Summer Football Preview

### Monroe looks to improve on bad year

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Last year's record: 4-8

The 2008 season didn't start well for the Warhawks, as Auburn University thumped them 34-0 in week one and came up a point short against the University of Arkansas Sept. 12. A win over Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University the following week was the high point of the first six games, as three



more losses followed to Tulane University, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Arkansas State University.

The highlight of the season came Nov. 1 when the Warhawks edged Troy 31-30 at home. Losses to MT and Ole Miss, followed by a win at Florida International University finished off the year.

#### Key Departure: QB Kimson Lancaster

Lancaster's departure leaves the Warhawks searching for someone else to lead their offense. The quarterback threw for 2,040 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2008,

as well as rushing for 803 yards. He finished his career at ULM with 1,557 yards rushing, the most by a quarterback in the school's history. Several candidates are competing for the job, including junior Trey Revell and senior Scott Love. Revell has limited playing experience, attempting 28 passes in 2008, completing 14 of them for 129 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions.

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