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## Old computers get the boot for new upgrades

Technology gets makeover in labs, classrooms

By Kristy Adams Staff Writer

A new four-year plan developed by MTSU's Instructional Technology Committee is underway with a mission to replace old computers on campus with upgraded ones.

The task began in June and, as of Tuesday, 486 new computers have been installed.

Over the next few months, updated technology will be available in the library, business building, labs, master classrooms and several other select-

All will be accessible to students, as opposed to being strictly for taculty.

The Instructional Technology Committee was created this year to student technology fees in the best way possible. President Sidney McPhee combined two entities, the Academic Computing Committee and the Technology Task Force, to make the new, orga-

Previously, the two separate entities communicated between each other to accurately distribute student technology fees.

Lucinda Lea, vice president for Information Technology and chief information officer, is part of the new committee.

"It had been on a departmental basis," Lea said about the previous committees' communication. "It was much more haphazard."

In the first year of the fourvear plan, 735 computers will be replaced and updated.

This number is approxi-

student-accessible computers at

By the end of this semester, 585 will be installed.

Computers to be replaced are chosen by age. The oldest are the first to go. This year all computers made in 1997-1998 will be eliminated.

These technological benefits aren't free, however. Students pay a fee of \$225 per year, which is included with the other regis-

"I think it's really important that students understand that we're making this big, conscious

mately one-third of the total effort to do this replacement bill to keep the technology updated," Lea said. "Their student technology fees are being spent the way they need to be spent."

Although only a four-year plan, the committee will continue replacing computers beyond that time.

When replaced, the old computers will be donated to other Tennessee Board of Regents

As for MTSU, the committee plans to maintain a steady step with current technology so their students can benefit from it.

## **Aramark** raises food costs to improve

By Melissa Coker Staff Writer

Acting on suggestions from Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, Aramark has raised the price of meal plans

this semester. part to help the cost

of certain campus renovations.

Some of the new additions the money has gone toward include improvements in both Keathley University Center and McCallie Dining Hall.

Changes to the KUC Grill include a new quesadilla station and a new grill purchased for the Home Zone.

McCallie Dining now provides more choices to students than in previous semesters, more tailored to the individual tastes of the student.

Although the lunch and dinner cost has risen to \$5.39 from last year's \$4.89, tradeoffs have been made including new times

and more choice. The dining hall is now open from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30

There are no closing breaks

between hours as in the past. A new pizza delivery service kicks off on campus soon. Delivery from the Woodmore Cyber Café has been one of the changes to come about, in part because of this rising cost.

The meal plans most affected by the price change are the less expensive ones," said Dining Services Director Paul Stuart.

"This idea is determined by participation in each type of plan, meaning that because a student with a five-meal plan as opposed to a 15-meal plan would be less likely to skip any meals," he said.

"Students would be most likely to take advantage of what the dining service has to offer. This is called the missed-meal factor," Stuart said.

Stuart added that, where there were often empty seats before, he has actually had to turn students away during peak dining hours this week.

Overcrowding may illustrate why money for renovations is useful. With the number of enrolled students at its highest to date, (a projected 21,500 students), quality and quantity need to increase with the surplus of students.

Stuart stresses that Aramark works hard to accommodate students' wants and ideas.

This need to please the students led to the addition of brand-name chains such as Chik-Fil-A, Burger King, Pizza Hut, Freshens, Starbucks and

Overall, the prices have risen because of inflation and to cover rising demand for better product from students.

The meal plan costs are higher for MTSU, yet they are still lower than some Middle Tennessee institutions, such as Austin Peay university.

For more information on price increases, contact Paul Stuart at 898-2675. •



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer Sophomore criminal justice major Gerell Webb (front) signs his name and volunteers for non-profit organization 'Special Kids' at yesterday's Volunteer Fair. The fair is part of MTSU's Welcome Week activities, and featured volunteer groups from around Murfreesboro.

## GreekFest heats up Rec Center

By Patrick Chinnery Assistant News Editor

Despite sweltering hot weather, hot prospects and hot food drew hundreds of MTSU students to the Recreation Center last night for GreekFest.

The MTSU Panhellenic Council sponsored its annual picnic, an event designed to give non-Greeks a chance to meet representatives of all fraternities and sororities before Recruitment Week officially begins.

The gathering was also a chance for current Greeks to mingle.

"It lets the guys that are going through get out and meet the fraternities and also it just gives the fraternities a chance to hang out," said Nate Snell, a junior Pi Kappa Phi member.

"A lot of the fraternities don't get the chance to intermingle like this a lot aside from parties."

Recruitment week is when fraternities and sororities encourage MTSU students, both lower- and upperclassmen, to join their organizations.

While each organization has independent standards for admission, common themes include academic standards and a sense of community spirit.

"Rush is all about seeing if you can find a group of people that you feel comfortable with and want to hang out with and do philanthropy with," said Laurie Risel of Kappa Delta.

'In Kappa Delta, our open motto is 'let us strive for that which is honorable, beautiful and pious."

Sigma Chi member Justin Rice saidsimilar qualities and activities are emphasized in his organization. "You get to be involved in school; the community

service is a big part of what I like to do," he said.

"You get meet all these people on campus, and you meet all these friends." Sigma Chi's requirements, he explained, include

good character, a congenial disposition and being a guy that his brothers can trust. The main thing however, which is also stressed by the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, is a strong sense of academ-

ic responsibility. "We're trying to stress [academics] a lot," he said. that idea.



Photo by Amanda Harding | Staff Photographer

Marcus Lope (left), James Crockett II (middle) and Donnie Edmondson Jr. (right), all seniors in Alpha Phi Alpha, dance in last night's Step-Off sponsored by the National Panhellenic Council.

Emphasizing his point were the new Sigma Chi T-shirts that proclaimed the motto, "Breaking the stereotype."

Potential recruits seemed more interested in meeting new friends than raising collective Greek GPAs. "I think it's a good way to meet people," said fresh-

man Anna Maples. Her friend Elizabeth Culbreth agreed.

"I think it's a great way to meet new friends and to be involved," she said.

Jessica Jackson, a Delta Zeta member, encouraged

"I think it gives lower classmen a chance to meet people and get involved," she said.

"It makes it so easy to get involved ... there are so

September. •

many people involved [in the Greek system], you don't have to stick your neck out." GreekFest finished with flair - the National

Panhellenic Council sponsored a step show. The sorority recruitment process finishes Aug. 29, and fraternity recruitment will begin early in

## Domino's ditches delivery concepts

By Laura Houston Daily Mississippian (U. Mississippi)

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. -While isolated Domino's Pizza Inc. test stores could signal a nationwide free delivery phaseout, the Oxford-area franchise will remain resilient as long as possible.

Out of the 4,700 stores across primarily in California, are participating in the test run.

The Michigan-based pizza company pioneered the free delivery concept during its 30year history, attracting media attention to the potential turn-

This is what four-fold franchise owner in Oxford, Southaven, Horn Lake and Grenada Diane Barrentine said, adding that while charged-delivery competitors may advertise cheap prices, they tack on extra fees to cover the charges. Domino's

advertising one price and delivanother," Davis-Barrentine said. "We find it to be deceptive to the customer. In order to remain competitive, we need to gauge the impact on the customers of charging for delivery and see whether that would negatively impact our sales or not.

Pizza Hut unfurled its charged-delivery service in Oxford, Miss., four years ago in order to cover delivery driver's hourly wages, tips and run charges, said Patrick Hudson, the chain's area manager.

"We're paying our drivers and the economy," Hudson said. "We get nothing out of it other than we pay our drivers. That's part of their tip money."

Currently, Pizza includes a 75-cent service charge with each order dropped off. Initially, Oxford and university residents were resistant to the change, but Hudson said he believes they adjusted.

In Oxford and Lafavette County, deliveries draw 75 percent of sales revenues, while Papa John's International Inc. gets 60 percent of its income from the service throughout relatively the same area. Hudson said company policy forbade the country, only 371 stores, him from disclosing sales infor-

> Papa John's emphasizes its free delivery, and Namil Hamed, the general manager at the West Jackson Avenue franchise, said his employer should

> "We feel that if you order pizza and want it delivered, you shouldn't be charged for it," Hamed said. "It's a courtesy thing. We want you to save the time of having to go out and pick it up. You shouldn't be charged for that."

For a delivered, large, cheese pizza, Pizza Hut's price was \$13.89, Papa John's charged "We're not interested in \$13.07 and Domino's had \$13.81, excluding delivery fees.

While there may be some detractors, some University of Mississippi students, like freshman business studies major Erica Lester from Holly Springs, Miss., said the possibility of charged Domino's delivery would not discourage them from patronizing the pizza

"I think you should want to give them something for delivery," Lester said. "I don't feel that the dollar would really be a

Freshman journalism major Ryan Beeler delivers pizzas in Oxford and has been burned by free delivery services.

"The place where I work for doesn't charge for delivery, but it should, because people think free delivery means no tips," Beeler said. ◆

## McPhee helps haul dorm gear





University President Sidney McPhee helps freshmen move into Corlew and Cummings halls Saturday as part of 'We Haul.' McPhee has been a participating member of 'We Haul' since last year.

## 'Millionaire' auditions welcome students

Students can show off their 'hot seat' talents on daytime game show

By Kelly Cutchen The Crimson White (U. Alabama)

(U-WIRE) TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - A lucky University of Alabama student may be closer to becoming a millionaire than finishing a degree.

The producers of Who Wants to be a Millionaire are traveling across the country in search of contestants for a new weekday

in Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Friday. According to Tricia Miller,

one of the promoters of the bus tour, the tour began July 26 in San Diego and will end Sept. 16 in New York.

Along the way, the bus is making stops in several cities, as well as some college campuses.

"I think the mentality behind it was to go to places we might not go for the primetime show," Miller said.

Miller said the producers are looking to see as many students as possible on a first-come, firstserve basis.

The first part of the audition will consist of a written test. Students who pass the test will then go on to an interview with one of the show's producers.

Any students selected will be flown to New York to appear on the weekday show, hosted by Meredith Vieira of ABC's The

What happens after the audition for the weekday show is a bit different from the primetime show, Miller said.

Viewers of the primetime Who Wants to be a Millionaire may be familiar with the "Fastest Finger" round, in which contestants compete against each other to make to the main round of the show.

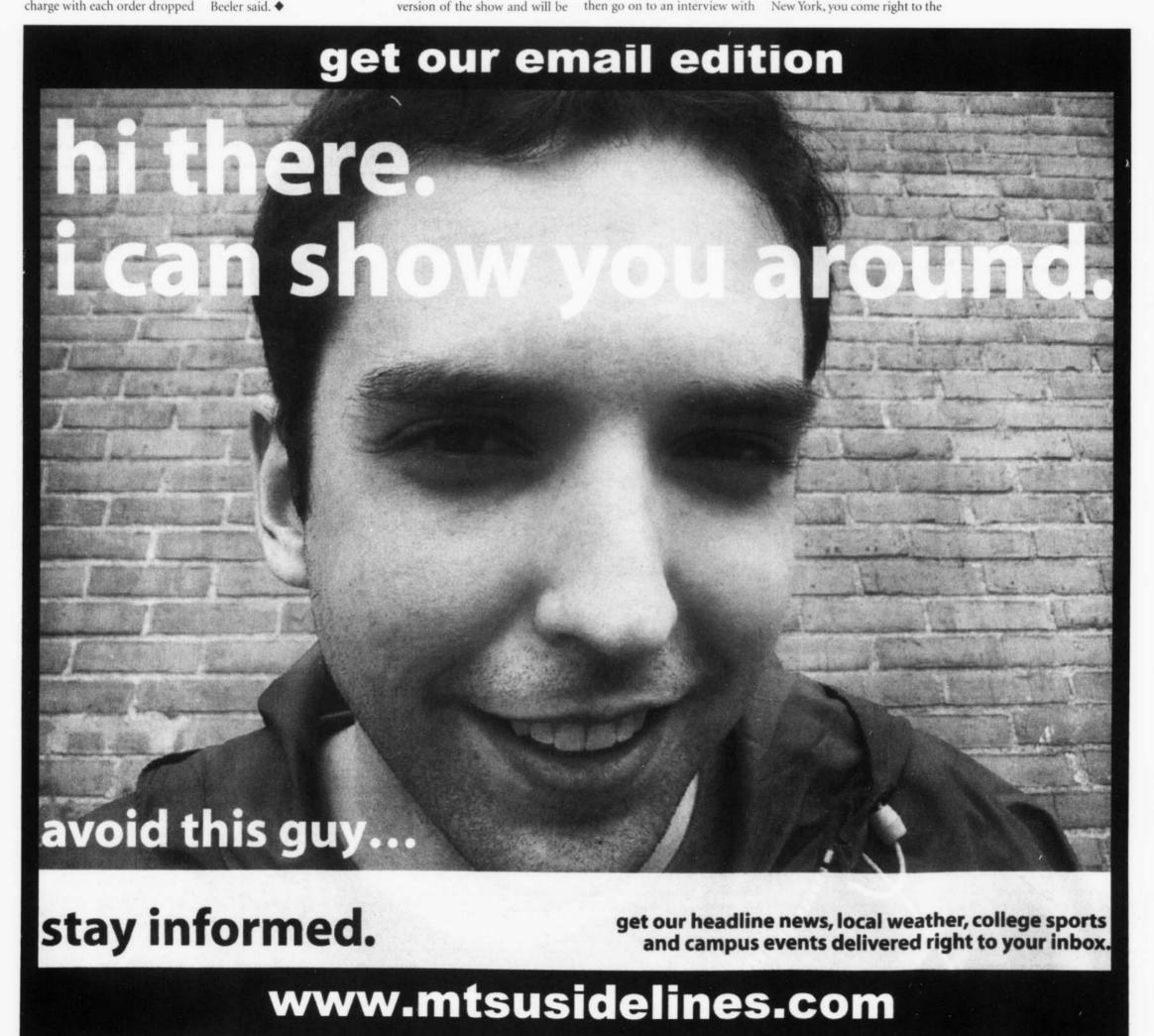
This round has been eliminated for the weekday show.

"If we invite you to come to New York, you come right to the hot seat," Miller said.

To qualify for the audition, students must have proof of their enrollment (class schedule, tuition bill, etc.) and a pic-

Also, students must be over the age of 18. Anyone employed by or immediately related to or living with an employee of the Disney Company, Diplomatic, AT&T or any television station broadcasting Who Wants to be a Millionaire is ineligible to audition.

Additional rules and information about the show and the bus tour can be found at www.millionairetv.com . •





## World Briefs



Compiled By Patrick Chinnery - Asst. News Editor

#### Canada's Chretien to retire as prime minister

TORONTO (AP) - Prime Minister Jean Chretien said today he will not seek a fourth term and will leave office in February 2004. The announcement at a hastily arranged news conference came at a Liberal Party caucus meeting in Quebec, where Chretien faced calls by supporters of rival Paul Martin to state clearly if he would run for a fourth consecutive term in an election that must take place by the end of

#### Israel blows up two Gaza high-rises, killing refugees

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Israeli troops blew up two apartment buildings in a Gaza Strip refugee camp Wednesday, just hours after undercover forces killed the brother of a radical Palestinian leader during an arrest raid in the West Bank.

The Israeli strikes, which came a day after a Hamas sniper killed an Israeli soldier, further undercut shaky attempts to reach a partial truce. However, officials from both sides said Wednesday they were not walking away from the deal.

In the agreement reached earlier this week, Israeli soldiers withdrew from the West Bank town of Bethlehem and were to pull back from positions in

for Gaza, in exchange Palestinian efforts to maintain calm in the test areas.

Militant Palestinian groups have rejected the plan and said they would carry out more attacks on Israelis.

#### tapes show bin Laden vowing american deaths

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - Dozens of men in battle uniforms, ski masks and combat helmets blew up buildings and bridges, took hostages at gunpoint and carried out lightningquick assassinations in mock terror attacks videotaped by al-Qaida and aired Wednesday by

The footage, which includes a lesson on how to fire a surface-to-air missile, was filmed at a secret training camp in eastern Afghanistan and apparently was meant to be distributed to terror recruits, the network

Wednesday's report was the third installment in a series. The video comes from a cache of 64 al-Qaida tapes taken from Afghanistan; CNN said Tuesday that it paid \$30,000 for the footage.

Tuesday's report showed footage from a 1998 al-Qaida "news conference" in which Osama bin Laden warned of a mission that would "result in killing Americans and getting rid of them" - just weeks before terrorists bombed two U.S.

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embassies in Africa.

The first report showed images of poison gas experiments on dogs. U.S. officials said the footage did not reveal any unexpected capabilities by the group accused of carrying out the Sept. 11 attacks.

#### Enron executive to plead guilty to laundering

HOUSTON (AP) - The government's probe of Enron Corp. appears to have gotten a boost.

The right-hand man to Enron's former chief financial officer was set to provide the first guilty plea from an executive at the failed energy giant and has agreed to cooperate with investigators, sources close to the investigation say.

Michael Kopper, 37, former managing director of Enron Global Finance under former CFO Andrew Fastow, was expected to plead guilty to money laundering and conspiracy to commit wire fraud before a federal judge in Houston on Wednesday, two sources said on condition of anonymity.

Kopper's attorney did not return calls seeking comment. A Justice Department spokesman declined comment.

As part of the plea agreement, Kopper has agreed to cooperate with investigators, a drastic shift from February when he invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to testify before Congress.

#### Police storm Iraqi Embassy, freeing leaders

BERLIN (AP) - Iraqi dissidents opposed to Saddam Hussein took control of Iraq's embassy in Berlin and held senior diplomats hostage for five hours Tuesday until German commandos stormed the building and ended the siege without firing a shot. Five members of the group were arrested.

Two diplomats who had been tied up and held hostage inside the embassy were freed without injury. Police moved in after the

Iraqi government gave permis-

The previously unknown

Democratic Iraqi Opposition of Germany claimed responsibility for the siege, calling it "the first step" toward the liberation of their homeland. The five men detained appeared to be in their 30s. Police said they had no information on their identities.

Iraq says Abu Nidal shot himself in the mouth and died 8 hours later. •

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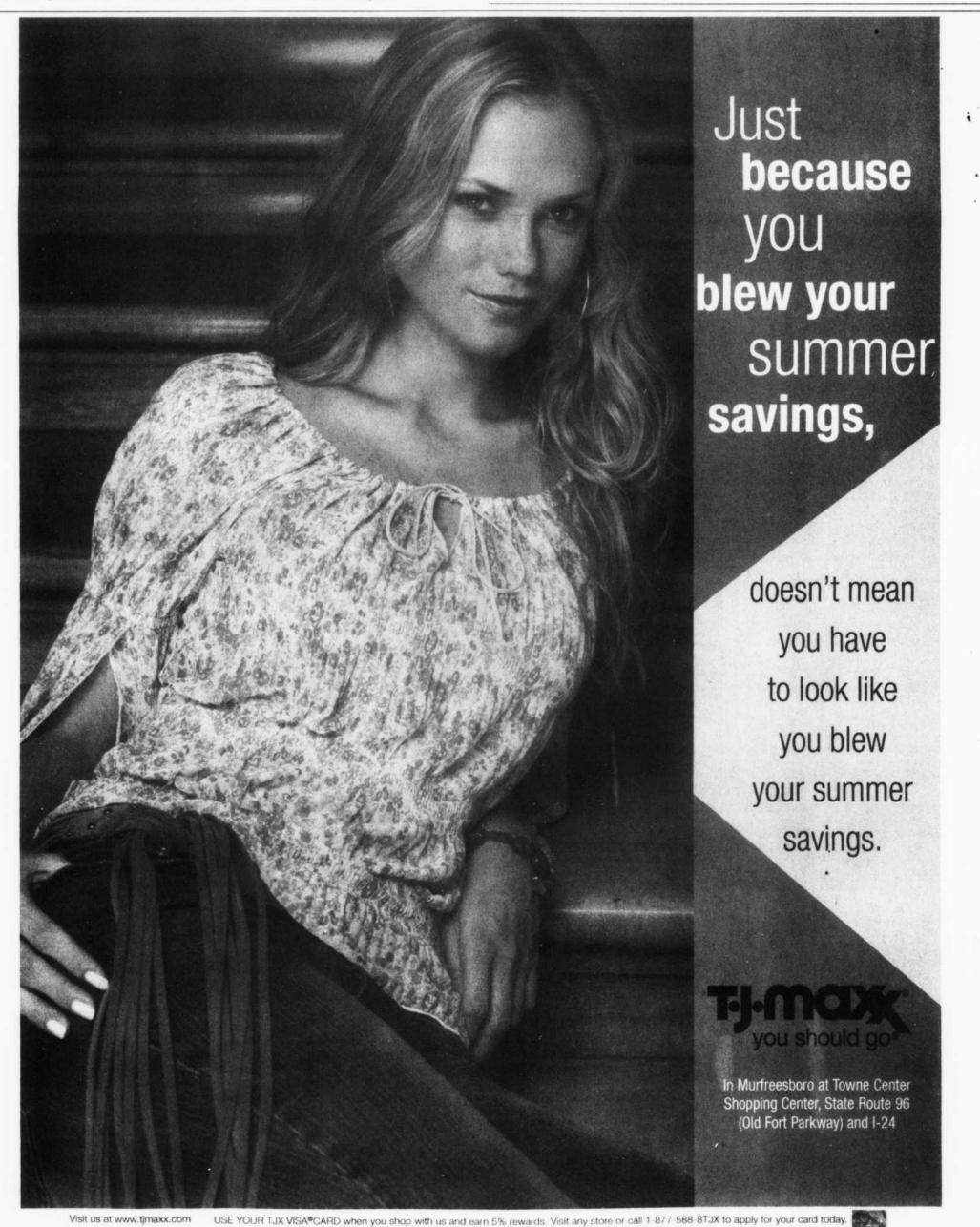
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## From the Editorial Board

## Students choke on higher food prices

If Dining Services' plan unfolds as designed, we'll all be lean and trim by the end of the

Of course, it won't be from running laps around the Recreation Center track or doing pilates like Daisy Fuentes instructs us to nightly on every cable channel.

It will be a slow, cruel descent into madness and despair as our stomachs, weak from neglect, shrivel into tiny cavities, desperate for the food we so badly wish to consume but can't because we're just broke students who can't afford the rising price of campus food.

OK, we're being a tad hyperbolic, but the point remains the same.

Food on campus is getting a little pricey.

While we enjoy the new and improved aesthetics of McCallie Dining Hall and the extended hours of the Woodmore Cyber Café, that still doesn't make our wallets any more capable of absorbing the brunt of the cost of a \$6 Subway sandwich with a 22-ounce Coke (the same meal that would cost less than \$4 at a real Subway).

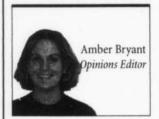
We venture to say that the average college student can't afford to spend \$6 every day on

There are at least two other meals to think about, not to mention gas, rent, bills, books, parking tickets and everything else. Even students with meal plans and flex dollars will be paying out the wazoo for their num - nums. Six flex dollars don't buy what they used to anymore, you know.

Was an across-the-board price increase on already not-so-cheap, fairly average food the only option for improving the look and feel of the campus' dining facilities? Is it really fair to charge patrons of the James Union Building cafeteria for the improvements in McCallie, a primarily freshman and on-campus resident dining facility?

These are questions we should all ponder as we savor every spoonful of our \$7 half-pint of Ben & Jerry's and slurp our \$2 Cokes. ◆

## From the Opinions Editor Shooting bin Laden and Hussein not a bad idea



Nothing makes me feel like killing more than a session of Assassinate the Paper Iragi Dictator.

After returning for fall session, the Supreme Court will decide whether or not conducting target practice with effigies of Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein is an act of free expression or a preface to actual homicide.

The issue arose when gun clubs, a former military officer and a minister in Massachucetts disputed a recently passed law banning the use of human images for shooting practice.

There's no harm in firing a load or two at symbols of painful past events.

Most anger management gurus would say it's much better to take out blind rage on an inanimate object than a real person or animal.

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I would assume the government would be excited that people were showing this kind of community effort to eliminate our enemies. There's an unfathomable price on both mens' heads, meaning we as Americans would be expected to shoot them if they set foot on our soil anyway. Geez, do they want us to miss?

I think the Supreme Court should ban commercials using our nation's hatred toward bin Laden to sell used cars (yeah, you've seen it), not just because they're manipulative, but because they make me want to throw my television in a pot of sulfuric

People aren't going to up and start eliminating their fellow man just because they spent time raining rapid fire down on pictures of bin Laden and Hussein.

That would be a little hypocritical, considering everybody hates them because they've collectively killed hundreds of thousands of human beings. We all know people aren't that stupid.

## Ode to, not about, sub sandwiches



Subway messed up my order today.

I ordered a Subway melt with no tomato, but when I picked it up and bit into it, I was unpleasantly surprised with Heinz's favorite ingredient all over my sandwich.

I couldn't believe it. How does someone mistake, "No tomato, please," with "Hey, I love tomatoes. Not just 'love,' but I 'loooovvee' tomatoes. Why don't you slap a few extra of those smackers on for

Subway used to be so sweet. I started by going every week or so.

Then it was every other day. Soon I was going every day. I loved Subway so much.

I bet that sandwich artist had something against me. I bet he saw my controversial stance on hillbilly love and wanted to get me back for it.

I saw the way he looked at me when I walked into the store. His glance seemed to say, "Hey, I read your controversial article on hillbilly love, and I want to get back at you for it,

You know, I've never had anybody at Subway get my order right. They always give me extra tomato or not enough onions. Sometimes they'll even try\*

to pawn off some oregano on my BLT, even though they know oregano gives me hives.

All of those greasy teenagers need to get a real job and go bother someone else.

I can't believe that I've ever gone to a Subway. They're all trashy rip-offs of each other.

They're all made to look like the rat-infested sewers/subway systems of New York. I don't want to eat food from a public transportation system.

Now that I think about it, I really don't like sub sandwiches at all.

They're all gross, superfatty foods that aren't good enough to feed to my dog. There's no way that Jared could have lost all that weight on those greaselogs. Subway, Jersey Mike's, Quizno's, Blimpie's they're all horrible. The smell of fresh bread makes my stomach turn.

To paraphrase Chaucer, they're nasty enough to build a temple to.

I need to stop eating fast food altogether. They're all the same.

The grease, the bad service, the lack of hand washing - it's too much to bear. I'm just going to stay in my dorm and eat what I buy from the grocery store. But can I trust those

punks at Food Lion?

They always look at me with their beady eyes. I once slipped on some pickle juice and the only thing they did to help was give me a mop. I don't like those

weirdos in the service

industry. I can't believe I even liked going to Food

Of all the grocery stores where I could have spent my precious dollars, I can't believe I wasted so much on Food Lion.

From now on, I'm giving up on Subway, fast food, and contact with the outside world in general.

I found a small pot by the dumpster outside my dorm that I think I can grow my food from.

I think I'll be OK as long as I don't move.

As long as I never have to eat tomatoes again, I'm cool with that.

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## Joe's first day back to school

## Bathroom Stall Graffiti



It's so hot. I became dehydrated twice and nearly died once on the way to class.

I still haven't made it to my class in the Mass Communication building. I can't make it across the courtyard. There's no shade, no grass, just con-

I feel like Moses wandering the desert. Mass Comm is my promised land. I made it halfway once. I prepared myself. I even brought an umbrella for shade, and a canteen filled to the brim with tap water. I soon became delirious from the heat.

Then I got lost. I was walking in circles. I think I passed out on the state seal. The seal must have been scorching hot from the sun, because I woke up with it branded into my cheek.

When I woke up, I was in the JUB. A guy in a red cape and a big "A" on his chest was pouring a bottle of Dasani down my throat.

I nearly choked, so I spit it on him. He said he was Captain Aramark and I owed him \$14 for the bottle of water. He said prices have gone up. I said that was lame. He said it was inflation. I said it was a monopoly. He said touché.

I mumbled something about a revolution and went to get my horse from the livestock center. If I couldn't walk across the new courtyard I would ride across it on my horse. I've considered riding a horse to class for a while now. I could tie it to the bike rack during class.

Anyway, I got my Tennessee Walking horse and made my way to the courtyard. What I saw that day, I'll never forget. Hundreds, nay, thousands of bodies were strewn across the courtvard. hoped they'd only passed out and weren't dead. I couldn't tell if the stench was body odor or rotting flesh.They were mostly RIM majors; they were too stubborn to turn back. The journalism majors had stopped and started interviewing witnesses. Public relations majors had given up on getting to class in Mass Comm and were trying to put a good spin on the story. Advertising

majors were trying to sell water as a special rehydrating formula.

Watching from the BAS balcony was President Sidney McPhee himself. I asked McPhee what was going on. He said he was solving the overcrowding problem. I asked how. He said it was very simple. I said explain. "Well," he said, "Its like this. The university, the school of Mass Communications in particular, is overcrowded. We need to eliminate a few students. The new courtvard is a sort of filter. I oversaw the construction myself. Do you really think pouring some concrete would take a whole year? This courtyard is very special. It's all part of my master plan for the university. Those who can't make it across can turn back and get a degree in business or the liberal arts, or better vet, they can leave." asked, "Are you sure you aren't delirious from the heat?" "Oh, no," he said. "I'm just fine. Just fine." Then he started to laugh a maniacal laugh.

I got the hell out. •

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

### Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.

Do you know what's dumb? Fining a store for its red, white and blue paint job.

Amazingly, exactly what happened in a suburb Milwaukee Wis.

The owner of the Dairy Queen in Mount Pleasant, Wis., painted his store red, white and blue after Sept. 11, following a company directive. He was then quickly sued by the town for failing to ask its permission before applying the

Sure, towns have the right to enforce zoning codes and regulations. But Dairy Queens are known for their annoying dingy red and white signs.

A little blue thrown into the mix certainly isn't going to hurt anything. It might even improve the façade. The town wanted the

owners to paint over the scheme, but Robert Werner, the owner, repiied he didn't have the money to have the job redone.

The town then proceeded to fine him \$50,000 as punishment for his patriotism.

It was right after Sept. 11 for heaven's sake. Where's the compassion? We thought Wisconsinites only got irate if someone insulted

their cheese.

Hoping to diffuse the situation, the town board voted last week to allow the store to keep its colors. Then the town attorney made the whole situation worse by saying that the vote was illegal, throwing everything into the courts.

What's the big deal? Never having been to Mount Pleasant, we're not sure what motif they're going for, but red, white and blue aren't known for their clashing abilities. Maybe it might interfere with an orange, purple and olive backdrop, but otherwise, it'd be impossible to cause problems.

We don't mean to blame the whole town; hundreds of citizens have signed a petition in support of Werner. But the bureaucracy has really dropped the ball.

The makers of the delicious Blizzard frozen treat have done no harm. They're just trying to spread a cheer into the lives of a small town's inhabitants.

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## -Letter to the Editor

### Student involvement shouldn't be a problem I would like to comment a bit on Angelica Journagin's wishes for change at MTSU

(Sidelines, Aug. 19).

It won't change the way you want it to until you're gone.

Does anyone remember when they finally changed the scheduling from 10 minute breaks to 15? Try making it from Murphy Center to the Mass Communication building in 10 minutes when you're a first-semester freshman and witnessing Murfreesboro's refreshing downpours of sudden, pounding rain. It was a catch-22 for the scheduling department, as they either had to offer fewer classes to accomodate the longer breaks or stack afternoon classes closer together.

As for free food – my gosh, where are people hiding these days?

When I was an resident assistant (2000-2001) there was a never-ending supply of the stuff. The secret? Go to events. Pep rallies. Anything your RA or SGA sponsors. Check out the Knoll often.

Having been an RA, I take serious issue with the idea that the university doesn't do enough to get people involved. You're over 18 (or close to it) once you reach college. MTSU shouldn't have to drag you to events. If you want to go so something because you're bored, you feel it's culturally important, you find it beneficial - go. There are sports, Greek events, the campus theater, the campus cinema, movies on the Knoll, at least one good concert a month in the music department, Bill Bellamy (free), the Highland Games every year, the international cookout and dinner - I'm tired.

The best thing for a freshman at MTSU to do right now is take the initiative, stack your books neatly on the side of your desk, grab your roommate and go to something. A wandering spirit will slip a campus calendar under your door every month. Look at it. Read it. Use it wisely. Talk to your RA. Sheesh, they're required to plan involvement for you. Here begins real life. Go do something.

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By Brandon Morrison Assistant Sports Editor

Campus Recreation is prepared to face the many new students at MT during the 2002-2003 school year.

The Recreation Center is offering many programs to all students at MT. Campus Rec is providing a variety of intramural sports as well as many programs geared to get students to live a healthier lifestyle.

The Rec Center holds six basketball courts, six racquetball courts and a three-lane indoor track. Also in the facility are two swimming pools, a hockey arena and a ropes challenge course.

Many students have found campus jobs at the Rec Center, but getting work there isn't easy.

Just ask Heather Smith, a front desk manager at the Rec Center. The junior Spanish major has worked at the Rec Center for two years and is looking forward to a third year.

Smith said she is glad she works at the Rec Center. She started out watching over the cardiovascular room,

## **Rec Center offers** sports to students



Photo by Danny Roland | Staff Photographer

Senior Tim Green (left) climbs the rock wall located at the front of the Recreation Center. Juniors Jon Paul Johnson and Ryan Jones (above) take advantage of the basketball courts.

"It's good experience with customer service. You learn to enforce rules that you don't necessarily agree with."

-Heather Smith,

MT junior, on working at Rec Center which is more than 4,000 square feet of stairmasters and treadmills. Now she takes care of student needs at the front

Smith has learned many things since

starting work. "It's good experience with customer relations," Smith said. "You learn to enforce rules that you don't necessarily

Competition for jobs at the Rec Center is high. More than 1500 applications are filed every year in attempt to

get a job at the location. "Even though it's the lowest-paying campus job people still want to work here," Smith said.

For students who are not familiar with all the equipment in the Rec Center, free orientations are offered to students who wish to learn more about how to use everything in the Rec Center

Many sports clubs are hosted by Campus Rec. Students can face off against each other in bowling, fencing and flag football. New to the campus is the baseball club. Other sports offered through the intramural program are racquetball, martial arts and men's soccer, which placed fifth in the Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League in the 2001-2002 season.

Campus Rec also offers activities other than team sports. One sports club offered is the Kimewaza club. The Kimewaza club is composed of individuals who want to learn the art of break

Campus Rec is also offering a Tang Soo Do martial arts class. The class is offered on Mondays and Thursdays at 7-8 p.m.

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## Men's rugby ready to start preseason play

By Maura Satchell Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's rugby club team, fresh from this past spring's collegiate Division I quarterfinal appearance in California, is on pace for another huge year.

'We will have an open practice Tuesday, Aug. 27, and would like to invite new student athletes to come out and join up with us," said head coach Tony Neely. Neely is a 1988 graduate of MT who played for the Moosemen for five years.

The Moosemen played Division I rugby for several years and have consistently been the South Division champions, with appearances into the collegiate quarterfinal tournament in three of the past four

Although the official season is spring, the team has scheduled a number of off-record matches throughout the fall to get the Moosemen playing as a team before the official season gets underway next February.

Opponents in the fall include the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Technological University, Western Kentucky University, Vanderbilt University, Arkansas State University and Ohio State

The Moosemen have garnered national attention in rugby news. Jack Clark, head coach of the 12-time national champion team at the University of California -Berkeley, said in the June 2002 issue of Rugby News that MT was one of two teams that gave his championship team a match this past spring.

National attention also has been garnered by the MT rugby team's captain, Cayo Nicolau, who has been named to the USA Eagles, the United States national rugby team.

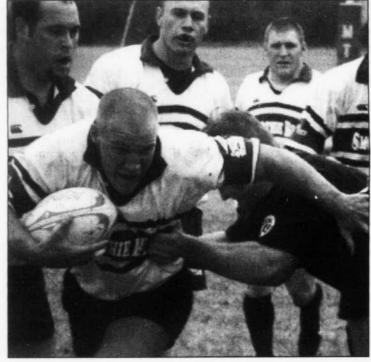
The USA Eagles are close to gaining entry into next year's rugby World Cup competition in Australia, and Nicolau has put in some time as an Eagle during one of the qualifying games.

There are a few misnomers about this sport that Moosemen developmental coach Robert Keith sought to clarify: the first issue is size.

"There are All-Americans that weigh 150 pounds," Keith said. "Then there are All-Americans that go 300 pounds."

Smaller players who have speed tend to perform well as wingers, a position at the

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The rugby team at MT has earned national attention by repeated appearances at the national quarterfinals.

## Football happenings in Middle Tennessee

## Football team receives national recognition

**Staff Reports** 

As part of a Division I conference that is in its second year of existence, only one bowl game prospect, low home game attendance and a collective losing record of 26-51 for the 2001 season, Middle Tennessee has some how managed to gain national recognition from ESPN as one of the most underrated teams in the

Tuesday, ESPN.com included MT on its list of top 10 teams outside of Notre Dame and the six Bowl Championship Series conferences: Southeastern, Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pacific - 10.

MT was the only Sun Belt Conference team to be included on the list: calling the football

Coming in at number eight,

Photo by MT Media Relations Senior fullback Avery Hatten rests during football practice last week. The football team recently earned national attention from ESPN and other news outlets in anticipation of the upcoming season. ESPN names MT several times in their recent issue as one of the most underrated football squads in the nation along with five other teams.

team "the class of the Sun Belt."

No. 1 on the list was Marshall University followed by the University of Louisville, Colorado State University, the University of Southern Mississippi, University of Hawaii, the University of Utah, Fresno State University, MT, the University of Bowling Green and the University of South Florida.

Also, Gene Wojciechowski of ESPN listed the University of Oregon, the University of Maryland, Michigan State University, Auburn University and MT as the five most underrated teams in the nation. Wojciechowski said he expected MT to beat at least one of the four SEC teams that they are scheduled to play this year. In the SEC, MT will be playing the University of Alabama, the University of

Vanderbilt Kentucky and University.

All tickets are currently on sale at the MT ticket office. The reserved student tickets are for the Alabama game will be on sale until tomorrow when they will have to mail the tickets back to

Alabama.

Middle Tennessee-The Alabama game will be produced by Jefferson-Pilot Sports and shown in parts of 15 different states (Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, West Virgina, NorthCarolina, Tennessee, Ohio, South Carolina, Florida, Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Virginia). The game will be televised in Tennessee by WUXP (Nashville), WFLI (Chattanooga), WJKT (Jackson), WVLT (Knoxville) and

Tennessee, the University of WLMT (Memphis). The game, which will reach more than one million homes, will also be available on ESPN Game Plan, DirecTV and the Dish Network. The JP pregame show, which will have a feature on MT running back Dwone Hicks, is the top rated show in the southeast.

> Another area in the national arena that MT is being recognized for is the game day performances by Hicks. For the second season in a row Hicks was listed on the Doak Walker Award with 42 other preseason candidates.

> The Southern Methodist University Athletic Forum gives the Doak Walker Award annually to the nation's top college running back. Hicks was the only member of the SBC to make the list.

## New radio show features MT sports

Middle Tennessee athletics will get a new outlet with a weekly radio program.

WNSR 560-AM has agreed to broadcast "Raider Roundup," a weekly radio show with a focus on Middle Tennessee sports. The show will run all year long.

The show will broadcast from The Sports Planet, a restaurant and sports bar in downtown Murfreesboro.

To commemorate the show, coaches for interviews and to give

The Sports Planet will provide special menu items and raffle drawings geared especially for Blue Raider fans.

The show's host, Greg Pogue, is also the Daily News Journal's executive sports editor and host of the weekday morning sports show "A.M. Sports," which is also broadcast on WNSR.

The "Raider Roundup" is slated to have MT athletes and

sports tips to local youth. The show will feature some of the sports that normally don't get as much media exposure as some of the larger programs outside of Murfreesboro.

"Raider Roundup" will also explore the daily operations of the MT athletic program and its administrative officials.

The show will be broadcast on Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. .

## Sp@rts Briefs

Compiled by Brandon Morrison
Assistant Sports Editor

#### WNBA referee collapses

HOUSTON (AP) – Referee Bill Stokes collapsed during the WNBA playoff game between the Houston Comets and Utah Starzz.

Shortly after the start of the second half, Stokes walked over to the scorer's table, then suddenly fell to the court. He was quickly attended to by medical officials from both teams and was rushed to a hospital.

Comets officials said Stokes was admitted to Southwest Memorial Hospital in critical, but stable condition.

#### Gurtierrez needs surgery

CLEVELAND (AP) – Ricky Gutierrez's season is over, and now the Cleveland Indians second baseman is concerned about saving his career.

Gutierrez said doctors have recommended surgery on his injured neck, which he hurt while diving for a ball in the first few weeks of the season.

An MRI revealed that discs in Gutierrez's neck are rubbing and pinching his spinal cord.

#### Bonds hits 73rd home run

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Barry Bonds hits another historic home run and the man who ends up with the ball after a fight in the bleachers gets sued.

Last October it was a tussle over Bonds' record-setting 73rd home run of the season \_ one man got a glove on it, but another took it home.

This time, it's a guy who got a ticket to the game after allegedly promising fellow workers to split any profits on the remote chance he caught Bonds' 600th career home run

#### Fehr criticizes baseball

NEW YORK (AP) - Union

head Donald Fehr made his most pointed criticism of the baseball owners' economic proposals, calling them "a wholesale attack on the salary structure."

In memos sent to players and agents, Fehr said management's revenue sharing and luxury tax plans would result in crippling losses for baseball's biggest spenders.

The New York Yankees, who gave up \$28 million of their \$242 million revenue to other teams last year, would have to surrender \$86.9 million, Fehr said.

#### Historic baseball bat found

LAGUNA NIGUEL, Calif. (AP) – The bat Babe Ruth used to hit the first home run in Yankee Stadium has been found, its owner and a sports memorabilia authentication firm said Tuesday.

The current owner of the bat, SportsCards Plus of Laguna Niguel, plans to put it up for auction next year, said company president David Kohler.

Ruth hit the homer in the third inning April 18, 1923. The three-run shot led the Yankees past the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

#### U.S. players top U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) – Four Americans top the women's seedings at the U.S. Open for the first time since 1983, led by Serena Williams, who'll be aiming for her third straight Grand Slam title.

Williams' sister, two-time defending champion Venus, is seeded No. 2. They have played for three of the past four major championships.

Jennifer Capriati is seeded third, and Lindsay Davenport is No. 4 for the year's final Grand Slam event, which opens Monday.

Defending champion Lleyton Hewitt was seeded No. 1 in the men's field Tuesday, with 2000 winner Marat Safin at No. 2. Tommy Haas is third.

#### **NHL** revokes contracts

NEW YORK (AP) – The NHL rejected the contracts Bobby Holik and Darius Kasparaitis signed with the New York Rangers, objecting to provisions that would pay them in the event of a season lost to a work stoppage.

The NHL Players Association filed a grievance after the league objected to the Aug. 7 deals. The contracts aren't expected to be voided, although some language might be changed.

#### Brees is new Charger QB

SAN DIEGO (AP) – Drew Brees, who's played just more than one half of one regularseason game, has beaten out incumbent Doug Flutie for the San Diego Chargers' starting quarterback job.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer announced his decision, saying the 23-year-old Brees has earned the chance to start in just his second NFL season. It's the fourth time in as many years that the Chargers go into a season with a new starter.

#### Davis's knees end career

DENVER (AP) – Bad knees did what opponents never could: stop Terrell Davis.

During introductions for the San Francisco-Denver game, the Broncos running back walked through the tunnel in uniform for the final time.

To a standing ovation, he gave a mile-high salute to the fans and was hugged by his teammates. After walking to midfield as the lone Broncos player at the coin toss, Davis retreated to the sideline. He spent the second half in street clothes.

On Tuesday, the Broncos, at Davis' request, will place him on injured reserve, ending his season and effectively ending the career of a player who was both a Super Bowl and regular-season MVP.

#### Catcher signs with Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) – Catcher Mike Lieberthal began his career with the Philadelphia Phillies and wants to end it with

Lieberthal took a big step toward that goal, agreeing to a \$22.25 three-year contract extension with a \$7.5 million club option for 2006.

The 30-year-old catcher was drafted by the Phillies out of high school in 1990.

#### Burnett out for injury

MIAMI (AP) – Florida Marlins right-hander A.J. Burnett, who leads the majors with five shutouts and tops the NL with seven complete games, was placed on the 15-day disabled list with an elbow bruise that could end his season.

#### Baseball closer to strike

NEW YORK (AP) – Baseball negotiators planned to get back to the key economic issues in their labor talks after the sides spent a day discussing minor issues, such as unresolved grievances.

Saying the sides were far apart on plans for a luxury tax, the union set the strike date Friday for Aug. 30 to try to spur talks. But the date is far off enough that neither side appears to feel pressure to make major moves yet.

#### Fredericks wins 100 meter

LINZ, Austria (AP) – Frankie Fredericks swept the sprints at the Raiffeisen Gugl-Meeting, winning the 100 meters in 10.19 seconds and the 200 in 20.15.

Dwight Phillips of the United States won the long jump with a personal-best 27 feet, 6 inches.

Other men's winners included: Colin Jackson in the 110 hurdles (13.39), Wilson Boit Kipketer in the 3,000 steeplechase (8:19.52), Michael Rotich in the 800 (1:47.52), and Adam Nelson of the United States in the shot put (67-9).

#### Shaq hit with flu virus

LOS ANGELES (AP) – Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal was recovering from a flu-like virus that gave him a 103degree fever and forced him to miss an appearance at a youth basketball camp in Florida.

O'Neal spent Thursday night in an Orlando hospital and was released Friday, Lakers spokesman Michael Ulenkamp said. Tests showed the center was sick with "nothing more than a simple virus," Ulenkamp said.

O'Neal missed a clinic and charity game Sunday at the Shaquille O'Neal Tampa Celebrity Basketball Weekend, for which tickets cost up to \$250

#### Trailblazers drop Kemp

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) – Shawn Kemp, the former NBA All-Star whose career has crumbled because of weight and drug problems, was to be waived Tuesday by the Portland Trail Blazers, according to a published report.

Stunningly, Kemp has agreed to forfeit more than \$25 million of the \$46.5 million left on his contract, The Oregonian said.

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## MT fans must support teams if they want any quality games at home

Commentary by Angelica Journagin Sports Editor

Nine days from today the MT football team will travel miles, through Chattanooga, into Birmingham, Ala., to play the University of Alabama in a game that will be televised to 15 different states.

Sixteen days from now the football team will travel 180.32 miles to Knoxville, Tenn., to play the University of Tennessee in a game that will be available on pay-per-view.

Thirty days from now the football team will travel 243.62 miles to play the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Thirty-seven days from now MT plays its first home game against the University of Southeast Missouri. While this game will hardly be exciting, MT students will not have to travel to see the Blue Raiders

I will bet you that the MT attendance for the first three games will be higher then at the first home game of the season. I bet all of the home games will

not equal the attendance at the home game attendance. That first three away games of the season.

MT football fans, you are shooting yourselves in the foot.

The reason that MT has to travel so far to play games and the reason that few people will ever see a MT game on television that is played in Floyd Stadium is because MT fans are not there to support their team.

Low attendance forces MT football to play money games. Money games are when a team travels far away to play a nationally ranked team that has high means no matter how much MT improves, no team with a national ranking will ever come to MT to play. Last year MT averaged 17,857 fans per home game. MT's opponents averaged 34,746 fans per home game. Do the math. At this rate, MT fans will always have to travel to see their school's team play a challenging game.

The problem is not restricted to MT football. Last year I covered the track team for the former sports editor. Teams from other schools had more fans at home meets then MT. This is doubly sad because the MT track teams won the Sun Belt Conference championship for the indoor and outdoor seasons and regularly send their members to NCAA tournaments.

None of the other sports have any more luck. And fans at an MT volleyball

game?

You're more likely to find fans at an MT soccer game, and that isn't saying much. The sad part is, it isn't like there is a whole lot else to do in

Murfreesboro. The only other place MT students can get in for free is Wal-Mart.

Also, the people who stay on this campus know that after 5 p.m. the place dies.

So for all of the students who are sitting in their dorm rooms with nothing to do, or have a couple of hours to kill in between a club meeting, go to an MT sports game.

The more games the students at MT go to, the more quality games will come to

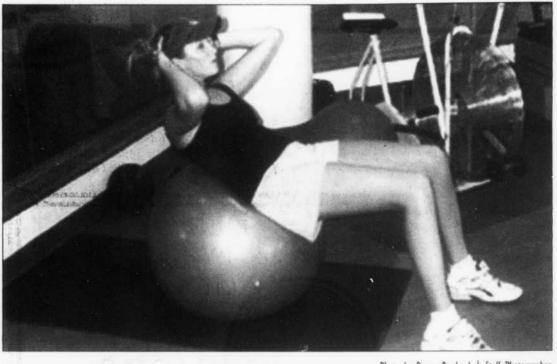


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Britni Short uses one of the medicine balls to work out her abdominal muscles.

## **Recreation:** Students play at Rec Center

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Also, Campus Rec offers many trips off campus to students. In the Outdoor Pursuits program, students can sign up for backpacking, climbing or canoeing trips all across the

To prepare for trips, Campus Rec offers many classes to teach the skills needed to survive the strenuous trips. Campus Rec hosts a belaying clinic where students can learn about climb-

belaying skills. Also offered is a clinic on kayaking. The clinic teaches students how to roll over a kayak and get back upright.

For more information about Campus Recreation, call the ing, knot tying, safety and basic Campus Rec office at 898-2104. ◆

## **Rugby:** Team accepting new rugby players

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perimeter for the backfield that can be compared to a cornerback position in football, Keith said. Commitment, desire and discipline are as important or more important that talent, size or athletic ability.

The second myth is that there is a high number of injuries incurred in rugby as compared to football.

According to Keith, the statistics bear out that this is not the case. Rugby injuries are typically milder than those incurred in football, where pads and a helmet can be used as

weapons, Keith said. Also, the only player to get tackled in rugby is the ball carrier, whereas in football it's head-to-head contact. Finally, collegiate football

players are now required to obtain a special insurance in order to play whereas rugby players are not.

"You might see maybe a stitch here or there but you don't get that many blown knees that you see in football,"

"We have guys that come back to play rugby (during the) year that wouldn't otherwise attend school," he said referring

to academics.

According to Keith, rugby is the fastest growing collegiate sport in America today. He said that part of the reason is the growth of Generation X interests in sports. Rugby attracts Gen-Xers that may be great athletes but never got interested in the traditional team sports of football, baseball and basketball.

"We offer you an X-game that is a team sport," Keith said.

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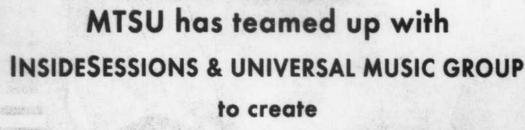


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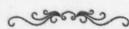
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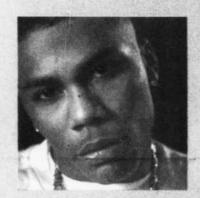
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