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MTSU staff awarded

Several members of the Office of Development and University Relations recently received honors for their promotion work from the Tennessee Advancement Resources Council in their 2001 awards.

John Lynch, director of advancement data management, received first place in the Web site category.

Suma Clark, director of Publications and Graphics, and Martha Millsaps, editorial assistant of Publications and Graphics, won first place in the brochure/information packet category.

Millsaps, Suma Clark and Donna Clark were rewarded first place in the Annual Report category. Doug Williams, executive director of communications and marketing, was awarded first place in the video category.

Lisa Rollins, assistant director for the Office of News and Public Affairs, and Tom Tozer, director for media relations, won first place in the public relations: specific media project category for their "MTSU On the Record" radio show.

For more information, call News and Public Affairs at 898-2919.

Horse literature archived

One of the country's largest individual collections of equestrian information is available to researchers.

The Margaret Lindsley Warden Collection will be housed in the Albert Gore Research Center.

Warden, formerly a reporter for *The Tennessean*, donated her notes, newspaper clippings and rare books to the Gore Center in 1988. Her column, titled "Horse Sense," ran in *The Tennessean* from 1939-1994.

For more information, call the Gore Center at 898-2632.

Open meeting on attacks

Congressional representative Bart Gordon (D-TN) will conduct an open meeting at the La Vergne Senior Citizens Center on Saturday at 9 a.m. to discuss the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C.

Gordon said he initially planned to focus the discussion on education, but with recent events, he wishes to give a report on what the federal government is doing to respond.

ACT prep class offered

MTSU's Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service is offering an ACT exam preparation course this fall.

The course is designed to help students prepare to take the ACT college entrance exam. It covers, English, reading, math and science, as well as tips on taking standardized tests.

The first set of classes will be held Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Oct. 14 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The second set is Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Dec. 2 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. The course is \$99.

For more information or to register for the course, call the Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service at 898-2462.

By Christy Teaster
Contributor

The attack on the United States Sept. 11 has left many American citizens of foreign descent fearful of going out in public.

"I have many Arab and Muslim students. After the news broke out about the attack on Tuesday, my class became a war zone between American and foreign students," said Ashley Robinson, a third-grade teacher in Nashville.

"These children are far too young to understand the impact of this national tragedy. They go by what they are taught and that is why I am trying to teach them

the right way."

"My parents told me that it was those kind of people that made all those people in New York die," third-grader Michael Kinner said.

Many Middle Eastern people, now United States citizens, have run for cover, according to Nashville cab driver Adbiruf Mohammed.

"We came to this country for a better life," he said. "We came here for freedom, the American idea." He did not realize how quickly freedom could be taken away.

"Since Tuesday morning, I have had a rock thrown at my cab windshield, told to go back from where I came and had

"We came to this country for a better life."

— Adbiruf Mohammed

individuals refuse to ride in my cab," Mohammed said. "This is my way of making a living. I can't have it taken away."

"When a crisis such as this takes place, people overreact and target anyone with darker skin," said Siro Patel, a Mt. Juliet gas station owner.

"I'm from India, not Afghanistan, and I have been an

American citizen for more than 10 years.

"After the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, my business decreased significantly. This situation is much worse than that. People often confuse patriotism with prejudice," said Patel, adding that he simply wants to keep his business "safe and well."

Patel's belief, however, does not prevent some from holding a grudge against innocent people.

"I don't want a raghead doing anything for me and especially not taking my hard-earned money," said Ben Prewitt of Goodlettsville as he left Patel's store, refusing to

purchase fuel.

Where's the line between patriotism and prejudice?

Muslims and Middle Eastern people have been proving they are not evil here in Middle Tennessee.

"Many people from Afghanistan descent have come out and given blood for the cause," said Holly Meir, a Red Cross volunteer. "We cannot judge a whole nation on the act of a few people. If that were how things worked, then what would that say to other countries about America's moral system?"

"I've seen this before and I know the hatred it brings," said

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Response overwhelms Red Cross

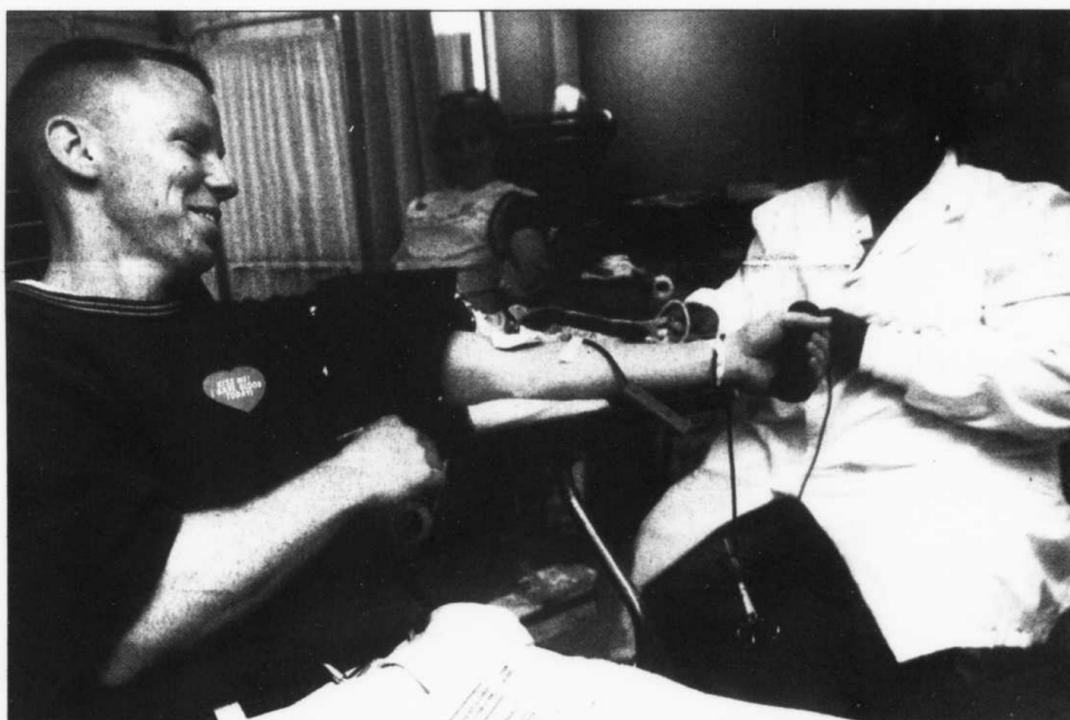


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Jeff Fahner, a senior and national guard soldier, grimaces as Red Cross volunteer Raquel Maclin draws his blood to donate to disaster relief. So many students and staff turned out, a line formed down the hall of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building and the volunteers had to turn people away.

By Jason Cox
Assistant News Editor

Graduate student Bill Doria waited for four hours Monday to give blood at the American Red Cross' blood drive at the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

The blood drive received a massive response from MTSU students, faculty and staff. More than 100 people were

turned away simply because there was not enough staff and equipment to handle them. In addition, 50 people were first-time blood donors.

Doria, who had given blood before, said, "I haven't given in a couple of years, so this seemed like the perfect time to come in here and do it again."

First time donors such as Leigh Thompson, a graduate accounting student, said she

had not given blood before because she was "terrified of needles."

All of the students asked said that the recent terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., prompted them to give blood.

"What happened in New York ... pushes you out there," said Jennifer McKinney, a junior majoring in nursing.

Volunteers from the nurs-

ing faculty, nursing students and Circle K International worked signing up donors, collecting money and serving food.

The nursing faculty holds a blood drive in the nursing building each semester, said Sheila Marquart, a member of the nursing faculty. She said that a decision will be made

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Professor: Education is key to happiness

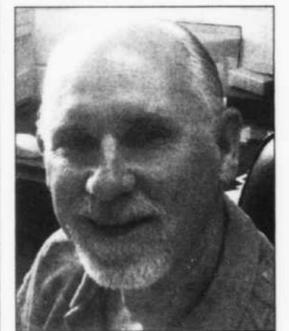
By Jessica Hall
Contributor

Two MTSU professors debate education's significance in lifelong happiness.

Obtaining a higher education may be a key variable in the happiness equation, according to an MTSU expert on psycho-spiritual well-being.

Charles Frost, chair of the social work department, said that in any equation for happiness, genetics provides the foundation for one's health, intelligence and personality.

However, he added, the environment supplies and denies opportunities, while luck is often undervalued.



Charles Frost

A social work practitioner for 38 years, Frost also says higher education is a definite contributor to the happiness equation.

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Wal-Mart considers near-campus move

By Mopsy Gascon
Contributor

Wal-Mart might be moving into the MTSU neighborhood.

The chain is considering buying property on the southeast corner of Mercury and Rutherford boulevards, according to Joseph Aydelott, Murfreesboro planning director.

The Planning Commission meeting will be held at City Hall today at 1 p.m.

The commissioners will discuss rezoning the property from R-20 (residential and agricultural uses) to PCD (planned commercial development). A

public hearing will be set for next month.

"I didn't know about that meeting (today)," said J. Thomas Dill, 87, who owns the property along with his two sisters. "I figured it would happen sooner or later. I don't know if it's actually going to go through. Wal-Mart got the option on the land at the first of the year."

"That land has been in the Dill family since the Civil War. My daddy bought it from my granddaddy. My sisters and I live on adjoining farms. My land joins that land."

The proposed site consists of 40 acres of Dill family property and 20 acres currently owned by

the city of Murfreesboro.

It borders the city of Murfreesboro where Mercury Boulevard becomes John Bragg Highway (70S), an area where large apartment complexes have been built in the last year to respond to the need for housing for MTSU students.

If rezoning and eventual annexation pass, construction could begin by early next year, pending purchase of the property by Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart has five stores, including four SuperCenters, within 30 miles of the area. Murfreesboro currently has one

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Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

The Wal-Mart SuperCenter on Old Fort Parkway in Murfreesboro is the largest Wal-Mart in Tennessee.

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Compiled By Jason Cox - Assistant News Editor

Threat must be eliminated

By Jeremy Davis
Staff Writer

Sept. 11, 2001, the American public's sense of security collapsed into a pile of dust and rubble.

For decades we have walked around without having the slightest worry of an enemy attack on American soil. That has all changed.

The horrors of evil and injustice that our grandparents fought against in World War II have been reincarnated.

The Nazi's evil spirit is back, and like our grandparents, we must fight for survival and freedom.

The Taliban government in Afghanistan forces Hindus among others to wear identification badges on their clothing to single them out for persecution just as the Nazis did to the Jews.

Women have been reduced to nothing more than domestic slaves in the last few years.

The Taliban also provides shelter for the world's most dangerous terrorist leader, Osama bin Laden, and his followers, the Al-Qaeda.

The characters and tactics have changed, but the struggle is all too familiar: freedom over tyranny and good vs. evil. To those who say a military strike would only make things worse, you are wrong.

Groups like the Green Party say these strikes were a result of American foreign policy and interference in the Middle East.

The huge majority of patriotic Americans know these attacks are nothing more than the result of hatred with a bank account.

It is time for a new approach to combating terrorism. It is time to stop ignoring the problem. It is time to eliminate the threat.

It is highly probable that the United States will be subject to more attacks as the months go

on. It also is likely the attacks will increase in scope dramatically if the attacks are not answered with deadly force.

From what I have read in recent days, the war will consist of missile attacks, special forces operations, possibly targeted assassinations, economic sanctions and other covert actions, all of which will be based on Pakistani, Russian and possibly Iranian intelligence until the United States can develop proper intelligence channels of its own within Afghanistan and other terrorist nations.

The price in life may be high, but not nearly as high as it would be if nothing is done and terrorist attacks continue. The president understands his job well: protect the United States from all enemies foreign and domestic. The enemy is foreign and domestic. It is President Bush's job to eliminate the threat of harm to American citizens, and I feel confident he will do that with a zeal not seen in recent years, and we will be victorious.

The most significant change after this conflict is resolved will not be the increased security at airports, the smaller reliance on Arab oil or even the new skyline of New York City.

It will be the fresh new spirit of our generation.

Patriotism will defeat cynicism. Sympathy will overshadow apathy. American flags will wave defiantly over anti-globalization protest signs.

Our generation will lead the way in the revival of the democratic and libertarian principles our great nation was founded on.

Even through all the smoke of last week's attack our nation is beginning to regain the spirit it lost in the past few decades.

The media calls our grandparents "The Greatest Generation." Well, I've got news for them. The best is yet to come. ♦

U.S., Russian officials discuss missile defense, terrorism

MOSCOW (AP) - Undersecretary of State John Bolton opened a new round of talks Monday in Moscow on U.S. plans to deploy a missile defense system and Russia's cooperation in fighting terrorism.

His talks with Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Mamedov had originally been scheduled for last week, but the terrorist strikes against the World Trade Center and Pentagon forced the diplomats to reschedule their meeting.

Moscow has expressed hope that the devastating attacks will prompt greater cooperation in fighting international terrorism.

However, Russian officials have cautioned against hasty retaliation, said Moscow is unlikely to take part in any U.S. strikes against Afghanistan, which has given sanctuary to suspected terrorist mastermind Osama bin Laden. ♦

World Trade Organization approves China's entry

BEIJING (AP) - Foreign firms, Japan's trade minister and Chinese advocates of reform Tuesday hailed China's impending membership in the World Trade Organization. Others fretted that the country is ill-prepared for an onslaught of foreign competition.

Foreign businesses were excited by the prospect of greater access to China's long-protected markets. But they also urged foreign governments and firms to help ensure that China fulfills its promises to WTO members to open up. ♦

Bush reaches out to world leaders to fight terrorism

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, reaching out to build a global alliance, said Tuesday he hopes to "rally the world" in the battle against terrorism and predicted that all "people who love freedom" would join.

A week after the nation's worst terrorist attack, Bush said his goal was "to find terrorists, to smoke them out of their holes, and to get them and to bring them to justice."

The meeting came as the Bush administration stepped up its efforts to reach out to leaders around the world to build a coalition against terrorism, even appealing for help to Cuba and Sudan. ♦

Prejudice: Locals affected

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Salvador Sorani, a veteran of World War II.

"Japanese-Americans whose ancestors had been here for three or four genera-

tions were thrown off their land and refused medical treatment," Sorani said. "We must accept that God is in control, and we are all his children. We can be patriotic and not have to be vicious." ♦

U.S. should not kill innocents

By Angela White
Online Editor

The criminal act committed against the citizens of this country last Tuesday should be prosecuted. But whether our government intends, or even wants, to seek justice without harming the innocent remains to be seen.

The Taliban regime is currently harboring Osama bin Laden, the FBI's prime suspect for Tuesday's attacks. Bush has said the U.S. government will make no distinction between the terrorists themselves and the government that houses them. But if the U.S. government uses methods like missile attacks and economic sanctions in an attempt to obtain bin Laden and destroy the Taliban government, it will catch innocent Afghan citizens in the crossfire.

The people of Afghanistan have survived deplorable circumstances, including drought, civil war and Soviet invasion. They also have been living (if one can call it that) under the dictatorship of the Taliban regime, which swept through the war-torn country and seized control of its capital, Kabul, in 1996.

The Taliban imposed severe restrictions upon the Afghan people, including the banning of entertainment, punishments such as beatings and death sentences for "sins" like premarital sex and adultery (rape victims not excluded) and the complete elimination of women's rights.

Women are not allowed to work, receive an education, go out alone in public or receive adequate healthcare. They must at all times wear a burqa, a long, heavy garment that covers their entire body, including the face. If a woman is caught violating one of these rules, she may be beaten, imprisoned or killed. Not surprisingly, Afghanistan is ranked at the bottom of the United Nations gender development index.

The Taliban regime is by no means a popular government. They rule by force, making the

lives of Afghan citizens unbearable, if not unlivable. The suicide rate of women in Afghanistan has skyrocketed since the Taliban took over.

"There is no pleasure in life anyway, so I don't care if the bombs come and I have to die along with my children," a 38-year-old mother of six and resident of Kabul told the Associated Press. Afghans began fleeing Kabul Saturday, fearful of an U.S. strike. Pakistan and Iran, who are not new to refugees fleeing from the cursed country, closed their borders. Hundreds of desperate Afghans stormed Pakistan's arched border yesterday, risking death for freedom. In addition, foreign staff members of 150 non-governmental humanitarian aid organizations left Afghanistan last week, further adding to the Afghan's turmoil.

The United States contributed to the hell in which the Afghan population now live through the funding of the Taliban to overthrow the Soviets. Now it seeks to destroy an innocent and already mutilated public for the crime of a government it does not want or support in a misguided attempt to rid the world of terrorism.

If the United States does indeed want to destroy terrorism, it must look at the roots of terrorism's existence instead of simply bombing everything in sight. What happened to us Tuesday has happened to many other countries, often by our own hands. How would the United States' attack of innocent civilians be any different than what happened to us? As the popular saying goes, "Why do we kill people to show people that killing people is wrong?"

The Taliban should have been dealt with a long time ago for its Nazi-like human rights abuses. But attacking its victims in the process is not the answer.

For a personal account of the condition of Afghanistan, read Tamim Ansary's guest column on page 4. ♦

Wal-Mart: New store planned

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Wal-Mart, a SuperCenter on Old Fort Parkway near Stones River Mall - on the opposite side of town from campus and the potentially new Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart tells me that they should have at least three stores in an area with the population of Murfreesboro," Aydelott said.

Wal-Mart corporate spokeswoman Daphne Davis was unavailable for comment from her office in Arkansas.

"I don't know about the other people in the area, but any traffic will be good for us," said Ahmed Odeh, owner of Gyros Café on North

Rutherford Boulevard, a short distance from the potential Wal-Mart site.

Tim Miles, owner of Premium Wine and Spirits nearby, agrees. "Any growth is great for the area," he said.

Other merchants in the area were positive about the new addition, with only a few exceptions. Some were skeptical, noting there has been talk of Wal-Mart moving into the area for about three years.

"I thought I had job security until you walked in the door," said a clerk, who preferred not to be identified, at one store in Mercury Plaza about a mile from the proposed Wal-Mart site. ♦

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later as to whether or not to sponsor another drive this semester.

According to Nancy McGill, director of the Heart of Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross in Murfreesboro, said the blood drive was "a big success."

McGill said their office received 119 productive units of blood Monday. McGill defines a productive unit as one from a donor that is able to bleed and met all the qualifications to be able to donate blood.

McGill added that students raised a significant amount of money to the Red Cross' relief fund. A total of \$1,263 was raised at Monday's drive alone.

The number of first time donors "may be the most we've had at a blood mobile," McGill said.

McGill said those who wish to donate blood can do so Friday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at their chapter office, which is located at 836 Commercial Court.

For more information, call the Murfreesboro chapter of the Red Cross at 893-4272. ♦

Happiness: Higher ed expands one's horizons

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"Education is another significant variable for a variety of reasons," he noted. "If you hold all the other variables constant, then you can measure the effect of education."

A former faculty member at the University of California State at Berkeley, Frost has served as both a psychotherapist and the mental health director in the state of California.

Regarding the social work discipline's latest findings on the higher education/happiness topic, Frost said some of the most noteworthy research about achieving happiness concerns delayed gratification.

"Delayed gratification skills are observed in even very small children who are able to forego some immediate pleasure in hopes of a better treat at a future time," he remarked.

Moreover, adds Frost, studies suggest that individuals who possess above-average delayed gratification skills are more likely to excel at school and work, while experiencing a higher level of success throughout life.

Thus, while Frost acknowledges the role of higher educa-

tion in the equation for happiness, he is quick to indicate that there is complexity in precisely assessing its effects.

"If you hold all the other variables constant, then you can measure the effect of education," he said. "[And] since it is close to impossible to hold all the plethora of other variables constant, it is extremely difficult to accurately measure the impact of education."

Fellow MTSU professor Gloria Hamilton, who holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, partially agrees with Frost.

However, she said, her field experience negates the concept of education being an important variable in the equation of happiness.

In 1985, Hamilton helped establish the Tara Center, a treatment center for poverty-stricken women with addictions. She currently serves as a consultant to companies, health-care systems and schools.

In cooperation with contracting agencies, Hamilton said she helps determine and meet these organizations' needs.

Throughout her years of service and experience with clients, Hamilton said she has observed that educated people are more likely to pursue therapy because they have resources such as health insurance and a job with income to accommodate doing so.

Hamilton does support Frost by saying that the obtaining of a higher education aides in expanding one's horizons and provides experience in dealing with positive and negative life events.

"One of the bedrock truths I have found is that recommending higher education to individuals has proven to be one of the most effective interventions with the biggest payback to the person," she said.

Although Hamilton, like Frost, doesn't fully credit education in the equation of happiness, she does note its importance.

"Higher education is not therapy or counseling, and is not meant to be," she explained. "However, expanding the mind opens the individual to options, choices and different ways of thinking, living and being in the world." ♦

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From the staff

Don't forfeit freedom

President Bush has warned America that sacrifice – both personal and political – in this time of crisis is imminent. In theory, most Americans would give up many of their rights if it would help authorities locate those involved in last week's terrorist attacks, but it's important that Americans not sacrifice too much of the freedoms that make us great – lest the terrorists "win."

There has been talk in the legislature of bugging cell-phone calls in jurisdictions of government suspects might be housing terrorists. Most law-abiding citizens wouldn't mind displaying their daily conversations if it might help terrorists be apprehended.

However, think of the precedent this kind of surveillance would set.

If the government can monitor calls to catch criminals, then they have reason to believe they should monitor calls to prevent criminal activity. By allowing our private conversations to be taped or flagged, we are giving up a basic American right that many countries probably are envious of.

America Online and Earthlink already have been served with search warrants, and now e-mail accounts on those servers are available to the authorities.

Many Americans are terrified to speak out against the president's decisions regarding war and Osama bin Laden for fear that they might be suspected of involvement.

While it's completely understandable that the government is – and should be – doing everything possible to track down the terrorists, America must assert our rights to privacy and free speech, even in times of national distress.

The ideals upon which this country was founded must be strong enough to remain, even when tested violently by countries and individuals of different philosophies. Bush said, "Freedom itself was attacked... and I assure you freedom will be defended." In defending our freedom we must not lose sight of our civil liberties.

People all over the country, and most likely around the world, are canceling plane trips and trips to New York City and Washington D.C. Security everywhere is escalating to unprecedented levels. While we understand the fear, we can't let it control the rest of our lives.

Don't let these terrorists affect your life any more than they already have. Don't allow them to crush the spirit of the American people. ♦

Correction

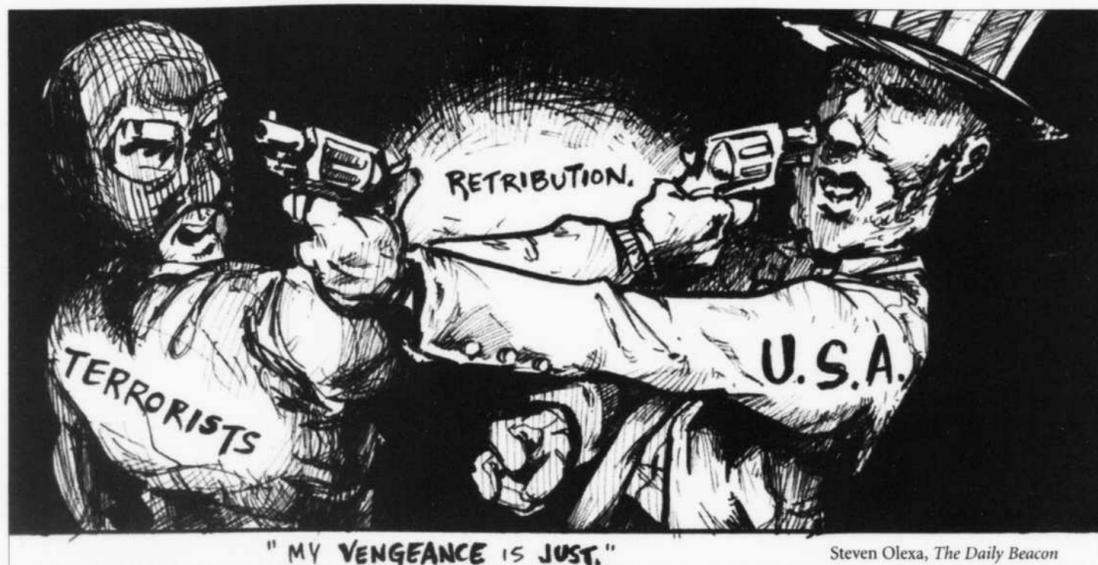
The Career Guide in the Sept. 17 issue incorrectly stated that Career Day begins at 8 am. Career Day events begin at 10 am. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

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Steven Olexa, *The Daily Beacon*

Fifty years of appeasement led to Black Tuesday

By Leonard Peikoff
Guest Columnist

Fifty years of increasing American appeasement in the Mideast have led to fifty years of increasing contempt in the Muslim world for the United States.

The inevitable climax was the tens of thousands of deaths on September 11, 2001 – the blackest day in our history, so far. The Palestinians, among others, responded by dancing in the streets and handing out candy.

Fifty years ago, Truman and Eisenhower ceded to the Arabs the West's property rights in oil – although that oil properly belonged to those in the West whose science and technology made its discovery and use possible.

This capitulation was not practical but philosophical. The Arab dictators were denouncing the wealthy egoistic West. They were crying that the masses of their poor needed our sacrifice; that oil, like all property, is owned collectively, by virtue of birth; and that they knew all this by means of their ineffable or otherworldly emotion. Our presidents had no answer.

Implicitly, they were ashamed of the Declaration of Independence. They did not dare to answer aloud that Americans, rightfully, were motivated by the selfish desire to pursue personal

happiness in a rich, secular, individualist society.

The Arabs embodied in extreme form every idea – selfless duty, anti-materialism, faith or feeling above science, the supremacy of the group – which our universities and churches and our own political establishment had long been preaching as the essence of virtue. When two groups, our leaders and theirs, accept the same basic ideas, the most consistent wins.

After property came liberty. The Iranian dictator Khomeini threatened with death a British author – and with destruction his American publisher – if they exercised their right to free speech. He explained that the book in question offended the religion of his people.

The Bush administration looked the other way.

After liberty came American life itself – as in Iran's support of the massacre of our soldiers in Saudi Arabia and the Afghanistan-based assault on our embassies in East Africa.

Again, the American response was unbridled appeasement: a Realpolitisch desire not to "jeopardize relations" with the aggressor country, covered up by a purely rhetorical vow to punish the guilty, along with an occasional pretend bombing. By now, the world knows that we are indeed a paper tiger.

We have not only appeased ter-

rorists, we have actively created them. The Reagan administration – holding that Islamic fundamentalists were our ideological allies in the fight against the atheistic Soviets – poured the money and expertise into Afghanistan to create an ever-growing band of terrorists recruited from all over the Mideast.

Most of these terrorists knew what to do with their American training. Their goal was not to save Afghanistan.

The final guarantee of American impotence is the bipartisan proclamation that a terrorist is an individual alone responsible for his actions and that "we must try each before a court of law." This is tantamount, while under a Nazi aerial bombardment, to seeking out and trying the pilots involved while ignoring Hitler and Germany.

Terrorists exist only through the sanction and support of the governments behind them. Their lethal behavior is that of the regimes that make them possible. Their killings are not crimes, but acts of war. The only proper response to such acts is war in self-defense.

We do not need more evidence to "pinpoint" the perpetrators of any one of these atrocities, including the latest and most egregious – we already have total certainty with regard to the governments primarily responsible for the repeated slaughter of Americans

in recent years.

We must now use our unsurpassed military to destroy all branches of the Iranian and Afghan governments, regardless of the suffering and death this will bring to the many innocents caught in the line of fire.

We must wipe out the terrorist training camps or sanctuaries and eliminate any retaliatory military capability – and thereby terrorize and paralyze all the tyrannies watching who will now know what is in store for them if they choose in any form to attack the United States. That will be the end of the terrorists.

Our missiles and occupation forces, however, will be effective only if they are preceded by our president's morally righteous statement that we intend hereafter to defend by every means possible each American's right to his property, his liberty, and his secure enjoyment of life here on earth.

To those who oppose war, I ask: If not now, when? How many more corpses are necessary before this country should take action?

The choice today is mass death in the United States or mass death in the terrorist nations.

President Bush must decide whether it is his duty to save Americans or the governments who seek to kill them. ♦

Leonard Peikoff is the founder of the Ayn Rand Institute in Marina del Rey, Calif.

MTSU sciences deserve more respect

Cranial Smorgasbord



Wes Cobb
Staff Columnist

There's a university in Tennessee that employs scientists that have worked for NASA, that have visited the White House to receive awards for their work, who have done groundbreaking research in fields like genetics, and scientists who have given up jobs with multi-million dollar corporations to teach.

You might ask if it is the University of Tennessee at

Knoxville, Vanderbilt or the University of Memphis? No.

You might be surprised to learn that this very university is a bastion of scientific excellence, especially with the average MTSU students' experience with the science faculty being a brush with Biology 100 (or whatever they call it now) and the corresponding geology class.

I say that those who try to speed their way through their science requirement are missing out. I've taken classes in biology, chemistry, physics and astronomy here at MTSU, and I can say that the professors whom I've studied these subjects under are a cut above the average college

professor.

I guess one of the main reasons for this is the nature of the subjects in general; you simply cannot b.s. your way to a science degree. You have to know exactly what you are talking about, no ifs, ands or buts about it.

As someone who majors in both English and biology, I know that I can sometimes get away with pulling an all-nighter on an English paper or not studying for a test. I would never, ever, (ever) wait until the night before to start studying for a biology test. Believe me, I've learned this from experience. All this gives me a healthy appreciation for what it must take to get a

doctorate in a scientific subject and makes me appreciate the expertise of our resident scientists all the more.

This brings me to a point: as far as I can tell, all of MTSU's science departments are grossly underfunded.

To keep up with progress, these departments need better and more up-to-date equipment. Everybody who has had a lab in Wiser-Patton Science building knows exactly what I mean.

How much more old and crusty does a lab have to get before it's up for renovation? While the labs in the Davis Science Building are somewhat more up to

date, they still have to squeeze every penny for all it's worth in order to keep things up and running.

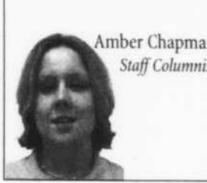
Another problem is the departments have outgrown the buildings. My microbiology class is held in Peck Hall.

Of course, I'm sure the nice multi-million dollar park (or whatever they call it) between the impressive-looking, yet book-deficient library and the Business and Aerospace Building is much more important to the university than making sure that MTSU's students receive a good education.

But hey, I guess some people can't make it to the green behind Coke or Old Fort Park when they want to get their green on. ♦

Idiots are prevalent in this country

Matters of the Heart



Amber Chapman
Staff Columnist

Do you ever feel as though you are wandering down the pathways of life with a blinking neon sign on your forehead that states: "Welcome idiots."

No? OK, I must be the only one. Everywhere I go I am plagued by stupid people. I'm convinced they're invading the planet. And what I fear more and more is that stupidity is contagious.

Take for instance, last

week. I was in the bank, and a teller was trying to explain the check-cashing policy to someone who spoke Spanish. The flustered bank teller was speaking slowly and loudly while illustrating with hand gestures.

The whole scene that was unfolding before me struck me as hilarious, and it took me a while to not let out a giggle. You see, that bank teller is one of those "ingenious" people who clutter my life. When I reached the lady, whose nametag should have read "Moron," I tried to explain that the people in front of me were Hispanic, not deaf. Her reply? A confused expression. Point proven.

On my way to work

today, there was a guy driving with his window down in the rain. Obviously a gifted person! Then there are those people who must think wearing sunglasses at night is fashionable. They couldn't be more wrong. Of course, the one stupidity that even I have been pondering for months is 'Braille on the drive-through ATMs.'

While we're on the subject of stupidity, there is only one thing that pisses me off more than an ignorant person and that is stupid questions.

I once had a teacher that made the comment, "There are no stupid questions, only stupid people." She was wrong. OK, OK, she was only partially wrong.

I have discovered that stupid questions do exist. However, they tend to go hand in hand with stupid people. These questions wouldn't seem so dumb if they only had some relevance; but no, they are simply the offspring of pure, blatant ignorance.

Imagine this: you're in the bathroom, doing your thing and some ignorant person knocks on the door and asks what you are doing. I mean, there are only so many options.

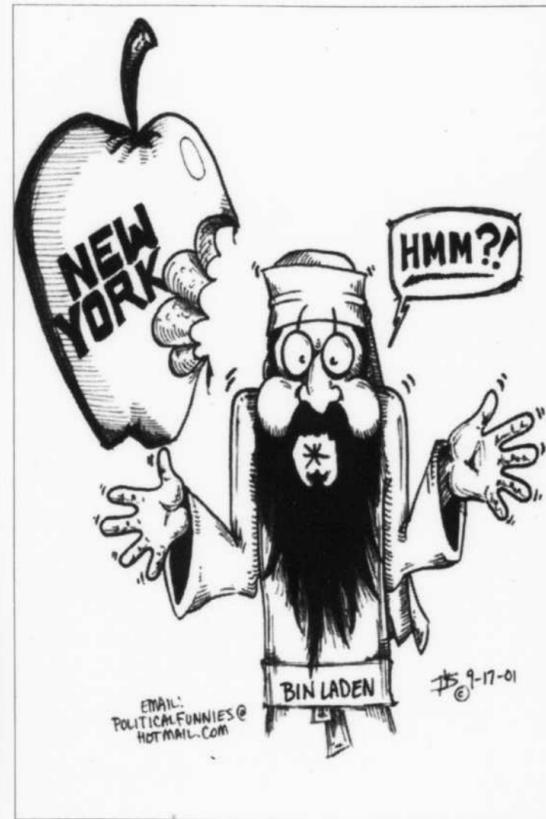
At work, you're up to your ears carrying merchandise and stocking it, probably wearing your company shirt, when some intelligent person says, "Excuse me, do you work here?" Apparently not the

brightest crayon in the box.

You've cut your finger, broken your leg, gotten a tattoo or some other form of bodily injury and someone asks the infamous question, "Did that hurt?" These people are beyond me.

The stupid thing about stupidity is that there is no cure, no antidote, no smart pill. What I find even more depressing is we all take a walk in the stupid shoes every now and then, some more than others.

For those that never leave the realm of stupidity, I want you to know that without you our world wouldn't be quite as colorful and nowhere near as humorous. ♦



Afghan people are also victims of Taliban, bin Laden

By Tamim Ansary
Guest Columnist

I've been hearing a lot of talk about "bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age." Ronn Owens, on KGO Talk Radio today, allowed that this would mean killing innocent people, people who had nothing to do with this atrocity, but "we're at war, we have to accept collateral damage. What else can we do?" Minutes later I heard some TV pundit discussing whether we "have the belly to do what must be done."

I thought about the issues being raised especially hard because I am from Afghanistan, and even though I've lived in America for 35 years, I've never lost track of what's going on there. So I want to tell anyone who will listen how it all looks from where I'm standing.

I speak as one who hates the Taliban and Osama bin Laden.

There is no doubt in my mind that these people were responsible for the atrocity in New York. I agree that something must be done about those monsters.

But the Taliban and bin Laden are not Afghanistan.

They're not even the government of Afghanistan. The Taliban are a cult of ignorant psychotics who took over Afghanistan in 1997. Bin Laden is a political criminal with a plan.

When you think Taliban, think Nazis. When you think bin Laden, think Hitler. And when you think "the people of Afghanistan" think "the Jews in the concentration camps."

It's not only that the Afghan people had nothing to do with this atrocity. They were the first victims of the perpetrators. They would exult if someone would come in there, take out the Taliban and clear out the

rat's nest of international thugs holed up in their country.

Some say, why don't the Afghans rise up and overthrow the Taliban? The answer is, they're starved, exhausted, hurt, incapacitated, suffering. A few years ago, the United Nations estimated that there are 500,000 disabled orphans in Afghanistan — a country with no economy, no food.

There are millions of widows, and the Taliban has been burying these widows alive in mass graves. The soil is littered with land mines; the farms were all destroyed by the Soviets. These are a few of the reasons why the Afghan people have not overthrown the Taliban.

We come now to the question of bombing Afghanistan back to the Stone Age. Trouble is, that's been done. The Soviets took care of it already.

Make the Afghans suffer? They're already suffering. Level

their houses? Done. Turn their schools into piles of rubble? Done. Eradicate their hospitals? Done. Destroy their infrastructure? Cut them off from medicine and health care? Too late. Someone already did all that.

New bombs would only stir the rubble of earlier bombs. Would they at least get the Taliban? Not likely. In today's Afghanistan, only the Taliban eat, only they have the means to move around. They'd slip away and hide.

Maybe the bombs would get some of those disabled orphans — they don't move too fast, they don't even have wheelchairs. Flying over Kabul and dropping bombs wouldn't really be a strike against the criminals who did this horrific thing.

Actually, it would only be making common cause with the Taliban — by raping once again the people they've been raping all this time.

So what else is there? What can be done, then? Let me now speak with true fear and trembling. The only way to get bin Laden is to go in there with ground troops.

When people speak of "having the belly to do what needs to be done," they're thinking in terms of having the belly to kill as many as needed, having the belly to overcome any moral qualms about killing innocent people. Let's pull our heads out of the sand. What's actually on the table is just because some Americans would die fighting their way through Afghanistan to bin Laden's hideout.

It's much bigger than that, folks. Because to get any troops to Afghanistan, we'd have to go through Pakistan. Would they let us? Not likely. The conquest of Pakistan would have to be first. Will other Muslim nations just stand by? You see where I'm

going. We're flirting with a world war between Islam and the West.

And guess what: that's bin Laden's program. That's exactly what he wants. That's why he did this. Read his speeches and statements. It's all right there.

He really believes Islam would beat the West. It might seem ridiculous, but he figures if he can polarize the world into Islam and the West, he's got a billion soldiers.

If the west wrecks a holocaust in those lands, that's a billion people with nothing left to lose, that's even better from bin Laden's point of view.

He's probably wrong. In the end, the West would win, whatever that would mean, but the war would last for years, and millions would die, not just theirs but ours.

Who has the belly for that? Bin Laden does.

Anyone else? ♦

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PLAY EXPOSES THE BORO TO SPUNK OF NEW YORK CITY STREETS



By Tierra McMahon
Staff Writer

Guys and Dolls resurrects New York '40s ambiance at the Murfreesboro Little Theatre and Center for the Arts, filling the house and offering more entertainment for the upcoming weekend.

This witty musical, based on the story by Damon Runyon and lyrics by Frank Loesser, transports the audience to an era where crap games abound, "Hot Box" dancers make their livelihood amidst religious fanatics, and the possibilities of love and luck are endless.

Due to the musical's classical significance and the notoriety it received as a result of the 1955 movie version, Murfreesboro Little Theatre chose *Guys and Dolls* to draw a varied audience and gain general publicity, Musical Director Charlie Parker said.

It took one and a half weeks to cast the musical, leaving about five weeks left for rehearsal, Co-Director Melissa Williams said.

The cast includes numerous MTSU students and faculty, including Elyce Rae Helford, professor and director of Women Studies, as Miss

Adelaide; and students Courtney Sadler as Sarah Brown and Melissa Williams as co-director.

Also, Thomas Petty, Daniel Wair, Josh Hendricks, John Swader II, Greg Lowery and Karen Martin made respective appearances. In addition to the MTSU representatives, Derek Sanborn, as Sky Masterson, and Sean Stephens, as Nathan Detroit, captivated the audience in their oversized coats, exhibiting their New York tough-guy attitudes in Director Wayman Price's rendition of the play.

With classic numbers like *Guys and Dolls*, *Luck Be a Lady*

and *Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat*, even the theater neophytes are bound to recognize a song or two and find themselves tapping their feet to the racy show tunes.

The musical, which became the fifth longest-running Broadway musical of the 1950s, managed to make the audience roar with laughter with its timeless jokes. Runyon's portrayal of these "sinful" yet lovable characters and their unlikely interactions attribute to the musical's playful nature. The simplicity of the set allows ample room for the dancers to show off their ornate costumes and

provocative moves.

"The heat is on" throughout the entire play with the two main characters, Nathan Detroit and Sky Masterson, attempting to secure a place for Detroit's floating crap game, keep the police at bay, pacify the women they are involved with and, subsequently, discover the unpredictable nature of love.

The main female characters, Sarah Brown and Adelaide, explore the implications of being involved with such men and contribute to the musical's examination of the "doll" in 1940s and '50s society.

This emotional and ener-

getic work explores the dichotomy of love and luck, fusing them together when the animated characters set aside their preconceived notions about love and "let the dice roll."

For more information, call the Murfreesboro Little Theatre and Center for the Arts at 904-2787.

Remaining show times are Sept. 20-22 at 8 p.m. at the community theater located at 110 W. College St., just off the Square.

A canned food drive also is being held at the center. All proceeds will go toward the New York cause. ♦

Inside the world of entertainment



By Luke Burke

Juvenile late on mortgage

The rapper Juvenile may be doing well on the charts but not on his mortgage payments. Juvenile has reportedly failed to make any of the \$2,329 monthly payments on his \$315,000 Los Angeles home since April, court records show.

Terius Grey apparently stopped making his payments shortly after his gated community's management group sued him for violating subdivision rules by parking his tour bus on the street and leaving a fleet of sports cars and four-wheel-drive vehicles in his back yard.

Juvenile's newest release, *English Project*, was No. 8 on the pop charts last week.



photo by Jonathan Mannion



Caddies make the dollar

If you are like most people and your golfing skills won't gain you millions of dollars like Tiger Woods, then try being his caddie.

Steve Williams, one of the top caddies on the PGA tour, now carries Tiger Woods' bag, making an estimated \$1 million a year. According to *USA Today*, salaries range from \$25,000 a year to what Williams pulls in. Andrew Martinez, who has spent more than 30 years as a professional caddie, estimates that 95 percent of those on the PGA Tour are paid a weekly salary and a percentage of a player's earnings each week.

The other five percent are paid a salary.

Cruise and Kidman's helpers pledge silence

In today's entertainment world, if you want to work for the stars you better know how to keep your mouth shut. At least that's how the once-married couple Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman saw it.

According to the Web site, The Smoking Gun (www.thesmokinggun.com), household workers who either blabbed directly to the press about Cruise, Kidman, kids Conor and Isabella, or handed over the photos or personal items of any family member to media snoops had to promise to pay Tom and Nicole a cool \$1 million for every newspaper revelation and a mere \$5 million per broadcast TV tidbit.

Furthermore, helpers had to pledge to stay quiet, even if the job ended, or face the legal bills on their own.



'Love Cruise' sets sail

The producers of *Road Rules* and *The Real World* have done it again. *Love Cruise: The Maiden Voyage* premiered last week on Fox, introducing yet another reality show that is sure to keep us Generation X'ers tuning in for more. Love, betrayal and intimate affairs are to be expected in this unscripted, unpredictable

series. Sixteen sexy and attractive singles (eight men and eight women) are on a course for true love. One male and one female will be voted off by the other cast members every 48 hours. The winning couple will win \$200,000 and a trip around the world. *Love Cruise* airs on Fox Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. ♦



A Call from the Pressbox



J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

The absence of sports over the weekend was rarity for our generation

Not since Vietnam and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy has our nation faced turmoil of this magnitude. And not since Pearl Harbor at the dawn of the second world war have we faced a tragedy and loss of life to compare with the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. last Tuesday.

The tragedy undoubtedly affected every aspect of our society including sports. As Colin Fly wrote in his Media Blitz column Monday, "There were no bands this weekend, no touchdowns, no home runs.

Following a week of silent, empty stadiums across the country, Major League Baseball was back in action with six national league games Monday, and a full slate of games Tuesday. While many athletes held mixed emotions about playing in the wake of the tragedy, the diversion the games brought was a healthy tool in the healing process."

Attendance was down nearly 20 percent in most of the parks Monday night the exception being Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia where free admission was offered to any fan who gave blood or donated to the Red Cross prior the Phillies game against the Braves. Around 6,000 patriots showed up give of themselves and their money as so many have done across the nation.

The New York Mets, who were scheduled for a home series with the Pittsburgh Pirates, moved the series to Pittsburgh to avoid playing in the shadows of the smoke-filled Manhattan skyline.

To honor the men and women working endlessly at ground zero in lower Manhattan, the Mets players wore hats with emblems of New York City's fire department, police department and emergency organizations prior to their game with the Pirates. Every team will wear a patch of the American flag on the back of their jerseys for the remainder of the season. *God Bless America* will take the place of *Take Me Out to the Ballgame* during the seventh inning stretch.

The National Anthem, a ritual before every professional sporting event in this country, had a different feel to it Monday night. It was a feeling of pride unparalleled to anything seen in my lifetime. Monday night, Americans were truly proud to be Americans. And this is what sports brings to this country a chance for citizens of different backgrounds, different racial make-ups, different legions to their own communities and teams, to come together and share a common sense of pride and freedom the American flag symbolizes.

Games were played Monday, and some teams scored more than others. While the win-loss column may have changed in the standings, nobody really lost. The American spirit was the real winner Monday. And in the only win-loss column that really matters now shows the United States of America terrorists. ♦

New softball coach hired

Colleen Cox
Sports Editor

Diane Turnham, Middle Tennessee associate athletic director, announced the hiring of a new head softball coach Sunday.

Cindy Connelley was named to the position. She is only the second head coach in Lady Raider softball history.

Turnham and interim Athletic Director Boots Donnelly made the decision to offer Connelley the job the middle of last week.

Connelley comes to Middle Tennessee State

University. She served as head softball coach for three seasons at TSU.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Cindy Connelley to our MT coaching staff," Turnham said. "She brings a wealth of experience and professionalism to the softball program and the athletic department as a whole."

This year's team had the most wins of any TSU team with an overall record of 13-26. They defeated everyone Ohio Valley Conference team except Southeast Missouri State University whom they lost to in 12 innings.

Connelley took her team from a last place finish two years ago to a fifth place finish in the OVC last season. She was named the OVC Coach of the Year in 2000-2001.

"She has been successful at every level of the game as a player and as a coach," Turnham said. "She is the individual that we feel can propel our women's softball program to the highest level of competition."

Connelley will be replacing Karen Green who started the softball program at Middle Tennessee in 1993. In her nine seasons at Middle, Green amassed 276 wins to 217 losses.

She led her team to an Ohio Valley Conference championship and the program's first-ever NCAA appearance in 2000.

Green left in August to take a position as a health teacher and softball coach at Siegel Middle School in Murfreesboro.

"I decided to make this change because the job had become my life and I wanted a life outside my job," Green said at the time of her resignation.

The team Connelley will inherit finished third during the regular season in their first season as a member of the Sun Belt conference. Middle used an underdog run to finish second

in the conference tournament, falling to season nemesis and 19th ranked Louisiana at Lafayette. The team also put together the first 40-win season in the program's history while losing only 21 games this past season.

"There is a talented team in place and a strong administrative infrastructure, both with lofty goals," Connelley said. "It will be strong and successful partnership and I'm anxious to start." ♦

MT finishes 9th in first tournament

Staff Reports

TEAM SCORING

The Middle Tennessee women's golf team started the 2001 fall season with a ninth place finish at the Memphis Women's Intercollegiate.

The tournament was the first in Lady Raider golf history.

The Lady Raiders ended the three round event with a total score of 1002. Middle finished ahead of Sun Belt Conference opponents New Orleans and South Alabama.

Arkansas State and Arkansas-Little Rock, two other Sun Belt foes, finished sixth and seventh, respectively. Memphis won the tournament by 22 shots with a 915 total.

"It's good to get the first tournament over with," head coach Kim St. John said. "It was a new experience for the entire team, but now we need to build on this and get better our next time out."

"We started off today playing a lot better, then we ran into trouble. We left a lot of shots on the course and I know our girls would like to have a few of them back."

Tamara Munsch led the Lady Raiders with a three round total of 244 to put her in a tie for 26th. Kandace Burnett shot rounds of 81, 84 and 84 to finish 37th. Kristin Lynch had the team's top round of the day with a 79. She tied

for 41st.

Kemmerlee Pennington registered a 258 to tie for 51st. Amanda Harter rounded out the scoring with a 265. She tied for 61st.

The Lady Raiders return to action Oct. 1 at the Lady Razorback Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark. ♦

1. Memphis (304-303-308=915)
2. UCF (320-309-308=937)
3. Louisville (316-313-312=941)
4. East Carolina (324-314-320=958)
5. UAB (336-320-318=974)
6. Arkansas State (325-316-337=978)
7. Arkansas-Little Rock (318-330-331=979)
8. Campbell (321-324-340=985)
9. MIDDLE TENNESSEE (339-330-333=1002)
10. New Orleans (341-328-337=1006)
11. Southern Miss (340-330-337=1007)
12. South Alabama (352-349-DNF)

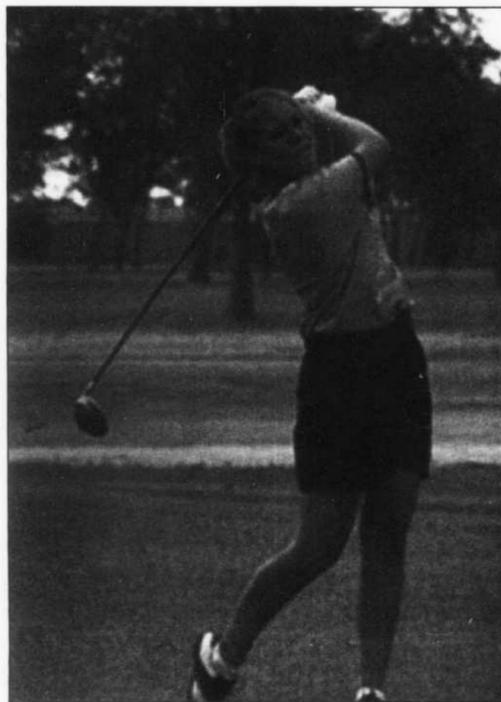


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The women's golf team kicked off its inaugural season with a tournament in Memphis Sept. 17-18.

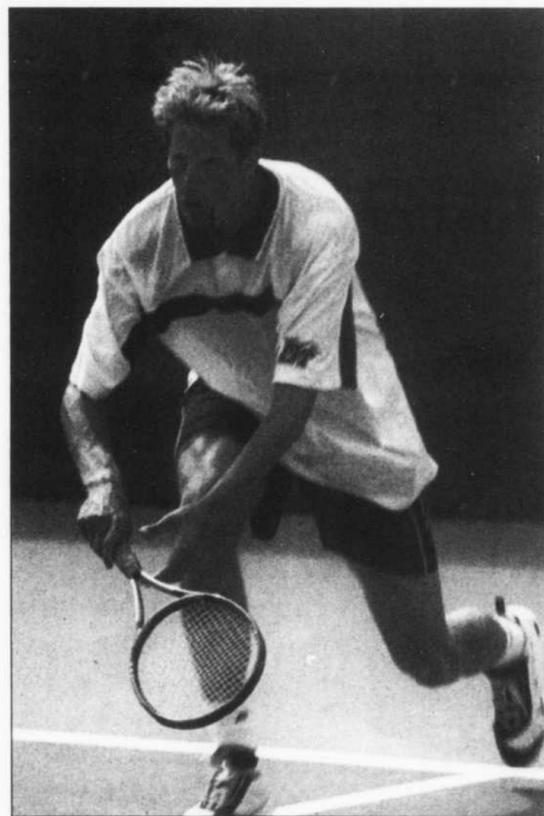


Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff

Robert Gustafsson goes for the ball in a recent match.

Tennis players ranked in Top 50

Staff Reports

Three Middle Tennessee men's tennis players have been ranked in the Top 50 in the nation for singles and doubles competition in the ITA 2001 Fall Preseason Rankings released this week.

Daniel Klemetz and Robert Gustafsson are in the Top 50 for singles while Oliver Foreman and Gustafsson have also been ranked seventh for doubles competition.

Klemetz ended last season ranked 38th in the ITA rankings after putting up a 25-01 overall record for the 2000-01 school year. He won eight of his last 11 matches last spring to lead the Blue Raiders into the NCAA Tournament for the fifth time in school history. He is

currently ranked 18th.

Gustafsson posted a 21-14 record last season, including five wins in his last

six matches. He finished the 2000-01 season ranked 83rd in singles competition.

He begins this season ranked 50th in the nation.

The doubles team of Foreman and Gustafsson finished last season ranked 39th in the nation. The Blue Raiders finished last season 12-0 when winning the doubles point in a dual match, thanks largely in part to the duo.

The Blue Raiders will next take part in the Southern Intercollegiate

Championships in Athens, Ga., Sept. 21-24. ♦

Predators honor education

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

The Predators will honor MTSU during the October 20 game.

On Tuesday some members of the Predators sales staff were at the KUC to hand out information about Education Night at the Oct. 20 game against the Boston Bruins.

They were giving out pucks, cup holders and information about the game including discount ticket prices that are available until Oct. 12. The discount prices are Upper level \$12,\$20, \$25 and lower level \$4 and \$45 that is a saving of \$54 dollars. You have to call 615-770-7814 and mention education night.

The Predators will also honor teachers and students at all levels of education from elementary to college.

"We wanted to expand to include all students elementary

See Predators, 9



7 Day Sportscast

FRIDAY

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga. all day

Women's Tennis

Lady Raiders at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Classic Wilmington, N.C. all day

SATURDAY

Football

Raiders at Louisiana-Monroe Monroe, La. 6 p.m.

Volleyball

Lady Raiders at Florida International Miami, Fla. 7:30 p.m.

Cross Country

Blue Raiders at Vanderbilt Invitational Nashville, Tenn. 9:15 a.m.

SUNDAY

Volleyball

Lady Raiders at Miami Miami, Fla. 11 a.m.

MONDAY

Men's Tennis

Blue Raiders at Southern Intercollegiate, Athens, Ga. all day

TUESDAY

Soccer

Lady Raiders at Murray State Murfreesboro, Tenn., 4 p.m.

Middle Tennessee begins Sun Belt schedule Saturday

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

This year a new sun rises for MTSU football with the birth of the Sun Belt conference. The Sun Belt conference has been around since 1976. It helped in the creation of ESPN. In the 22-year history of the network they have had the Sun Belt Conference basketball championship on every year. That is the one and only conference to have that honor.

That is just a history lesson, we will talk more about basketball later on in the year. However there is a chance for the Sun Belt champ to play on Dec. 18 on ESPN2 in the first ever New Orleans Bowl. The opponent will come from the Mountain West conference that includes top teams BYU, UNLV and Colorado St. BYU is second in the nation in total offense. Middle Tennessee is first in total offense.

I know it is early in the season, but if those two teams matched up their would be a lot of offense in the Big Easy. The season is early, however, and it takes one game at a time.

The other members of the

Sun Belt include two ex-independents Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns and Louisiana-Monroe Indians. The Monroe team will play in the conference only in football. The Sun Belt also has four teams from the old Big West conference, Arkansas St. Indians, New Mexico St. Aggies, North Texas Mean Green and for football only Idaho Vandals. Can you say road trip? Besides the bowl game being on ESPN2, the Sun Belt will also have games on Fox Sports Net and Comcast Sports Network.

The new conference will pride itself on playing big name, but also create rivals inside the conference. I think it will work for both sides, first you will get notoriety by playing big name schools. It will help out in the future as for exposure for TV, and to bring recruits into the Sun Belt. On the other hand you also can create rivals inside the conference either by location or talent.

This year we have seen the Sun Belt play SEC, Big 10, Big 12, Pac-10 and Conference USA teams. In some cases they have been very competitive. New Mexico St. almost upset-

ting Oregon St. at home, losing by five to a Top 25 team, or Idaho only losing by a touchdown at Arizona. Of course the big news came Aug. 30 when MT went to Vanderbilt and beat them 37-28. To all the rest of MT opponents, be warned, you will see a display of football that you will never forget.

This coming Saturday begins a new journey in Blue Raider history when they travel to Louisiana-Monroe to play in the first ever Sun Belt football conference game. They play a very young Monroe team who this year has ex-NFL quarterback and alum Stan Humphries running the offense. They forgot it last year when the Blue Raiders beat them here 28-0. In Monroe's last game they sunk in the Swamp losing to Florida 55-6.

The sun rises now, but by December 18 as Sun Belt champs the Sun sets at the Superdome in New Orleans with a bowl victory to add. It will be tough with everybody else wanting to put his or her name on the map. It will be fun, and I cannot wait to get started. ♦

2001 Sun Belt Conference Football Standings

Conference Overall

	W-L	W-L
Middle Tennessee	0-0	2-0
UL Lafayette	0-0	1-1
Idaho	0-0	0-2
Arkansas State	0-0	0-2
North Texas	0-0	0-2
UL Monroe	0-0	0-2
New Mexico State	0-0	0-3

Upcoming games

Sat., Sept. 22
New Mexico State at
Kansas State, 1 p.m.

Idaho at Washington,
2:30 p.m. ^

Southern Mississippi
at Louisiana-Lafayette,
5 p.m.

*Middle Tennessee at
Louisiana-Monroe, 6
p.m.

Jacksonville State at
Arkansas State, 6 p.m.

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to college," Brian Cox, Predators sales associate.

Also planned for that night is Baptist Sports Medicine Youth Helmets Night for the first 4,000 children 12 and under that show up to the game.

"We will put on the Jumbotron all the schools that support the Predators," Cox said.

It will be one of the many theme nights that the Predators

will have this year. Some of them include Share Your Faith Holiday Party, Hometown Heroes Night, Charity/Non-Profit Night, Proud to be an American Night and Kid's Classic Night.

"We want to show an importance on education and expand fan base," Cox said.

The Predators open the season on Oct. 5 at Dallas. Their first home game will be the next night against rival St. Louis Blues. ♦

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Big crowds see big changes at stadiums

By Howard Fendrich
AP Sports Writer

The rah-rah partiers who fill college football's enormous stadiums are in for big changes.

Coolers and picnic baskets, even coats and blankets, will be searched or banned altogether, turning quick trips through turnstiles into long waits at security checkpoints for crowds as large as the more than 100,000 expected at Michigan.

"We're trying to make people understand that things are going to be a little different," Mississippi State associate athletic director Duncan McKenzie said.

Fans attending the Bulldogs' game when major college football resumes Thursday will be the first to notice the difference. Everyone else will find out later

in the week.

Items such as video cameras, cans or glass bottles, coolers, umbrellas, noisemakers and purses will hold fans up at some games.

In Ann Arbor, Mich., planes won't be allowed to fly over the Wolverines' stadium Saturday.

There will be differences on the field, too, including teams wearing U.S. flags on helmets.

All of last week's Division I-A football games were postponed or canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Major league baseball resumed Monday night and the NFL returns Sunday, both under much tighter security.

"You watched the emotion that major league baseball brought back to the country a little bit," said Ohio State coach Jim Tressel, whose Buckeyes

play UCLA at the Rose Bowl on Saturday. "We have the good fortune at Ohio State to bring some more emotion and to serve as an energy source for our country."

"What venue would you rather have it be in than before 90,000 or 100,000 and on national TV? I think it's going to be an exciting thing and a way we can do some good by the way we play."

Football stadiums dwarf arenas used in the NHL (where the biggest in the United States is Chicago's 20,500-seat United Center) and the NBA (the Spurs play before up to a league-high 34,215 at the Alamodome).

Unlike in the NFL, there won't be a standard set of security measures at college games.

"With 976 different institutions," NCAA spokesman Wally

Renfro said, "it is difficult to make policies that are applicable to the broad membership."

At Michigan Stadium - with a capacity of 107,501, the largest site of a game Saturday - the Wolverines will have U.S. flags stitched on their uniforms when they face Western Michigan. American flags will replace Big Ten banners along the stadium's rim.

"Our fans should expect some possible delays, especially if they continue to come in at the last minute," said Bill Bess, Michigan's director of public safety. "We would like fans to get in the stadium sooner than they have in the past."

The Federal Aviation Administration on Tuesday granted Michigan's request to bar flights within a 1-mile radius of the stadium and up to

an altitude of 3,000 feet. That also covers blimps.

Other schools, including Penn State and Wisconsin, asked the FAA to keep airplanes from flying near stadiums during games.

At Notre Dame, which averaged more than 80,000 fans last year, the university is consulting with the FBI and an expert in emergency planning. The school has canceled its Friday stadium tours on football weekends.

"Our goal is to continue to make the game-day experience fan-friendly," Nebraska athletic director Bill Byrne said, "but we must all begin to operate under a higher level of security awareness."

Ohio State running back Jonathan Wells said players must trust that administrators

and officials have weighed all possibilities.

"Once we get out there and get together as a team, we'll be fine. I don't think you can be worried about any problems that can happen at the stadium," Wells said. "You have to go out there and be focused on the task at hand and that's beating UCLA."

At an empty Husky Stadium, where No. 13 Washington plays Idaho on Saturday and the NFL's Seahawks play the Eagles on Sunday, drummers in the school's marching band banged their instruments as if calling for a return to normalcy.

"I expect to see tightened security," sophomore drummer John Bailey said, "but I'm not afraid to go back into the stadium." ♦

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