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Political organizations debate issues, ideas

By Erica Rodefer and Juanita Thoulin
Campus News Editor and Staff Writer

College Democrats and Raider Republicans tried to sway MTSU voters by discussing national security, the economy, social issues and the environment in a debate held on the Keathley University Center Knoll yesterday.

The debate, sponsored by the MTSU American Democracy Project, gave student organizations the opportunity to express their viewpoints openly among their peers. Energy was high as both sides explained their reasons for supporting one candidate over another.

"I am a veteran for [George W.] Bush," Russell Parman said. "Even though John Kerry is a veteran he does not represent me."

Parman praised Bush for the actions he took after Sept. 11, 2001.

"I have brothers and sisters who are still serving in Afghanistan, and there are brothers who are serving in Iraq who are doing the same thing to protect us here at home," he said. "I salute them."

Christy Holden, president of the College Democrats, claimed that national security has been lacking under the Bush administration.

"If we were really after terrorist groups, we'd still be after Bin Laden," she said.

Holden also attacked Bush's economic policies, pointing to current

unemployment rates, a static minimum wage and tax breaks going to companies that outsource labor.

"Two months before the election, [Bush] needs to create 1.1 million jobs to keep from being the second president in the United States to leave office with a net job loss," Holden said. "The last was in the Great Depression. This is a depression that we're in right now."

Raider Republicans president Justin Owen countered the claims about Bush by citing alternate studies showing that employment has gone up since Bush took office nearly four years ago.

"President Bush's economic policy has, in fact, added jobs to a growing economy," Owen said. "While Mr. Kerry [saying] that over 2 million jobs were lost is simply false."

One member of the debate team identified himself as an independent. Cary West said that he would be voting Democratic in this election even though he voted for John McCain in 2000.

Participants said they were pleased with how the debate went.

Although some last-minute changes to the issues to be debated and the absence of a sick member who had planned to debate caused the Democrats some difficulty, Holden said the Democrats were pleased with the result.

"I thought the debate went really well," Holden said.

The Raider Republicans were also



Photo by Matt Orenstein | Staff Photographer
Political debate on the Keathley University Center Knoll draws a large crowd and many Middle Tennessee news sources (above). Christy Holden (left) spoke for the Democrats and Ashley Elizabeth Graham (right) spoke for the Republicans.



happy with the outcome, according to Owen.

"Regardless of what political side people stood on, they were very energetic and enthused about the debate and were very attentive," Owen said. "I think it was great for us to have the crowd that we did. They were all focused and showed us some support I

think we needed."

Holden wasn't as excited about the way the audiences reacted.

"I thought the Republican crowd was rude," she said. "They made fun of [debaters] and mouthed off during [the debate]."

Owen agreed that audience was not always focused on the issues.

"I have to say that that probably did go on a little bit," Owen said. "I know a few times that happened, but it happened from both sides."

"In a debate, there's not really a winner or loser," Owen said.

The Raider Republicans Web site

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Project HELP uses horses to teach

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

You may not know it, but the campus is alive with the sound of happy children. But these aren't just any children - they're under the careful watch of an organization known as Project HELP (Help Educate Little People).

Located on the MTSU campus across from Judd Hall, the Project HELP building is the only one in Rutherford County, although they are looking into opening up an additional site in Smyrna. In its inclusion program, HELP cares for kids who are both developing typically and those with special needs.

"We treat all of our students equally," said Amy Dodson, special education teacher with Project HELP. "What will really bring tears to your eyes is to see one of the 'typically developed' children go and give the little girl in the wheelchair a toy. They don't see any difference, and that's one of the biggest benefits."

Unfortunately, they aren't able to help everyone. Even with a semi-new classroom, as of last September, there is a tremendous waiting list. Thirty students with special needs are served, but there are over 200 in the county.

"One child who has shown success physically is Ky, who came to us last year and couldn't even sit up," said Debbie Bauder, director of Project HELP. "Since then, and after becoming involved with hippotherapy [horse-riding] in March of this year, he's

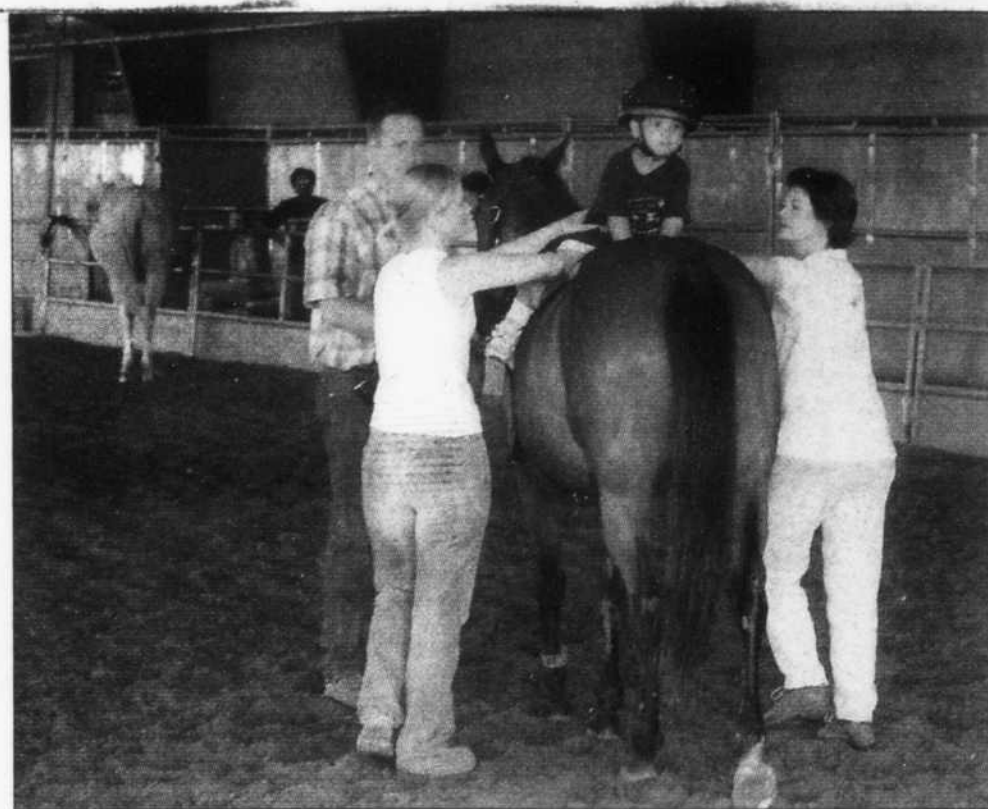


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Bill Day, Dana Cox and Debbie Bauder work with Orrin Sagman on horse Tasha in Project HELP. Students like Orrin learn through hippotherapy.

shown amazing changes, becoming able to sit up in a support chair to sitting up on his own, to standing and now even taking small steps on his own."

Building on this success and similar situations, MTSU's Therapeutic Horsemanship

Program at the MTSU Horse Science Center works with Project HELP to offer Hippotherapy to those in the program at no extra charge. There are currently four

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Education focus of House race

By Kristin Hall
Managing Editor

In 2002, Democrat Kent Coleman narrowly won the election for the 49th district for the House of Representatives by 38 votes. Once again, he expects a narrow race against political newbie Republican Oscar Gardner.

Gardner is the managing director of Professional Murfreesboro Group in Murfreesboro but was a teacher and a coach in Manchester, Tenn.

"My grandchild, Madison, is one of the primary reasons I am in this race," Gardner said. "You turn 50 and start to have grandchildren, and you start to have an overwhelming desire to make Tennessee a better place."

Coleman, an attorney, served on several committees during his first two years as a state representative. He served as a chair on the House Judiciary Administration Subcommittee and was a member of the House Constitutional Protections Subcommittee.

Both candidates stress education as a major issue for Tennesseans in the upcoming years, but they differ on how to fund education. Coleman said that the reason the state is 47th in the nation for funding education is because a large part of the budget is being diverted to

health care costs.

"In my opinion the Republican Party has been willing to allow prescription drug manufacturers to control the price of drugs to the point that state budgets are

running in deficit unless education funds are cut," Coleman said.

If the states join together, they can force federal

legislation to cause pharmaceutical companies to price drugs lower, Coleman said.

Gardner said his plan for improving education in Tennessee is more responsible spending by the legislature.

"The first thing I would do is become a co-sponsor of Sen. Jim Bryson's Taxpayer Bill of Rights," Gardner said. "It basically says that we should tie state spending to the inflation rate plus population growth."

In the case of a surplus, Gardner believes that money should go back into taxpayers' hands.

Returning to issues that affected last year's race, the income tax once again is a divisive topic.

Gardner said that he is absolutely opposed to the income tax and doesn't believe Tennessee needs one.

Coleman also opposed the income tax, but he said he refuses to sign any pledges.

"People who are signing

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WISE sponsors Chocolate Challenge

By Melissa Bowman
Associate News Editor

The Women In Science and Engineering are hosting the first Chocolate Challenge tonight from 5-6 p.m. in Keathley University Center, Room 314.

The Chocolate Challenge is a trivia competition about chocolate.

"It's our first meeting of the year ... but we decided to hold what we're calling a Chocolate Challenge," WISE president Bishop said. "We're having free candy, free ice cream - stuff like that - so we can hopefully recruit some new members."

"[The challenge is] to answer

different questions about chocolate," said WISE advisor Judith Iriarte-Gross. "We're going to have questions posted dealing with the science of chocolate and everyday conceptions that people have about chocolate. We're going to ask for true-false answers, and we're going to have some prizes for the winners - chocolate prizes of course."

The prizes will consist of T-shirts and "really, really good candy," including some Godiva chocolate, according to Bishop.

"We're planning a trip to the Brock candy factory in Chattanooga in December, so we're giving away a free trip to

that," Bishop said.

"We were thinking about things we could do to get more women involved in WISE ... and we figured what better way than to talk about chocolate and the science of chocolate?" Iriarte-Gross said.

The event is free and open to all students, particularly women majoring in the sciences.

WISE is a new organization on campus, established only last year.

"[WISE is for] all of the majors in the college of basic and applied sciences - women who are psychology majors, anthropology, archaeology, any type of science," Iriarte-Gross

said. "Even if they're not interested in science, but they feel that science is an important part in their lives, and they're welcome to join us, and guys are too ... One of our student members said, 'Where else can guys find beautiful, intelligent women?'"

For Bishop, a junior pre-pharmacy major, WISE is more than just a club.

"It's sort of like a sisterhood kind of thing. You get to meet people that have similar interests that you do," she said.

The organization also participates in campus events.

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Jason Cox - Editor in Chief

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 4:43 p.m.

Cummings Hall

A woman filed a report on a stolen purse.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 - 6:35 p.m.

James Walker Library

Someone was looking at pornography on the Internet on the 3rd floor. A trespass warning was issued.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 2:54 a.m.

Scarlett Commons

Thomas Arnold of Lynnville, Tenn. was observed lurking around Scarlett Commons. He told police he is a student. He was charged with burglary without use of force.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 11:40 a.m.

James Walker Library

The service desk was told that an officer was needed due to a person improperly using a computer.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 1:43 p.m.

Nicks Hall

A call came to police reporting a fight in room 212.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 2:46 p.m.

Blue Raider Drive at Homecoming Circle

A vehicle was stopped due to a careless driving complaint. Eddie Lee Thomas Jr. of Murfreesboro was arrested for driving on a suspended license.

Thursday, Sept. 9 - 3:24 p.m.

Health Services lot

A person called and told police someone had hit her car and left the scene.

Friday, Sept. 10 - 12:41 p.m.

Greenhouse lot

A woman called and told police someone had hit her black Honda Accord and left the scene of the accident.

Friday, Sept. 10 - 3:17 p.m.

Peck Hall

A complaint was made to police regarding theft of medication.

Friday, Sept. 10 - 10:56 p.m.

Off campus

An officer observed a non-injury auto accident at Lassiter Drive and Main Street. The driver,

Cody Thompson, fled on foot and two passengers, Jake and Josh Erickson, were detained. Thompson returned to the scene and was placed in custody.

Saturday, Sept. 11 - 3:10 a.m.

Greek Row

A fight occurred behind the Alpha Gamma Rho house. A John Fritz, of Lenior City, Tenn., was allegedly involved in a foot pursuit with officer and was arrested for assaulting a police officer, resisting arrest and underage consumption.

Saturday, Sept. 11 - 7:30 p.m.

Mass Communications Building South parking Lot

Someone slashed three tires on a car.

Sunday, Sept. 12 - 2:14 p.m.

MTSU Police Department

Candice Nunley filed a complaint stating her three of her tires had been slashed in the library parking lot and that three other cars had been vandalized in the same manner.

Monday, Sept. 13 - 12:05 a.m.

Sigma Nu house - Greek Row

A person filed a complaint that an unknown person had stolen a trophy.

Monday, Sept. 13 - 8:54 a.m.

Business and Aerospace Building

A person called to advise police that someone had stolen his book bag.

Monday, Sept. 13 - 3:14 p.m.

Judd Hall

A complaint was made about possible vandalism on the third floor.

Monday, Sept. 13 - 6:29 p.m.

Baird Lane at East Main Street

Steve Anderson of Manchester, Tenn. Was arrested and charged with driving under the influence (first offense), driving on a revoked license and violation of the implied consent law.

To report a crime, call MTSU Police at 898-2424. To report clues on crime and possibly earn cash, call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP.

Politics: Both parties believe they were victorious in debate

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boasts the debate was a Republican victory.

"The MTSU Raider Republicans won big today with the help of their supporters cheering them on," according to www.raiderrepublicans.com.

Holden disagreed. "I think we [won]," she said. "Bush doesn't have a record to run on."

After the debate, some students expressed uncertainty about the political process.

Freshman recording industry major Brad Sanders said he feels like the party system is responsible for many of the United States's problems.

"It's really sad," Sanders said. "That goes for both sides. We're really polarized. After (Sept. 11, 2001) we were so together. Now the two parties have done so much to tear us apart."

Sophomore theater and speech major Andrea Funk expressed her views in the following "Political Karaoke" program, when the microphone

became open to the general public for comment.

"People up here ... They're going to feed you false B.S. all day," Funk said.

Anthony Suggs, a junior criminal justice major said it's very important for college students to be involved in the political process because this year the college vote will be the one to make a difference.

"I see it as voting for the lesser of the two evils," Suggs said. "Neither candidate has really been paying attention to us." ♦

HELP: Waiting list lengthening

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hippotherapy-trained horses. For each child that rides, the group needs three adults.

In addition to volunteers, the group also relies heavily on donations, according to Dodson. Funds are taken in from sources such as United Way, the Department of Mental Retardation, Tennessee's Early Intervention Services and, of course, from individuals.

This funding covers the costs of children with special needs as well other items for HELP, including staff salaries. Although the typically developed children pay tuition, the only costs covered by MTSU instead of donations are for basic maintenance services and electricity.

"We don't have the classroom space to even open another one up," Dodson said. "Some

of the children on the waiting list haven't even been born yet."

Nevertheless, children that can't make it in aren't without hope. TEIS still provides for services such as speech and occupational therapy, equipment and often a tutor-type individual who will visit with the child and child's family for about one hour a week. But the on-campus time spent is far more than that, with a total of about two to three hours four times weekly.

"All of the children here are so sweet," said Jaclyn Gross, a freshman elementary education major who volunteers with the group. "I really think it will help me a lot when I'm working in this kind of situation in the future."

Approximately 200 students work in the program each semester, according to Bauder. Majors for these volunteers and

interns vary from the predictable such as psychology and special education to some such as recording industry and history.

"That's the reason we're on the MTSU campus - to collaborate with MTSU so that students get an idea of what the inclusion program is like," Dodson explained. "They're taught things hands-on with an experience they couldn't get in a classroom."

Project HELP serves children up to 3 years old, when they are required by state law to refer them to either their respective city schools or their parents, whichever applies.

To find out more about Project HELP, call Debbie Bauder at 898-2458 or visit the Project HELP Web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu/~projhelp>. ♦

Chocolate:

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"We participate in all the charitable events that are on campus, like Up 'Til Dawn," Bishop said. "We did the heart walk last year. We're also helping coordinate [Expand Your Horizons]."

Bishop said EYH is an annual conference held on campus for fifth to eighth grade girls.

"They have professional people come in from the community, like doctors and pharmacists and veterinarians to give workshops to the girls ... and it helps them decide what they want to do with their lives," Bishop said.

WISE can also be beneficial to members, Bishop said.

"For any woman who's undeclared, if you've ever even thought about a career in the sciences, WISE is a good place to go," she said. "You have people who are majoring in all different things, so they can tell you about it, and it might help you pick out something you might want to do."

For more information, e-mail Caroline Bishop at cah3e@mtsu.edu. ♦

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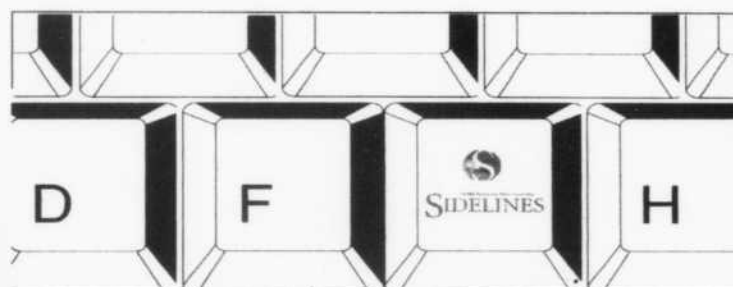
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Race: Candidates share their views

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pledges aren't carrying out their fiduciary duty to the voters and citizens," Coleman said. "The simple-minded people who just sign pledges are not the kind of people who should be elected into office."

The fact that many of Tennessee's big cities, like Memphis and Chattanooga, are close to the state border creates the problem of Tennesseans leaving the state to make big purchases, Coleman said.

There is a similar problem of people purchasing items online to avoid the sales tax, he said.

On social issues, both Gardner and Coleman support the Second Amendment. However, Coleman voted against a controversial bill that would have allowed registered gun owners to go armed in establishments that served alcohol.

"I believe the policy lacked

common sense, and I voted against it," he said. "I believe it's a safety issue."

However, he said, "That's one of the few places where I believe that restriction is practical."

Gardner, who is opposed to gay marriages in Tennessee and abortions, said that just through campaigning in this district, he believes that Tennesseans are much more conservative than the people representing them in Nashville.

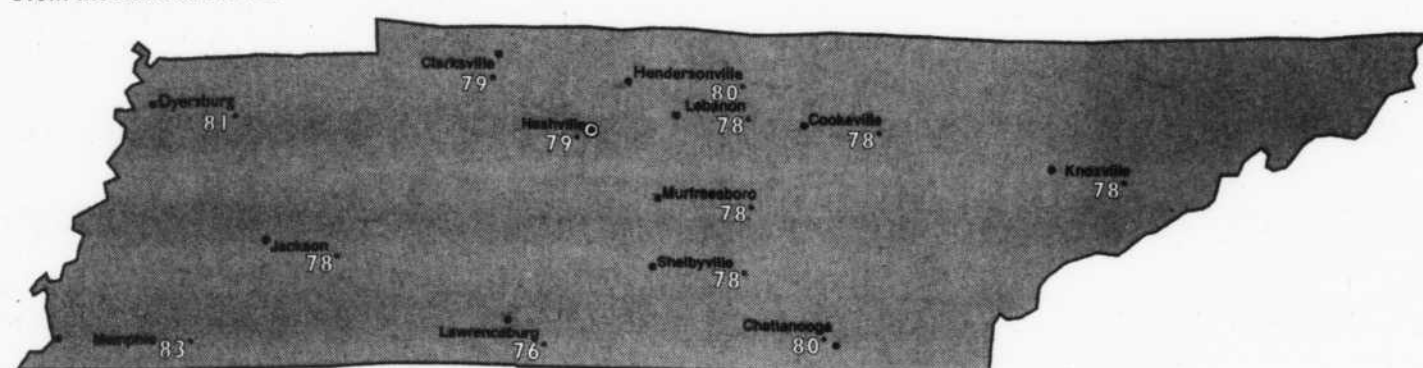
"One of the things that I hear over and over again is that the state legislature does not represent the values that the voters have in the 49th district," he said.

Both men expect another close race in this election, due in part to the presidential elections at the same time.

"I'm hoping to have a big blow-out ... by 40 or 41 votes," Coleman joked. ♦

Tennessee Weather – Thursday's Highs

From the Associated Press



Friday



Saturday



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



City Council holding public hearing tonight

Staff Reports

The final public hearing concerning the Maney Area Comprehensive Plan will be held tonight at the Murfreesboro City Council meeting.

Following the hearing, the council is scheduled to vote on the plan.

The plan is designed to stabilize the declining residential area, reduce crime and maintain property values.

The focus of the plan includes all of the older residential area north and east of the Murfreesboro Public Square, not just Maney Square.

Some homeowners in the area voiced their concerns during past public hearings. They've said the plan infringes upon their rights as property owners.

The City Council meeting is at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. ♦

FCC raids Knoxville pirate radio station

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Agents from the Federal Communications Commission raided a pirate radio station Wednesday morning in Knoxville.

The three FCC officials were accompanied by three U.S. Marshals when they closed down the station twice and warned KFAR's disc jockeys to stop operation.

equipment.

The station did not have a broadcasting license or any official management. KFAR operated in a secluded area of Knox County out of a trailer that once served as a crack house. Until last February, it's antenna was mounted in a tree.

The FCC had previously visited the station twice and warned KFAR's disc jockeys to stop operation.

The DJs stopped for while

but returned to air. When agents arrived again, KFAR posted a raid alert on its Web site. None of the DJs gave their names to avoid fines that could potentially bar them from ever having a broadcasting license.

The station broadcasts on 90.9 FM and was reported to have had nearly 50 DJs, who all paid KFAR a \$10 fee to cover the station's expenses.

There were only a few rules for a person to get on air: No

racist, sexist or homophobic language, and do not offend community standards before 10 p.m.

The station's lineup included featured shows with various styles of music, and liberal political and social groups.

One DJ named Cricket said there were at least two DJs who played Christian music and one who played anti-abortion songs. ♦

Religious leaders concerned about TennCare proposal

By Lucas L. Johnson II
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Religious leaders and advocates for TennCare enrollees say they would like to sit down with the governor and come up with less radical changes to the health care program.

"Let's get together and continue this dialogue," said the Rev. James Thomas of Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church, where a public meeting was held Wednesday to discuss Gov. Phil Bredesen's TennCare reform.

"We need to find a way to articulate the changes so people can understand, or we can say no we don't like that."

TennCare director J.D. Hickey and state health commissioner Kenneth Robinson were two members of the governor's cabinet who listened to a packed multipurpose room of

mostly black residents.

The forum was sponsored by the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, made up of about 100 pastors across Middle Tennessee.

Since the governor announced his changes last month, black leaders and advocates have been saying there are better ways to save money in the \$7.8 billion expanded Medicaid program than the governor is proposing. They believe some of Bredesen's approaches will both unnecessarily harm people and cost more money in the long term.

Bredesen has said he wants to reshape TennCare and save up to \$1 billion a year in spending growth by 2008.

But people like Pastor Maurice Harris question the definition of "medical necessity" in Bredesen's reform plan, which will determine whether a treatment is covered.

Other major changes include the elimination of two safety-net provisions. One was intended to provide coverage where an extra prescription or two or a few more hospital visits were deemed essential to a patient's survival or ability to function.

"If somebody is terminally ill, how do you put a limit on their hospital visits," Harris said.

Gordon Bonnyman of the Tennessee Justice Center said the changes are simply "radical." "They're imposed on the most vulnerable in this state," Bonnyman said. "They're not middle of the road, they're not moderate."

Both Hickey and Robinson said many other states are grappling with Medicaid costs, and some are drastically cutting enrollees while Tennessee still has 430,000 uninsured and uninsured on its rolls.

"When you look at that, I-

think what we're doing is reasonable," Hickey said.

Public and legislative comment on the governor's changes is scheduled to end this week. Bredesen plans to submit his proposal to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services later this month.

Ten Franklin, a counselor at Meharry Medical College's sickle cell center, said in speaking with the governor, she'd like to see more forums explaining TennCare.

"A lot of people in the community don't understand TennCare, which is why there's so much frustration," she said.

Hickey said people with questions should call (800) 669-1851, or e-mail their comments by logging on the TennCare Web site.

"The discussion does not stop here," he said. "We will continue the dialogue." ♦

Carter County official returns to work after suspension

Associated Press

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. — The official who staged a terrorism drill some thought was all too real has been allowed back to work — at least for now.

Ernest Jackson, the Carter County emergency management director, was suspended pending an investigation into

his mock drill that featured guns and hostage-takers during a county commission meeting.

But when forecasters saw Hurricane Ivan coming, possibly dumping more than 10 inches of rain on parts of East Tennessee, officials decided they needed a fully staffed emergency management department.

They decided to call Jackson back to work before the state

investigation into the mock terror drill, which sparked actual terror, was finished, WJCW radio of Johnson City reported Wednesday.

County officials say they need everybody at the county emergency management department in case heavy flooding strikes the area.

The Aug. 2 incident involved three men and a woman bursting into the meeting room with

guns drawn and claiming to be taking hostages. One man threatened to explode a bomb with a device he was holding, and another fired a shot, which was a blank.

As the meeting dissolved in confusion, Jackson announced it was only a drill.

County Mayor Dale Fair said Jackson's return is subject to any findings made in the state investigation. ♦

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WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Nick Fowler - State and Local Editor



As Ivan approaches, some don't have the means to evacuate

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fleeing to safety was not an option for some people as 140-mph Hurricane Ivan churned toward the Gulf Coast, threatening to submerge the below-sea-level city in what could be the most disastrous storm to hit in nearly 40 years.

Latonya Hill, who waited out the dangerous storm sitting on her stoop Tuesday, said the official pleas for residents to pack up and leave meant little to her. "Got no place to go and no way to get there," said the 57-year-old grandmother, who lives on a disability check and money she picks up cleaning houses or baby sitting.

Hill is among the estimated 100,000 people in New Orleans who rely on city transportation to get around, making evacuation impossible for them. Yet, no shelters were open in the city as of Tuesday night and there were no plans to open any.

The city was working on setting up a shelter of "last resort," Mayor Ray Nagin said. No shelters had been set up yet because of concerns about flooding and capacity, Nagin added.

Plan would give power of purse to national intelligence director

WASHINGTON (AP) — The committee writing the Senate's intelligence reorganization plan is recommending creation of a strong national intelligence director with spending power, while leaving the Pentagon in charge of some military spy agencies.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, chairwoman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, and the panel's ranking Democrat, Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut, were revealing the plan Wednesday. That proposal, said a congressional aide familiar with the situation, calls for a new national intelligence director position with full power to

decide how his or her agencies spend their money.

FDA considers warning of child antidepressant-suicide risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — All drugs used to treat depressed children should carry a "black box" warning of the antidepressants' link to increased suicidal thoughts and actions, says a panel of federal advisers.

The warning, among the strongest in the Food and Drug Administration's arsenal, should reach doctors no matter how they get drug information and would extend to drug advertising directed at patients.

That's the majority opinion of federal advisers, who heard testimony Monday about antidepressants' powers and perils from doctors, researchers and relatives of patients who killed themselves after taking such medication. The panel spent the bulk of Tuesday deliberating before issuing its recommendation.

Car bomb explodes in a town south of Baghdad, killing 2

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded in a town south of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing two people and injuring 10, the latest in a spate of attacks that have killed some 150 people in the last four days.

Meanwhile Wednesday, militants released a Turkish man taken hostage in Iraq, according to a videotape obtained by Associated Press Television News.

"Today the Mujahdeen released me and I will go to the embassy," said the man, identified as Aytulla Gezmen. He was shown standing next to a masked man before getting into a car. It was not immediately clear where the release of the Arabic language translator took place.

On a road north of Baghdad, the Iraqi National Guard found three beheaded bodies without

documents Wednesday, an Interior Ministry official said.

The bodies were discovered near Dijel, about 25 miles north of Baghdad, said Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman of the Interior Ministry. The bodies were all male and had tattoos.

U.S. softens threat of possible oil sanctions against Sudan

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The United States eased off on the threat of oil sanctions against Sudan to try to win Security Council approval for a resolution pressuring Khartoum to end atrocities in western Darfur.

A U.S. resolution introduced last week — which China threatened to veto — declared that the Security Council "will take" punitive actions, including oil penalties against the government if it doesn't comply with U.N. resolutions.

The revised text, circulated Tuesday, declares that the council "shall consider" measures "such as actions to affect Sudan's petroleum sector" if it doesn't act to end violence by Arab militias against black Africans. Sudan began exporting oil in 1999 and produces an estimated 250,000 barrels per day.

Bush, Kerry to reallocate their campaign resources

WASHINGTON (AP) — An electoral battlefield map half its original size is prompting President Bush and challenger John Kerry to alter their campaign strategies and reallocate resources in the home stretch to the Nov. 2 election.

Both political parties now see as few as 10 states as truly competitive as Bush pulls ahead in places where the contest had been neck and neck, including Missouri, Wisconsin and Ohio.

Bush has opened a single-digit lead in national polls taken after the Republican convention, which also is reflected in the polling in some battle-

ground states.

Both parties are focusing most of their attention and advertising dollars on 10 states: Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nevada, New Mexico, West Virginia and New Hampshire.

U.S., Europe facing apparent rift over how to rebuke Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Differences between the United States and Europe over how firmly to deal with Iran and its suspect nuclear program have resulted in the European Union pushing recommendations that ignore American suggestions.

The U.S.-European rift surfaced Tuesday, the second day of a key meeting of the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog agency.

The board's latest draft resolution, obtained by The Associated Press and being circulated informally for reaction from other delegates was nearly identical to one that France, Britain and Germany came up with Friday — a text that American officials said was not tough enough.

Insurgents target Iraqi police killing at least 59 people

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Guerrillas bombed a Baghdad shopping street full of police recruits and fired on a police van north of the capital Tuesday in attacks that killed at least 59 people and struck at the heart of the U.S. strategy for fighting Iraq's escalating insurgency.

The car bombing and shooting — the latest in violence that has killed nearly 150 people in three days — were part of an increasingly brazen and coordinated campaign to bring the battle to Baghdad, sowing chaos in the center of authority for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and his American allies.

Insurgents appear to have only grown deadlier since Allawi's interim government

took power in June, despite U.S. claims that Iraqi security forces are showing more resolve against insurgents.

The mounting attacks aim to wreck the centerpiece of the U.S. plan for defeating the militants: building a strong Iraqi security force able to bring some calm before elections slated for January. Doing so is also a key prerequisite for any withdrawal of American troops.

Bush tells National Guard he's proud to be one of them

LAS VEGAS (AP) — President Bush told veterans Tuesday he was proud of his time in the Texas Air National Guard and sought to deflect questions about his Vietnam-era service by turning the subject to what he said were rival John Kerry's equivocations on the war in Iraq.

"What's critical is that the president of the United States speak clearly and consistently at this time of great threat in our world, and not change positions because of expediency or pressure," Bush told his applauding audience in a speech to the National Guard Association of the United States.

Fighting back, Kerry said the president's speech was full of distortions. "Why would we expect George Bush to level with us about Iraq? He never has," the Democratic presidential candidate said.

Bush did not address questions that have been raised about his service three decades ago in the Guard or respond to accusations from Democrats that he used family ties to avoid the Vietnam War.

Goss promises to shed partisanship as CIA chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's nominee to head the CIA promised Tuesday to shed his political past and provide precise, objective and independent intelligence to the president and Congress. But

after a 4 1/2-hour confirmation hearing, some Democrats on the Senate Intelligence Committee were not convinced.

"I have made a commitment to nonpartisanship," retiring Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., told the panel. He conceded that during his 16 years in Congress he may "at times" have engaged in debate with too much vigor.

"Rest assured, however, I understand completely the difference in obligations the position of (director of central intelligence) carries with it and that which the role of a congressman carries," said Goss, who formerly chaired the House Intelligence Committee.

Goss' demeanor rankled some Democrats.

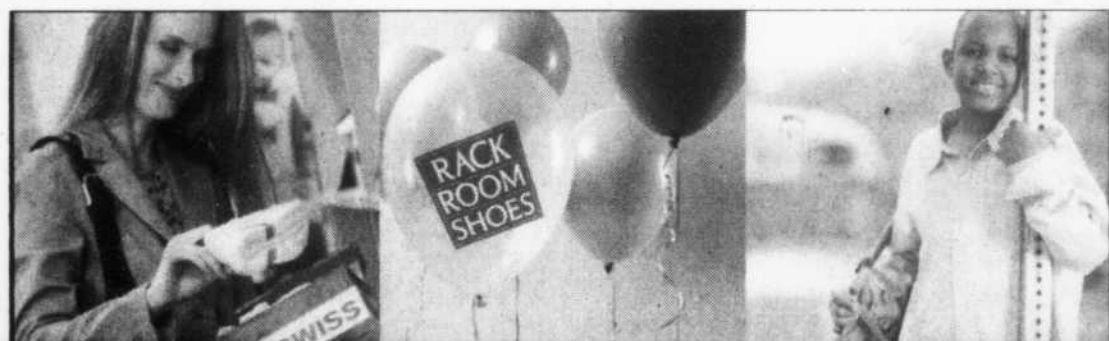
He said his record speaks for itself on a number of tough issues, including his initial opposition to the Sept. 11 commission and his positions on intelligence spending in the 1990s. Goss and the Democrats have each blamed the other for deep budget cuts.

Los Angeles, Washington hotel workers authorize strikes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of hotel workers in Los Angeles voted to authorize a strike, their union said Tuesday, joining in an effort that could lead to walkouts in three cities.

About three-fourths of the 3,000 housekeepers, bellmen and other workers at nine prominent Los Angeles hotels took part in the vote Monday, and union spokesman Danny Feingold said Tuesday that 83 percent of them chose to authorize a strike. No date was set for a walkout.

In Washington, about 94 percent of 2,100 workers voted Monday to authorize a strike, said John Boardman, secretary-treasurer of the union in that city, Unite Here Local 25. The labor contract covering workers at 14 hotels expires Wednesday and negotiations continue. ♦



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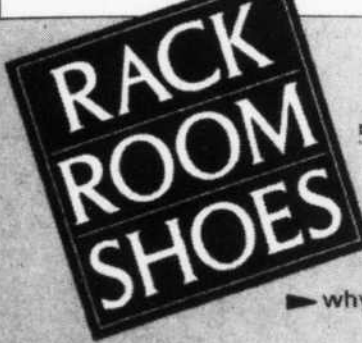
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From the Editorial Board Hey, lawyers: Leave those teachers alone

Recently the Tennessee Board of Regents took it upon themselves to remind their campuses and administrators of a little-known rule on the law-books called the Little Hatch Act.

Based on the federal Hatch Act, the law was originally enacted to keep state and federal employees free from the pressure of elected employers to participate in their campaign.

However, this law has somehow been turned around on the employees, in this case, the faculty and administration at TBR institutions.

In looking at the exact language of the law, which is available online, it is clear that those who wrote it in 1972 never anticipated its use to quell political campaigning on campus. Under the federal Hatch Act, employees of an educational or research institution that receives funds from the state are not covered. So why in Tennessee has this forgotten little act caused such a stir on TBR campuses?

The nature of the e-mail that was sent out without any explanation can easily be considered vague in its description of what is and isn't permitted on campus.

A flurry of responses, not only from MTSU, questioned whether simple things like bumper stickers and campaign signs would land them in jail for 30 days.

This incident raises questions about how dangerous political discussion is in an age when Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents snoop around a campus anti-war rally writing down names.

As students, we would hope that no matter what the situation our professors would feel comfortable discussing political issues of the day. But when a stern message from the higher-ups silences expression, where are we to turn?

Ultimately, professors won't be the only ones suffering from the Little Hatch Act.

Here's our proposition to the state of Tennessee. Amend the act to exclude employees of higher education institutions or research facilities and make the law — and memos about it — more specific.

Give 'em a break — they're just trying to do their jobs. ♦

Tarantino's 'Kill Bill' strikes against moral relativity

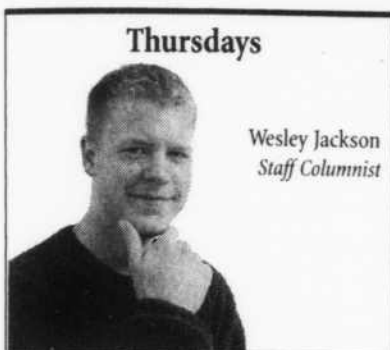
I recently saw both *Kill Bill* movies. They're fascinatingly perceptive of our 21st century culture.

These are director Quentin Tarantino's fourth and fifth films, which, like his earlier cinematic graphic splash, *Pulp Fiction*, pushes the envelope with a celebration of the anti-hero, the stories of the socially deviant.

Kill Bill Vol. 1 & 2 is about Beatrix Kiddo (Uma Thurman), seeking revenge against her former colleagues — a team of highly trained assassins, led by Bill (David Carradine), who murdered her fiancé and his family, and attempted to kill her.

As the violence escalates throughout a story told with dazzling kaleidoscopic camera shots, a souped up soundtrack and streamlined kung-fu choreography, there is a sort of ancient, Eastern dignity and honor that's intertwined with the savagery.

The feel of the films is strongly reminiscent of traditional Japanese philosophy, which is not surprising since Asian culture is central to the *Kill Bill* storyline. These Japanese ideas, which historian Paul Johnson discusses in his book, *Modern Times*, are probably best labeled as Shintoism and Buddhism. Shintoism is a philosophy or religion that deals with the external issues of life, the government and social order. Buddhism is a separate and very different religion that deals with the inner, private life through various disciplines. Both have traditionally



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existed in the midst of deep moral relativism.

The bottom line is that Japanese history is rooted in a culture of double standards.

This is the factor that explains the brutality of the Japanese during World War II. One of the things the Western military officers couldn't understand at the war crimes trials was how such a cultured, educated, refined people as the Japanese could be so cruel, so savage in their prisoner of war camps and in their fighting tactics.

The answer was simple. The Japanese held to a double standard in which they completely divorced their private life from their public life. And they became Jekyll-and-Hyde-like monsters.

So in *Kill Bill* we see a story about people who are highly educated, extremely disciplined, sophisticated and loving in their private life, but are cold-blooded murderers in their professional life.

The only moral standard is a very individualized, subjective sense of honor since God is apparently inactive and no other source

of objective authority or law exists.

Tarantino seems to see the connection of these Eastern ideas with the relativism that pervades our own Western culture, where life is like a jungle and the only rule is the survival of the fittest. Anything goes, and we live in a perpetual state of schizophrenia — acting on one set of beliefs for our private life and another for our public life. And it doesn't really matter since there's no moral code to answer to.

The result of such dualistic thinking is that we become monsters.

It's a side note but the issue of abortion comes immediately to mind here. We say we believe in the importance of individual lives. We're sure making a lot of noise about those lost in Iraq. But then we fight for the convenient right to kill babies. A double standard?

Tarantino appears to have his finger on the pulse of our culture. He sees the connections, the consequences for living in a dualistic mindset.

The *Kill Bill* movies should serve as bleeding-edge quality entertainment as well as a high-resolution mirror, a reminder to take stock of ourselves and the double standards we live by.

Perhaps seeing our reflection will encourage the correction of our own Jekyll and Hyde tendencies. ♦

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Lifting gun ban a danger to all

Sandi's Logic



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The ban on assault weapons expired Monday. While there are groups that speak on both sides of the former law's effectiveness, we must ask ourselves if it is smart to let people purchase these firearms.

The National Rifle Association considers the lift of the ban a triumph for law-abiding citizens who will use them for various reasons including hunting and in self-defense, according to the NRA's Web site.

Is it necessary to hunt an animal with no defenses with an assault rifle, and for that matter are these weapons what we need in a home with children?

It isn't. For the past decade people have still been able to hunt using shotguns. Others have possessed handguns and shotguns for defense of their homes.

Having an assault weapon in a home doesn't make the occupants safer.

These weapons have a specific purpose, and it is not one that civilians should undertake.

"Assault weapons are well designed to perform the military function of killing large numbers of people," according to a report by the Legal Community Against Violence.

In a commentary by John R. Lott Jr. in *The Los Angeles Times*, Lott says that these weapons have a different function.

"Weapons covered by the ban function the same as any semiautomatic hunting rifle," Lott said in his commentary published Sept. 10.

He continues to say that these firearms have the same effect as shotguns.

There is too much conflicting information to know what the results of the ban were, but for the last 10 years no one could walk into a store and purchase them.

If nothing else, that should have made Americans sleep a little easier.

The NRA says on their Web site that criminals will not be able to legally purchase these weapons.

That is true, a convicted criminal won't, but what if a criminal who has not been caught in a crime purchases one legally? Then the demise of this law has made life easier for that person.

Should Americans be able to possess firearms?

Yes, if they are law-abiding citizens. But that doesn't mean that anyone should own an assault rifle.

A gun owner with proper training on how to use his firearm can do just as much damage to a deer or a burglar with a shotgun or handgun as he can an assault rifle.

The average citizen doesn't need a semi-automatic rifle for any reason, but now just about anyone can own one. ♦

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Yuppie yahoo: Bush trying to sell false image to American people

Like any good carpenter, most politicians have a variety of tools to choose from when seeking approval from the masses. President George W. Bush's toolbox just happens to be filled with a bit more deception and creativity than Sen. John Kerry's.

In a recent CNN poll the majority of people said that they believe that Republicans are more media savvy than Democrats.

And that's true because Bush's team realized a long time ago that the truth in what you are saying isn't as important as how you present it, and how many times you say it.

Take the mythical connection between Al Qaeda and Iraq as an example. As recent as last Thursday, Vice President Dick Cheney was telling people at campaign stops about how Saddam gave sanctuary to members of Al Qaeda.

The 9-11 commission said there was no link between the two. Colin Powell has come out recently and said there was no link. Maybe nobody stopped to tell Bush or Cheney that, or maybe it doesn't really matter because they know that a large number of Americans don't keep up with the news and probably wouldn't care anyway.

And that is another tool within itself. People are susceptible to marketing ploys, and Bush's entire personality is a marketing play. The length at which this yuppie Yale grad goes to convey a tough guy persona is borderline ridiculous.

Nonetheless, people take him seriously because he is able to tap into a sense of identity and fake nostalgia that many people in the heartland want and need. The backlash to all this is the rampant amount of ethnocentrism. Other countries are labeled good and bad only when comparing them to an idealistic America. If they are not like us, we don't like them.

In reality Bush is about as tough as your typical Harley riding suburbanite. And whenever Bush claims to be a common man like anyone else in America, we must realize that he is selling a product. He wants to sell a product similar to Coca-Cola or a Big Mac. He wants us to think that he is the typified true American. But realistically, we are never going to sit down and have a meal with this man.



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Jason Johnson
Staff Columnist

As friendly as he looks and as much as we may think we can relate to him, the majority of all people will never sit and have a chat with him because he isn't a friend. He's a guy that works for us and makes decisions that will affect where we are going to be for years to come.

And those years to come are going to be alone if Bush is our president. British Prime Minister Tony Blair won't be around forever and our allies are dropping like flies. Beyond the scare of terrorism, the most dangerous thing for the United States is being alone in this world.

Republicans made the assertion recently that Kerry wouldn't go to war without permission from France. Maybe we shouldn't. Maybe we should ask our allies for advice before making a decision as massive as war.

At this point in time, countries are interconnected like never before in history. We rely on each other economically and for the welfare of people around the globe. Technology has connected us like no religion or political system ever has. If Bush gets re-elected, it will only help burn the bridges that we have left in the world.

As the debate rages over who would be the better wartime president, maybe we should ask who would be the better at getting us out of wartime president. It's time to stop letting the gym coach run the school. ♦

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MT volleyball squad travels to Miami of Ohio

By Jill Davis
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raider volleyball team is headed to another tournament this coming weekend, Sept. 17-18, at Miami of Ohio University in Oxford, Ohio.

MT head coach Matt Peck is hoping that the team will develop and mature from a well-played but second place lot in the Middle Tennessee Invitational, and is expecting the team to step up and leave the upcoming Miami tournament with some wins.

Although this is a non-conference tournament, Peck remarked that getting wins would put the Blue Raiders back in the win column before opening Sun Belt Conference play.

Peck is looking for some competition from the girls. Unsure of their mind-set in the previous tournament, he said that wanting to know how to win will "come with experience."

Peck noted, however, there are three key players he is hoping to see lead the volleyball team in the tournament: senior Keke Deckard, who was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week; sophomore Andressa Lyra, who made the all-tournament team at the MT Invitational and is what Peck called an "all-the-way-around player;" and freshman Alicia Lemau'u.

Peck is also looking to the supporting players to improve and play well.

"I want the upperclassmen, experienced players, to step it up, really, and do a good job leading the team when they need to, and keeping the younger players focused," Peck said.

All three matches will be a challenge for the team, with the strongest team being No. 21 Georgia Tech (3-5). Georgia Tech is expected to pose difficulties, but keeping up with all three skilled teams is going to be the Blue Raiders' biggest challenge — more mentally than physically.

"We're going to get some spectacular

things done on the court ... so are they," Peck said. "The winner, in the end, is going to be the one who doesn't fold under pressure."

Both Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne and Miami of Ohio are athletic teams and will likely be difficult matches. However, Peck's focus is not primarily on winning, but on the process — how the team played.

With new and young players out on the court, this season is going to be a process of focus and all the way through.

In order to win and keep focus in this tournament, Peck is looking for a few players who are playing well to maintain consistency, including senior Dara McLean and sophomore Megan Sumrell. Also, four freshmen are being put on the court regularly and Peck wants to see them gain more experience from this weekend before SBC play.

The Blue Raiders kick off the tournament against the IPFW Mastodons (5-3) Friday Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. ♦

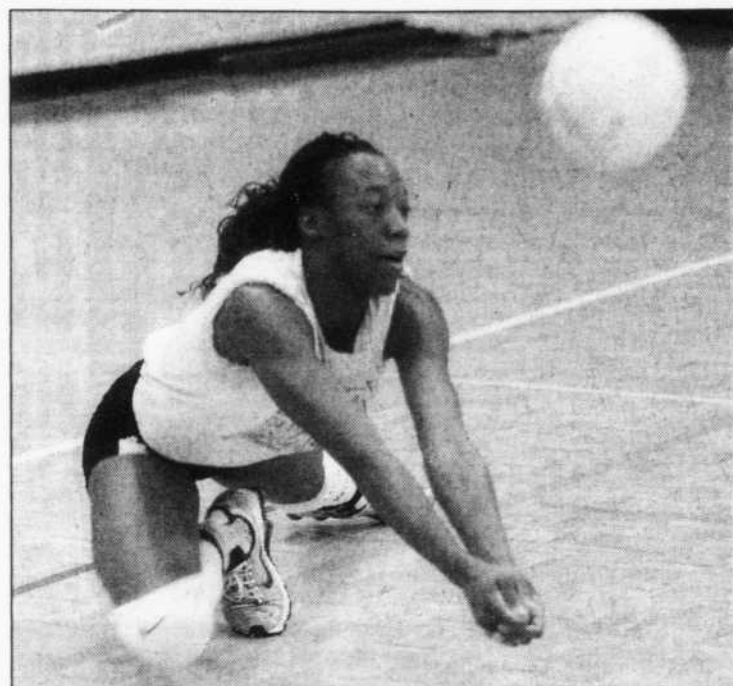


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Freshman Quanshell Scott reaches for a dig in practice.

Mirror images lead offense

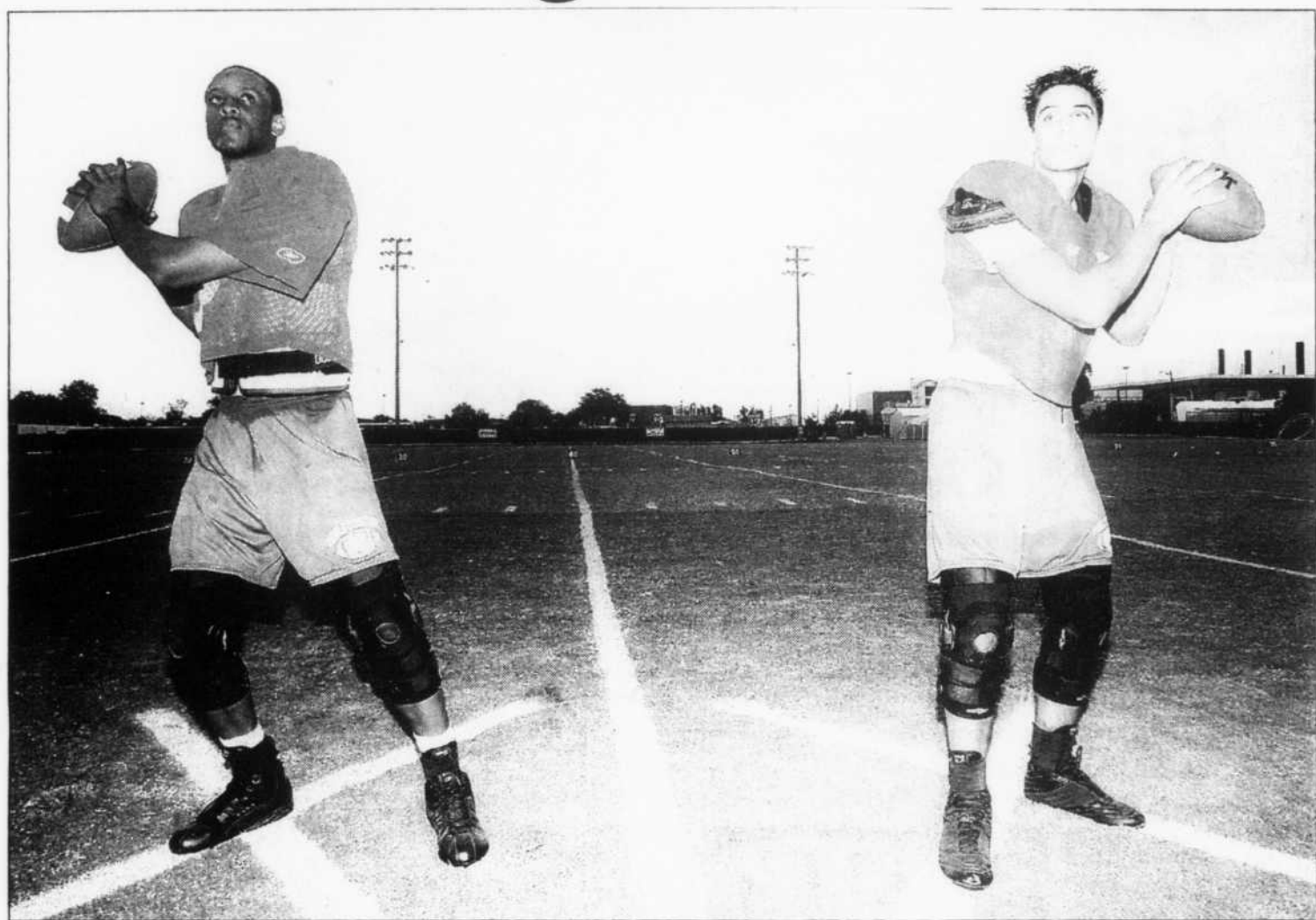


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Blue Raider quarterbacks Josh Harris and Clint Marks will see time under center Saturday against Florida Atlantic.

Harris quietly leads

By Colby Sledge
Sports Editor

Josh Harris has grown since last season.

He hasn't added any height to his 6-foot 3-inch frame — although he has added 10 pounds of muscle. Instead, Harris said, he has matured as a quarterback and a teammate.

"I've matured a lot with my teammates because I've got another year under my belt," Harris said. "As far as game-wise, I've just gotten more reps in practice."

Part of that maturity undoubtedly came after his performance in a 57-51 four-overtime loss to Louisiana-Lafayette last season. After starter Andrico Hines and backup Clint Marks went out with injuries, Harris stepped in and threw for 284 yards on 23-for-36 passing and four touchdowns.

After the game, Harris was

despondent over the loss, but pulled something positive from the experience.

"I found out that the team will play for me, and I'll play for them," Harris said after that game. "You practice every week expecting to play. It really didn't shock me the way I played."

The team has continued to play for Harris this season. Harris started the Akron game with 10 consecutive completions, including a 36-yard pass to receiver Pedro Holiday that led to an early Blue Raider touchdown.

His 11th pass, however, fell into the arms of Akron defensive back Dion Elie in the end zone, and Harris did not come back onto the field for the rest of the game. Marks took over and went 23-for-30 with 228 yards and one interception. Harris finished with 111 yards passing.

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Marks quells conflict

By Mark Emery
Staff Writer

The main talk surrounding the Blue Raiders during the off-season centered on who Middle Tennessee's starting quarterback would be.

MT head coach Andy McCollum put that talk to rest this week, however, by saying that both Josh Harris and Clint Marks will play.

This doesn't bother Marks. He just wants to go out every game and do whatever he can to help the team win.

"I just want to help the team the best I can," Marks said. "Whenever I get my chance I just want to get in there and do my best to help the team win."

That was what Marks did in the first game against Akron, as he went 23-for-30 for 228 yards and one interception.

Marks and Harris have a good relationship with each other and know what each

other's role on the team is. They help each other by competing in practice.

"We're all good friends of all the quarterbacks on the team, which makes each other better," Marks said. "He makes me better everyday. I make him better everyday. During the games it's nothing like that. We're competing against the other team."

McCollum believes both quarterbacks have handled the situation very well. He has two competitors who know what he expects from them.

"We've got a good situation and they are there for each other," McCollum said. "We're not going to have selfish people on the team and those two guys, all they want to do is win. So whichever one gives us the best chance to win that Saturday, is going to be the one playing."

Last year, Marks got a chance to play, which gave him some

See Marks, 7

Owls already have big wins this year

By Jon Leffew
Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee football team will begin home play this Saturday, hosting the Florida Atlantic University Owls.

After last week's win over the Akron Zips, head coach Andy McCollum and his Blue Raiders will look to avenge the team's 20-19 loss to the Owls last season.

While the Blue Raiders noticed an impressive victory last week, the Owls have been busy picking up a few key wins themselves.

Two weeks ago, Howard Schnellenberger's team traveled to Hawaii and picked up a 35-28 victory in overtime.

Last week, the team picked up another victory in the final minutes by defeating North Texas, with the score of 20-13, in Denton.

While the Owls are currently still a Division I-AA team (and will join the Sun Belt Conference next year), these victories back up McCollum's thoughts on the team.

"They are a good football team," McCollum told reporters at Monday's press conference.

"We know what kind of athletes they have, what kind of staff they have, and what kind of team they have. We know what we face going in, and now I think everyone else does."

That talented group of FAU players is led on offense by quarterback Jared Allen.

Along with running back Doug Parker, who rushed for 126 yards and the game-winning touchdown last week,

Allen has led the Owls during their first two games.

The senior from Edmond, Okla., has passed for 536 yards and two touchdowns in the team's two victories.

Allen, who passed for more than 3,000 yards and 24 touchdowns last year, will look to lead his team to their third consecutive road victory before returning home against Illinois State next week.

Defensively, the Owls are led by three different players with over 10 tackles for the year.

Taheem Acevedo, Tyrone Higgins, and Chris Laskowski lead a defense that held UNT to less than 300 yards of total offense last week.

More importantly, the Owls kept the nation's leading rusher for last season, Patrick Cobbs, in check for the entire contest.

The Owls also used an experienced special teams unit to pick up the victory last week.

Place-kicker Mark Myers kicked two field goals, while punter Mike Brown averaged more than 43 yards per punt.

In addition to this, the Owls blocked a UNT field goal attempt on the second half's opening drive, as Willie Hughley busted through the line to block the 45 yard attempt.

All in all, McCollum knows that he and his team have a challenge ahead of them this week, but he likes the prospects of returning to Murfreesboro.

"They are excited about coming home," McCollum said. "They are excited about winning on the road, but they know we have a tough week ahead of us." ♦



Photo courtesy of FAU Media Relations

Owls TE Anthony Crissinger-Hill has 254 yards receiving.

Ticket sales brisker, but plenty still left

By Cody Gibson
Staff Writer

John Brooks, the director of ticket operations at Middle Tennessee, has been a busy man for the last few months.

Operation: Full House II is underway in an effort to sell out the first home football game of the season against Florida Atlantic, and Brooks has been handling an influx of ticket orders.

Brooks said that more than 6,000 season tickets have been sold in addition to 2,100 single-game tickets. That still leaves MT well short of selling out Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium, which has a capacity of 30,788.

MT head coach Andy McCollum called for students and the community to come out and support the Blue Raiders Monday in his weekly press conference.

"This is Middle Tennessee's football team, but we've said that every year,"

McCollum said. "I guess you get tired of hearing 'Well, if they were winning, or 'Well, if they did this...' Well, we're 1-0. We need you. This is your team."

The goal to fill the stadium is in part driven by NCAA rules. All Division I-A programs must average 15,000 fans per home game, which MT has failed to do for the past two years.

Operation: Full House II is an attempt to start on a positive note with attendance and sustain support throughout the season.

In an informal survey, most students questioned said they intended to go to the game Saturday.

"I'm going because it's free and part of the tuition," said Burt Brown, a sophomore political science major.

"I am going to go because my friends are," freshman Amanda McCarty said.

Others such as Brad Hutson, a sophomore mass communication major, said he

was going because he felt it was important to support our athletic program.

On the other hand, there will likely be plenty of students who face the same problem as Tanja Gangwisch, a junior broadcasting major.

Gangwisch said she would not be going Saturday for travel reasons because she lives in Nashville.

Weather could also play a factor in Saturday's turnout. The National Weather Service is predicting early morning rain for Saturday with winds up to 15 miles per hour.

Operation: Full House II could be another step in the steady progress of MT athletics, but only game time will tell. Student attendance and walk-up sales will almost certainly determine whether the drive is a success.

For tickets for Saturday's game, which begins at 2 p.m., call 898-2106. ♦

Sun Belt Conference teams to face nation's best

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Sun Belt Conference is back in action this week after enjoying some national attention last week.

Troy (2-0) at New Mexico State (0-2). This game is the only conference match this week, as the Trojans will be looking to avoid a letdown after knocking off then-No.19 Missouri 24-14 at home last Thursday night. This will be the first meeting between the schools.

Offensive Lineman Junior Louissaint was named the SBC Offensive Player of the Week after catching DeWhitt Betterton's fumble and taking it 63-yards to the end zone. Troy linebacker Bernard Davis and punter Thomas Olmsted were named SBC Defensive and Special Teams Player of the Week, respectively.

Troy's win was the first time a SBC team defeated a team in the conference's history. The Trojans received votes in both polls this week.

The Aggies were drilled by then-No.12

California 41-14 last week.

No.15 Utah (2-0) at Utah State (1-1, 1-0 SBC)



Wildcats 23-6.

This will be the first time USU has had a home game against a Top 25 team since 2001. This rivalry is the 13th longest in NCAA history, and Utah leads the series 71-28-4.

These two in-state rivals will go at it for the 104th time this weekend. Last week, USU defeated Idaho 14-7 in the conference opener, while the Mountain West Utes took care of the Arizona

No. 25 Memphis (2-0) at Arkansas State (0-2) These two teams will meet for the 52nd time on Saturday. Last week Louisiana State knocked off ASU 53-3 while the Tigers took care of I-AA member UT-Chattanooga 52-21. The Tigers, who entered the rankings this week for the first time in school history, hold the series lead 26-20-5.

Louisiana-Lafayette (1-1) at Kansas State U. (1-1)

These two teams will have their second match-up this Saturday. KSU won the first one 34-6 in 1994. The Ragin' Cajuns are coming off a 24-20 loss to Louisiana Tech, while KSU was upset 45-21 by Fresno State last week.

North Texas (0-2) at Colorado (2-0) These two teams will meet for the first time ever. Last week Florida Atlantic defeated UNT 20-13, while Big 12 member Colorado beat Washington State 20-12.

Washington State (1-1) at Idaho (0-2)

This game will count as a home game for Idaho, even though it will be played at Pac-10 member Washington State's stadium. Both universities are only eight miles apart and will be facing each other for the 87th time. Their first matchup was in 1894. Both teams lost last week: WSU to Colorado 20-12, Idaho to Utah State 14-7.

Arkansas (1-1) at Louisiana-Monroe (0-1)

ULM will be the home team against the SEC member, but the game will be played on UA's home field. This is the fifth time both schools have met. Last week Texas defeated the Razorbacks 22-20, while ULM had a bye week. ♦



Marks: Accurate passer

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game experience. McCollum believes this helps Marks, but knows there will be more work ahead.

"After the first game, there is still a lot that both of them need to get corrected," McCollum said. "As far as first game and all the unknowns, I thought that both of them handled it real well."

Last year's numbers indicate the kind of potential that Marks has at the position. In seven games and two starts Marks completed 65 percent of his passes throwing seven touchdowns and three interceptions.

Both Marks and McCollum understand that he still has things to work on, but McCollum believes Marks will improve with more experience and playing time.

Hence, two quarterbacks will play this Saturday. ♦

Harris: Mobile athlete

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But Harris didn't complain.

Going into the week, some wondered if perhaps Marks would start this Saturday against Florida Atlantic. MT head coach Andy McCollum said that both quarterbacks would see playing time, however, although neither quarterback knows who will be starting.

Marks and Harris have both also said that, despite the rotation, there is no quarterback controversy.

"Clint and me are pretty good friends," Harris said. "If he's playing and I see something, I tell him when he comes on the sidelines."

Harris is also reluctant to say he holds any strengths over his partner – even though Marks has said Harris is the more mobile athlete of the two.

"Both of us are the same type of quarterback," Harris said. "Everything I can do he can do, and everything he can do I can do." ♦



Match Postponed

The soccer match between Middle Tennessee and Samford has been postponed due to the threat of Hurricane Ivan. The match was originally scheduled to be played tomorrow at 7 p.m. A new date has not been set.

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