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## Campus advances building projects

MTSU progresses  
with construction  
through summer

By Christin Pepple

Assistant News Editor

MTSU campus has been under heavy construction in many key areas in the past months and each project has a differing, pending completion date.

"Each project has a deadline and has a construction calendar. Renovations being made on heavily used facilities such as the Tennessee Room in the James Union Building will hopefully be completed before the fall semester begins," said Tom Tozer, the director of public relations.

Many of the projects however, are not projected to be finished until 2008 such as the additions to the Recreational Center and the new 800-square foot observatory while others such as the new sod lay on the Sports Fields will be completed by next month.

The work being done that affects parking, transportation and renovations to underground power and plumbing lines are affected by pending weather conditions and may not be finished before their projected completion dates.

"All of this construction is positive even though it might be an inconvenience at the moment because this campus has to accommodate the rapid growth of incoming students each year," Tozer said. "It's quite an undertaking but the benefits of the improvements are substantial."

Many students are concerned with the ramifications that the construction will have on the parking situation when the next semester rolls around.

"The parking problem is not that we have no parking, it's that we have little convenient parking. We have many parking facilities regardless of this fact though and we are adapting the campus as best we can to keep up with the growth of the student body," Tozer said.

Many of the improvements to the campus are to help control the traffic around the campus and protect the pedestrians while others are simply upgrades and refurbishment.

"Much of this construction is merely to improve the safety of everyone in the classrooms and in the dorm rooms," Tozer said. "I don't know that it will all be done by the fall, but each project is trying to finish on time." ♦

## Big Blue goes to bonnaroo

### Students battle dust and crowds at music festival

By Andy Harper and Chris Barstad

News Editor and Staff Photographer

"I want to savor all the good vibrations out at Bonnaroo," said Ziggy Marley, one of the event's featured artists, as his band led into the song "Love is my religion."

Last week's four-day event, located in Manchester, Tenn., sold out, entertaining upwards of 80,000 people.

Bonnaroo featured over 70 bands, including Tool, The Police and The White Stripes, causing many MTSU students to flock to the music festival.

"I love The Police!" said Megan Vaughan, 2007 alumna. "I so looked forward to seeing them and I enjoyed seeing the people and hearing the music."

The Police, who broke up in the mid-1980s, reunited at the 49th Annual Grammy Awards and announced their 2007-2008 tour.

In addition to The Police, Tool also was a major headlining band for Bonnaroo. Highlighting their musical set, lead guitarist of Rage Against the Machine, Tom Morello, played alongside Tool.

"Tom Morello was awesome," said Zak Yarbrough, sophomore undeclared. "His performance added extra flavor to Tool's music. It just made the performance that much more powerful."

Greeting both bands and fans was an uncharacteristically dusty four days. According to Adrien Smith, senior photography major, the past years have been wet and muddy.

"I love the music," Smith said, while working for Spectrum Catering, serving beer and water to festival attendees. "I don't like the heat and the ants at the camp site need to go away."

Bonnaroo did not just attract a young college crowd, but also provided an allure to an older generation more reminiscent of the Woodstock days.

Fred Williams, a 65-year-old retiree from New York, said this was his fourth trip to Bonnaroo and the festival continues to improve each year. Williams originally attended the 1969 Woodstock and said that although the intentions of both festivals have a different feel.

"[Woodstock] was about peace, love, war, protest and drugs,"

See Bonnaroo, 2



Photo by Chris Barstad | Staff Photographer

Karen Dyrdek (above), from Fort Atkinson, Wis., dances to Ben Harper's "Burn One Down" last Saturday evening.

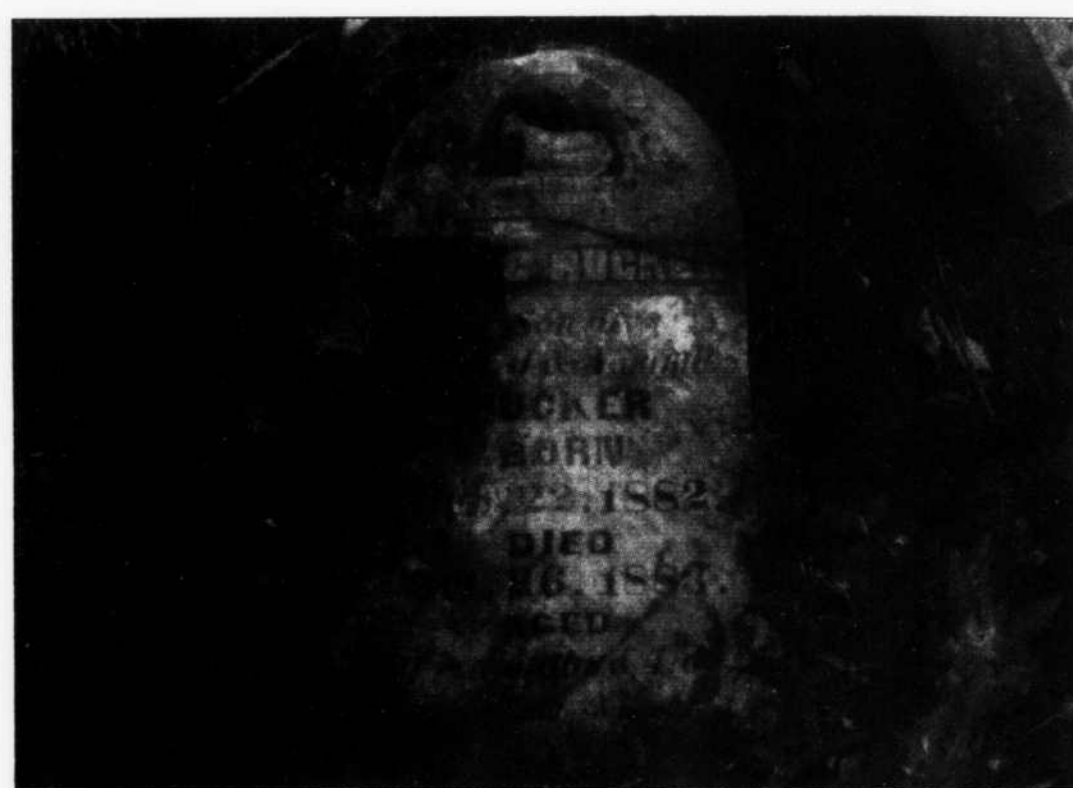


(Left) Bonnaroo patrons enter the main area of the festival under the signature Bonnaroo arch.



Photo by Chris Barstad | Staff Photographer

(Right) Fans of Ben Harper battle thick clouds of dust at "What Stage" during the Saturday performance



Above is the overturned headstone of Asa Rucker, child of Dr. J.J. and Nimmie Rucker, previous owners of the Marymont mansion. Asa is one of three known children to be buried in the small graveyard off the left shoulder of the mansion.

## Local woman wants cemetery preserved Marymont houses children's gravestones

By Andy Harper

News Editor

A local Murfreesboro woman is concerned over the revisions and repairs being done to a house that predates the Civil War and the surrounding area.

Mary Pealer, with the Order of Confederate Rose, is fascinated with Marymont mansion, which came under recent acquisition of Bob Parks Realty.

"She [Marymont] looks like a very lonely lady who got lost in time," Pealer said. "It just looks rejected, sitting by itself in a field."

The concern of Pealer deals with a cemetery located off the left

shoulder of the house. The cemetery contains the graves of at least three children of the previous owners from the 1880s.

"Currently the children's graves are down and the area is overgrown with weeds," Pealer said. "I would love the opportunity to donate time to help with the upkeep of the gravesite."

Another cemetery site is also located behind the house and contains graves of some of Marymont's slaves, Pealer said.

The issue deals with restoration versus change, Pealer said. While development is good, historical preservation is also very important.

The plans for the actual development of the neighborhood, called 'Marymont Springs,' do include the preservation of the cemetery, sites, said Karen Boynton, community sales director for Bob Parks Realty.

"The cemetery cannot be disturbed," Boynton said. "We understand that the headstones are there and are planning to have the areas fenced off and restored."

Home Improvements

After establishing the Marymont mansion as their main sales center, Bob Parks Realty

See Marymont, 2





Adrien Smith, senior photography major, sells drinks at Bonnaroo last weekend. The festival was a four-day event, spanning Thursday afternoon till Sunday night.

**Bonnaroo: Students enjoy festival music**

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Williams said. "Bonnaroo is about the music."

The festival itself held it's inaugural event in June of 2002. According to Big Hassle Media, the corporation that organizes the event, "Billboard" magazine has given Bonnaroo the award for Best Festival since 2004.

"My favorite year was the 2004 lineup," said Seth Dana, senior photography major. "The way things were handled were excellent."

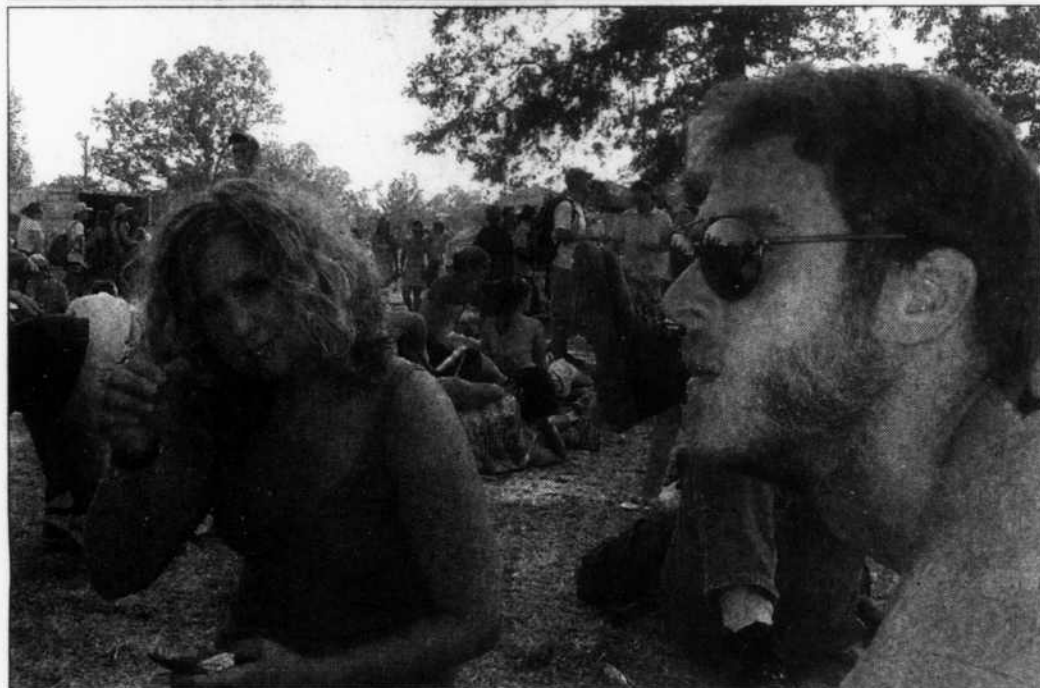
According to Dana, the festival has been in a steady decline since 2004.

"There was less vendors on the street and the extra security was a pain," Dana said. "The weather was nice this year since my stuff did not get wet, but I think I prefer mud to the dust anytime." ♦

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Megan Vaughan, 2007 alumna (left), and Dustin Myers, 2006 alumnus (right), sit in the grassy fields of 'What Stage' and listen to the musically styling of Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals.

**Marymont: Historic house site for neighborhood**

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began to repair the house, which had sustained massive fire damage in 2003.

"We have only finished off the foyer and another front room," Boynton said. "We have also replaced the roof and repainted the outside of the home."

Boynton said pieces of other fireplaces in the house used to help restore the original fireplaces in the front, first floor rooms.

No further additions or repairs are planned for the mansion, including restoring the back half of the house that was destroyed by the fire.

While Pealer agreed that maintenance was important, some of the changes were merely "quick fixes" to original interior that could have been restored.

"For example, they painted over wallpaper that dated back to the 1860s," Pealer said. "The French doors separating the foyer and the back room are also missing, although the Bob Parks people said they are being restored."

**History of the mansion**

Marymont sits on 660 acres of land originally owned by Hirman Jenkins. After passing on his land to his two sons, Hirman II and Nimrod II.

Nimrod II had two daughters, and after he passed, Hirman II and his wife raised both daughters. As per his will, Nimrod II's portion of the land went to the eldest of the two daughters, Nimmie Jenkins.

Nimmie later married Dr. J.J. Rucker, after which Rucker Lane, the road the house sits on, is named. During Nimmie's time, the house was remodeled.

Nimmie and J.J. had five children, only one survived infancy. Their daughter, Mary Rucker, eventually inherited both the land and house.

Mary, for whom Marymont is named, eventually married Mr. Donnell, a resident of Nashville. Their marriage produced both a son and daughter.

After Mary Donnell's death in the mid 1970s, her daughter, Dorothy inherited the house. Dorothy and her husband, Fred Eanes, had a daughter who was the last owner of the Marymont estate.

Mary Ann Eanes, daughter of Dorothy and Fred, sold the estate to Bob Parks Realty in December of 2005.

**Bob Parks Realty**

The 660 acres of land is a part of a 10-year master plan to build a community of 1000 homes, Boynton said.

"The community will be built in different phases and the houses will range from the \$300,000 category, upwards to over a million dollars," Boynton said.

Some of the acreage will be dedicated to commercial and retail space, as well as neighborhood amenities.

"The way we are marketing the community is 'resort style living without needing to leave home,'" Boynton said.

After the community amenity center is built for the neighborhood, Boynton said the reality office will be moved and the Marymont mansion will be sold off to a private owner.

"We did receive the '2007 Statewide Preservation Award' from the Tennessee Preservation Trust for the work with the house," Boynton said. ♦

**CRIME BRIEFS**

**Crime Briefs**

**June 14 2:47 a.m.**  
Assault  
Scarlett Commons Apt. 2  
Report of a fight with knives possibly involved.  
Darjuanshe Brown charged with aggravated assault.

**June 14 6:51 p.m.**  
Traffic/reckless driving  
Greenland Drive  
Robert D. Shafer charged with reckless driving.

**June 14 9:05 p.m.**  
Disorderly conduct/stalking  
Recreation center  
Victim was followed daily by subject.

**June 14 2:47 a.m.**  
Traffic/moving violation  
Alumni Drive  
Michael S. Moss II was issued a state citation for failure to obey traffic control device.

**June 16 7:26 a.m.**  
Traffic/leave scene of accident  
Central Utility Plant  
A light pole on the access road behind the heating plant had been hit by a vehicle at some point overnight. Light pole was completely on the ground and heavily damaged.

**June 18 9:07 a.m.**  
Theft \$500  
Womack Lane Apt. L  
Contractor with Olympia Construction reported a burglary that happened over the weekend.

**Crime Stoppers and Crime Briefs**

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$300 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who took \$30 in cash from the Lost and Found in the KUC room 210D. This crime was committed sometime between Wednesday, April 6 and Sunday, May 27.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$300 for information that leads to the arrest of the person who took a woman's wallet and a Cingular flip phone from an unlocked locker in the Women's Locker Room of the Student Recreational Center. This crime was committed sometime between 8 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, June 6.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who unlawfully entered and took a boom-box CD player containing a Justin Timberlake CD from Room 326G of the Keathley University Center. This felony was committed sometime between 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who unlawfully entered Scarlett Commons apartment 813 and sprayed a fire extinguisher throughout the apartment. This felony was committed sometime between 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 and 8 a.m. on Monday, June 4.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who unlawfully entered and burglarized a black 1994 Honda Prelude parked in the Murphy Center Parking Lot. The burglar(s) took a dark brown men's wallet from the trunk of the car. This felony was committed sometime between 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 31.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who unlawfully entered and burglarized a green 2000 Mazda Miata parked in the MTSU parking lot at the Murfreesboro Airport. Stolen items included an iPod and a green MTSU parking tag (A12787.) This felony was committed between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 4.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who took a framed photograph from office G099 of the Murphy Center. This photograph, of the 2006 Women's Basketball Camp, is in a 24" by 36" aluminum frame and has a plastic cover. It was stolen sometime between 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1 and 7:30 a.m. on Monday, June 4.

If you know who committed these crimes or have any information about these crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 615-893-7867 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. All callers will remain anonymous and if your information leads to an arrest you will be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

**Where have you been all our lives?**  
(Not writing this summer, that's for sure.)

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Marymont mansion, shown above in 2004, is located off of Rucker Lane. The mansion was bought by Bob Parks Realty in 2005 and has undergone a few adjustments since, including the installation of a new roof and exterior painting.

**Classifieds**

Marketplace of MTSU

<p><b>FOR RENT</b></p> <p>2 bedroom 2 1/2 bath townhouse. Barfield Commons. All new. \$850.00 per month plus 1 month deposit. (423) 505-6602</p> <p>3 BR/3BA, 2 car garage, dishwasher, stove, refrig., microw., overlooks Indian Hills Golf Course, lawn</p>	<p><b>FOR LEASE</b></p> <p>2 bedroom apt. in Historic District of M'boro. Electric, water &amp; gas furnished, many EXTRAS. No Pets. Available July 1. \$400.00 deposit \$750.00 per month 615-895-0075 or 615-347-1676</p> <p><b>FOR SALE</b></p>	<p>3 BR, 1/2 BA house at 1803 Wren St. 1.3 miles from MTSU. Completely remodeled... ready to move in. \$115,900. Call 210-7730 or view at <a href="http://www.owners.com/dad2414">www.owners.com/dad2414</a></p> <p>Why rent when you can own? 3 BR/1BA brick &amp; vinyl home. Remodeled in 2007. 3 minute drive to</p>	<p>campus. Josh Smith, Panorama Realty. 615-715-7014 or 615-595-1020</p> <p><b>ROOMMATES</b></p> <p>Two female roommates needed! 3 bdrm/2ba house located near MTSU - off N. Rutherford Blvd. \$300/month plus 1/3 utilities. Call Mary 400-8957.</p>	<p><b>OPPORTUNITIES</b></p> <p><b>SERVICES</b></p> <p><b>SALES</b></p> <p><b>POLICIES</b></p> <p>Sidelines will be responsible only for the first incorrect insertion of any classified advertisement. No refunds will be made for partial cancellations. Sidelines reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems objectionable for any reason. Classifieds will only be accepted on a prepaid basis. Ads may be placed in the Sidelines office in Mass Comm, Rm 269. For more information, call the business office at 615-898-5111. Ads are not accepted over the phone. Ads are free for students and faculty for the first two weeks.</p>
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# FEATURES

## Professor's film takes nation by storm

### 'MTSU Mafia Productions' creates award-winning short film

By Sarah Lavery

Features Editor

There's a certain something in film that catapults it from the shaky-lensed, dimmed-lighting of student-film-dom into that professional, glossed-over, somehow "real" looking aesthetic. From a novice's eye, it's hard to pinpoint just what it is, but somehow, you know it when you see it.

"My Name is Wallace," the short film written and directed by electronic media professor Bob Pondillo, definitely has that something, and film festivals across the country and across the world have taken notice.

Since its release into the festival circuit in 2006, "Wallace" has received 18 prestigious awards, from the "Best Short" at the San Fernando Valley International Film Festival to "Best Screenplay" at the Traildance Festival in Oklahoma, even making its way to the esteemed Cannes Film Festival in France.

"Right now, I'm just astonished by it all," Pondillo says. "All I can do is just sit back, because [the film] has a life of its own."

David Lawrence, a seasoned actor and host of his own XM satellite radio show, felt so confident in Pondillo's story that he flew from his home in Los Angeles to play the title character and largely funded the film's budget.

"I expected that it would do well," he says. "I saw the finished project and thought it was so much better than everything I've done. I didn't expect Cannes, because our goal was really just to create a pedigree. We wanted to go to people in LA and say we want 'Wallace' to be a feature and a franchise."

And the film's unique story and undeniable appeal certainly screams franchise. The ambiguously mentally-challenged title character is infectiously quirky and charming, his catchphrase of "thank-you and goodbye and you're welcome" destined to become the newest pop-culture axiom.

Lawrence brings an undeniable comedic touch to Wallace, someone he says "guys are not afraid to laugh at and women want to hug," but the film is about more than laughs. Tired of his constant solitude after his mother's death, Wallace mistakenly calls a phone-sex line to find innocent companionship. The voice on the other end of the line is Tiffany, a woman so hardened by her tawdry job that it takes someone like Wallace to snap her out of it.

"Every person Wallace touches changes somehow for the better," Pondillo says. "And [film] is supposed to reconnect you with humanity. As humans, we are built to forget. And that's what [film] does, it reminds people to be human. Wallace reminds people to be human."

Though Pondillo and Lawrence are professionals, the rest of the film's crew was made up of recent MTSU grads and current students—surely not the gang you'd expect to produce a film up to par with Hollywood big leagues.

On the behind-the-scenes feature of the "Wallace" DVD, though, twins Scott and Matthew Pessoni explain their techniques with a confidence that seems more fitting for a Spielberg or a Weinstein, calling for a prime 35 mm film lens on a standard definition camera to achieve that bonified professional look.

Since graduating from MTSU in 2003, their Nashville-based company, the

Gemini Production group, has worked on commercials for Pillsbury, Firestone and even NASA. And though the product they created looks like it should be the work of an Oscar-worthy cinematographer, the two weren't in over their heads.

Along with the Pessonis, recording industry graduates David Wagner and Mark Duvall were in charge of the film's sound and recent graduate Jessica Berryman handled the key role of editor.

"This film was truly an MTSU Mafia production," Pondillo says.

Shooting the 20 minute film required two-days of intense,

heavily focused work. The Carriage Lane Inn Bed and Breakfast on East Burton Street served as Wallace's home, and aside from dodging the unpredictable Tennessee rain and unwelcome ice cream

trucks passing by, the team was able to tell Wallace's story with little interruption.

Murfreesboro doesn't really come to mind as an ideal place to shoot a film. In fact, it's about as antithesis to Hollywood as you can get. But in Murfreesboro, not only was the necessary equipment available at a fraction of the price, the people were more than receptive to the team's endeavor.

"It was so much fun to work in a place where they really wanted to be around when you made films," Lawrence says. "In L.A., [people] are so inured to it, they'll almost go out of their way to mess with you. For example, this guy was skateboarding across the street [during filming], and you could hear it during the scene. We got his attention and asked if he'd mind keeping it down, and he just said 'sure, and I'll go inside and keep the dogs quiet for you, too.'"

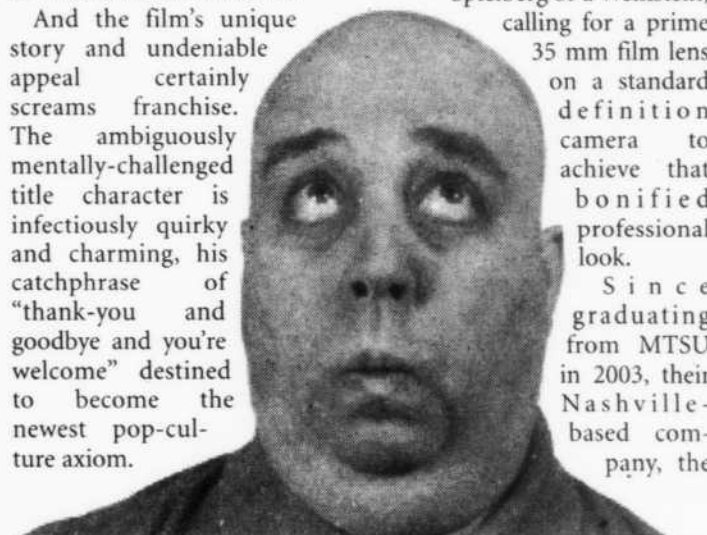
MTSU, with its many com-

mendable aspects, isn't exactly a poster-school for the film industry. The "Wallace" crew begs to differ, though, and judging by the film's success, that all might change.

Lawrence calls MTSU a "hidden gem," and if his and Pondillo's faith in its students is any indication, "Wallace" may not be the last MTSU Mafia production to see the bright lights of Hollywood.

"I'm not interested in [students] who just say, 'I like to make movies! Let's go make a movie! And then halfway through say, 'nah, this is too much work,'" Pondillo says. "I want passionate people. People that are so passionate they're completely insane. People that, if I say no, they'll say screw you and do it anyway. If I find those people, those special people, each will help each other make their films. And there would be more great films that come out of here." ♦

Photos courtesy of Bob Pondillo, Director  
Los Angeles based David Lawrence plays the title character in "My Name is Wallace," the short film written and directed by Professor Bob Pondillo. Since its release into the festival circuit this year, the film has taken home over a dozen awards from festivals across the country.



## Designers now cater to the everyman budget

### The end of high fashion or the beginning of fashion-equality?

By Nikki Jackson

Contributing Writer

Four years ago, most fashion conscious people could only dream of owning clothes from expensive designers like Behnaz Sarafpour or Luella Bartley. In 2003, that all changed when designer Isaac Mizrahi debuted his line of affordable women's sportswear for popular mass-merchandise Target. The collection was groundbreaking.

Finally, average women could get their own taste of the chic, trendy pieces that were previously reserved for the bourgeois-bracket of the American economy. Finally, high fashion was not off limits.

Fueled by the overwhelming success of the Mizrahi line, Target decided to commission other designers and created the GO: International Flights of Fashion campaign.

Most of the designers chosen for the campaign are young, trendy rising stars that appeal to young and middle-aged women. Each designer's line is sold at Target stores for one to three months in limited release. Past designers include Luella Bartley,

Tara Jarmon, Sophie Albou, Behnaz Sarafpour and Proenza Schouler.

Many other retailers have noticed Target's success and followed suit.



H&M, a favorite among budget-conscious trendsetters, has been hiring top name designers since 2004, when they commissioned Karl Lagerfeld to create an affordable line.

Shoppers lined up hours before the collection's release, causing the entire line to be sold out within two days.

Stella McCartney's subsequent collection experienced similar success. Mass marketing fashion has even become an international trend, most notably at British fashion giant Topshop.

They currently offer styles from big names such as Markus Lupfer, Christopher Kane and Preen.

While most shoppers are thrilled to buy designer names at bargain prices, critics of the trend worry that providing high fashion to the masses will destroy the sense of prestige and exclusivity that is associated with high-end brand names.

"I think it is great that the designers are trying to be more affordable. But I think that if people want designer clothing, they

should pay the price. That is part of the point of designer clothing," says MTSU senior Ashley Smith.

Some even accuse the designers who work with mass retailers of selling out. Another concern for designers is that working with low-end stores will tarnish their images. When designing for the masses, designers are forced to work with budget versions of their signature fabrics, causing the less expensive garments to be of lesser quality than their couture counterparts.

"I bought some pants from one of Target's designer lines and the fit and quality just isn't what you would find at a more expensive store," says senior journalism major Christy Meadows.

Still, many students don't mind the slight discrepancy in quality if it means getting designer clothing at prices that fit a student budget.

"I think that overall the trend of designers marketing to places like Target is for the better," says senior biology major Melody Ryan. "I like being able to afford designer pieces, even if it's not exactly the real thing."

Target's GO: International line currently features designs by California designer Patrick Robinson. Inspired by ancient Greece, the collection combines ethnic prints with modern, clean lines. The result is a fun, bohemian

mix that flatters women of all shapes and sizes. The collection, available through July 14, is incredibly affordable, with tops start at \$14.99, while pants, skirts, and dresses range from \$19.99 to \$49.00. Swimwear is offered starting at \$14.99.

The same dilemma that has forever plagued knock-off Louis Vuitton purses has found its way to

permeate the entire fashion market. If couture-esque clothing is available to everyone, what makes it couture? If consumers can get a nearly identical \$10,000 handbag for \$30, will it lose its appeal?

Judging by the continuous rush to stores carrying high-end names at low-end prices, most people don't seem to mind. ♦

#### Where to get the designer look for less

##### Target

Offers lines by: (previously) Luella Bartley, Tara Jarmon, Sophie Albou, Behnaz Sarafour, Pruenza Schouler, (currently) Isaac Mizrahi and Patrick Robinson. Cost: \$12.99 to \$39.99. Where to get it: 1851 Old Fort Pkwy. or Target.com

##### Topshop

Offers lines by: Markus Lupfer, Christopher Kane and Preen. Cost: \$40 to \$150. Where to get it: London, New York, or Topshop.com

##### H&M

Offers lines by: (previously) Karl Lagerfeld, Stella McCartney. Cost: \$12 to \$69. Where to get it: The closest is Virginia Beach, VA, most major American cities. HM.com does not have an online store.



# OPINIONS

## From the Editorial Board: Wallpaper + Bonnaroo = destruction of civilization

There is an extremely thin, crumbling line between being progressive in a culture and breaking the foundations of that culture.

Where is the line drawn between renovating a house that predates the Civil War and the risk of compromising the historical value of that estate?

Where is the line drawn between allowing mass, drug-infested chaos at Bonnaroo to generate extra cash for Tennessee and someone dying because of the bending of the rules?

The trouble of preserving tradition and progressing as a society is that they rarely go hand-in-hand seeing that the very word progression is the antithesis of the word history.

The connection between the renovated ruins of our past and the tempestuous, musical frenzy of Bonnaroo is that people get confused about the rules, the morals, the ethics and more importantly, the economics of each situation.

The problem with painting over wallpaper that was around during the Civil War is not that wallpaper is terribly important and in turn, smoking a little pot at a confined, music festival is not the end of the world, but it signifies something even more important; we are rapidly selling our history and the integrity of our laws for expedient cash.

A culture should always try to develop and still maintain its foundations, any person off the street would testify to this. However, if you then offer up one hundred dollars to this street person to change their opinion, sure enough, history and integrity would be a thing of the past.

The currency of men has changed over the years. It is no longer upholding justice or protecting honor; the currency of men is currency. Money has always been fantastic, but allowing every person in Bonnaroo to get away with doing massive amounts of recreational drugs and not giving them five to 10 in a state pen so that we can preserve our income is not only ethically controversial, it is illegal.

Butchering a historical monument no matter how ugly the wind-down treatments are for more profit is disgusting, yet it is the sound move to make, economically speaking.

When does our progression give way to our destruction? When does the soul of the legal system and the value of our history become less important than a rainy day fund?

Apparently, when the money stops.

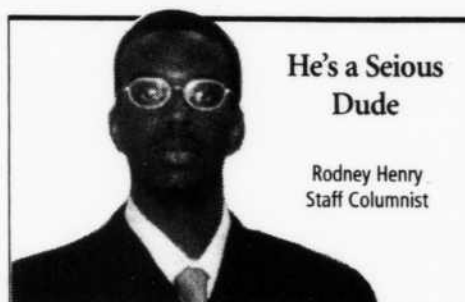
## What qualities do make a president?

The race is on, and names are now being matched with the faces of all the candidates running for presidential office in 2008. For the last eight years, President George W. Bush has led the United States, the land of the free and home of the brave, with a performance that some think is not as strong as other Republican presidents of the past or presidents in general. Ronald Reagan's name and legacy have come up many times as the American people reflect on the past eight years and now look to the candidates seeking office for the next four years.

There are always many candidates that stand off in the race knowing they really don't start a chance at winning. Some run anyway, to support their party beliefs or another candidate in some way, while others simply have nothing better to do.

Three viable candidates leading the way in the upcoming election are Senators Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois, and former governor of Massachusetts Mitt Romney. Although they are leading in many polls now in their respective parties, they still face major hurdles that some think will hold them back from the White House doors.

Of course, we will deal with ladies first. Sen. Clinton has a strong appeal to Americans today with her balanced track record and past showing that she has never been afraid to fight for what she cared about, such as a rise in the national wage. She has also been a leader in the fight for women's rights, along with protecting families. Nevertheless, the question that lingers over the ex-first lady's head is, will America



He's a Seious Dude

Rodney Henry  
Staff Columnist

elect its first female president? Is America ready to make a move forward, as other nations have already done? Iceland, Chile and Argentina, as well as several other countries, have already led the way with women leading their governments. Could Sen. Clinton go from first lady, to senator to president? Only time will tell.

Another issue that seems to be giving presidential hopeful Mitt Romney some problems is religion. Romney is a practicing Mormon. People have been frowning on this but seldom has anyone asked what a Mormon really believes. According to mormon.org, they operate in the same premise as other churches in the United States, focusing on spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you didn't know any better, you would have thought the Mormon religion didn't believe in Jesus Christ or they worshiped several gods, based on the reactions of some Americans once they hear Romney is a Mormon.

Then you have Barack Obama, the man that seems to have connected with Americans on an emotional level. Not many presidents have been able to have the kind of bond with their countrymen. John F. Kennedy may have been

the last emotionally-connected president the United States has seen. Although he has this special bond, Sen. Obama has to face America as a black man. And, while this is the view of the majority of Americans, others see Sen. Obama not a black man, but as a foreign, mixed man. Obama's father was born in Kenya while his mother was a midwestern girl born in Kansas. Fighting the majority as a common African American or proving his blackness to others, Obama has a major fight on his hands.

In the end, what matters? At the end of all the reviews of three presidential candidates and the many others that are fighting for American approval for 2008, the issues that will elect the next president are the same across the board.

Who has a plan, a plan to make the United States energy independent? Who has a plan to care for the ills of the middle class? A plan to prepare for the fall of the Social Security system as we know it, and, most important, a plan to get American troops home safely while still assuring the American people and the world that we will not allow terrorism to win the war.

This will be the person, man or woman, Christian or Mormon or African American or black man. The parts of this person don't matter if America is to save itself from itself. What matters is that this person is a leader, a person with a vision that the rest of the United States can believe in and a person with the character to make America the beauty it once was.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Better planning would benefit CUSTOMS

To the Editor:

The June 6 issue of *Sidelines* had an article taking a closer examination of the CUSTOMS experience here at MTSU. ["New students tour campus"] This program is provided to incoming freshmen to prepare for their new college adventures.

After reading the story, it is clear to me that not much has changed since attending myself as an incoming student to the area years ago. The tour around campus was brief and confusing, with those ever-lingering rumors of a student-parking garage. Events coordinated for the students, such as an evening dance and buffet, seemed to be poorly planned. Students stood around awkwardly, left early or did not show up at all. Signing up for my first classes as a freshman moving to Murfreesboro from a small town was a nightmare. Other students not much older than myself were advising me on class matters and dorm information. While I appreciated the interaction with students, the lack of guidance as far as schedules and class choices was quite surprising.

While I hoped the program had made some positive adjustments, the recent article seems to carry some of the same situations I experienced years back. The program could be quite effective for incoming students with some planned rethought into targeted activities. With MTSU growing at the current rate, it is important that newcomers to the campus feel comfortable at their new home. The current CUSTOMS program should be important enough to the university to make the needed changes. If enough awareness about the program and its benefits, as well as any downsides, is in the public eye, then the chance for it to evolve positively will occur. I hope that printing my letter in *Sidelines* will further get the word out about the CUSTOMS program. Thank you for your time.

Danielle A. Baldwin  
Senior, College of Mass Communication

### Katrina's impact still felt along Gulf coast

To the Editor:

This is in response to a recent article submitted by Sarah Lavery titled "Big Easy" still awesome after storm." [June 6] Currently, my family lives in Gulf Shores, Ala. and has suffered the wrath that Hurricane Katrina left for the residents. My father stayed through the storm to protect the house; I vividly remember my last call to him before the phone line went dead. My mother and grandmother pushed through the traffic on I-10 in search of a safe destination, and were caught in what some might say was the worst traffic jam in history. Fortunately, they found shelter just inside the Georgian border.

The impact Katrina left for the Gulf Shores residents was a final blow, for it had been just one year since Hurricane Ivan slammed into the Gulf Shores causing massive damage and beach erosion that will impact for decades to come. I have witnessed firsthand the destruction that both Ivan and Katrina left for residents to wade through, and have felt the emotions that cannot begin to be stated in this letter.

Though New Orleans was hit the hardest by Katrina, I would like to state that other coastal cities and small towns throughout the Gulf of Mexico are thriving and need just as much support as New Orleans. Our beaches in Gulf Shores are now filled with beautiful sand and our tourism is ready for thousands to partake. Sadly the Gulf Shores, just like New Orleans, is contending with the negative reports of trashed beaches, crime and low quality sanitation that have devastated local businesses and the tourism industry. Lavery is correct; you would be surprised to see what the Gulf has to offer.

Jon Van Hoff  
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### New Orleans still full of life after Katrina

To the Editor:

I loved Sarah Lavery's article, "Big Easy" still awesome after storm" in the June 6 issue of *Sidelines*. It seems that most of the coverage on New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina has been negative. People are always talking about how destroyed the city is and how so many people have lost their homes, but they fail to discuss anything positive. There hasn't been a time where I've read an article about New Orleans, since Katrina, and haven't felt horrible, until Lavery's article.

The beginning of the article paints a picture of what the outer cities truly look like. There's still a lot of work that needs to be done to rebuild the outer cities, which is expected. However, the French Quarter is "ready and waiting for tourists."

The way Lavery recapped her visit to the French Quarter is fantastic. It shows that there's still a city where the locals are full of life. They're just waiting for the city to be full of life again. Although I have never been to New Orleans, the picture painted in my mind is one of a city that's full of beautiful, friendly locals, exquisite restaurants and historic buildings.

There hasn't been enough emphasis in the media on rebuilding tourism for New Orleans. I'm glad *Sidelines* is focusing on the heart of New Orleans. You've got to start somewhere, right?

Tiffany Duquette  
Senior, College of Mass Communication

### Vain 'Sportacus' in need of reality check

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the June 6, article "Sportacus returns, but where are the sports?" J. Owen Shipley, the author of this masterpiece in mediocrity, is a self-absorbed narcissist. I am an admittedly infrequent *Sidelines* reader, but over the course of this last year I have read my fair share of "Sportacus." The usual Shipley article gives the reader a play-by-play of drivel. The beginning of each article starts off by him blathering about how he got to the game. He then reminds his "privileged" readers how good a sports reporter he is by name-dropping Ricks Insell and Stockstill. Then, he gives a minimal amount of factual sports figures before wrapping up the article with a clever little anecdotal saying.

*Sidelines* is a campus newspaper where aspiring journalists find and fine-tune their style of writing. I understand that. But when *Sidelines* published Shipley's June 6, article, I was sickened. There were no sports in the article. Why would you continue a column if there is no news in it? Just for the thrill of writing? That's what blogs are for. The first half of the article in question was spent by Shipley indirectly informing his 10 readers how drunk he got on vacation. Not only is this unprofessional, it is unbecoming. *Sidelines* represents MTSU. When you have a writer blathering about a robust vacation in a sports column, that writer gives the impression that *Sidelines* as a whole is unprofessional. Not only that, but it says to the reader "We don't care."

The self-proclaimed "Sportacus" needs a reality check. No one cares about the goings-on in his life, least of all college students. The sports section in a newspaper is a place where people go to read about sports, not the sports writer.

If Shipley wants readers to care about what goes on in his life, he needs to be more of an advice columnist. I will even help him out by giving him a little advice of my own: Write about sports, not yourself.

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# SPORTS

## Nashville Storm routs Rattlers; Sportacus preachy



### I am Sportacus

J. Owen Shipley  
Assistant Sports Editor

I consider myself to be a sports evangelist. I feel it's my job to promote the un-promoted. As a representative of a small-time sports section I've enjoyed the few opportunities I've had to cover big-time sports. Professional stadiums, steak dinners, and ESPN help to make my six-dollar a story "pay" more tolerable. Still, there is something undeniably redeeming about covering games, no matter how unimportant, where that the only motivation is a love of sport. Those are the games I live for.

If ever I needed to preach the good word about something, it would be the North American Football League. The NFL is an adult-amateur minor league football system with over 100 teams in 24 divisions. The sport offers no pay and no acclaim; just a chance to keep playing. To be honest, I expected it to be a heavier, balding version of little league football. Boy, was I wrong.

On that balmy Saturday night at Stratford High School in Nashville, I saw two teams so driven by that desire to keep play-

ing that it bordered on a religious experience.

The game was more like a gang fight in pads than a subdued athletic exhibition. In a small, barb-wire ringed stadium that couldn't have seated more than a few hundred people, I saw real, unfiltered sports.

Players on the Nashville Storm are between 18-42 years of age and possess levels of skill ranging from kids just out of high school to Arena Football caliber, life-long athletes. Many were once big-time college stars but the field they played on looked more like a set for "The Longest Yard" than a site for a pro team of any caliber.

The game I had come to observe was a grudge match between the Storm and a team that had left the NFL for the fledgling United South Football League. The Rattlers, formerly the Mustangs, had long been rivals of the Nashville Storm and both teams were eager to renew the rivalry in this pre-season exhibition.

I was mesmerized by the carnival-like atmosphere that the

NAFL brought to the Stratford stadium. A large man with a six foot snake around his shoulders was being harassed by a kid who looked like a mix between Huck Finn and Opie Taylor. The play-by-play announcer nearly got into a fight with the guy hired to run the scoreboard (the "cantankerous old fool" who nearly got "knocked out" by the announcer left before the game and, as a result, the scoreboard out of commission).

Most interestingly, the crowd of maybe 130 was entertained by not one but two cheerleading squads. One squad, a group of scantily clad women in their mid-twenties, provided the sex appeal while the other, a group of 8-year-old girls straight out of a Pop-Warner game, provided the... OK, I actually have no idea what they were doing there.

The atmosphere itself would have made for an entertaining article but the game proved to be even more exciting.

First of all, the hits are definitely real. Those "amateurs" seemed to hit harder than professionals. They run faster, dive more often and put their health on the line simply because they enjoy doing it. They know this is their last chance to be kids.

The Storm, who came within one game of winning the League Championship last year after an eight game single-elimination play off, controlled the game from the opening kick until the

final play.

Racking up 27 points in the first half with a combination of defensive, offensive, and special teams dominance, the game quickly stopped being about the score. Each play was a new opportunity for the two teams to fight out their differences.

The Rattlers played very hard but they definitely talked harder. I have never before seen so much trash talking. It was maybe the best part of the experience.

Being so close to the field you hear every single taunt and reply. Anyone within earshot can tell how much these guys care about every down. One player actually trash talked a coach from the Storm. The coach responded by pretty much challenging the guy to a fight after the play ended.

I had no idea what would happen next and that was the real catch. I was hooked by the unpredictability of the game, the fist-fight nature of the play and the bizarre atmosphere in the stands. I could write for days about all I saw but I'm already well over my allotted space, so I will simply recommend you check out this phenomena for yourself. More information, including schedule and ticket information, on the Nashville Storm can be found at [NashvilleStorm.com](http://NashvilleStorm.com).

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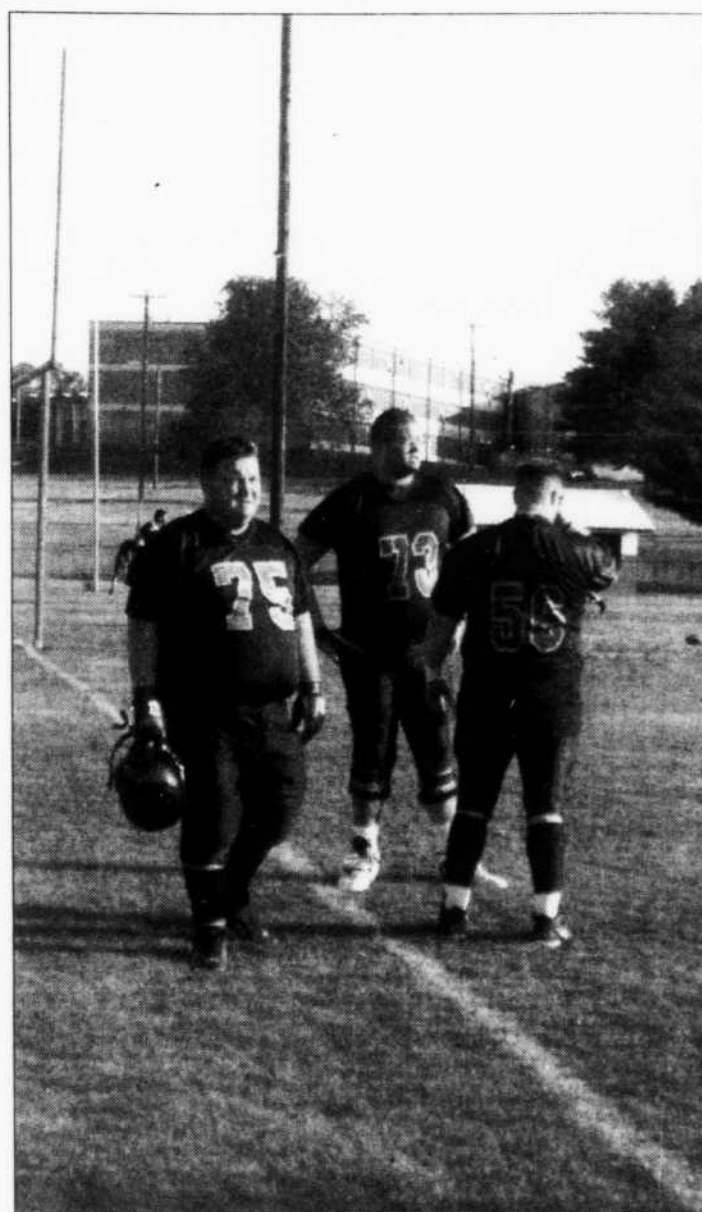


Photo by J. Owen Shipley | Assistant Sports Editor  
Players on the Nashville Storm semi-pro team take a break from practice before the game on Saturday. The Storm defeated the Rattlers at Stratton Stadium.

## Khadija J. Head hired as women's basketball's new assistant coach

By J. Owen Shipley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Khadija J. Head, former Director of Basketball Operations at Arkansas, was announced to be the newest addition to Rick Insell's Lady Raiders coaching staff on Monday.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," Head said. "Middle Tennessee has a great winning tradition and it's an opportunity for me to advance my skill level as a coach." She also said the chance to be mentored by a Hall of Fame coach, and being closer to her home of Atlanta was a part of her decision.

Head spent the last two years in Fayetteville, Arkansas helping to recruit two of the best recruiting classes in Razorback history. A former player out of Murray state, Head is known as a coach as recruiter.

"She's very knowledgeable of the women's game," said MT head coach Rick Insell after the announcement. "She's an ex-player... and she's been around [and done a lot] and I think she's going to be a superstar, a lot like [MT assistant coach] Allison Clark."

The firing of Razorbacks' head coach Stan Heath after two years of disappointing post-season play may have lead to recruit Morgan Boyd to change

her mind about playing in Fayetteville but Insell insisted that the coaching changes had nothing to do with the hiring of the new assistant coach.

"We'd already unofficially spoke to her at the Final Four [before the changes took place]... then she came down and was even more impressive," Insell said.

Insell's immediate answer as to what her specialty would be was "Recruiting". He then added like his other assistants she would be involved in all aspects of the program. "I don't put them in a hole, or a slot. They are all involved in everything from recruiting to on-the-floor coaching."

"We're very fortunate to have her," Insell said. "It's not often a coach of her caliber... with her contacts comes across our radar screen. We're always trying to sell our program and [she] is exactly what we're looking for."

As player, Head led Atlanta's Woodward Academy to a pair of Georgia state titles and a 108-11 record over her four seasons.

She went on to play for four years at Murray State University. She started every game of her senior year at MSU and was their fourth leading scorer.

Head graduated cum laude with a bachelor's in



Photo by Arkansas Media Relations  
Khadija J. Head is the new Assistant Coach for the Lady Raiders.

Organizational Communication. She was named to the MSU Dean's List three times and earned a Black Coaches Association Postgraduate Scholarship and an NCAA Ethnic Minority Enhancement Postgraduate Scholarship for Careers in Athletics.

Head completed her master's degree at Slippery Rock

University in 2004. She then served as a marketing and tournament intern for the Georgia State Soccer Association.

In 2005, Head worked for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association conducting and organizing tournaments like the 2005 WBCA All-American Game, before being hired by the Razorbacks later that year. ♦

## Sports Briefs

### Former baseball player called up

Brett Carroll was called up from Triple-A Albuquerque, for his Major League debut as the Marlins' starting center fielder. Carroll's name was on the lineup card for Florida's series finale with the Royals on Sunday, going 0-for-3 with a strikeout in the interleague series finale at Kauffman Stadium.

A 10th-round pick in the 2004 First-Year Player Draft, Carroll has played in Spring Training games for the Marlins. Now, he is getting his big-league break, and the Knoxville, Tenn., native soon will have plenty of family support on hand to watch him play.

Regarded as having the strongest throwing arm of any prospect in the Minor League system, Carroll primarily has played right field, but he gives the option to also play center and left.

Carroll, who combined to bat .288 with nine homers and 40 RBIs for Double-A Carolina and Albuquerque. Carroll comes from a diverse family.

His younger brother, Chase, is a golfer at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tenn. Established in 1794, Tusculum is the oldest college in Tennessee. This weekend, Carroll's mother is in Birmingham, Ala., watching Chase compete in a tournament.

His older brother, Brandon, works in the movie business and lives Los Angeles. He's been involved in films that have featured Tom Hanks and George Clooney.

When the Marlins take on the White Sox in Chicago beginning Monday, Carroll hopes to have his family at the game. Laura, stepfather Chuck, and Chase are committed to being there. If Brandon can arrange travel plans, he also could be in attendance.

Middle Tennessee second baseman Wayne Kendrick has signed a free agent contract with the Cincinnati Reds after reporting to the organization's Spring Training headquarters in Sarasota, Fla.

Kendrick made the 12-hour drive from Murfreesboro to Sarasota on Tuesday before signing his contract on Wednesday. He will take a physical on Thursday and join the Reds' Gulf Coast League team in Sarasota.

Kendrick led the Blue Raiders in five offensive categories in 2007, batting .405 with 62 runs scored, 22 doubles, three triples and 100 hits. He was also second on the squad with 29 walks and 45 RBIs and struck out just 14 times in 247 at-bats.

He set the single-season hits record at MT, becoming the first player in program history to reach the century mark, while his batting average is tied for fifth for a single-season and his doubles total ranks third all-time for one season.

Kendrick's teammate, Matt Ray, was selected in the 18th round of the Major League Baseball First Year Amateur Draft by the Oakland A's, while Blue Raider signee Bryce Brentz was selected in the 30th round by the Cleveland Indians.

Kendrick was voted to the All-South Central Region Second Team by the American Baseball Coaches Association this week, as announced by the ABCA prior to the College World Series.

The American Baseball Coaches Association announced a First Team and Second Team for eight regions around the country each year. All players on the First Team are eligible for the ABCA All-America squads voted on by the eight region chairs the day before the College World Series.

Michael McKenry was a First Team All-America selection in 2006 and Todd Martin was a Third Team honoree in 2005.

### Givens named for award

Former Middle Tennessee All-American Chrissy Givens was named an Arthur Ashe, Jr., Sports Scholar Award recipient for 2007, as announced in the magazine Diverse Issues in Higher Education.

Givens was a First Team selection for women's basketball by the magazine, joining 14 others on the First Team and 81 total women's basketball players honored. The award is given for excellence in the classroom and in athletics.

Givens averaged 22.6 points per game as well as 6.2 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 3.0 steals in 2006-07. She ranked fourth nationally in scoring, 15th in steals, 61st in

## Lacrosse team seeking new members for fall season

By Clarence Plank  
Sports Editor

The teams stare each other down as they drive down the field while trying to avoid defenders. It is one hard hit after another as the attackers break for the goal at the other end of the field. The other team throws themselves into the players just to get the ball away from them.

The Blue Raiders take their time passing the ball around trying to move the ball down the field. With a flick of the wrist and the accuracy of a marksman, the Blue Raiders Lacrosse team score their first goal in the game.

The Lacrosse Club has been in existence for five years and has been working hard with other teams to someday form a lacrosse league.

Lacrosse is a hybrid sport of hockey, soccer and football. It is played on a field that is 110-yards long and 60 yards wide.

The players wear gloves, shorts and a helmet, along with a stick that has a net in the shape of a cup. They fling the ball into a net that is six feet wide and six feet high to score points.

The game has grown in popularity so much so that Maryland has made it their state sport. Along with University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and MT have been working to get a Tennessee Lacrosse League formed sometime in the near future. They face mostly regional known teams during the spring and fall semesters at MTSU.

Sean Lawrenz, president of the Lacrosse Club, got involved with lacrosse during the off-season for football. Lawrenz joined the club in the spring of 2006 and has been playing since.

"I started playing lacrosse in my sophomore year of high school," Lawrenz said. "I originally started to play because I wanted to do something during the off-season. Then lacrosse turned into my number one sport."

The lacrosse team had a few exciting games last spring when they faced off

against a strong WKU. They took the Hilltoppers to the final minutes of the game before scoring a last second goal.

"That was pretty exciting because most of the games that we played at that point were usually won pretty handily," Lawrenz said.

Like some of the sports clubs on campus, they are short handed when it comes to members. They have 17 members, but they are currently recruiting new members for the fall season during customs.

A lacrosse team is composed of three mid-fielders, three attackmen, three defensemen and one goalkeeper. There are normally people to substitute for players, but that was not the case against University of Alabama-Birmingham. The Club lost the game because they only had 13 players to play against them.

If someone is interested in joining the club they should contact Sean Lawrenz at [Seanlaw27@yahoo.com](mailto:Seanlaw27@yahoo.com). Anyone can join; experience is preferred, but not necessary and the cost is \$30 a semester. ♦



## Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year signs with MT

By J. Owen Shipley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee women's coach Rick Insell announced last week that Kansas Gatorade player of the year Morgan Boyd had signed scholarship papers for the 2007-8 season. Boyd had signed a letter of intent with Arkansas but was released from her commitment when new coach Tom Colville took over in April.

"We've been very fortunate in the last couple of years that we were able to get Morgan Boyd," Insell said after the announcement. "We're really excited, she has the whole package. She can really run the floor and she's a great athlete. More than that, she has a great basketball IQ. She is a very intelligent player."

Boyd, who played for Olathe East High School in Olathe, Kan., was a highly coveted player for many teams. The 6-foot-1 guard averaged 21.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.9 steals, 2.3 assist and two blocks per game in 21 games last year. As a senior, Boyd led the Sunflower league in scoring and rebounding. Her play during her junior year led her to be voted defensive player of the year by the Kansas City Star.

Boyd has said that MT felt like a "home away from home" to her. "I loved the school, and I knew it was where I wanted to go," she said. "I like the direction the program is going and I like Coach Insell's vision."

"You know," Insell said, "she was the Gatorade player of the year in Kansas. She's a long-range shooter but she can go off the dribble... and she's a great defensive player. Not only that

she's from a great family. It's a win-win situation for her and for us"

When asked how soon Boyd may get playing team Insell said, "you never know who is gonna start. Nearly every year I've been a coach I've had surprises from these young people... they come back after being in the weight room, and conditioning and you get them in a game situation and it's like a different player."

The signing of Boyd was made possible by Insell's practice of keeping one roster spot open in case a transfer or signee makes up their mind later in the off-season than usual.

Last year that open spot allowed Insell to sign then-junior Amber Holt who immediately became a major contributor for the Lady Raiders and was recently announced to be a finalist for the USA Basketball Pan American Games Team.

Holt transferred to the bigger MT program based on her performances at Southern Illinois. Boyd, who was committed to play for the Arkansas Razorbacks changed her mind after the announcement of a head coaching change.

Insell didn't want to speculate as to why Boyd changed her mind, saying "I don't really know, I never asked her." He simply explained that "when they changed coaching staffs... they released her from her letter of intent. At that point we got involved in recruiting her... and she signed a scholarship, not a letter of intent."

Insell also said that Boyd "will be eligible to play this year for us." ♦

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She ranked fourth nationally in scoring, 15th in steals, 61st in field goal percentage (.511) and 65th in assists.

The Monroe, La., native set the single-season record (768 points) at Middle Tennessee this season and finished first in the single-season record books in field goals made (301), field goal attempts (589) and double-figure scoring games (34). She was also third in steals (102) and third in assists (154) for a single season.

Givens was voted the Sun Belt Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year and Sun Belt Tournament Most Outstanding Player for the second straight season.

She set the SBC Tournament scoring record with 85 points in Middle Tennessee's three victories.

In May she was named the Sun Belt Female Student-Athlete of the Year, becoming the third Blue Raider named Sun Belt Student-Athlete of the Year since Middle Tennessee joined the league seven years ago. Devon Brazelton (2001) and Mardy Scales (2004) both garnered the honor during their final seasons at Middle Tennessee.

Givens was named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American of the Year by the College Sports Information Directors of America. Givens was also voted Second Team All-American by the Associated Press and to the United States Basketball Writers Association All-America team, became the program's first All-American.

The Ouachita High School product finished her Blue Raider

career fifth in scoring (1,925), ninth in rebounding (693) and third in both assists (436) and steals (290). Givens was selected 31st overall in the WNBA Draft by the Phoenix Mercury, becoming the first-ever Middle Tennessee player taken in the professional draft.

Middle Tennessee set a school record for victories in 2006-07, posting a 30-4 overall mark and winning 27 consecutive games from November 29 to March 17, at the time the nation's longest streak and 12 games better than the previous best winning streak at Middle Tennessee.

### Player added to Outland List

The first Rick Stockstill Ladies Football Clinic will take place on Saturday, July 14 at the Murphy Center on campus. The event will get underway at 8:00 AM and will conclude with a tour of the facilities at 1:30 PM.

The clinic will begin with a highlight video and a welcome from Coach Stockstill before being turned over to the offensive coaches to teach the positions of offensive line, wide receivers, running backs, and quarterback.

Strength coach Russell Patterson will also teach a session on strength and conditioning before concluding the morning session with a Q & A with the coaches' wives and children.

Following lunch in the stadium pressbox, the defensive coaches will go over the defensive line, linebackers, and safeties. There will also be a session on equipment.

The clinic will conclude with a

tour of the Sports Medicine Department, the weight room, locker room, and stadium.

For more information, please contact Danny Lewis at 615-898-2311. Tickets are \$25 per person.

The Football Writers Association of America has announced the 2007 Outland Trophy Watch List and Middle Tennessee's Franklin Dunbar is among the nominees. A total of 41 standout linemen from across the country are being considered for this prestigious award.

Dunbar joins Louisiana-Monroe's Kyle Cunningham as the only representatives from the Sun Belt Conference.

The Waycross, Ga., native was a second team all-conference selection in 2006 as a sophomore and already appears on numerous preseason lists as a first team pick for 2007. Dunbar, who has started 18 consecutive games, tallied 62 knockdowns in 2006 to go along with a cumulative grade of 76.3 percent and was the only Blue Raider lineman to start all 13 games.

The Outland Trophy has been awarded to the best interior lineman in college football since 1946. The winner is selected by the FWA's All-America Committee, which selects the association's 25-man All-America team and picks the three Outland Trophy finalists and winner.

The 2007 Outland Trophy announcement will be on Dec. 6 in Orlando, Fla., on the ESPN Home Depot College Football Awards Show.

Additional candidates may be added during the course of the season. Tackles, guards and centers are eligible for consideration.

### Soccer faces tough schedule

MT soccer coach Aston Rhoden does not mind challenges and he seems to enjoy seeing how his players respond when they are put to the test.

Given that, Rhoden should get his way when the Blue Raiders begin the 2007 soccer season seeking an unprecedented fifth straight winning season.

The 2007 schedule includes non-conference games against teams from the Southeastern Conference, Conference USA, the Big 12, and the Big West, among others. In addition to eight non-conference games, the Blue Raiders will play an 11-game Sun Belt Conference schedule.

Headlining the non-conference portion of the schedule is home games against Mississippi State and Tulsa in the Middle Tennessee Classic during the weekend of Sept. 7. SBC member Western Kentucky will complete the four-team field.

MT will also play in the Oklahoma Soccer Classic in Norman, Okla., during the weekend of Sept. 21. The Blue Raiders will face Long Beach State and Oklahoma in this event. Also on tap are dates against Alabama and Alabama A&M, as well as contests with in-state rivals East Tennessee State and Belmont.

The Blue Raiders open Sun Belt Conference play at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International, and they also have home conference games against UALR, Arkansas State, Denver, and North Texas. Middle Tennessee begins the 2007 season at home in an exhibition contest against UAB, Aug. 25. ♦

### FALL/SPRING 2007-08 INTRAMURALS SPORTS CALENDER

FALL 2007	Entries Due	Play Begins
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	9 / 5 / 07	9 / 10 / 07
Golf Tournament (4 man)	9 / 5 / 07	9 / 7 / 07
Sand Volleyball	9 / 12 / 07	9 / 17 / 07
Soccer	9 / 11 / 07	9 / 17 / 07
Flag Football	9 / 25 / 07	10 / 1 / 07
Indoor Volleyball	10 / 9 / 07	10 / 17 / 07
Racquetball League	10 / 17 / 07	10 / 22 / 07
TIRSA Shootout	10 / 26 / 07	11 / 2-4 / 07
Table Tennis	10 / 31 / 07	11 / 5 / 07
Dodgeball Tournament	11 / 6 / 07	11 / 12 / 07
3-on-3 Basketball	11 / 20 / 07	11 / 26 / 07
SPRING 2008	Entries Due	Play Begins
Indoor Soccer League	1 / 23 / 08	1 / 28 / 08
5-on-5 Basketball	1 / 30 / 08	2 / 4 / 08
Dodgeball League	2 / 13 / 08	2 / 18 / 08
Racquetball	2 / 18 / 08	2 / 18 / 08
NIRSA Regional Basketball*	3 / 7 / 08	3 / 14-18 / 08
Softball League	3 / 12 / 08	3 / 17 / 08
Arena Football	3 / 19 / 08	3 / 24 / 08
Golf (2 man scramble)	3 / 26 / 08	3 / 31 / 08
Sand Volleyball Tournament	4 / 2 / 08	4 / 7 / 08
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	4 / 9 / 08	4 / 16 / 08

For more information contact David Tippet at 898-2104

### Sports and Clubs Contact Information:

Baseball: Jared Young 424-8140  
Fencing: Colin Kappel 896-9112  
Football: Matthew Johns 218-0660  
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Lacrosse: Sean Lawrenz seanlaw27@yahoo  
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Men's Rugby: John Ferraro 402-301-9167  
Skydiving: Bailey Ryan 901-496-7926  
Women's Soccer: Megan Allender 653-5442  
Men's Soccer: Matt Richmond 482-4018  
Tennis: Jeremy Clothier 974-0194  
Men's Volleyball: Henry Farkas 814-573-2797  
Women's Volleyball: wvolley@mtsu.edu  
Wheelchair sports: Kevin Green 314-303-1281  
Wrestling: David Cooper 406-8061

Boxing and Racquetball Clubs do not have contact information at this time. If you know anyone that is a member of these clubs please inform them that the *Sidelines* wants to do a profile on their club this summer.

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Be Proud  
  
Go, Blue  
Raiders, Go!

Saturday, June 30th @ 10:01  
MTSU AREA REAL ESTATE

**AUCTION**

Investment - Commercial - Medical - Residential  
2 Properties - 434 436 E. Burton Street  
Downtown Murfreesboro

**Triplex House Zoned  
Commercial Medical Residential**

adjoining lots • close to hospital MTSU • both properties remodeled and clean

**436 E. Burton Street  
Remodeled Triplex**  
This triplex offers 2 units down and one unit upstairs. New roof, siding, CHA, new plumbing and wiring. A great find...  
Unit 1: Downstairs: Incredibly efficient unit with den, kitchen with new flooring, tile countertop and new cabinets, 1 BR with full BA completely remodeled, separate laundry closet with stackable w/d unit. Hardwood floors and great period style accents.  
Unit 2: Downstairs: This unit has a den, large kitchen with new flooring, stove, refrigerator, and tons of new cabinets, 1 BR with full BA, hardwood floors and w/d connections.  
Unit 3: Upstairs: This unit is spacious and open with large kitchen, stove, refrigerator, w/d, den, 1 BR with full BA.

**434 E. Burton Street  
3 BR - 2 1/2 BA Completely  
Remodeled**  
This property would make a perfect home, office or investment property. It consists of a large living rm. or reception area, 3 large bedrooms or offices with tile baths, beautiful eat in kitchen with tile flooring, new cabinetry, laundry, dishwasher, refrigerator, separate laundry area with tile flooring and stacked washer/dryer. This property has been beautifully remodeled with raised ceilings, CHA, new fixtures, new windows, roof and siding, all new plumbing, all new electrical. Nice lot with large mature trees and spacious deck this property is a true must see.

Directions: From Clark Blvd. take Highland Ave. to right on Burton across from hospital properties on left.

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The Blue Raiders open Sun Belt Conference play at home against Florida Atlantic and Florida International, and they also have home conference games against UALR, Arkansas State, Denver and North Texas. Middle Tennessee begins the 2007 season at home in an exhibition contest against UAB Aug. 25. ♦

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