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Alumni Drive from Blue Raider Drive to Friendship Street will be closed for the fall semester for road improvements. With the closing of Alumni, there will be no access to the Library parking lot. During the construction period, the northern part of the parking lot by the Honors Building will be changed from green to white. The southern end of the lot by Ezell Hall will remain green for students. You will not be able to access the campus via Womack Lane.

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Bush Legacy Tour visits Tenn.

Americans United For Change tours the country to scrutinize Bush's tenure

By TIFFANY GIBSON
Campus News Editor

The Bush Legacy Tour stopped in Nashville to inform voters of Bush's failed policies and how Senator John McCain helped pass them.

Americans United For Change, an issue-advocacy group that formed in 2005 to fight George Bush's effort to privatize Social Security, sponsors the tour.

"The purpose of the tour is to cement Bush's legacy in the history books while he's still in office," said Julie Blust, press secretary for the Bush Legacy Tour. "While we still have a lot of the issues still on the table like the War in Iraq and the health care crisis, we want to look at his contribution to these things and how negative they have been."

Blust said Bush cannot be held solely accountable for the economy's downfall, and one of the goals of the Bush Legacy Tour is to inform people of the activities occurring in Congress.

"We also want to hold accountable the allies he has in Congress, because he had a lot of help from certain senators such as Sen. Lamar Alexander," Blust said.

Inside the Bush Legacy Tour bus, facts and statistics are displayed on the walls while a timeline illustrates Bush's actions during his two terms.

Some of the statistics cover topics of health care, the Iraq War and Hurricane Katrina.

In 2001, 85,000 children were uninsured in Tennessee, and in 2008 there is 118,000 children without

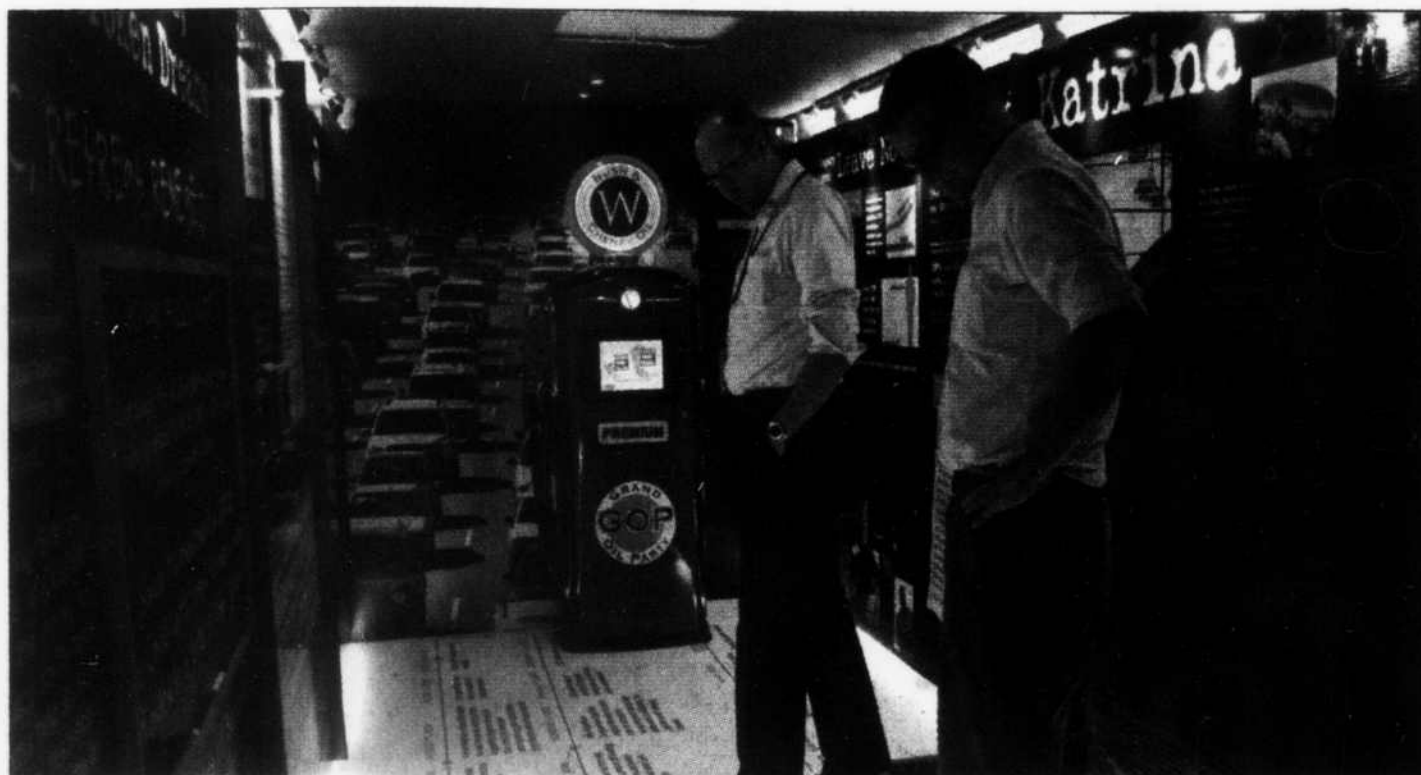


Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

Nashville residents examine the Bush administration's timeline on the Bush Legacy Tour bus, which visited the area Sept. 16.



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

People view the Bush Legacy Tour bus outside of the Nashville court house.

insurance, according to the Bush Legacy Tour.

The statistics also discuss Tennessee casualties in the Iraq War, which was 0 in 2001 and has now reached a total amount of 586 wounded and 86 dead.

Sen. Alexander's voting

history is also on the walls of the bus. Some of his key votes include voting for a second round of Bush's proposed tax cuts, totaling in \$350 billion. In 2005, Alexander voted in favor of the energy conference report that excused oil and gas industries

from clean-water laws.

According to Blust, Alexander supported Bush 90 percent of the time.

"All Americans ought to see [the tour] and see what kind of problems we really have," said Andy Bryan, Nashville resident. "I was re-

cently down in New Orleans because my granddaughter lives down there, and I took the tour, and it was really sad to see."

"That is something this administration has ignored and it ought to be a real legacy for Mr. Bush," Bryan said.

The tour's intention is to also inform people of the policies that McCain and Bush agree on.

"We are certainly highlighting McCain's policies and the fact that he votes with Bush 90 percent of the time," Blust said. "And that is something we think voters and everyone should know."

Blust said McCain's campaign has tried to stray from the Bush agenda, but it's nearly impossible with his voting record.

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Model printing press supplies students with Constitution

By JESSY RICHTER
Contributing Writer

The James E. Walker Library and the American Democracy Project moved MTSU's replica of Benjamin Franklin's printing press for students to examine and receive a copy of the Preamble for Constitution Day.

The event took place on Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the library portico.

The printing press was built on campus by MTSU staff Keith Jenkins, a cabinet maker, and Jeff Henderson, blacksmith. The Common Press, Jenkins's and Henderson's reference, detailed how it was believed a press would have been built.

The replica on campus is made out of 175 year old chestnut and white oak wood taken from a log cabin in North Carolina. Jenkins and Henderson did not use modern technology to build

the replica which was built over two years in 2003 and 2004 entirely on campus.

The wooden frame is held together with wooden dowels instead of screws.

Henderson said he didn't use any modern welding, but he did use a coal fire and a 1905 hand-operated post drill.

"The few screws that were used were sent from the Smithsonian," Henderson said.

Alan Boehm, special collections librarian and print historian, said he calls Jenkins and Henderson "practical geniuses" for their ability to work through unclear areas of the schematics.

Ray McKelvy, freshman liberal arts, was the first passerby to try the press and said it's "cool to see it in action."

The library needed to hire a moving crew to move the 400 lb. press down from the fourth floor.



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

John Vile reads the Constitution to students on the quad.

Those who worked with the creation of the press on campus included Boehm, Janet Higgins, art department faculty and Bill Black, administrative services librarian.

Kristin Keene, external relations specialist for the Walker Library, said this is the first year the printing press was used on Constitution Day to print the preamble on campus. The Walker Library has a deal with Rutherford County Schools which permits students throughout the county to either come see the press or to have the press brought to their schools.

Keene said the press is "one of only around twenty in the nation." She became involved working with the

press as a marketing and communications specialist for the Walker Library.

Jim Williams with the American Democracy Project has worked with Constitution Day in the past.

At noon, the American Democracy Project held a reading of the Constitution. They also had a large copy of the Constitution for anyone to sign and a voters' registration table.

Constitution Day was established by Congress in 2004 and requires all federally funded educational programs to provide information about the Constitution.

The Walker Library was taking donations to be able to fund more events with the printing press replica.

MT voters question Palin's judgment

By TIFFANY GIBSON
Campus News Editor

John McCain's selection of Alaskan Governor Sarah Palin as his vice president has raised serious debate among voters on whether or not she is qualified enough for the position.

With a political career spanning only a few years, one of the main criticisms brought up by voters is that Palin isn't experienced enough.

"Personally, I don't think she's a good selection, because when it comes to experience, she has only been the mayor of a small town," said Ivy Johnson, MTSU College Democrats vice president and senior public relations major. "When it comes to the whole country, she should be more involved in urban areas."

Johnson said that she doesn't think McCain made a rash decision in selecting

PALIN, PAGE 3

Todd defaced with political graffiti



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

Students paused while walking to classes to observe graffiti on the side of Andrew L. Todd Hall Wednesday afternoon.

The graffiti branded the

words: "The only dope worth shooting: Bush."

"People have the right to express themselves, but when they paint on the side of a building it really looks

bad," said Daniel Lewis, electronic media communication journalism major. "The right to protest does not extend to writing on the side of a building."

BUSH FROM PAGE 1

Blust said McCain's campaign has tried to stray from the Bush agenda, but it's nearly impossible with his voting record.

Tatiahn Vaughn, state employee and Nashville resident, said that McCain stands for the same things as Bush, and that is a major turn off to her vote.

"I wouldn't want to elect McCain, because he's been in the White House so long, and he's basically going to follow what Bush is doing," Vaughn said.

Pam Holloman, administrative assistant and Nashville resident, said that she agrees with Vaughn and thinks that might have an affect on McCain's campaign.

"[Bush] let the boys stay too long," Holloman said. "The war has been too long."

Blust said that most of the people that tour the bus support its purpose, and find it very informative.

However, Blust said she has



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

Inside the bus a display of the Iraq War shows combat statistics.

encountered some people that are very unaware of the issues and refuse to believe Bush's policies have failed.

"We have folks that disagree and feel like the econ-

omy is doing well and that nothing is wrong with our health care system," Blust said. "Most of the people that come through the bus really support it."

PALIN FROM PAGE 1

Palin, but he chose her for the sole purpose of gaining women voters.

"He picked her because she is a woman, and he wanted to make it more historical than just a first black president," Johnson said. "I think that is the only reason he picked her."

On the other hand, the communications director and spokesperson for the Democratic Party of Tennessee Wade Munday, said that choosing Palin in an attempt to gain women voters was a little far-stretched.

"Sarah Palin does not represent anything Hillary Clinton does," Munday said.

In addition to questioning Palin's experience, Munday said that Palin has flip-flopped on issues she used to be against.

"She has been outing her opposition for the bridge to nowhere, which she is for, but used to be against," Munday said. "I don't think she's properly embedded or qualified to be a seat away from the presidency."

Disagreeing with Munday, Lou Ann Zelenik, vice chair of the Rutherford County Republican Party, said that Palin was an excellent choice.

"She represents the peo-

ple and not the politicians," Zelenik said. "She speaks to all of us and for all of us, while representing some of the traditional conservative values on which our party was founded upon."

Zelenik said that two hours after Palin was announced as McCain's running mate, she had 42 calls at the Rutherford County Republican Headquarters from people wanting to get involved.

"She is the most popular governor in the United States with an 80 percent popularity rate," Zelenik said. "[She was] voted by the people that live in Alaska, which has a bigger population than [Joe] Biden's Delaware."

Zelenik's co-worker and Executive Director of the Rutherford County Republican Party Steven Disser said he was shocked when McCain chose Palin.

"The political pundits and speculators had their own lists of prospects narrowed down to three or four possible running mates for John McCain, and Sarah Palin was not one in the radar," Disser said.

Although he was surprised, Disser said that Palin is extremely qualified for the position due to her experience as governor of Alaska and mayor of Wasilla.

"She fit perfectly onto the Republican ticket for those

reasons, among many others, but also because she brings youth and charisma," Disser said. "The fact that she is a woman and may appeal to Hillary supporters just happened to be the icing on top of the cake."

Zelenik feels that the media is so biased and corrupt when it comes to Palin, because of recent allegations of Palin abusing her power to fire Alaska's Public Safety Commissioner, after he refused to dismiss her brother-in-law.

"If she did do it, then I think she'd come out and talk about it," Zelenik said.


Additional scandals such as Palin's teenage daughter

being pregnant have also surfaced, and Johnson feels that the issue is irrelevant to the election.

"The pregnancy [issue] should be kept private," Johnson said. "When it comes to the candidates' children, people should leave them alone, because we are here for the VP, not the VP's kids."

Even though Palin is under investigation, Nate Schott, chair of the Rutherford County Republican Party, said that Palin would bring "freshness to Washington."

"Either way, this election is going to make history," Schott said. "So people should exercise their right to vote."




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Candidates scramble to shift economic message

By TOM RAUM AND
GLEN JOHNSON
Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — With economic anxiety rising, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama scrambled Wednesday to adjust their messages to connect more directly with financially struggling voters.

Obama talks directly into the camera in a new, two-minute television ad on how he'll fix an economy in which "paychecks are flat and home values are falling." McCain and running mate Sarah Palin softened opposition to government bailouts, accepting the U.S. takeover of the nation's largest insurer as unfortunate but necessary to protect ordinary Americans.

"The shot that has been called by the Feds — it's understandable but very, very disappointing that taxpayers are called upon for another one," Palin told reporters during a visit to delicatessen in Cleveland.

Both McCain and Obama advocated cracking down on freewheeling Wall Street practices and for tough new regulations on financial institutions.

Obama ridiculed McCain's calls for more regulation as an eleventh-hour conversion for one who has long championed deregulation.

Too many in Washington and on Wall Street "weren't minding the store. They sat on their hands until it was too late," Obama told a rally in Elko, Nev. He challenged McCain's vow to take on the "old boy's network...He hasn't taken them on for the last 26 years."

The increased emphasis on the faltering economy came on a day when stocks resumed

their downward plunge following Tuesday night's government takeover of American International Group Inc. with an \$85 billion two-year loan from the Federal Reserve in return for a majority stake in the company.

"The focus of any such action should be to protect the millions of Americans who hold insurance policies, retirement plans and other accounts with AIG," McCain said in a statement. "We must not bail out the management and speculators who created this mess."

The turnabout came a day after McCain strongly opposed additional government relief and praised the government's decision not to rescue Lehman Brothers after it had intervened to help investment bank Bear Stearns and mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

His Democratic rival addressed the AIG takeover in Elko, saying the government acted "to prevent an even larger crisis." Arguing that the U.S. housing market was "in a shambles," Obama said it was important now for the Federal Reserve to ensure that families with AIG insurance are protected. "It must not bail out the shareholders or the management of AIG that were making big profits when times were good."

Obama, in his own change of tactics, speaks directly to voters in a new commercial to air Wednesday on national cable and in some battleground states.

"In the past few weeks, Wall Street's been rocked as banks closed and markets tumbled. But for many of you — the people I've met in town halls, backyards and diners across America — our troubled economy isn't news," Obama says in the ad, taped Tuesday



Photo Courtesy of Morguefile.com

in a living room-like setting.

"Paychecks are flat and home values are falling. It's hard to pay for gas and groceries and if you put it on a credit card, they've probably raised your rates," he adds.

Obama also laments rising health insurance costs. He details major elements of his economic plan, including its proposal for a \$1,000 tax cut for working couples, steps to reduce reliance on imported oil, bringing a "responsible end" to the war in Iraq and ending an "anything goes culture on Wall Street."

"Doing these things won't be easy. But we're Americans," Obama says.

Obama also discussed the AIG takeover.

McCain campaigned in Michigan, one of the states hardest hit by eight straight months of rising unemploy-

ment.

At the General Motors Orion assembly plant, he told workers: "We are going to fight the special interests and corruption in Washington. We are going to fight the greed and irresponsibility on Wall Street."

While both presidential candidates have called for tougher regulation of financial institutions and cracking down on Wall Street abuses, neither has come up with a detailed plan, nor gone so far as to endorse a proposal for the kind of massive federal intervention that took place in the savings and loan crisis of the late 1980s and the early 1990s.

Then, the Resolution Trust Corp. was established by Congress to acquire the real estate, mortgages and other assets of thousands of failed

S&Ls.

Some lawmakers suggest such a strategy may be needed to stabilize financial markets, rather than the ad hoc interventions the government has been doing.

A day after extending a helping hand to AIG, the White House on Monday called the U.S. economy a mixed picture that would ultimately weather the current turmoil. Press secretary Dana Perino said help for other endangered companies would be considered on a "case-by-case basis."

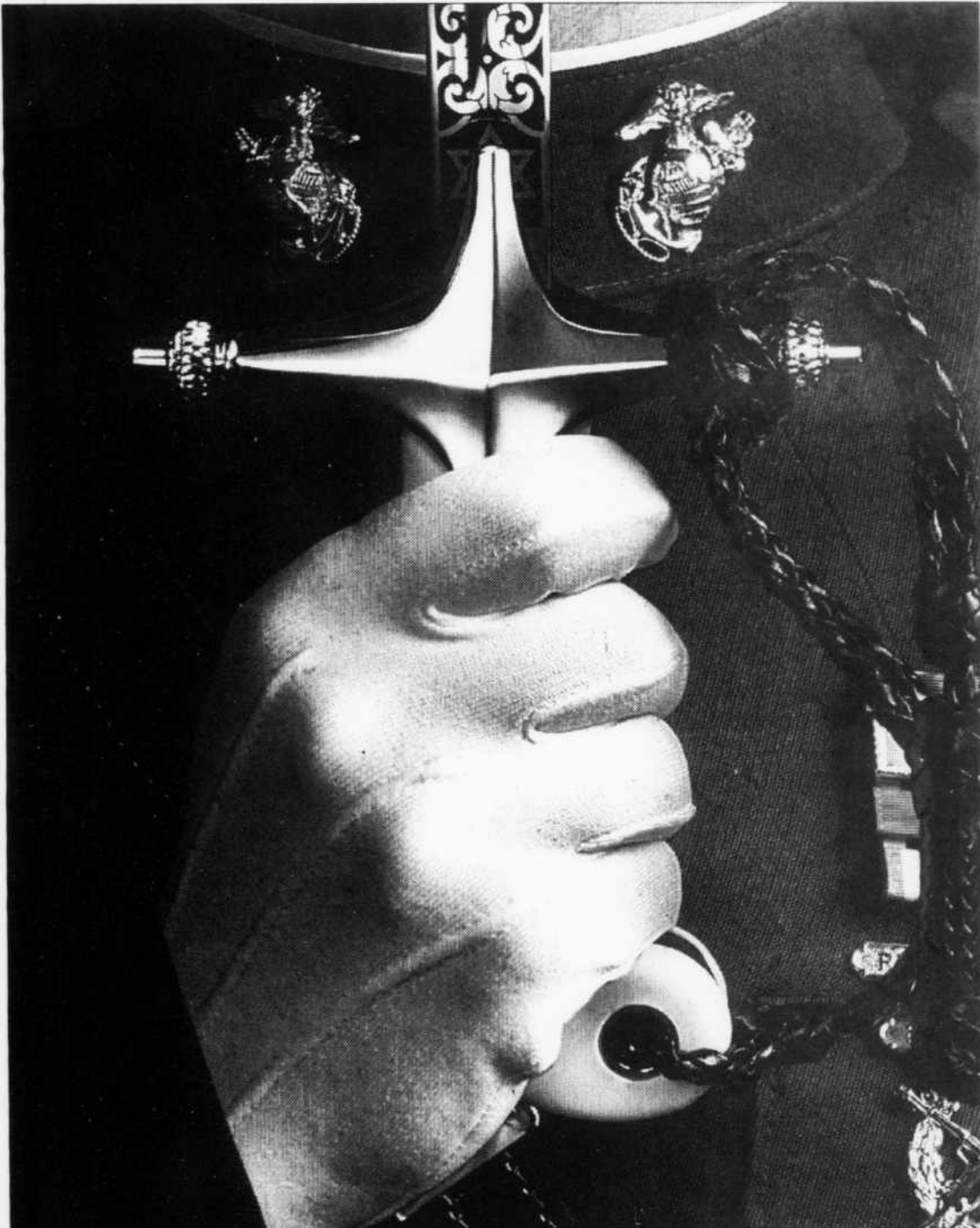
Both candidates have been adjusting to keep pace with a fast-changing situation in which financial markets have been buffeted by one jolt after another.

The weak economy would normally be expected to benefit Democrats, since voters


often punish the party in the White House for bad economic times, and McCain's Republican party has been in power for the past eight years.

But an Associated Press-Yahoo News poll conducted last week suggests McCain and Obama now are trusted equally on the economy, with 34 percent of voters saying each would do a better job. Previously, Obama had held a solid advantage on the issue.

Meanwhile, an advocacy group for older Americans questioned McCain's recent railing against Wall Street excesses at the same time he supports a plan to allow younger workers to divert some of the Social Security payroll tax they would pay into private investment accounts, much as President Bush would do.



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Corrections

Sept. 11, 2008

In the Autism Walks story printed Sept. 11, an error was made concerning the two children of Ed Evans.

It is actually Joshua, 11, who is severely autistic and communicates through mostly gestures and facial expressions.

Jacob, 6, is only mildly affected thanks to early intervention.

Sept. 15, 2008

In the Honky Tonk exhibit story printed on Sept. 15, an error was made concerning the cut-line of the photograph and the people featured in it.

The order should have read (from left to right, front row): Robert Trapp Jr., Henry Horenstein, Rebeka Weiler, and Preston Schmidt. (From left to right back row) Paul Wells, Tom Jimison and Harold Baldwin.

CRIME BRIEFS

Sept. 11, 9:43 a.m.

Theft

McFarland Health Services Lot
Report that someone had stolen medication from a vehicle.

Sept. 11, 9:56 a.m.

Traffic

Green House Lot
Report that someone had hit her vehicle and not reported it.

Sept. 11, 1:20 p.m.

Assistance

Murphy Center
Report that someone had popped his knee out and needed assistance.

Sept. 11, 1:41 p.m.

Vandalism

Nicks Hall
Report said that his someone had broken into a vehicle

Sept. 11, 1:41 p.m.

Assistance

Business Aerospace Bldg.
Report w/ Aramark said that there was a male that passed on the first floor.

Sept. 11, 2:42 p.m.

Traffic

James Union Building
Report that a vehicle was hit.

Sept. 12, 1:51 a.m.

Assistance

Scarlett Commons Apt. 9
Vehicle parked in a non-housing spot.

Sept. 12, 8:11 a.m.

Vagrancy

Gracy Hall
Kevin Carter stopped officer Wright concerning a theft of a bicycle.

Sept. 12, 2:40 p.m.

Theft

Todd
Report that there were three boxes of books stolen from the Todd work room.

Sept. 12, 10:25 p.m.

Theft

Greenland Drive Lot A
Subject advised that someone had stolen the license plate from her car when she was parked.

Sept. 14, 1:24 a.m.

Alcohol

Sims Hall Lot
Paul Ray Garboczi was cited for underage consumption of alcohol

Sept. 14, 10:17 a.m.

Assistance

Bayer-Travis Bldg.
Requesting a unit to stand by while she picks up a van to transport to Nashville.

Sept. 15, 8:09 a.m.

Drug Abuse

MTSU Blvd.
James Cole was issued a citation for possession of schedule 6 drug. Drug paraphernalia and registration violation and expired registration.

Sept. 15, 11:57 a.m.

Traffic

MTSU Campus
Report came saying a vehicle had been hit on campus.

Sept. 15, 2:56 p.m.

Drug Abuse

Clement Hall

Officer got a report of drug activity.

Sept. 15, 5:20 p.m.

Fraud

Rutledge Hall
Report said that someone's wallet had been stolen and someone used his credit card.

Sept. 16, 12:17 a.m.

Drug Abuse

Baird Lane Lots
Jonitha Kelly was arrested for outstanding warrant for assault and simple possession of marijuana.

Sept. 16, 9:48 a.m.

Accident

Same Ingram Building
Caller said that a vehicle had run into a metal pole knocking power wires loose and causing a safety hazard.

Sept. 16, 12:52 p.m.

Assistance

Recreation Center
Subject dislocated his shoulder and needed transportation.

Sept. 16, 5:49 p.m.

Vandalism

Recreation Center Parking
Report that someone has keyed someone's vehicle.

CRIME STOPPERS:

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A person who took a set of keys on a key ring from the football field on Monday, Aug. 25.

Information leading to the person who took a black Cingular LG Flip phone cell phone from a computer workstation on the 3rd floor of the Walker Library on Aug 27.

Information leading to the person who broke the windshield and bent the windshield wiper on the driver's side of a black 1996 Ford Bronco on Aug 28th.

The reward is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person who took a bicycle from the bike rack on the north side of the Mass Communication Building. It is a multi-speed Gary Fisher with "Extra Large" in red on it.

A reward is being offered for the arrest of the person who took a AT&T blackberry cell phone from behind the counter of the serving line at the KUC Grill.

A reward is being offered for the arrest of the person who drove their vehicle through the chain link fence that separated the Campus School's playground from Bell Street.

For a reward up to \$1,000:

Any information that leads to the arrest of a person who stole \$580 in cash from a jewelry box that was in the Rec Center.

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All callers remain anonymous and all callers will be eligible for a cash reward.

Nashville hotel adds 'spiritual menus'

By Rose French
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leave your Bhagavad-Gita at home while traveling out of town?

If you're staying at the Hotel Preston, you can get a copy of the ancient Hindu text for your room from a "spiritual menu" that includes the Quran, the Bible and other religious texts.

Provenance Hotels, which owns Nashville's Hotel Preston and four other boutique hotels, is part of a new trend in the hospitality industry: appealing to visitors from a wide variety of cultural and religious backgrounds by going beyond tucking a Gideon Bible in guestroom nightstands.

"One of the emerging things we started to hear on a regular basis from guests was a need for spiritual offerings other than just the Bible," said Howard Jacobs, chief operating officer for Provenance Hotels based in Oregon. "In all of our cities there's a growing international draw. Within the U.S., there's so many people from other countries coming to work here or for leisure travel."

The overwhelming majority of hotels offer religious materials in their guestrooms, according to a 2008 survey by the American Hotel & Lodging Association. Researchers didn't ask what

texts were provided, but the best known is the Gideon Bible.

The Gideons International, a nondenominational evangelical ministry run by businessmen, began the practice of leaving Bibles in hotel rooms a century ago.

Its early founders and members were traveling salesmen who "wanted spiritual nurture themselves and to help others who desired the same," said Mark

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Noll, an expert in religious history at the University of Notre Dame.

"They were aware of temptations to immoral behavior on the road and they thought the Bible would be a good counterweight to that," Noll said.

But since the Gideons began, the religious landscape of the U.S. has transformed, mainly due to a 1965 change in immigration rules that had previously favored northern Europeans.

While the U.S. population today remains overwhelmingly Christian, many other faiths, including Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism, have

a significant presence in the country. And a fast-globalizing economy has created new American links with the international community.

Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa in Atlantic City, N.J., which opened in 2003, offers the Bible and several other religious works in its lobby.

Niki Leondakis, chief operating officer with Kimp-ton Hotels and Restaurants based in San Francisco, said the chain's 42 boutique ho-

At Hotel Preston, among the other books offered are the Book of Mormon, Buddhist texts, the Chinese Tao Te Ching and the Hebrew Bible. Guests can choose from the works on a laminated "menu" in their rooms and then call the front desk to request a copy.

The concept of diversity is not entirely new. The Marriott hotel chain, which was founded by Mormon businessmen, many years ago began offering the Book of Mormon in addition to the Gideon Bible. However, few other hotel chains offered any broader choices in the U.S. before now.

The Gideons, who rarely speak to reporters about their work, did not respond to a request for comment. Noll said that the trend of offering more religious texts in hotels "sounds to me like a tribute to the Gideons."

The Gideon Bible still has a place of prominence in at least one of Provenance's hotels — Hotel Preston in Nashville, the home of Gideons International, and offices of several major Christian groups, including the Southern Baptist Convention and the United Methodist Church.

"It was important here ... to have that offering in every room, but we also offer the spiritual menu," Jacobs said. "Gideon still is really the anchor text across all hotels."

Current Events for Sept. 18 to Sept. 21

Eagles Concert

Sept. 18
8 p.m.
Nashville Sommet Center
Ticket prices ranging from \$40 to \$152.50.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sept. 19
North Rutherford YMCA
Donation times from noon until 5 p.m. For more information call: 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

A Fine Wine Affair

Sept. 19
6:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.
Oaklands Historic House
The evening will include an alfresco dinner and every-

one, age 21+ is invited to attend. For reservations call Oaklands Historic House Museum at 615-893-0022.

Greenway Arts Festival

Sept. 20
10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
The festival is located at the Thompson Lane Trailhead in Murfreesboro. The festival will also include live trailside music, food vendors and children's activities. For more information contact Angela Jackson, 615-893-2141

Music Builds Tour Featuring Third Day & Switchfoot

Sept. 21

6 p.m.
Nashville Sommet Center
Ticket prices ranging from \$27.50 to \$127.50.

Vanderbilt University's 7th Annual Commodore Quake

Featuring Lil' Wayne, Lupe Fiasco and Free Soul
Oct. 28
Doors open at 7 p.m., show begins at 8 p.m.
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Walker Library
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McCain not a "maverick" for the right reasons

After eight years of Bush reign, the American people—die hard Republicans often included—want some change. Bush's approval ratings have sunk to the lowest in history, and Sen. John McCain has wisely tried to distance himself from anything W-related.

There was nary a mention of the president's name during the Republican National Convention. And although McCain has voted similarly to Bush 90 percent of the time during his political history, the presidential hopeful—or his advisors—knows that isn't a fact that will help McCain succeed.

What's a scheming politician to do?

The man who has touted experience, experience and more experience during his campaign has shifted gears since choosing Gov. Sarah Palin as a running mate. Now, he's a self-proclaimed maverick. Now, it's the McCain-Palin ticket that's sure to bring change to Washington. Now, the McCain camp has quieted on the experience front and on its attacks about Obama's lack thereof. Now, it's a contest of who will be the bigger revolutionary.

McCain has waived back and forth throughout his political career on just how much of a maverick he wants to be. There's the old McCain, the one who attacked leaders of the Christian right as "agents of intolerance," who voted against "budget busting" Bush tax cuts, who broke ranks with his party on issues from gay rights to campaign finance reform. But that's just a faded memory these days.

So, yes, there has certainly been some change. A Republican who used to be a maverick of his party during the Bush conservative-right takeover, McCain is now a malleable political agent, molding himself into whatever his aides decide voters want.

His pick of Republican darling Palin does nothing but contribute to his conservative image. With Palin—his "political soul mate"—by his side, his strategy now seems aimed at garnering enthusiasm among voters who seek to completely outlaw abortion, who want creationism taught in public schools and who want to increase the role of religion in government.

And yet, all we've heard since the Palin announcement is "change."

On Sept. 16, McCain gave what most are calling his most confusing speech yet in Dayton, Ohio.

"It's time to take our country back," he told his audience. "It's time to send a message to those in power—those Republicans in Washington, those old white men with their combed-over white hair."

Maybe McCain needs a mirror. Because unless he goes back to his nonconformist roots, there's nothing groundbreaking about the McCain-Palin ticket.

Live. Laugh. Love. Cry. Smile.

Don't be afraid to go out and live life; embrace every day



Post It Note Passion
Kim Louvin

Throughout my life, I've always seen those seemingly pointless motivational posters about challenging yourself and pushing yourself to your limits and blah blah blah...

Along with these unrealistic posters, everyone has told me "the best things happen when you aren't looking," "life is about the moments that take your breath away," and "don't worry be happy." We've heard it all.

We all laugh at those "motivational" posters featuring rock climbers or marathon runners or the success posters featuring great landscapes overshadowing people with arms stretched wide. We think these ideas are just grand fairytales that no one really gets to experience and that "too good to be true" is a lie.

Somehow, in our overly individualistic American society, we've begun to believe that these clichés can't possibly be true. How could we just decide not to worry and be happy? It must be impossible to fully love life if you don't have all the riches of the world.

How does that guy with his arms stretched wide seem so happy? His life can't

possibly be that amazing. We are constantly fixated on the future and planning it out perfectly. We've forgotten to enjoy the now.

Too often, we've believed these lies. We've believed them all and forgotten what it was like to live in the moment, to treasure the small things in life.

We've accepted that the clichés are too cheesy to be real and that we could never be that person with his or her arms stretched wide over the sunset.

Here's the catch: someone had to believe them to be true in order to write them down. I highly doubt that all of these clichés were created out of thin air, that someone just thought, "Hey that's a

nice idea; I guess I'll say it's a good life motto."

Somewhere, someone experienced life to the fullest and decided to pass on a little nugget of insight to the world.

Take off the corporate glasses; ignore those who want you to believe that wealth equals happiness and that it's always someone else's fault and just look around.

If you're reading this, you've probably been given the opportunity to go to college. There's one good thing right there. You can be truly happy if you just let yourself.

Too many times we become negative and refuse to enjoy life by refusing to accept the good things right in front of us and refusing to see that even though things might not be exactly how we want them to be, they are still amazing.

We refuse to simply savor every moment out of fear of being hurt. Since I've decided to savor every moment and live fully and love fully and laugh and cry and feel, life has been amazing.

We all go through hard times in our lives. Ultimately, we must recognize that these difficult moments are

when we become who we really are.

In these times, we believe the clichés because we have nothing else to hope in. These are the times we force ourselves to believe cliché sayings and just see what happens because we've exhausted all other options.

In these grim moments, we are left with nothing but to 'just go with it' and see how it works out. Just trust in yourself and lean on those around you.

After these struggles, it becomes clear to us that we can no longer fixate our eyes on the past or focus so intently on the future that we miss the present. We have to embrace our current situation.

Enjoy the little things like the clouds in the sky, the smiles in the faces of children, and the late nights spent with friends.

Life can be experienced fully and should be by savoring every moment as much as possible. This is difficult; you will constantly realize how wrong you were about life. You will cry, hurt, and get burned to the fullest extent.

But you will also laugh, smile, love, and most importantly LIVE to the fullest

extent.

You will feel every moment as deeply as you are intended to, but just live.

Savor every moment you have with your friends, lovers, families, even strangers.

Savor every seemingly awkward conversation with the person next to you in line or on the plane.

Laugh deeply at the person rocking out to 80s music in the car next to you...and then join them.

Enjoy playing with the voice changer at Wal-Mart so much so that random strangers awkwardly join you.

Drive fast on back roads with the sunroof open just so you can see the stars and smell the scent of the backwoods.

Take 200 pictures just because you can. Jump just to see if you can land.

Challenge yourselves; scare yourselves.

Today is the only September 18, 2008 you will ever get, so live it for all that its worth.

Live. Laugh. Love. Cry. Smile.

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Are you that obnoxious, argumentative jack@ss that everyone hates?

If you are, you should write opinions for *Sidelines*.

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Do you think that graffiti is a problem on campus?



Shaw

"I haven't witnessed any or anything close to campus... police have really kept tabs on things like that."

Hillary Shaw, senior psychology



Haddad

"No, I really haven't seen that much of it on campus."

Fahad Haddad, senior EMC



Milstead

"I've not seen any. I take night classes and basically all of my classes are in the BAS."

Monica Milstead, senior finance



Witt

"I haven't seen too much... nothing really illegal. I've seen a lot of chalk but that's not a problem."

Justin Witt, senior recording industry

COMICS

Pffft! There goes a Military man. I don't know why anyone would willingly put on a uniform.



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We are 'Generation Apathy'

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Students were one of Professor Barack Obama's critical constituencies during the Democratic primaries -- pundits regularly stressed the importance of college towns to Obama's election strategy.

This trend is so newsworthy because it's so atypical. The youth of America are a dormant constituency -- tossing a little bit now as the sun begins to set and sunshine glints off a half-full bottle of Olde English on the bed stand. But most likely that toss will become a turn before November, and my generation will return to sleep until it qualifies for membership in the AARP.

Obama's cool now, but November is a whole three months away.

And yet college students were once the political lifeblood of America, battling against the establishment, helping to stop a war and start a new American political culture. During the 1960s, college kids risked their lives fighting Jim Crow. Today jaws drop when college students even consider voting. Young Americans learn about politics from Web sites like Brobama.org, which presents headlines such as "Energy Brofficiency" in proud Comic Sans.

Why were earlier generations able to channel their anti-authoritarian vitality into significant political activism? Why is my generation stagnant -- in both the eyes of the nation and of itself?

To discover why college has been trivialized by the nation, we must first ask why college students have trivial-

ized themselves.

College is no longer a unique experience of independence and inquiry. Rather, it's a stage in the American life cycle, one that's expected, and, to a degree, required. Politically correct kindergarten teachers told us we were each unique butterflies. In reality we are caterpillars mired in the creepy-crawly pupal stages of lawyers, doctors and mid-level managers. To my generation, college is

"Why is my generation stagnant - in both the eyes of the nation and of itself?"

job training.

To answer why we have trivialized ourselves, then, I suggest that my generation is cynical. We are worldly and aware. On the Internet and television we've seen both death and conception (well, potentially - we don't stick around for the pregnancy test). It's not liberalism or secularism that has debased society and its colleges, but media-fueled hyper-awareness of reality. And reality is tiresome. Somebody foisted this life cycle upon us and we are too tired to fight back. So we accept it and saunter through life with a pimp roll and ironic grin.

The Internet and, to a degree, television, have increased human connectivity and exposure while removing the visceral realities of life and society. Media is as old as the written alphabet, but interactivity is newly divorced from face-to-face, or at least voice-to-voice, contact. And when you learn from a medium that pairs an aura of interactivity with the authoritative nature of print,

some aspect of human curiosity is viciously throttled in its intermittent sleep.

Why be curious? My generation knows that most human knowledge is stored on the Internet, that our only impediment to near-omniscience is our inability to conveniently access that stored information. So we glide across silvery surfaces of knowledge, never bothering to penetrate or inquire

deeply. The exponential growth of information has eliminated its order, even in academia. Now students fly through college like direction-less airborne seeds, puffs on the breeze.

And I fear that the GOP understands these deficiencies in young America. We are right to be inspired by Barack Obama. We are right to support him; we are right to hope. But information overload has created an era of political relativism - a zone where no spin is possible, because there is no center point around which to turn. There are only clouds of wispy information and stolid wills to truth. By embracing this environment, the Sen. John McCain campaign will try to make us doubt ourselves.

Look at Jerome Corsi and his new book, *The Obama Nation: Leftist Politics and the Cult of Personality*, a number one New York Times best-seller. MediaMatters has eviscerated Obama Nation, digging through factual claims and citations then rigorously testing them against

reality. Corsi cites blogs and makes claims that are obviously untrue and easily disproven. According to Corsi, for example, Obama doesn't mention his sister's birth in the second chapter of *Dreams of my Father*. Yet MediaMatters points to the exact page where Obama does mention her birth. This guy can't even write an accurate book report, yet his work gets wide media coverage and sells wildly.

But it doesn't matter whether Corsi tells the truth. In modern politics, truth is relativistic.

Because there is too much truth, ideology determines which truth matters.

As election day approaches, intellectual cynicism -- always in vogue among young Americans, now usually lacking in intellect -- will nip at the brain stems of young voters seeking to craft contrarian images. They will try to doubt Obama rather than support McCain, and their doubts will easily be confirmed by Internet lies. Intellectually honest supporters of Obama and McCain will remain solid at the edges (and there are young, bright, and honest supporters of McCain, of course - I don't mean to imply otherwise) but the bucks and sways of the middle masses can be manipulated by wily campaign operatives. And if the Republican Party establishment is anything, it is wily.

But there are rights and wrongs in politics. Policy can be held to a standard of truth. Until my generation recognizes the hard kernel of reality that underlies all the world's abstraction and bullshit, even activism will remain a game.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Consider implications of advertisements

In the Sept. 11 edition of *Sidelines*, I was saddened to see the rather large "Get a piece" advertisement for the Mellow Mushroom.

I am a non-traditional student which comprises a good portion of the student population here.

It's by no means that I address this issue any wiser or more intelligently, since we are all on the same academic playing field, but not all of the student body here at MTSU appreciate the lack of respect for women as displayed in this raunchy ad.

This environment is ripe enough as it is for sexual assault -- since college women are four times more likely to be assaulted -- and recklessly catering to this form of advertising for the sake of selling more pizza is discouraging.

Perception gives rise to meaning -- and although we all know the attempt here is to "get a piece" of pizza -- for those "out there" getting lost in translation, maybe this is all the validation needed in "getting a piece."

Please review the following statistics. Maybe this will help you see how choosing advertising revenue over campus integrity may not be wise:

-1 in 6 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime.

-Every two minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted.

-60% of sexual crimes are not reported.

-Approximately 73% of rape victims know their assailants.

-Only 6% of rapists will ever spend a day in jail.

(www.rainn.org)

It is rather distasteful how on the exact same page as the

"get a piece" ad, there are the campus crime briefs, with the fourth listing -- arrest/rape charge -- hitting very close to home.

-Suzanne Galford, junior liberal arts

Pizza ad compromises integrity

I'm am sending this letter to express my disgust of the Mellow Mushroom Pizza ad (that portrays a half naked girl) which seems to always show up on page 2 of the School Paper. This ad makes the school paper look TRASHY.

I understand that Mellow Mushroom is paying money to have their ad in the paper, but do you really need to accept such filth?

At least get a different picture that won't compromise the integrity of *Sidelines*.

-Eric Dunn, senior science

From the editor:

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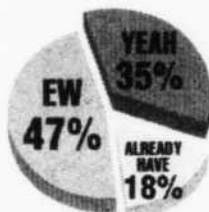


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The spirit of MT tailgating

Why wait for the game sitting on the couch when you could be at 'The Grove'?

By ADAM BRADEN
Contributing Writer

Although football generates some of the greatest rivalries on college campuses throughout the United States, there is one pregame tradition that anyone can agree on regardless of collegiate affiliation.

Throughout the years, tailgating has become a pivotal part of American sport's culture, where fans and grillmasters can come together and enjoy a hotdog, burger and a "game day beverage" of their choosing.

Although some may not consider the Blue Raiders as prominent as other college football teams, there's one thing that's for sure.

MTSU fans know how to tailgate.

Walnut Grove, located between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building, is ground zero for a clash of students, alumni and fans that come together for the pregame ritual of tailgating.

This pristine area – which is perfect for mid-afternoon class breaks – is transformed into a bustling community that is predominantly composed of various student and alumni organizations.

Cread Clifton is an MTSU alumnus who comes back to tailgate with his son, a current student at the university. "When I graduated from here in 1980, we had no tailgating at all," Clifton says. "I think it's great now with the [Raider] Walk and everybody participating out here."

During the "Raider Walk," the football players and coaches make their way through the massive crowds of tailgaters to get the fans excited about the upcoming game. Behind the excitement, MTSU's Band of Blue performs the university's fight song that can be heard all over campus. The trumpets, trombones and drumbeats signify that it's football time in Middle Tennessee.

"I love MTSU tailgating," says Susan Porter, whose son is in the band. "The food is

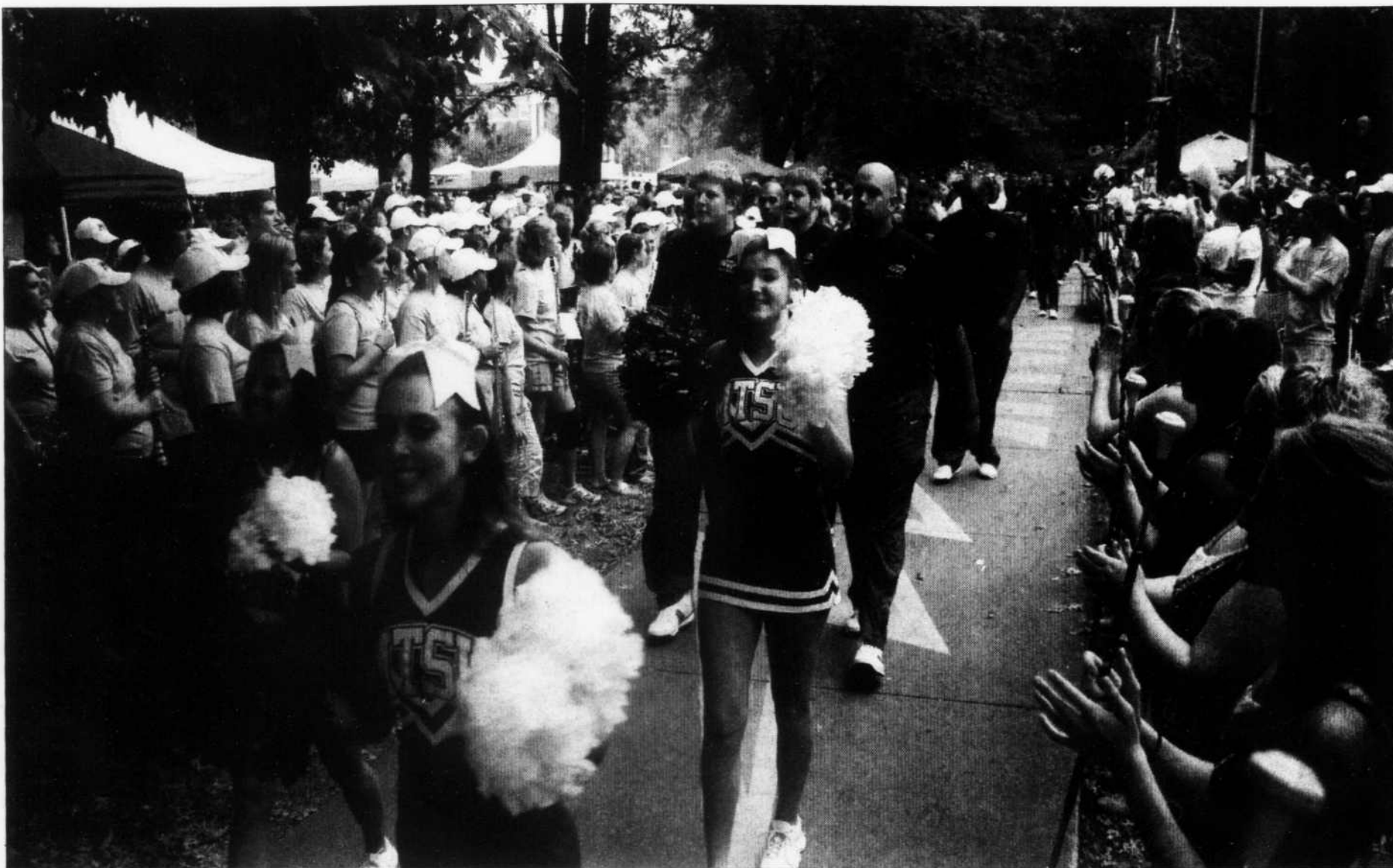


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The Blue Raider football team is lead by the cheerleading squad through the Raider Walk as the band, dance team and MTSU faithful fans cheer them on.

wonderful and so is the music, the games and the people. This is most definitely a family atmosphere. There are kids everywhere!"

MTSU makes sure that there's something for the kids

to enjoy with activities such as face-painting, inflatable slides and obstacle courses.

[MTSU tailgating] is one of the best I've ever been to and this is the first year I've been tailgating here," says Mat-

thew Coffman, junior mass communications major. "I had a blast and met a lot of new people, played a lot of games and even played on the blow-up games they have for the kids."

The tailgate Coffman is referring to is the one before the Blue Raiders battled the University of Maryland Terrapins. Surprisingly, in this vast sea of fans covered in blue and white, a single fan

wearing bright red underneath a Maryland tent made his presence known.

"I love the atmosphere down here, and I've enjoyed all of the good people," says Don van Reenan, a 1961 graduate and former football player at the University of Maryland. "I think that Maryland is going to win this one by at least fourteen points, though."

As all of you know, the Maryland alumnus was wrong. The Blue Raiders were able to defeat Maryland in a 24-14 victory that is sure to be a pinnacle of this year's season.

MTSU will be back in home action when they host Florida Atlantic on Sept. 30 in what is sure to be an incredible game. There are only a few more home games left this year, so come on out and have some fun while supporting Blue Raider football.

Upcoming chances to tailgate

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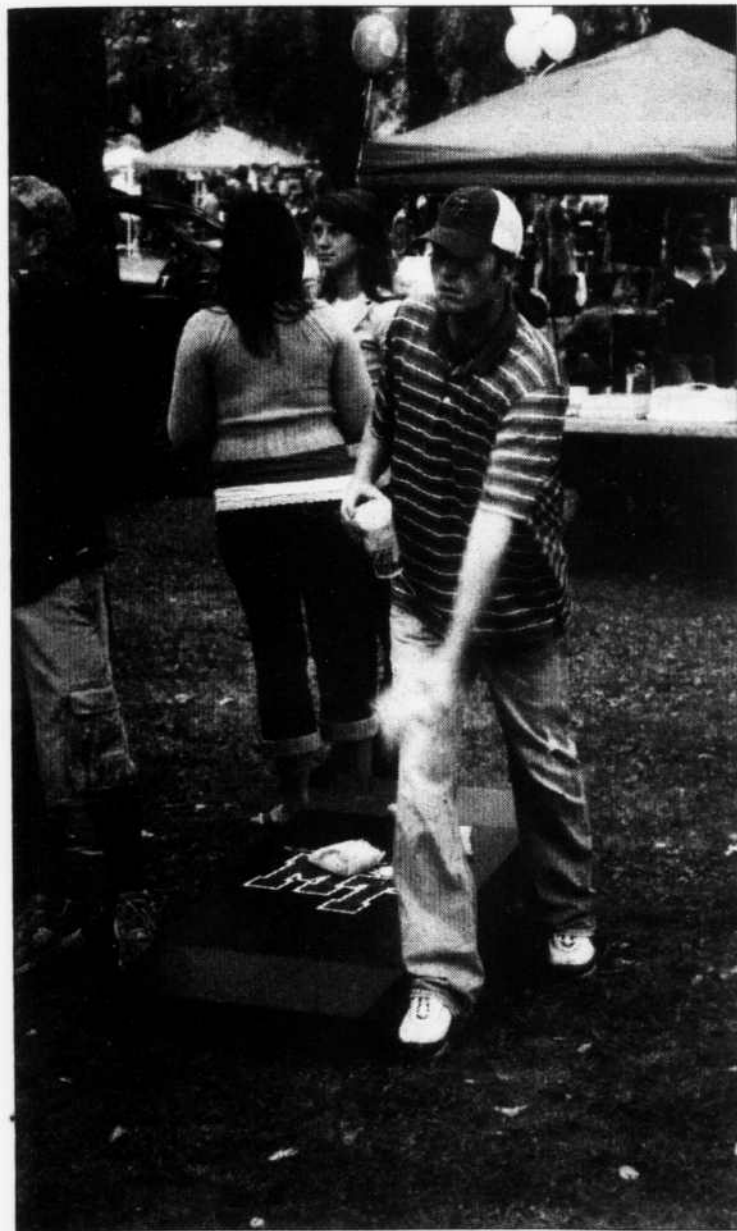
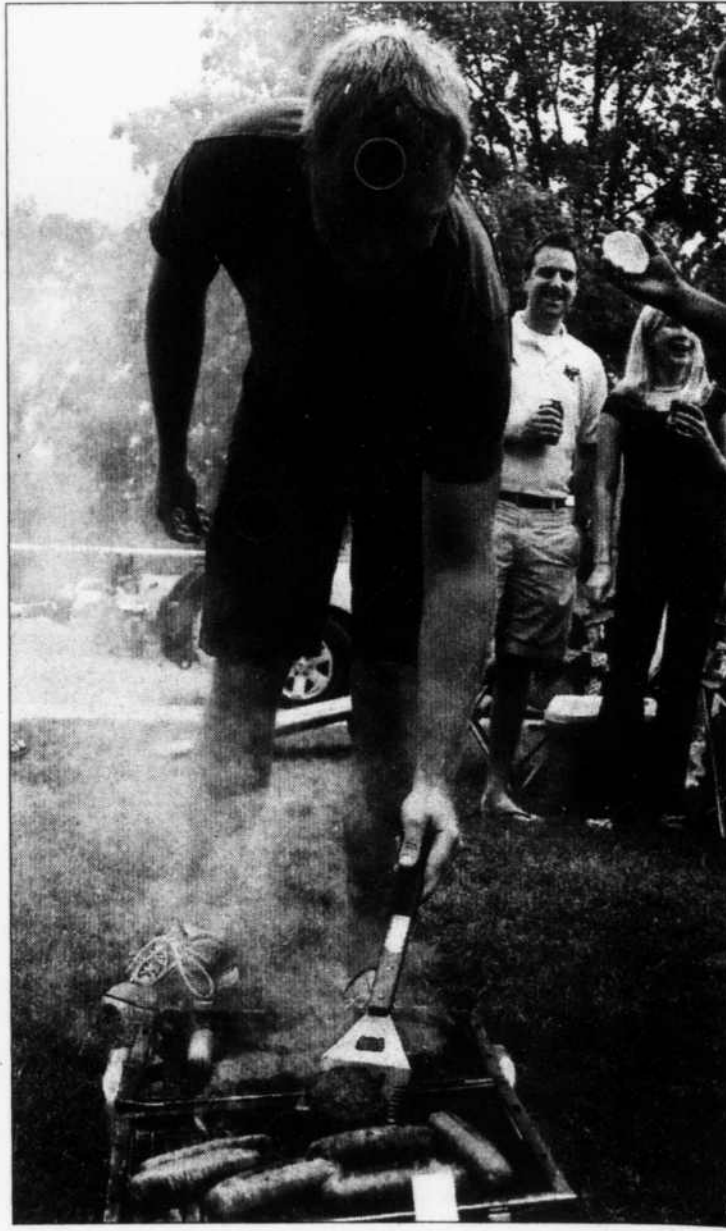
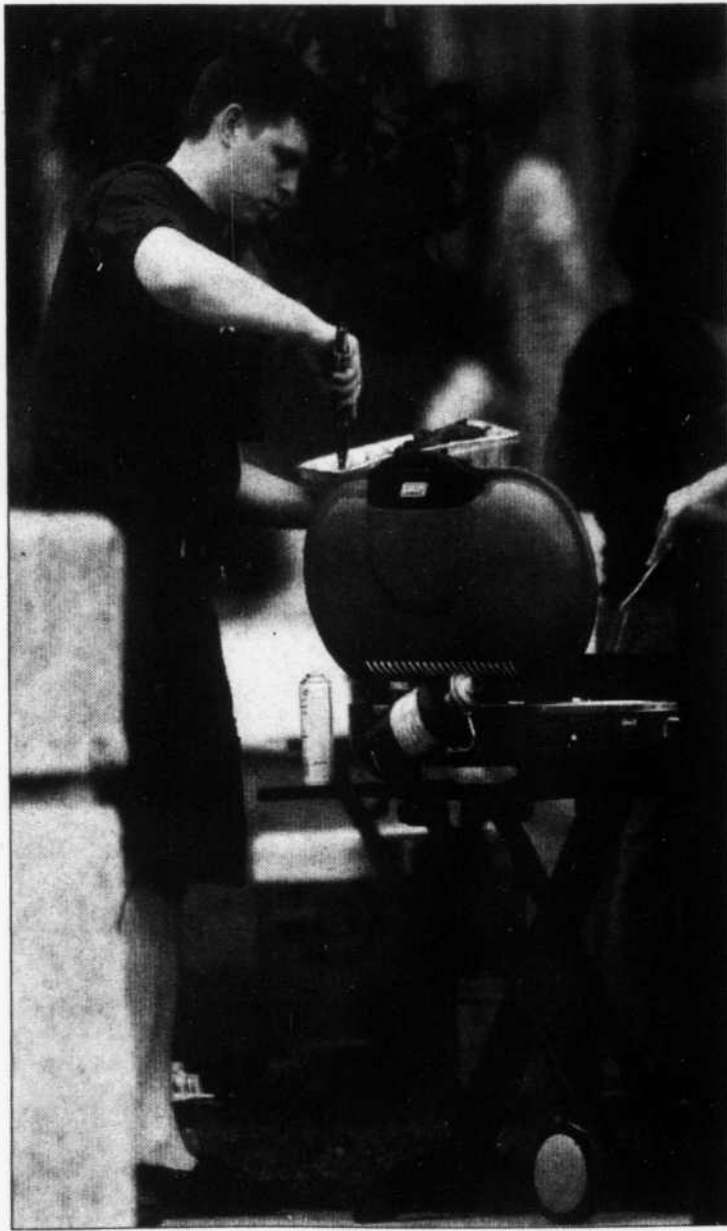


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(Left) "Corn hole" is always a popular game amongst Blue Raider faithful before kickoff. (Middle) Some grillers prefer more state-of-the-art grills when preparing meals on game days. (Right) And then there's always the tailgaters who can't get away from the traditional way of grilling.



The blues win the battle

C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 win Battle of the Bands

By LAURA RAINES
Staff Writer

Three incredible bands battled it out Wednesday night at Murfreesboro's newest bar, Graffiti, in *The Daily News Journal's* Battle of the Bands. The three bands that battled for the coveted title were C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58, DeadChain and Twilight Zone.

The bands each had a chance to showcase their talent on stage, to five songs on playing. Then, a panel of judges critiqued each individual performance.

Among the judges were Joe Hughes, Kevin Ray, Shawn Hughes, Tom Drennon and Wade Hayes. They gave very Paula-like *American Idol* comments at the end of each band's performance and seemed to enjoy the show.

Audience members got a ticket at the door upon entrance and had a chance to vote by placing the ticket in the box belonging to the group they liked best. Voting took place after all three groups finished performing.

The winner was decided by counting votes from the fans, and although DeadChain brought a large crowd of gothic-style supporters, and Twilight Zone came close, C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 claimed the victory.

Reminiscent of blues artist John Mayer, C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 is comprised of Caleb Jared Vaughn, lead guitar and vocals, bassist Ron Vaughn and drummer Don Kendrick.

For their winning performance, C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 received, among other things, \$400 in cash

and a \$250 gift card to Star Works Photo's.

"C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 are tight, but they need work," says Shawn Hughes, a judge for Wednesday night's competition. "I would love to see them at Bonnaroo very soon."

Wade Hayes, another of the night's judges, had positive things to say about Twilight Zone.

"It's obvious you guys enjoy what you are doing and you can tell you like each other's company," Hayes announced to the band.

Almost all the comments were positive from the judges, who gave more constructive criticism than anything

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Shawn Hughes
Judge for Battle of the Bands

because the crowd ultimately decided the fate of the bands.

DeadChain gave a great performance and took second place. They won \$150 to Star Works Photo's. The judges said they loved the energy they provided and the entourage they brought. After the performance, the guys were happy with their work and gave a shout out to all their friends at Straight Edge Tattoo.

"Y'all need some serious anger management," judge Kevin Ray exclaimed. "Holy crap that was bad!"

Ray co-owns Graffiti with Jesse Zane and has been in the music business for years. He is lead guitar and vocals for the band Henry and the Sea Hawks.

They

have played with several big names in the country music industry and at Graffiti for one of the bar's first live shows.

Manager Jason McGregor says the concept of Graffiti was based off Nashville's Tin Roof, opened by Henry and the Sea Hawks.

"We hold Battle of the Bands to promote local bands and provide them with exposure," McGregor says. "Graffiti's goal is to give kids live music cheap in a comfortable atmosphere, and we are always open to suggestions."

Although Graffiti has been officially open since April, the grand opening party takes place tonight. Along

with experiencing a new atmosphere, guests are likely to witness one of Graffiti's famous water fights or the bartenders dancing on the bars.

"We hose each other down randomly throughout the night," McGregor says.

Among the crowd were a few of Gentlemen Jim's loyal customers. They came out for Battle of the Bands, but say they may stay for more.

"First of all, I think C.J. Vaughn played one heck of a show and may have surprised many people with their diversity," onlooker Ryan Young says.

Young says he came to Graffiti because he is a devout Highway 58 fan. He and a few others admit-

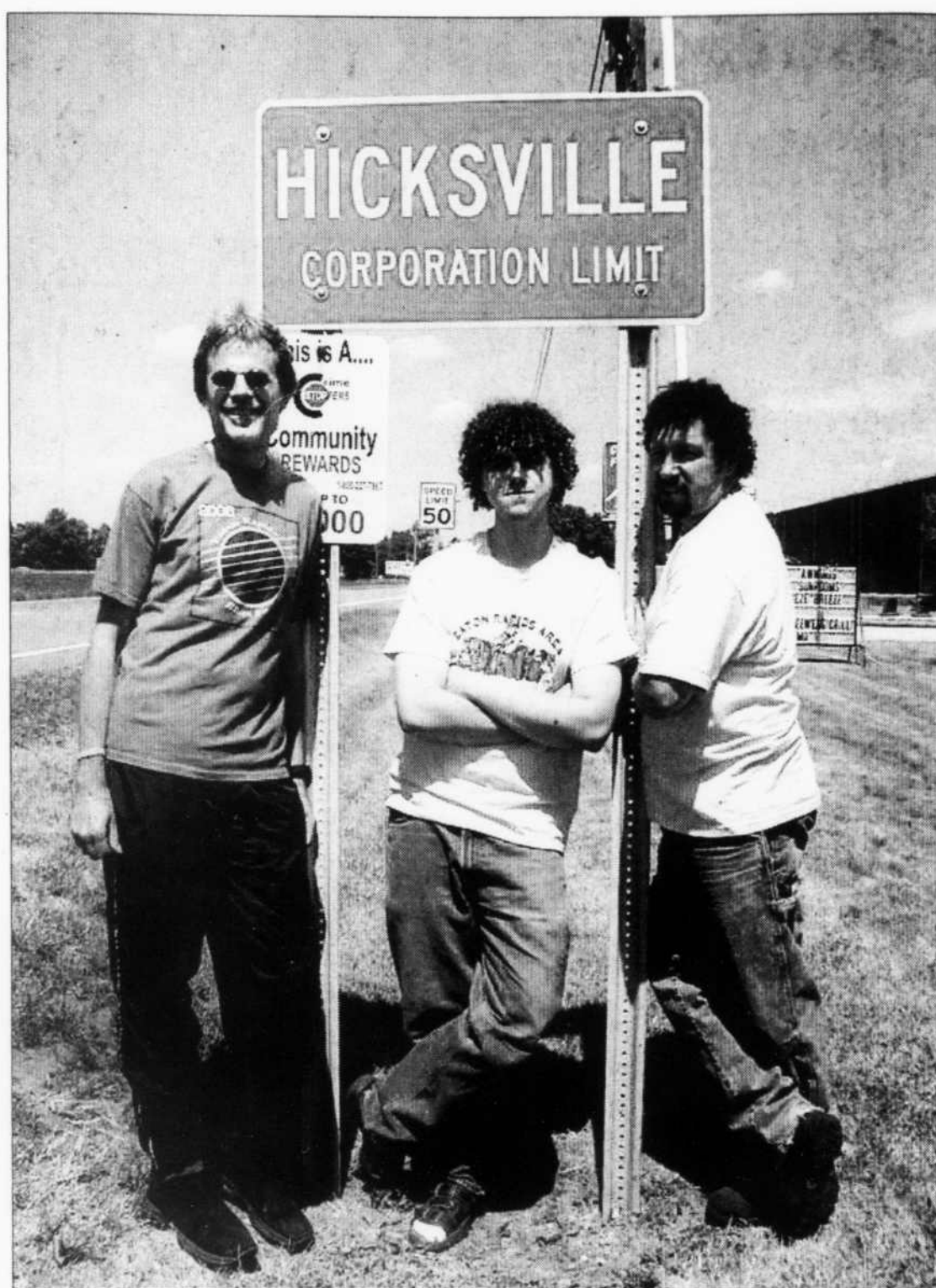


Photo Courtesy of C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58

(From left to right) Don Kendrick, C.J. Vaughn and Ron Vaughn chill in Hicksville.

ted that, though they regularly frequent Jim's, the competition pulled them away.

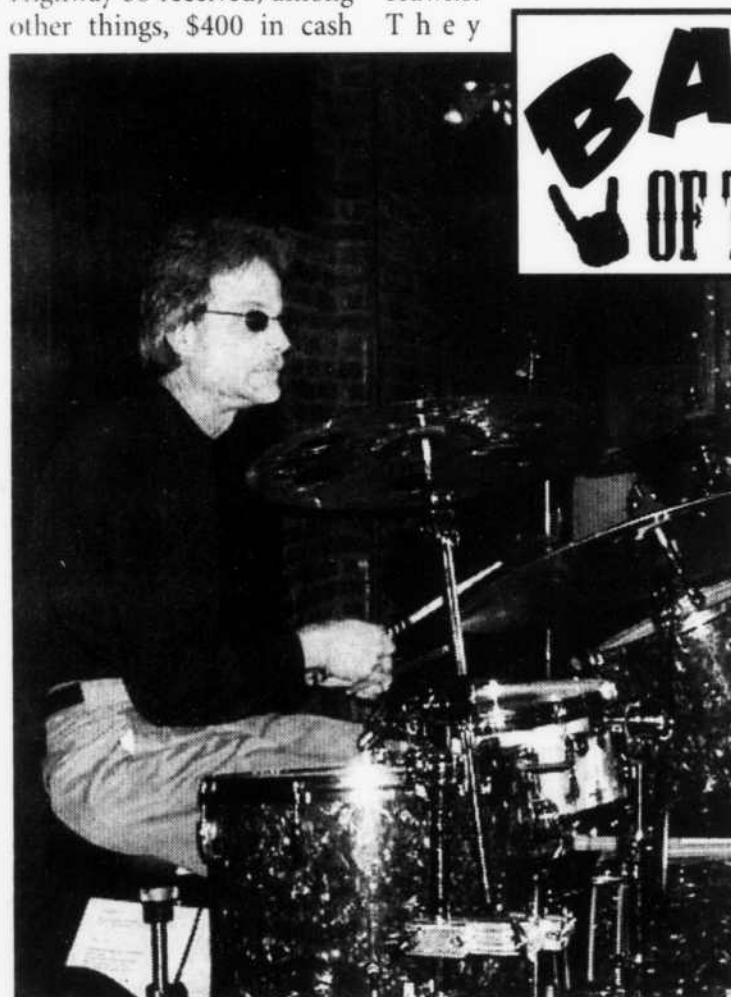
"Jim's has been a major part of the 'Boro' scene for quite a few years now," Young says. "Graffiti offers cheaper pitchers, beer pong on Thursdays,

live music and a karaoke bar. Jim's cannot beat that kind of competition."

Graffiti, hand-painted and decorated by co-manager Lyndsy Brown, really brought the music on Wednesday night. They not only show-

cased three of the best bands in the area, but also may have won some new fans of their own.

Congratulations go out to C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58 for winning Graffiti's first official Battle of the Bands.



BAND OF THE WEEK



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Mellow Mushroom @ 8
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Photo Courtesy C.J. Vaughn and Highway 58

(Far Left) Drummer Don Kendrick lays out precise drum beats to give rhythm to the band's blue-style playing
(Left) Bassist Ron Vaughn, father of C.J., shows off the many years of practice he has put into his bass.

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SPORTS

Blue Raiders face first SBC road challenge

After suffering a heartbreaking loss in Lexington, MT looks to rebound against Red Wolves

By CHAD MINTON
Contributing Writer

After losing to Kentucky, the Blue Raiders will try to bounce back Saturday against Sun Belt Conference foe Arkansas State after the heartbreaking loss that would have been the second straight win over a BCS conference opponent.

The Blue Raiders came up just a yard short of the end zone to tie the game, and the clock expired with MT down 20-14.

Now, the MT defense will face an ASU offense that is first in the Sun Belt conference and ranked 12th nationally.

"I think this is the best running attack our defense has faced this year when you consider their quarterback and running backs," MT Head Coach Rick Stockstill said Tuesday. "They have run the ball against some good teams, and this is a huge challenge for our defense."

The defense is definitely up for the challenge.

"We treat them like every other team," said junior linebacker Danny Carmichael. "We seem to have some good games against them."

The Red Wolves have already matched MT's upset win over Maryland by defeating Texas A&M on the road 18-14 in Week 1. ASU running back Reggie Arnold played a huge role in the upset win. The junior rushed for 145 yards and has a season total of 352 yards and three touchdowns.

The Blue Raiders will try to counter the Red Wolves' potent rushing attack with their impressive passing offense that is ranked 21st nationally despite having an inexperienced receiving corps.

"The young guys are continuing to learn, and the mistakes they are making are being reduced each week," Stockstill said.

The emergence of wide receiver Malcolm Beyah, a true freshman, has been huge for the MT passing game. Beyah has pulled in a touchdown pass in each of the first three

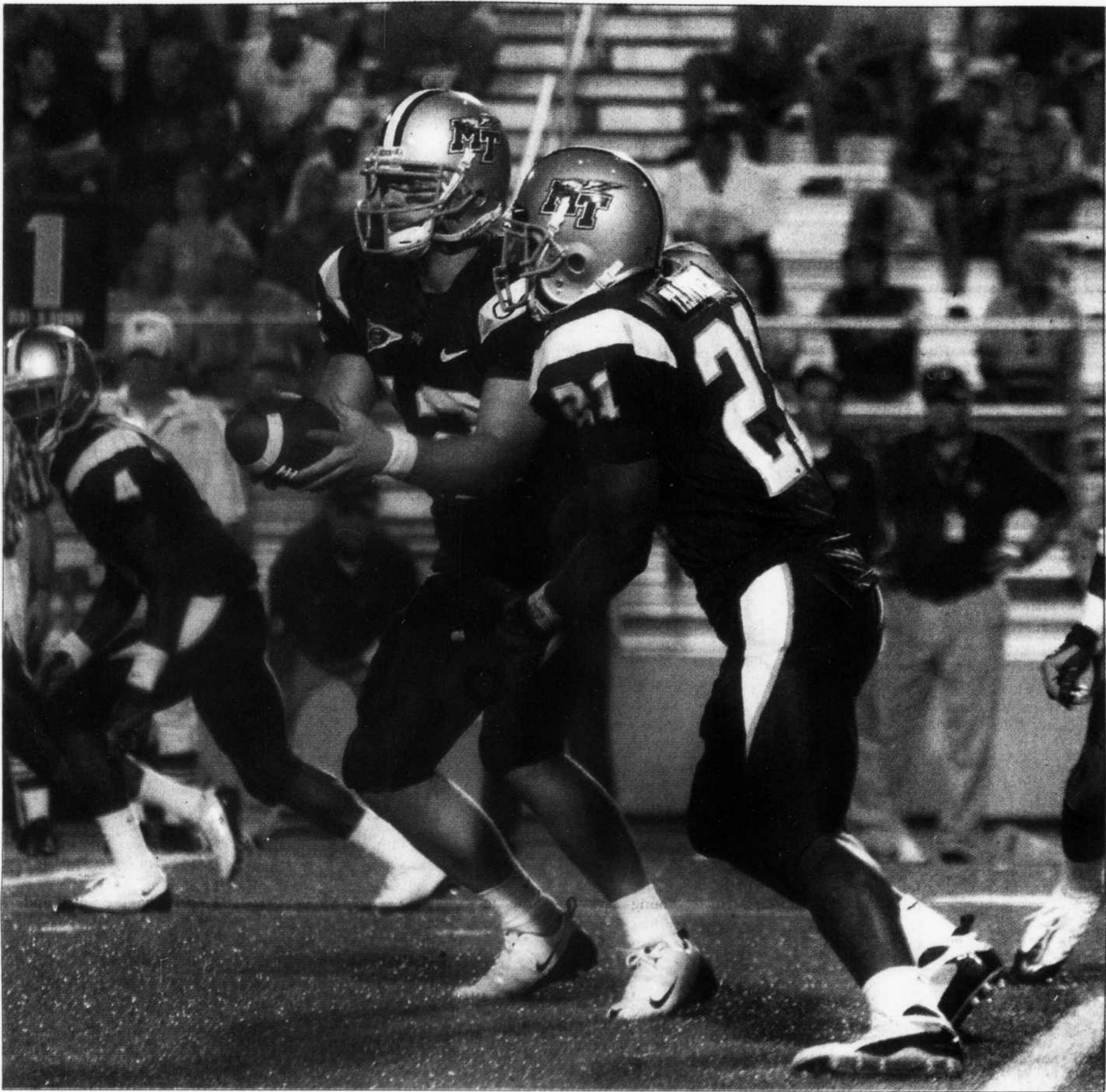


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Senior quarterback Joe Craddock (left) will look to put up big numbers for MT. Craddock has won the SBC Offensive Player of the Week award two weeks in a row.

games this season and is 25th in the nation in receiving yards per game with an average of 85 yards a game.

Senior quarterback Joe Craddock is quick to recognize the stellar play Beyah has shown.

"Just having him out there is a big threat," Craddock

said. "He's got great hands."

Beyah caught five passes for 117 yards and a touchdown in last week's loss to Kentucky.

Since 1999, the year MT joined the Football Bowl Subdivision, Beyah is one of only three freshman MT receivers to record a 100-yard receiving game. Tyrone Calico and ju-

nior running back Desmond Gee are the only other players to gain at least 100 yards in a game during their freshman season.

Beyah isn't the only player on offense receiving attention. Joe Craddock is coming off an impressive performance against UK where he

threw for 352 passing yards and two touchdowns. Those numbers earned Craddock SBC Offensive Player of the Week honors for the second-straight week.

The difference-maker for the MT offense could be the inexperienced offensive line. The Blue Raider rushing at-

tack was unable to get anything going against a much bigger Kentucky defensive front. The defensive line of the Red Wolves should not be as difficult to penetrate.

Throughout the series between these two teams, who-

FOOTBALL, PAGE 10

MT			LEADERS			STATE		
PASSING			PASSING			PASSING		
Joe Craddock			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
808			5			645	7	
RUSHING			RUSHING			RUSHING		
Phillip Tanner			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
148			2			352	3	
RECEIVING			RECEIVING			RECEIVING		
Malcolm Beyah			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
255			3			155	0	
TACKLES			TACKLES			TACKLES		
Jeremy Kellem			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
23						22		
INT			INT			INT		
Four players tied			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
1						2		
SACKS			SACKS			SACKS		
Five players tied			YARDS	TDs		YARDS	TDs	
1						2		

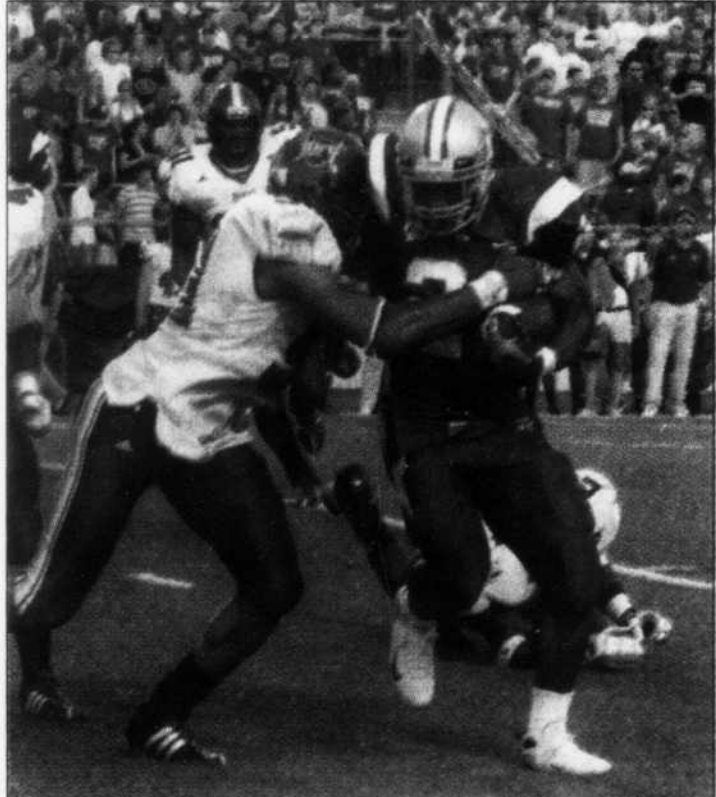



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Phillip Tanner needs to run better against ASU than he did at UK.



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Soccer teams' woes continue

By DAVID POWELL
MT Athletic Communications

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders were unable to capture their second straight win and conceded two goals before the half in route to falling 3-0 to the Oral Roberts Golden Eagles in their final match at the Tulsa Soccer Invitational on Sunday afternoon.

"It is a disappointing loss," Head Coach Weston Rhoden said. "I think we really controlled the game in the whole second half, but it is frustrating because by then we were already two goals down. It was very hard to catch up even though we were playing better."

The Blue Raiders came into today's finale full of confidence after defeating the host Tulsa Golden Hurricane 1-0 on Friday night for their first victory of the season. Freshman forward Shan Jones provided the difference, scoring a first-half strike for her team-leading fourth goal of the year.

Lorena Soto put Oral Roberts

ahead in the 27th minute when she got on the end of a Coreen Walker cross and finished from five yards out for her first goal of the season.

The goalscorer turned provider in the 39th minute when she found Natalya Manyan in the area to double the Golden Eagles lead to 2-0, an advantage they would hold going into the halftime.

The Blue Raiders played much better in the second half and came close to getting back in the match several times, but it was ORU's Manyan who again found the back of the net for her second goal. The forward scored from 10 yards out off a nice pass from Maria Grados to make it 3-0 in favor of Oral Roberts.

"We had to begin to taking some risks while trying to get a goal back in the second half and Oral Roberts capitalized off of that for their final score," Rhoden said.

Despite out shooting the Golden Eagles 11-8, including a 7-4 margin in shots on frame, the Blue Raiders failed to put the ball in the back of



Photo Courtesy of MT Athletic Communications

Freshman Shan Jones is MT's leading scorer with four goals.

the net for the second time this year. Middle Tennessee has scored more than one goal in a match only once this season and must capitalize on their chances in the coming matches if this disappointing

trend is to be turned around.

Middle Tennessee returns to Blue Raider Field for a match against Southeastern Conference foe Ole Miss on Friday night. Kickoff is set for 6:30 p.m.

Cross country team listed among the best in the South Region

By JO JO FREEMAN
MT Athletic Communications

Middle Tennessee's men's cross country team is ranked 11th in the South Region in the first of weekly rankings released by the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

The Blue Raiders have posted three strong showings thus far this season heading into this weekend's meet.

The men won the team title at the Agnes Scott Invitational on Aug. 30, placed second at the Belmont Opener on Sept. 5 and finished fourth last week at the Memphis Twilight Classic.

Junior William Songock has paced the five-member squad during the first three meets, finishing second twice and 10th this past weekend. Sophomore

Festus Chemaoui was the medalist at the Agnes Scott Invitational, placed ninth at Belmont and was 25th at Memphis.

The other three runners - sophomores Isaac Biwott and David Emery and junior Julius Kirui - have all picked up the pace as well. Biwott has placed in the Top 30 in all three meets, Kirui in the Top 35 and Emery in the Top 40.

"The Polls are nice and it's good recognition for the men, who have performed well to this point," Head Coach Dean Hayes said. "But we have to continue improving each week from one through five in the lineup if we want to win the Sun Belt, and that's always our top goal."

Both the Middle Tennessee men's and women's squads run Saturday at the WKU Old Timers Classic in Bowling Green, Ky.

Tennis team to begin season at the Intercollegiate Championships this weekend

By JO JO FREEMAN
MT Athletic Communications

Middle Tennessee's men's tennis team opens its fall schedule this weekend at the Southern Intercollegiate Championships in Athens, Ga., one of the nation's oldest collegiate tennis tournaments.

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Second-year head coach David McNamara returns five letter-winners, including senior Morgan Richard and sophomore John Peers, who was ranked 90th nationally in the ITA season rankings released earlier this month.

"I'm looking forward to the

first tournament of the year. I'm really excited to see what these guys are doing," McNamara said. "Morgan, being a senior, he's pretty excited about getting on the court after having an average junior year. He's been working hard toward getting some wins. And I'm excited to see

what John will do. He's been playing well in practice."

Sophomore Richard Cowden, along with junior Alex McCann and sophomore Kyle Wishing, will also make the trip to Athens.

"With Richard, it usually takes the new guys about a year or so to really get ac-

climated and then his knee surgery put him out nine months," McNamara said. "And it probably takes about nine more months to get back into playing shape, so he should be ready to go."

"And Alex and Kyle continue to work hard and get better everyday, which is only

going to help our team."

Peers and Cowden will play doubles together, as will McCann and Wishing. The tournament starts Friday and ends Monday at the Dan Magill Tennis Center on the University of Georgia campus. Full results may be found at georgiadogs.com.

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ever gets on the scoreboard

first will have a great chance to win the game. Since 2001, the team that has scored first has gone on to win six of seven times.

The scoreboard operator may get paid extra for his work during Saturday's game with both offenses looking extremely impres-

sive early on this season.

This will be the second conference game for MT and will be very important as the SBC is very balanced

this year. Two losses could make it very difficult to bring home the conference title that comes with a berth in the New Orleans Bowl.

The kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. at ASU Stadium in Jonesboro, Ark.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Craddock earns second Player of the Week award

For the second consecutive week, MT senior quarterback has been named Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week.

Craddock earned the honor based on his outstanding performance against in the Blue Raiders' 20-14 loss at Kentucky last Saturday.

Craddock completed 21 of his 37 pass attempts for 352 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. He also gained nine rushing yards on seven carries.

Last week, He was one of three Blue Raiders to earn SBC Player of the Week honors after MT's 24-14 win over Maryland. In that game, Craddock was 28 of 40 passing for 256 yards and two touchdowns to go along with his 28 rushing yards.

For the season, Craddock is 69 for 109 passing for 808 yards and five touchdowns with two interceptions. He has also gained 32 rushing yards this season.

Junior punter DeFatta on Ray Guy Watch List

Junior punter David DeFatta is one of 46 punters from the Football Bowl Subdivision named to the Ray Guy Watch List.

The Ray Guy Award is annually awarded to the FBS's most outstanding punter. DeFatta has fired off 18 punts this season for a 41.9-yard average. He has pinned opponents inside their 20-yard line three times and has booted four kicks for more than 50 yards.

DeFatta is one of four punters from the Sun Belt Conference to appear on the list. He is joined by Arkansas State's Brett Shrable, Louisiana-Monroe's Scott Love and Florida Atlantic's Keegan Peterson.

In early November, the list will be trimmed down to 10 semifinalists, and in late November it will be further shortened to three finalists with the winner being named on December 11.

Blue Raider volleyball team heads to Ohio

Number 14 Middle Tennessee will begin to close out its seven match stretch away from home when it travels to Ohio to face Ohio University, Xavier and Tulane.

The Blue Raiders will first travel to Athens, Ohio, to play the Bobcats at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 before continuing on to Cincinnati, Ohio to face the Musketeers, and Green Wave on Friday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20, respectively.

Middle Tennessee remained undefeated with wins over South Carolina State, UT Arlington and Duke last weekend. The Blue Raiders defeated the first two opponents easily 3-0 and 3-1 respectively, but the Blue Devils were a different story. Middle Tennessee trailed 2-0 to Duke before rallying to win the match. Clark and sophomore Izabela Kozon were each named to the all-tournament team after guiding the Blue Raiders in the win and posting career highs.

MT Baseball sets Grand Slam Fish Fry date

Middle Tennessee head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced that the annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fundraiser will take place on Monday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at the Tennessee Livestock Center on the Middle Tennessee campus.

As always, the event will feature country whole fried catfish with all the trimmings prepared by Shelbyville's own "Big Hoss" Cartwright, authentic cajun gumbo by our Louisiana transplant, Blue Raider legend John Stanforth, and hot dogs the kids.

"The Fish Fry is one of our biggest events of the year, an annual event we've been hosting since 1984. It's a great way to socialize with everyone and raise money for the baseball program. It's great food, fun and entertainment, and certainly an event you don't want to miss," Peterson said.

Tickets are \$20. Children six and under are admitted free of charge.

Tickets are available at the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office located at Gate 1A of Floyd Stadium and through the Middle Tennessee BRAA office.

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