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McHenry Hall residents bear bathroom flooding blunder



Holes in the floor of the basement bathroom of McHenry Hall in the Lyon complex forces female residents to climb two floors to use other facilities. Residents were told Tuesday that the area would be usable within three days. However, as of press time, the problem still persists. The basement floor tiles in the same building are also being uprooted because they are saturated with asbestos.

By Leslie Carol Boehms Staff Writer

Some McHenry Hall residents are up their ankles in maintenance prob-

The female residence hall, located in the Lyon Complex, has had several unrelated bathroom maintenance problems during the last two weeks.

The newly renovated basement bathroom in McHenry has been closed for contracting work to fix the problems. The first-floor restrooms were partially flooded as well, causing

inconvenience for the female residents. The first problem stems from the washing machines in Lyon Hall. There was a missing pipe connection that denied the machines circulating water.

When they started to use the washing machines over in Lyon, the water wasn't going anywhere except on the floor," said Southeastern Contracting worker Jim Bare. "And then they realized that the pipe that is supposed to be connected wasn't."

The second problem came around 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 31.

Area 1B Coordinator Denise Scott

"I just think it's amazing that they [remodeled] our bathrooms, yet, they're worse off than the old bathrooms," said Morgan Marlin, a sopho-

said the problem is linked to the

restrooms in the first floor of

into the toilets, and they overflowed,"

Scott said. "We got emergency mainte-

nance to come out for four hours. The

water leaked down into the basement

from the ceiling, and we wanted to

make sure nothing got electrocuted or

anything like that from the water, so

we had them shut off the lights that

Hall were renovated over the summer

months. These new repairs, however,

are an obvious concern for the girls in

the basement and first floor of the

The restrooms in all of McHenry

"The water was dripping down

They were putting too much stuff

McHenry.

bathroom.

"It's just kind of ridiculous because I would rather have the old bathrooms that were nasty but they didn't leak and weren't a health hazard, than these

that are leaking all the time," she said.

"If you're going to do it, do it right the first time," said

The water wouldn't shut off [on the first floor], and as



was only so much water capacity [available]," said basement Resident Assistant Heather Owen. "So it started coming through the ceiling down here."

There was no hot water available for most of the Lyon complex from the 8th through the 10th. There will also be no washing machine

facilities in Lyon until the entire project is completed.

Two different maintenance workers in the complex were not informed of the situation or the root of the

The bathroom stalls on the first floor, however, are still under standing

The functionality of the basement bathrooms is completely terminated until the contractors from the original project finish the repairs. •

Turner Hutchens, assistant news editor, contributed to this story.

Upcoming fairs let organizations show their stuff

By J. Michael Neal

The Student Organization Fair, which is designed to let students know about the huge number of organizations available at MTSU, will be held in the KUC courtyard from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 13.

Various ministries, sports clubs, honor societies and the official academic major and minor organizations will be represented at the fair.

While most of these organizations hang fliers up across campus, the fair enables students to actually talk to members of the organizations and to be able to find out first hand about requirements, meetings and dues.

"The fair is the best way for students to get the most information [about the many organizations]," said Maggie Prugh, the coordinator of the Office of Organizations Student Community Services, who is sponsoring this event in conjunction with the Raider Coordinating Council of

Any organization that has registered with Prugh can have a booth set up. Although more than 200 organizations have been registered, there are typically between 40 and 60 organizations represented at the fair.

There will be free drinks, popcorn and other treats available.

Similarly, the Volunteer Fair, to be held on Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., targets students in need of information about community service programs. Just as the Student Organization Fair consists of a wide variety of booths set up distributing information about organizations and causes, this fair is an assembly of organizations and agencies seeking volunteers.

This is the first year that an actual fair will be held for community service agencies, instead of just handing out packages of information to anyone who has any questions.

"People can find out so much more by talking to people that actually work for the agencies," said Prugh, who is also sponsoring the Volunteer Fair.

By encouraging direct contact with the people with whom students will be working, the fair enables prospective volunteers to get a better idea of what to expect from each volunteer service.

As of Sept. 7, 11 organizations and agencies from on and off campus signed up to present information about their needs and openings. These groups range from the Special Olympics to Habitat for Humanity.

Drinks and snacks will be available. For more information, contact Prugh at 904-8418, or visit the Office of Student Organizations Community Services in KUC, Room 306 B. ◆

Telecourse provides tips for living a 'wonderful life'

By J. Michael Neal Staff Writer

A new course being offered at MTSU would make Jimmy Stewart envious.

Charles Frost's new telecourse, How to Live a Wonderful Life, a class dealing with topics in social works, is designed to teach people to live a balanced life, by studying and discussing 13 topics that are vital to everyone's "happiness."

These 13 topics include futuristic, loving, balanced, happy at work, intelligent, joyful, healthy, very healthy, successful, in control, sensitive, responsible and selfaware. In addition, the course presents an overreaching philosophy of empathy, unconditional positive regard, genuineness and creativity to help people deal with stress and anger management.

The course also provides ample opportunities to practice these topics, offering assistance to those individuals who might have more trouble than others in incorporating these ideals into their own lives.

Frost said he was very interested in "trying to provide my ideas to people via television." Shortly after Frost arrived at MTSU, he was invited to develop the first telecourse produced by MTSU.

He had decided on one class and the best topic to teach under these circumstances. He decided that how to live a wonderful life was "what people need more than anything else."

The class is filmed in a full classroom with participating students, enabling Frost to do more than just lecture. There are times for interaction between students in addition to the lecture material which includes helpful quotations and web sites for more information. Students who watch at home are required to write two 10 page papers incorporating what they have learned in the class into their own lives, again adding more of a handson, personal aspect to the class.

Jessica Alber, a senior Recording Industry Management major, is taking this class because she has a very hectic schedule. She wants to know how to live a wonderful life, just in case she finds time to "actually get out and live."

In the meantime, the class is offering her stress management and other very helpful hints to survive what are for her the rigors of college life.

To find out more about this telecourse, visit www.mtsu.edu/~tlcourse. ◆

Students vote 2 to 1

Drinking on campus should be legalized

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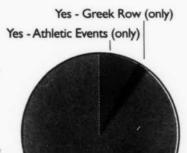
NO - 32%

Sidelines Online asked students Yes - Athletic Events (only) last week whether or not they supported drinking on campus.

The majority felt that it should be allowed in some fashion for students who can legally drink.

Seven percent supported drinking only at athletic events. One percent supported it only on Greek Row.

Total votes 84



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Campus Briefs

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Assistant News Editor

MTSU hosts American Heart Walk

The walk on Sept. 17 will be to support the American Heart Association, which depends on volunteers to raise money and fund research.

All are encouraged to attend. Registration will begin at 1 p.m. and the walking will start at 2 p.m. •

MTSU celebrates 89 years

This year's celebration of Founder's Day will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Alumni Center and everyone is invited. At 9:30, after a welcoming speech by President James Walker, the new university class ring will be unveiled.

There will be exhibits including old class rings, dance cards, historical publications, and photographs from

Parking will be available in the Tennessee Livestock Center lot and shuttle bus service will be available.



Firefighters respond to a false alarm at Scarlett Commons on Saturday afternoon. Sprinklers went off in Building 8 and residents were evacuated.

Womack receives award

Bob Womack, professor of Educational Leadership, has been named recipient of the Dr. Joe Nunley Memorial Award.

Nunley was an MTSU student and educator, and Army World War II veteran who initiated the MTSU annual "Salute to Veterans" in 1982.

Womack, a U.S. Navy veteran, has been a member of MTSU's education department since 1957. ◆

Student awarded scholarship for recreation

MTSU junior Kami Presson, who is majoring in Recreation and Leisure Services, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Tennessee Recreations and Parks Educational Foundation.

The competition for the award was open to all students in Presson's field of interest from all Tennessee colleges and universities. The award was given for academic performance and participation in professional and service organizations.

Presson has a GPA of 3.76, is a James Buchanan Scholar, Presidential Scholar and a recipient of the Girl Scout Gold

She hopes to pursue a career in adventure therapy, working with troubled children in outdoor settings. •

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University studies link between alcohol, violence

By Antonio Young

Daily Egyptian (Southern Illinois

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE, Ill. - The percentages of students who participate in unlawful acts such as fighting and vandalism after consuming alcohol have risen at various universities throughout the past four years, according to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale researchers.

The Core Institute, an organization within Student Health Programs, has expanded its National Probability Sample survey by providing extended questions on violence to fully examine the link between alcohol and violence on campus, said Ed Pimentel, a researcher for the Core Institute.

"In the past, the items have been fairly limited and we were unable to really get to the heart of the matter like we would have liked to," he said.

For 10 years, the Core Institute has found statistics on alcohol use among college students by survey. Officials began contacting nationwide universities in August for students to participate in its 2000 study. The institute will mail the surveys to students in January and analyze its collection in May 2001.

Pimentel said the surveys will

develop the needed statistics that said. "They can see, 'well, I'm not University officials can use to evaluate the link between alcohol and violence.

Studies, which survey students from 300 campuses each year, found the percentage of intoxicated students who get into fights has increased from 29 percent in 1995 to 30.6 in 1999. The percentage of students who damaged property increased from 7.5 percent in 1995 to 8.2 in 1999.

Pimentel said the study would also individually benefit the students who are surveyed.

"The average person does not drink. It's not the majority of students that go out and get hammered every weekend," Pimentel too bad,' or 'gee, I'm way above the norm, maybe I [need to] look at my drinking habits."

The surveys ask students the average number of drinks they consume during a week, whether they have carried weapons such as guns or knives and other related questions.

Barbara Fijoleck, coordinator for Drug and Alcohol Education at the Wellness Center, said the majority of physical and sexual assaults that occur at SIUC are associated with alcohol use, particularly binge drinking. Binge drinking is defined in the survey as the consumption of five or more drinks in one sitting.

"The minority of students that binge drink not only believe they can handle it, but they believe that everyone else drinks at the same high levels that they do," Fijoleck said. "Students that are drinking heavily tend to create problems for themselves and everybody else, too,"

According to the past studies by the Core Institute, binge drinking among all students has increased, with women closing the gap on men. During the 1999 study, 41 percent of the women experienced at least one binge episode, two weeks before the sample, and 47 percent of the men. The Wellness Center works closely with the SIUC Police Department and the Women's Center to inform students that alcohol use is associated with physical assault and rape, Fijoleck said.

Farrid Muhammad, a junior in agricultural economics, believes alcohol plays a role in violent acts, but said the intentions behind the acts spring from the person's personality. He said students tend to drink more when suffering from low selfesteem or other personal issues.

"I think it's a correlation with the drinking," he said. "It is something inside that person already when they're sober, but the alcohol will bring that monkey out." ◆

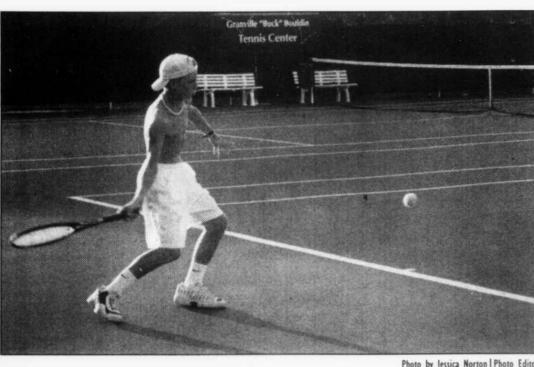
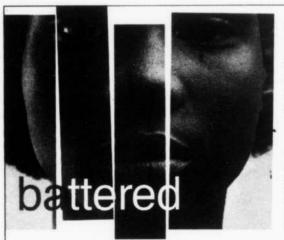


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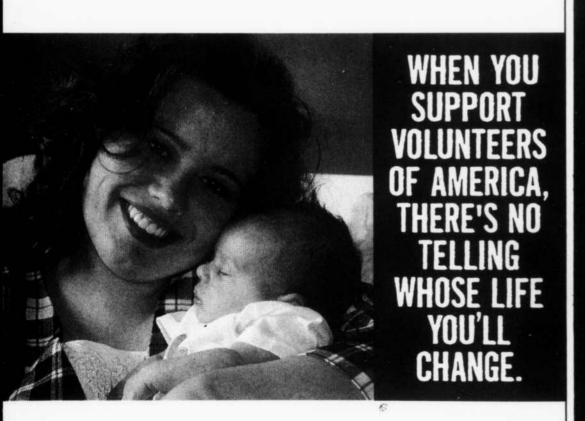
A student plays a set in the newly named Granville "Buck" BouldinTennis Center. The court was named in honor of Bouldin Friday for revatilizing the tennis program nearly 30 years ago.



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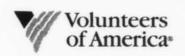




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Monday, September 11, 2000

From the staff

Housing officials should act less like slumlords

For awhile now one of this university's primary goals has been increasing school spirit on the campus. Students, particularly freshmen, are being persuaded to stay on campus during the weekend with various events and concerts.

But why would anyone stay here any longer than they have to when they live in the deplorable conditions existing in some of the dorms at this school?

Students who live in dorms such as McHenry and Lyon Halls have endured prolonged problems with their bathrooms and washing machines. Some have to climb multiple flights of stairs to use other facilities.

Why would these students want to stay here under these circumstances when they can go home every weekend to their mommy and daddy's properlyfunctioning appliances?

Much of these "repairs" have been taking place since this summer. The women in McHenry were promised that the work on their bathroom would be completed by now. It's understandable that these

students would want to leave this environment whenever they get the chance.

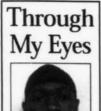
If the officials of this university want to keep students on campus, they need to start with the basics. Picnics and music may be good ideas, but they're not going to keep those residents who don't have favorable living conditions on campus.

Students pay to live in these dorms - they should be afforded the same basic services that are expected in other paidfor living environments, including functioning bathrooms and washing facilities at a reasonable distance.

Many freshmen live in dorms at least their first year before considering off-campus alternatives. If officials want to keep students on campus during the weekend, they need to keep them in the dorms. Making freshmen's campus living experiences unpleasant enough to chase them away to an apartment their sophomore year is not the way to achieve this goal.

Those cursed cards!

Credit can lead to nothing but trouble



Shawn Whitsell

Opinions Editor

Over the summer before my first year of college, I got a call from Visa offering me a chance to get a credit card with a \$500 limit. My mother and I thought it would be a good idea. After all, credit cards do come in handy. So after I asked the Visa representative to slow her doubletime talking to regular speed, I answered the necessary questions.

Shortly after I got to college, my card came in the mail. I used the card pretty responsibly at first, but I got off the hook with it for a minute. When my card was deactivated, I started making payments

and eventually paid it off. I really didn't trust myself with a credit card, so I decided not to get another.

So one day I was standing under what some of us call the ethnic oak (the tree in front of the KUC — there's actually another name for the tree but I'll keep it to myself), and there were credit card companies encouraging people to apply for a card. They gave away candy, cups, T-shirts and drinks to attract students.

I'm not one to walk away from free stuff. After all, they did say, "You don't have to keep it - when it comes in the mail just cut it up."

I filled out the application, got my free two-liter of Sprite and bounced back to my dorm room. My original plan was to throw the card away, but on that magical day when my card showed up, I couldn't do anything but praise the Lord because I was broke and tired of eating Ramen noodles. I'm sure you can guess what I did.

This particular card had a limit of \$1,000, and I wasted no time hitting the mall. I was wilin' out buying food, clothes, shoes, etc. I got so stupid with it — I was buying candy and stuff and charging it to my card. I was an

I ran my card up to a little over \$800 and because I wasn't making consistent payments, my card was deactivated. The next thing I knew, my balance was over \$1,000 because of late fees and interest rates. When my balance peaked over the \$1,000 mark, the over-the-limit fees kicked in and began to beat me down.

I would be telling a lie if I said that I couldn't have been less stressed, because in reality I was pulling my hair out. However, I did feel better knowing that tons of other students were experiencing the same thing. Misery

Don't get it twisted — I'm not saying that credit cards are negative, but they can be tricky. They do come in handy, especially in emergency situations, but you should be properly educated. So let's go to school.

First of all, if a credit card company calls you on the phone, make them slow down the fast-talking and be sure you listen and fully understand the details.

If you fill out an application on campus, please don't just fill it out for a T-shirt or something. Fill out the application only if you really want the card. I bet some of you didn't know that every time you fill out an application, the inquiry goes on your credit report. So count the number of free T-shirts you got — that's how many inquiries you have.

If you do decide to get a card, you should go for something with a lower limit, like \$500. When you get the card, make regular payments. You might get a bill for \$10 and overlook it simply because it's only \$10. With late fees added, the next bill is liable to be \$100.

Last but not least, just be responsible. If you only make \$100 a week, don't charge \$200 a week. And if you don't trust yourself with credit cards, just say no.

And if you go into debt, you better get used to getting up at 6 a.m. That's when those representatives will be calling you with their you-owe-me attitudes.

Now I have officially put my business in the street.◆

Corrections

In Wednesday's story "Take one down and pass it around," it was erroneously reported that a citation was issued Saturday night. The citation was actually issued Saturday morning at 1:45 a.m.

The lead photo for this story was taken by Jennifer Swan and was not a file photo.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to

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Letters to the Editor

Quit ignoring the positive side of Greeks

Since the day I entered this university, I have read your newspaper and have found how you seem to only publish negative feedback about the Greek system. (Even though you tried to un-convince people of this in [last Thursday's] publica-

I find it astonishing, however, that you can publish each and every tidbit of negative information and totally leave out the positive. What you do seem to realize, however, is that a lot of "Greek" people drink alcohol. Does this mean that each and every person drinks it? No. Yet, I find it funny how every article, crime log,, etc. that you enter in your newspaper seems to talk about this elite group of people.

Do you think that only Greeks drink? I think not. Personally, I think you should re-analyze your thoughts. You obviously do not realize how much community, campus and national service we take part in on a yearly basis. Or if you do, you don't think that it deems a special section in your paper. In fact, I could bet that the Greek community as a whole does far more community service than you could ever publish in your newspaper. So maybe you should just stick with the negativity because there is so little negative information that you can manage to fit it into your paper.

Let me tell you a little of the positive things that we have done to contribute to others.

For instance, did you know that during Greek Week, we raised over \$2,000 for Nashville Cares, Alpha Gamma Rho raised money to help support a small girl who needed hospitalization due to cystic fibrosis - her parents could not afford the care she needed for transplants, Delta Zeta and Alpha Kappa Alpha sponsored "Pink & Green, Campus Clean" to both clean up MTSU and also promote unity. Delta Zeta's money also goes towards Gallaudet University for the speech and hearing impaired. Alpha Omicron Pi sponsors AOPi in the face to raise money for their philanthropy, Alpha Delta Pi sponsors the Ronald McDonald House, Zeta Tau Alpha sponsored Lip Sync for their philanthropy, Chi Omega sponsors Mr. MTSU each year, Kappa Delta raises money

turn, raises money for their philanthropy. Shall I continue? I could go on for another millennium about what the Greek community does for other people. So if you do some research, and if you even cared, you would be more focused on what is positive about the Greeks

by having the campus buy shamrocks that, in

rather than what is negative. Sincerely.

A concerned Sorority member

MTSU's priorities are seriously out of wack

Who would of ever thought that college wouldn't feel all that different from high school? Definitely not me. But lately I've really kind of felt like I'm in high school again, this being my fifth year in college.

One of the biggest reasons why is this whole "school spirit" craze here at MTSU. I can't believe that the issue of students not displaying enough "school spirit" is getting talked about more than overcrowded classrooms, an under-sized faculty, the devious Tennessee Board of Regents or even the failure of the drainage system on campus when it rains for that matter.

In the first interview with interim president Gene Smith in Sidelines, "school spirit" is the only issue that is mentioned! I am here to get an education, not to buy over-priced college clothing and go to football games. I also think it's ridiculous when the sports editor in this newspaper blasts the student population for wearing other college's clothing and not good ol' MTSU's. Just because I attend this school doesn't mean I'm required to become an instant fan of their athletic teams and spend even more money on their clothing

I grew up and lived in Michigan for 22 years,

and I will always be a fan of Michigan and Detroit teams. Nothing against the athletes here, but I just don't have any interest in MTSU teams. But really, that shouldn't even matter.

It's just sports. Gimme a break. MTSU should be focusing on academics, not athletics.

In addition, it's amazing how much preferential treatment the fraternities receive on this campus, despite an unending (and hilarious) track record of bungles. These are the groups that had land set aside especially for them on campus, but do they really deserve it? Some of the incidences that come to mind are when last year one fraternity was caught stealing material from a construction site for a float (no charges pressed) and another was caught abusing a possum at a party.

Most recently they were caught throwing their beer bottles all over their "sacred land" on Greek Row. But no action was taken by MTSU. Public Safety Chief Jack Drugmand apparently said that they don't always cite students because they don't want to make them angry, but I have a feeling they wouldn't worry about making other people on campus angry if they saw them with alcohol. At least I've never heard of such a case. So I guess all we can hope for is that the fraternities try to act more their age, be more responsible and start recycling instead of littering.

And one more thing — I remember being on the high school newspaper and having to run the edition by our principal before it went to print. Basically, it had to go through some censorship. In college, I'm glad that doesn't exist. I'm thankful that someone like Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum can use whatever language she wants when describing her struggle to quit smoking. College is supposed to have eager, open-minded students, which is why I find graduate student Don Geddes' gripe about a "foul mouth" so, well, lame. I'm sorry, but if you can't stand to see the word 'fuck' in print, you should probably quit school and go back to your conservative, sheltered la-la-land.

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Gore out to steal America's rights

Campaign Commentary Kevin

Staff Columnist

In last Thursday's edition bemoaned the cause of the antigun movement America. saying that

the entire basis of their argument was emotional-

ly-based and contained no logic. And now I will provide you with the support-

ing facts that Al Gore does not want you to hear.

In his battle with George W. Bush, Gore has criticized him repeatedly for his support of a law in Texas allowing citizens, after a background check and successful completion of a safety course, to carry a concealed weapon. Remember from Thursday that Gore, in a former life as a Tennessee Congressman, voted against even

requiring serial numbers to be placed on handguns produced in the United States.

After his alignment with Clinton and his abrupt 180-degree turn on the issue, Gore has joined Clinton in support of faulty legislation and promised more of it in the future.

In preying on the emotions of those Americans not educated on the issue, Al and Bill would have you believe that Texas has been reduced to a state full of cowboys ready to draw down and shoot at the drop of a hat. The fact of the matter is that 31 states (including Tennessee) now issue "shall-carry" permits similar to Texas'. And the results, while logically predictable, are not to the liking of the fearmongering Clinton/Gore, and more importantly, Gore/Leiberman tickets.

The more conservative aggregate estimates show an overall drop in the murder rate of 8.5 percent in these states - not what Al wants you

to hear.

in the number of rapes, a seven-percent drop in assaults and a three-percent drop in robberies.

These numbers may seem insignificant on such a grand scale, so let me put it another way. After implementing laws that made concealed carry permits available to their citizens, the prevention of 1,570 murders in 31 states occurred.

Along with this astounding fact comes the 4,177 rapes that were prevented, 60,000 aggravated assaults stymied and 12,000 robberies prevented since the laws were implemented.

Shocked? Surprised? You shouldn't be. There are all kinds of facts that Al Gore hopes you don't run across between now and November 7. Under the corrupt office of Janet Reno that has allowed Clinton/Gore to continue with their illegal fundraising activities without consequence, the nation's strict laws against criminal offenders possessing guns have also been ignored.

Don't be fooled — the laws that currently exist on the books are more than sufficient in the pre-In addition, there was a five-percent reduction vention of crime and conviction of criminals.

Part two of a two-part series

In Virginia, officials decided to ignore the example set by the corrupt Attorney General and began federally prosecuting ALL felons with guns and drugs. The program was called "Exile." The result was an astounding 65-percent drop in the number of homicides. Imagine that, Al, enforcing the existing laws actually works!

But all of this is fact-based logic. The Gore people don't want you to think in this manner. The tradition of fudging the numbers of government reports when the results don't support his position will only get worse if he is given the keys to the White House.

Gore will continue to prey on the emotions of Americans in the hopes that he can speed legislation through before anyone realizes that their Second Amendment rights are gone.

Don't be fooled by rhetoric - history repeats itself. You know what's coming next.

The last time I counted there were 26 other amendments. On November 7, don't give Al Gore the momentum to begin attacking the rest.

Spitfire tour sets MTSU ablaze

"You know, rich people really get on my nerves. They're always flaunting their money around everywhere.

"Yeah, I know what you mean, and it's even worse when they're racist."

"I wish there was a place where we could all get together and rant about the kind of stuff we hate."

"Or even if we all just sat around and talked about current issues facing the world today."

By Courtney Huckabay Features Editor

Well, there is a place for this kind of interaction among concerned students at MTSU-Tucker Theatre will house the activists of the Spitfire Tour Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

What is the Spitfire Tour, one might ask. It's a collection of musicians, actors and political activists banded together to speak out on global affairs, according to their website. "Created in part by Zack De La Rocha of Rage Against the Machine, the Spitfire Tour is a free speech tour that aims to educate, enlighten, and entertain, while instigating action.

MTSU Student Activities committee, Ideas & Issues, was lucky enough to nab the Tour for Tuesday night and to be the first stop on nation-

Four guests are slated to speak and one moderator will run the show. Spearhead musician Michael Franti will serve as the moderator and also speak about "Staying Human." As a songwriter, composer, producer, vocalist, musician, activist and poet, Franti's lyrics "paint a picture of life's struggles and solutions, and most importantly of all, life's sweetness of love." Franti was previously in a group called The Beatnigs and was also a part of the rap duo Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy.

Angelo Moore started in the alternative/ska music scene in the '80s as the lead singer and saxophonist of Fishbone. Moore began writing and performing poetry about his experiences growing up in the predominantly white suburbs of San Fernando Valley as Dr. Madd Vibe in 1995. Besides

taking his message on the road, Moore has published a book of poetry titled Dr. Madd Vibe's Comprehensive Linkology, and a CD with the same name.

Howard Lyman made his claim to fame in 1996 when he appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show as a guest for the "Food Safety" topic and spoke out about Mad Cow Disease. He has worked for the Montana Farmers Union and as a lobbyist for the National Farmers Union. Since 1991 he has been speaking to groups about organic sustainable agriculture and the dangers of current methods of food production. He will lead a discussion about Mad Cow Disease for the Spitfire Tour.

Lydia Lunch will also perform for the Tour. Lunch has been hailed by the Boston Phoenix as "one of the 10 most influential performers of the '90s." Her topic of the evening is "Motherhood Is Not Compulsory." Through music, books, spoken word performances, film, video, photography, poetry and a multitude of creative endeavors, Lunch draws attention to a wide variety of social issues

Jello Biafra, formerly the lead singer/songwriter of the '80s punk band The Dead Kennedys, will talk about "The Nonviolent Extermination of the Rich." Biafra was thrown into the world of censorship and First Amendment rights when the 1986 Frankenchrist trial—the first case in history to try a recording for obscenity—began. He has released over a dozen music albums and five spoken word albums. Biafra was also the former Green Party presidential candidate.



Photo Provided

Michael Franti inspires the crowd. Franti will preside over the Spitfire discussions this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

MTSU Green Party members are excited about Biafra's arrival. They will have a table set up in the Tucker Theatre lobby for the Tuesday performance to do voter registration and pass out Green literature. "It's exciting that something's happening here on campus," said Gieves Anderson, a charter member of the MTSU Greens. "It's such a critical time. There's a lot happening in the world, and it's the first time a lot of MTSU students will have the chance to vote for president."

Jonathan Sword, founder of the MTSU Green Party group, is also anticipatingly awaiting the Spitfire Tour. "All of these people have long been heroes of mine, especially Jello Biafra for the issues he addresses. And I've been a fan of Angelo Moore and Fishbone since I was 12. Now that I'm involved in the Green Party and these guys are doing this political tour, it's neat that these things are coming

The Spitfire Tour begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Tucker Theatre. Tickets are available now at KUC Room 308, \$5 for students and \$7 for the public. Tickets will also be available at the door which opens at 6 p.m. •

Faces of Death release highly acclaimed third album

By Leslie Carol Boehms Staff Writer

"Humans have faces that slowly but surely die. Whether it's drugs, accidents, stress, diseases, age it don't matter. We are born dying, we are all going to be faces of death." This is Faces of Death's response to Detroit News on what their band name repre-

Flint, Mich. based F.O.D. released their third album, Mind Yo Business on Sept. 1. F.O.D. have been recognized and hailed as one of the greatest underground rap bands to ever grace the independent scene by many independent magazines and reveiewers. The critically acclaimed group is headed by lead rapper Cap Tha Product.

Tuck, who graduated from MTSU in 1998 with a degree in the Recording Industry, produced the current project. He is currently working on his masters degree at MTSU in Marketing. Tuck also founded F.O.D.'s record label RapBall Records in July of

F.O.D.'s third album is very well produced and has incredible sound, especially for an independent record.

My favorite song on Mind Yo Business was "Sex and Trees." It had an amazing and highly eclectic background groove to it. I liked the way the group incorporated an almost Caribbean beat to the song. Cap Tha Product describes "Sex and Trees" as a story about, "A person who got his business taken care of. And now he's about enjoying [life] and making more money."

On this album, there are some rather derogatory references to death and murder. Especially on song number two "Murder" one might get the sense that this group is out to convey a highly negative message to its listen-

The song begins with the group repeating the words "kill" and "murder." However, Tuck describes this song as more of a tribute to those who have been murdered. The song also depicts the true story of a five year old boy who murdered a six year old girl in Flint, Mich. (Cap's home town). "Murder is going on-even though it's negative-it's still going on and it needs to be brought to the forefront,"

There are many musical influences that F.O.D. attributes to their sound and their soul. Tupac, Top Authority and other underground rappers are who Faces of Death give credit to the potency of their music.

"The album is street education. It talks about street life and it explains what can happen out there. It's just trying to explain what goes on in the street education," said Tuck.

I definitely recommend this album to anyone who can truly appreciate the work of independent rappers.

It is definitely teaching truth and understanding about enjoying life, exactly what F.O.D. stands for and preaches.

and supporters. "Thank you to anyone who picks up the album. Also, thanks for supporting F.O.D.

Cap and Tuck also express thanks

to all of their Middle Tennessee fans

and everything that RapBall records

This DVD goes to 11

By Phillip Duncan Staff Writer

Intro I thought I would drop a brief intro and explanation into this space while it was available. My name is Phillip Duncan and I am a senior in the Graphic Communication Program here at MTSU. I have been collecting DVDs since the format first appeared several years ago and have a decent sized collection.

First of all, this column will be more about DVDs than about film reviews. There are plenty of film reviews around, so I want to focus more on the actual features of the DVD. What makes it special, are there extra features and is it worth your hard earned cash?

Speaking of cash, more often than not I have purchased these movies myself and that means that they will likely be ones that I enjoy. This is another reason I will not be reviewing them as films. Since I have already purchased them, I am biased toward them. I'll be reviewing films I buy or ones I can easily rent, until movie studios wake and start sending them to me for free.

In closing, if anyone would like to suggest a DVD for me to review or you would like to see what DVDs I have just drop by my web site at http://members.bna.bellsouth.net/~pj duncan. Feel free to e-mail me your comments and thoughts. I'm new to this and welcome all the feedback I can get. Now, it's time for the review.

On Sept. 12, new and long-time DVD fans will receive a nice present from MGM Home Entertainment in the form of *This Is Spinal Tap*. This hard to find DVD is being re-released to coincide with the film's theatrical re-release on Sept. 9.

The truly sad fact is that most people will overlook this great DVD in favor of the over-hyped release of titles like Terminator 2 or Men In Black from this past week

While these two films offer plenty of visual effects and fancy special fea-



The members of Spinal Tap from left to right are bassist Derek Smalls, guitarist Nigel Tufnel and vocalist David St. Hubbins.

tures, neither can match Spinal Tap for pure fun.

Originally released in 1984, this mock-rockumentary film has continued to fool people to this day. Conceived and written by actors Christopher Guest, Michael McKean, Harry Shearer, and director Rob Reiner, Spinal Tap was a cleverly produced and marketed tribute/parody of the rock and roll scene of the late

seventies and early eighties. The setup is simple. Nigel Tufnel (Christopher Guest), David St. Hubbins (Michael McKean), and Derek Smalls (Harry Shearer) are the core members of the London based metal group Spinal Tap. They are about to embark on their first tour of the United States in several years and the film chronicles the series of downfalls that occur.

Every behind-the-scenes music special on television today has pulled a little bit of inspiration from this film. It plays out as a cross between a rockumentary and the beginning of a VH1 "Where Are They Now" special.

The actors and director, who is a visible participant in the film, never lapse out of character for a moment. The closing credits do little to reveal the complex charade and neither do the extras presented on the DVD.

This is as near perfect as a DVD can get. For starters, the video is sharp and clean-where appropriate—and looks surprisingly good for its age. There is a little softness in the overall picture, but again this is probably due to the age of the film and not the actual transfer.

The film is presented in anamorphic widescreen for those lucky few with 16x9 televisions, but the letterboxed 1.85:1 aspect ratio looks perfect on any larger television.

A remixed Dolby Digital 5.1 soundtrack has replaced the original stereo soundtrack and emphasizes all the right areas. The rear effects are useless in the documentary style scenes but really shine in the concert

An incredible amount of attention has been paid to subtle effects in the mix. During one concert scene, bassist Derek Smalls is trapped in his cocoon (don't ask, just watch the film) on the stage. Despite the best efforts of the crew, he remains trapped for the remainder of the song. When the camera switches to his band-mates for their reactions, the sound of his instrument appropriately moves to the rear speaker.

With the most important parts of the disc out of the way, the producers



decided to let the fun begin.

This DVD features the most entertaining set of extras of any disc I've had the pleasure of watching.

It contains fifteen deleted scenes, and unlike most deleted scenes, they are actually good. Often omitted scenes show exactly why they were deleted in the first place, but not

In keeping with the fake documentary feel, the rest of the extras are cleverly played as actual footage and video of the band. There are four music videos included that chronicle the bands evolution from a Beatles style quartet to the heavy metal godfathers they are today.

There are television appearances and commercials included, as well as an extremely funny commercial for a greatest hits album that is not available in stores.

Finally, the best part of the extras has to be the commentary. Since this is a documentary, the band members and not the actors provide the behind the scenes talk. They spend the entirety of the commentary track complaining about the horrible job that Marty DiBergi (director Rob Reiner) did presenting them on film.

They complain that he only focused on the bad moments and the shows that got cancelled. Not once is it revealed that they are actors and not actually a band. Again, just another level of realism and clever parody that makes this film such a classic that continues to be borrowed from to this day. •



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Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Interests Editor

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MTSU and Baldwin Photographic Gallery announce the opening of an exhibit featuring the works of Wendy Erickson. Ms. Erickson will be giving a slide/lecture presentation at 7:30 p.m. in Mass Comm, Room 103. The exhibit will be displayed through Oct. 26.

The Founder's Day celebration will be held at the Alumni Center from 9 to 11 a.m. and in the KUC Courtyard from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sept. 12

The Spitfire Tour will be held in Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m.

The Speech and Theatre Dept. will be holding auditions for Evening of Dance on Tuesday, Sept. 12 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Auditions will be in Dance Studio A at the Murphy Center. Call 898-2640 for more information.

Phi Sigma Pi invites any students with a 3.0 GPA or higher to come find out how they can enrich your experience at MTSU. Informational meetings will be held Sept. 12-14 at 7 p.m. in KUC, Room 324. Contact Matthew Peachey at 890-4744 for more information.

Sept. 13

All students are encouraged to participate in the 2000 student organization fair Wednesday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the KUC courtyard. Several MTSU student organizations will set up displays and pass out information on how to get involved on campus. Free food and drinks will be served. Call 904-8418 for more details. Rain date is Sept. 20.

Sept. 14

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will sponsor a video-lecture, "Intro to Objectivism, Ayn Rand's Philosophy," at 7 p.m. in KUC,Room 315. Contact Luc Travers at 893-9531 for more information.

The first MTSU volunteer fair will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Students and student organizations wishing to become involved in community service both on and off campus may come by to talk with representatives from area community agencies. Free drinks will be served. Call 904-8418 for more information. Rain date is Sept. 21.

Sept. 15

Applications for student activity funds are available in KUC, Room 130. The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 15 at 4 p.m. To be eligible for funds, you MUST attend one of the Student Organization Orientation sessions and be a registered student organization.

Student Affairs presents "Welcome Back Comedy Showcase" with comedian Tommy Davidson at 8 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. It is free and open to the public. Tickets are available in the Student Activities office, KUC, Room 308.

Sept. 20

The University Rules Committee for the 2000-2001 academic year will meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 in KUC, Room 210. Contact Dr. David Hays at 898-2440 for more information.

Sept. 21

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service are offering several technical training and certification classes this fall. One course, AutoCAD, will be held Thursdays from Sept. 21 through Dec. 7. It is worth three CEUs and costs \$325. Contact Saeed D. Foroudastan in the Department of Engineering Technology and Industrial Studies for more information.

Sept. 25 and 27

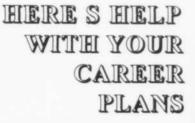
June Anderson Women's Center is offering a Math Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB, Room 204. Eliminate math anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Ongoing

Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in BDA, Room 220. Contact Drew or Ben at 898-2273 for more information.

Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all female students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia, or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.





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Monday, September 11, 2000

Athletes have Sydney in sights

By Josh Ezzell Staff Writer

Student-athletes come to college with various goals.

Some want to win championships. Some want to win individual awards. Most athletes, however, don't achieve their goals

That is not the case for some Blue Raider men's track stars. Current athletes Albert Agyemang and Tanko Braimah will represent Ghana in the 2000 Summer Olympics, along with former Blue Raider Christian Nsiah and graduate student Andrew Owusu.

Agyemang and Braimah will compete in the 200-meter dash and the 4x100 relay. Nsiah will compete in the 100-meter dash and the 4x100 relay, Owusu will compete in the triple jump.

"All the guys have lived up to expectations," Blue Raider track coach Dean

Hayes said. "I have no complaints." What is there to complain about?

The tracksters have been incredible. Nsiah was a two-time All-American for the Blue Raiders. He was an All-American in 1996 in the 200-meter dash and he earned All-American honors in the 60-meter dash in 1999.

International competition isn't new to him either.

He ran for a Finnish team this summer where he competed against stiff competition. He thinks the competition prepared him for the Olympics.

"I ran well in Europe," Nsiah said. "I ran against good competition this summer. I should be all right."

But the Olympics will be slightly See Olympics, 8

different than expected. He is expected to run the 200-meter dash.

Nevertheless, he expects to do well

and attributes his success to Hayes. "I learned a lot from him (Hayes) ,"

Nsiah said. "I improved from a 10.3 to a 10.1 in under a year."

Nsiah isn't the only Blue Raider with International experience.

Agyemang represented Ghana in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. He found the competition to be rather

"I got a surprise in the Olympics," Agyemang said. "The standards are very high.

At MTSU, he rose above the competition, winning the 200-meter dash at the Ohio Valley Conference 2000 Track and Indoor Championships with a time of 21.36. He also placed second in the 100 and 200-meter dashes at the Sun Belt Championships.

"My goal is to go higher," Agyemang said. "I want to do better every meet." Braimah also brings International

experience to the Olympic Games. He participated in the World Games in Greece in 1997, which is where he

met Hayes. "It's been great working with him (Hayes)," Braimah said. "He's helped

While he has experience, Braimah is still nervous about the Olympics. Nevertheless, he gets a big smile on his face and talks faster when discussing the Olympics.

Volleyball winless at Xavier Invitational

MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team lost both matches on the second day of competition at the 2000 Xavier Volleyball Invitational to fall to 1-6 for the season.

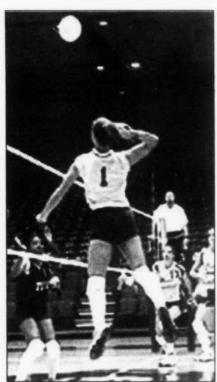
The Lady Raiders started the day with a hard-fought 1-3 (15-7, 10-15, 10-15, 3-15) loss to Virginia in the early match. Middle Tennessee came out strong with a commanding 15-7 win in the first game, but the Hoos quickly regrouped and won the next three to take the match.

Senior middle blocker Lindsay Pritchard led the Lady Raiders with nine kills and four blocks, while freshman Caja Morstad led the teams defensive effort with a match-high 18 digs. Morstad also finished with four kills.

Kelly Quinn and Goldie Bilveu-Sears continue to share time at the setter position and finished the match with 16 and twelve assists respectively.

Also making significant contributions were Alicia Scott with seven kills and twelve digs, Katie Thiesen with six kills and ten digs, and Erin Hillstrom also with six kills.

Middle Tennessee returned to the Cintas Center three hours later to challenge Western Michigan, but again came away without the win. The Lady Raiders fell in three straight matches 6-15, 2-15, 11-15.



Lindsay Pritchard again led the Lady Raider attack with six kills. Sophomore Erin Hillstrom led the way in digs with ten and also added five kills. Caia Morstad and Katie Thiesen finished with four kills a piece

Kelly Quinn finished with nine assists, while Goldie Bilyeu-Sears tal-

Holden named tennis coach

MT Media Relations

Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced Wednesday that Randy Holden will become the fourth head coach of the Lady Raider tennis pro-

Holden will bring over 15 years of coaching experience including stints as head coach at Auburn and Louisiana-Monroe. Holden was also an assistant at Clemson for two sea-

While at Auburn, Holden led the Tigers to three top 25 rankings from 1993 to 1996 including a fifth place finish in 1993 in the rugged Southeastern Conference. During his seven years, Holden amassed a 67-85

After taking over the program at the bottom of the SEC, Holden led the Tigers to the programs first-ever ranking in the ITA national polls in just his third year ending the season 25th in the nation. Holden's teams also

excelled in the classroom where twenty-eight of his players were named to the SEC honor roll during his tenure with Auburn. He moved on to Louisiana-

Monroe for one season in 1998 finishing third in the Southland Conference and posting an overall record of 13-7.

Most recently, Holden has spent the past year serving as Director of the Weeks Park Tennis Center in Wichita Falls, Texas where he coached severalhighly-ranked juniors.

'We are extremely excited to have someone with his experience and track record," commented Dale Short, Director of Tennis. "It shows where we are as a program to be able to get someone with the credentials Randy brings to the table."

Holden will be returning to Murfreesboro after graduating from Oakland High School in 1983. He went on to play collegiately at Belmont for one season before finishing his collegiate playing career at Austin Peay. •



Raiders bogged down in swamp

By Michael Barrett Sports Editor

The Blue Raiders traveled to Florida this weekend for a match-up with the Florida Gators and came back with a case of swamp fever.

The speed and strength of Florida proved to be to much for head coach Andy McCullom and his Blue Raiders to handle. The Gators would go onto to win the game 55-0 and send the Blue Raiders to 0-2 for the

The Gators used this game as a tune up for next weeks match-up against rival Tennessee.

The Blue Raiders now fall to 0-16

all-time against SEC opponents. The Gators won the opening kick-off and quickly drove down field in typical Gator fashion and scored on a touchdown pass from Jesse Palmer to Taylor Jacobs.

The Blue Raiders came out sharp on their first possession. Dwone Hicks broke a 23 yard run but, that was all she wrote as the Raiders could not mount much of a charge after that.

The Gators would score once again on their next possesion as well. They would then force the Raiders to punt on their next possesion. Lito Sheppard fielded the punt and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown and Florida lead 21-0. The last time the BlueRaiders allowed a punt return for a touchdown was against Arizona last season, when Dennis Northcut returned one for 80 yards.

The BlueRaiders would head into the half down 38-0.

This would not turn out to be the Raiders day as the Gators would basically run cirlces around the Blue Raiders. The Blue Raiders could not match the Gators step for step all day long. It also didnt help the fact that the Blue Raiders committed eight pennalties on the day and also commited six turnovers. The Gators would score 17 points in the seond half and go on to win 55-0. The last time the Blue Raiders were shut-out was last season against Lousiana-

Kendall Newsom gets taken down after a catch during Saturday's game against the Gators. With his three catches against Florida, Newson became Middle Tennessee' all-time receptions leader. Newson surpassed the mark of 110 receptions by Herbert Owenby and Demetric Mostiller. Newson now has III career catches in only 23 games played.

One Bright spot for the day was receiver Kendall Newsom, who had three catches on the day to give him 111 for his career. Newson is now the Blue Raiders all-time receptions leader, passing Herbert Owenby and Demetric Mostiller. He also improved his streak of consecutive games with a reception to 23.

On a down note, senior lineman Barry Hall left late in the game and was said to have a concussion. Other

injuries for MTSU are junior wide receiver Hansford Johnson with a sprained left ankle and offensive guard Reggie Primas with sprained

Some other stats for the Blue Raiders are, Robert Bilings had a career high for punts, 9 for 325

The Blue Raiders will face the Murray State Racers this weekend at home at Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium. Kick off is set for 6 p.m.

Lady's soccer on two game win streak

By Andrew Butler Staff Writer

For the first time this young 2000 season, the Lady Raider women's soccer team is on a winning streak.

The Lady Raiders won its second straight 1-0 game Sunday against Drury College at Lady Raider Field, following its 1-0 win against Appalachian State at home Friday. The Lady Raiders improved to 3-2 overall

after two non-conference wins. "Our team defense is something that we've worked hard on," said MTSU soccer coach Scott Ginn. "They are doing a really good job and I'm

proud of them. They are doing what you ask of them."

MTSU was outshot by Drury (1-5-

1) in the second half 11-6 but, the Raiders got the only score of the contest in that second half.

Freshman midfielder Jenny Cox was able to score on a header off a corner kick by Sarah Schulz at the 49:35 mark. It came off the second of two successive corner kicks that the Lady Raiders

received. 'That's something that we've worked on a lot because it's a good opportunity to score," Ginn said. "That's a reason that she's in there, because she attacks the goal. Sarah hit a

nice ball and it was perfect. That's the way it works."

Drury came close to tying the game a number of times late in the contest, including a shot that sailed right of the goal with 13 minutes remaining in the

Senior keeper Jennifer Robb recorded her second straight shutout with nine saves, six in the second half.

Neither team got many scoring chances in the first half. The teams combined for nine shots on goal-five for Drury and four for MTSU. Both teams had near-goals as MTSU came

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Olympics: Students bound for summer Olympics

How college football's top 10 fared

No. 3 Michigan (2-0) beat Rice 38-7. Next: at No. 16 UCLA, Saturday.

No. 7 Kansas State (2-0) did not play. Next: vs. Ball State, Saturday.

No. 10 Virginia Tech (2-0) beat East Carolina 45-28, Thursday.

No. 1 Nebraska (2-0) beat No. 23 Notre Dame 27-24, OT.

No. 2 Florida State (2-0) beat Georgia Tech 26-21.

No. 4 Miami (1-1) lost to No. 15 Washington 34-29.

No. 6 Texas (1-0) beat Louisiana-Lafayette 52-10.

No. 8 Florida (2-0) beat Middle Tennessee 55-0. No. 9 Georgia (1-1) lost to South Carolina 21-10.

No. 5 Wisconsin (2-0) beat Oregon 27-23.

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"There are going to be a whole lot of people there (Sydney)," Braimah said. "I hope I do well. I'm going to try my best."

There is also Owusu. A graduate student at MTSU, he ran track at the University of Alabama. Now he is, training with Hayes, while pursuing his doctorate in Physical Education at MTSU.

While he has Olympic experience, he hopes the Sydney experience is better than Atlanta.

"The first time was rough," said Owusa, about the 1996 Olympics. "I couldn't sleep the night before the event. I was tired the day of my event, so I dozed off right before I was supposed to jump. I ended up finishing 16th in the long jump.

"This time I'll be calmer. I know what to expect."

The guys making the trip to Sydney all value education. Nsiah and Owusu have graduated. Braimah is working on his undergraduate degree, while Agyemang is working on his master's degree in economics.

Nsiah says he will probably go back to Africa when he is finished with school.

They need people to build the African economy," Nsiah

But for now, they are happy to face the best the world has to

feels great," said Agyemang, about representing Ghana in the Olympics. "Not many people get a chance to represent their country and run shoulder (to shoulder) with the best in the world. It's fantastic."

Soccer: Lady Raiders pull above .500 for season with win

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cloe to scoring off a corner kick midway through the half.

Drury had several shots float wide of the goal. MTSU had the ball in front of the net but, kicked it over the net with three minutes left in the half.

In the first five games of the season, the Lady Raider soccer team has scored goals in three of the games. They have won those games. MTSU did not score in the other two games. So early in the 2000 season, the pattern is that if MTSU scores, they win.

On Friday, the Lady Raiders soccer team got its second win against Appalachian State with a 1-0 win in double overtime. The Lady Raiders were outshot 21-9 in the game with Appalachian State dominating the second period of the game by firing 11 shots to Middle Tennessee's

Neither team was able to score in regulation and the first overtime. Senior forward Kenya Hickey broke through the Mountaineer defense and fired a shot from just inside the box past ASU goalie Leigh Hooten for the lone goal of the contest at the 109:07 mark. Hickey has scored three of MTSU's five goals through the first five games of the season



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Players struggle over the ball in Sunday's game.

Robb recorded 13 saves in her first shutout of the season.

MTSU will travel to Florida for a pair of matches this weekend as they play Florida International on Friday and Florida Atlantic on Sunday. Their next home match will be against North Texas on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.

"We're going down to Miami next weekend and we are probably going to play two really tough teams," Ginn said. "Now we have a little confidence going into the road trip."◆

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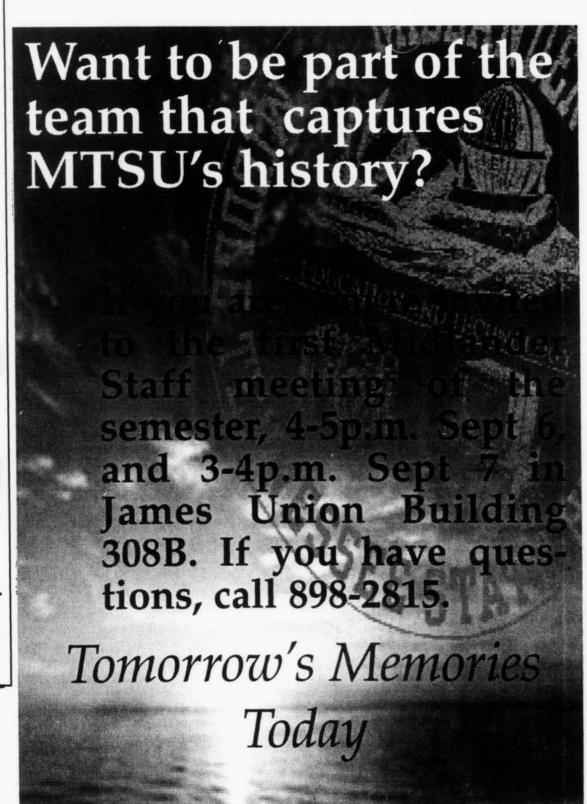
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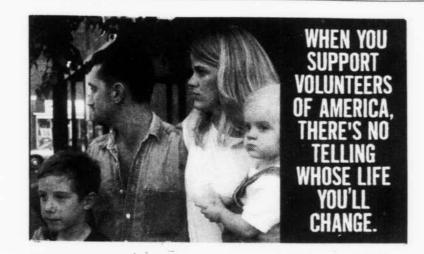


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