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## Nimda virus worms its way through campus



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Lougan Bishop, an assistant in the Lyon Complex lab said he has experienced some trouble with the network, which could be due to a virus.

By Angelica Journagin  
Staff Writer

Every day 10 to 15 computers on campus are infected with some kind of virus, said Jerry Gentry, associate director of the Office of Information Technology.

Gentry said those computers are infected by close to a dozen viruses that are currently circulating on campus.

"[MTSU is] as susceptible as the rest of the world," Gentry said.

A recent addition to the viruses infecting MTSU computers is the W32/Nimda worm.

"This is a real nasty thing,"

said Neal McClain, lab director and systems administrator for the computer science department at MTSU. He has had five attempted attacks made on his system by the worm recently.

According to McClain, the thing that makes the Nimda worm unique is that it spreads in more ways and has more detrimental effects than most computer viruses.

One way the worm spreads is through e-mail. The subject line on the message could say anything, but the mail message is usually empty. When a computer user clicks on the attachment with the message, the worm is released into the system. Then Nimda begins to look through

that computer's address book to find other computers to send itself to.

However, the serious problem is the worm's ability to transfer itself through the Microsoft IIS Web server. When the worm finds a computer, it looks for back doors left by the Code Red II worm that began circulating a couple of months ago.

When the worm finds a back door, it begins to spread to the Web sites on that server. If this happens, it is possible for the virus to be spread to anyone who clicks on an infected icon.

Once the worm is in place, an outside party has access to anything on that computer,

warns the CERT Coordination Center, a federally funded research institute operated by Carnegie Mellon University.

Fighting virus infection on MTSU has been taxing the resources at OIT, Gentry said. While none of the servers at MTSU have been infected, several personal computers and laptops have had to be cleaned.

"If people would keep their anti-virus software up to date that would help us a whole lot," Gentry said. He recommends faculty and staff on campus to call the OIT help desk at 898-5345 if their computers could be Faculty and staff members

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## Professor to dig for global answers

By Lisa Thomason  
Staff Writer

Global warming, deforestation and the greenhouse effect are environmental problems that fit into the fall 2001 Honors Lecture Series theme, "Urgent Issues! Red Light!"

The fifth presentation in the series will argue that environmental issues such as these, which have arisen due to the development and industrialization of societies, are nothing new to humankind.

The lecture will be presented by Kevin Smith, associate professor in the sociology and anthropology department, and is titled "Civilization's Impact on the Environment: Lessons from the Ancient Past."

Smith, who earned his doctorate in 1994 from Vanderbilt University, is also the Anthropology Program director.

He operates a Web site called "Kevin Smith's Anthropology Corner" which provides information on local archaeological studies and anthropological organizations and also gives links to sociological references such as the Tennessee Archaeology Net and the Anthropology Society at MTSU.

The Web site can be accessed at [www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith](http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith).

Smith could not be reached for comment.

The Honors Lecture Series meets on Mondays from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. All lectures are free and open to the public. ♦

## WRECK THE HALLS PART III OF III

### QUICK Q&A

**Q: Why can't they just knock down the dorms and use the space for parking?**

**A:** Both dorms still have some asbestos in the concrete. Demolition would expose workers to asbestos fibers in the air, which can lead to lung damage. Specialized removal is required by federal law. This is estimated to cost millions.

**Q: Why doesn't the university use money to fix the dorms instead of building the new courtyard?**

**A:** Funding for university buildings is mandated by state law. State tax dollars can only fund "essential" buildings — like libraries and classrooms — not dorms or recreation centers. The courtyard funding was state money left over from construction of Walker Library and must be used for projects directly relating to the library, such as new books, research materials or a courtyard.

**Q: How much is still owed on the dorms?**

**A:** About \$1.2 million.

**Q: Am I paying for it?**

**A:** Only housing students pay for dorm rent, maintenance and construction, as mandated by state law.

— Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum

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Staff Writer

Like two ghost ships standing in shady waters, Ezell and Abernathy halls haunt the MTSU campus.

In March of 1999, students living in Ezell and Abernathy were evacuated for fear that concrete chunks that had been falling from the ceilings throughout the dorms for more than 10 years would injure a student.

Two years after abandoning ship, no decision as to the future of these dorms is in sight, thus housing students' rent continues to pay for the derelict dorms.

The options are many, but none leaves a clear road out. Officials don't want to use them for housing because the cost of fixing the halls would inflate students' rent enormously.

State funds aren't available to rehabilitate the buildings and transform them into general offices. Because of lurking asbestos, the cost of demolition is millions more than what is still owed. Therefore, the future of the halls remains undecided.

"We're not dragging our feet," said Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. "But there are some defined steps we have to take. It is time consuming and we are moving forward as best as we can."

"I don't see anything happening within the near future," said Duane Stucky, vice president for Finance and Administration. State funding would kick in if administrators would shift the buildings from housing to general offices — which make the buildings academic and state-funded, but even if the decision were made to go forth, the money simply isn't there.

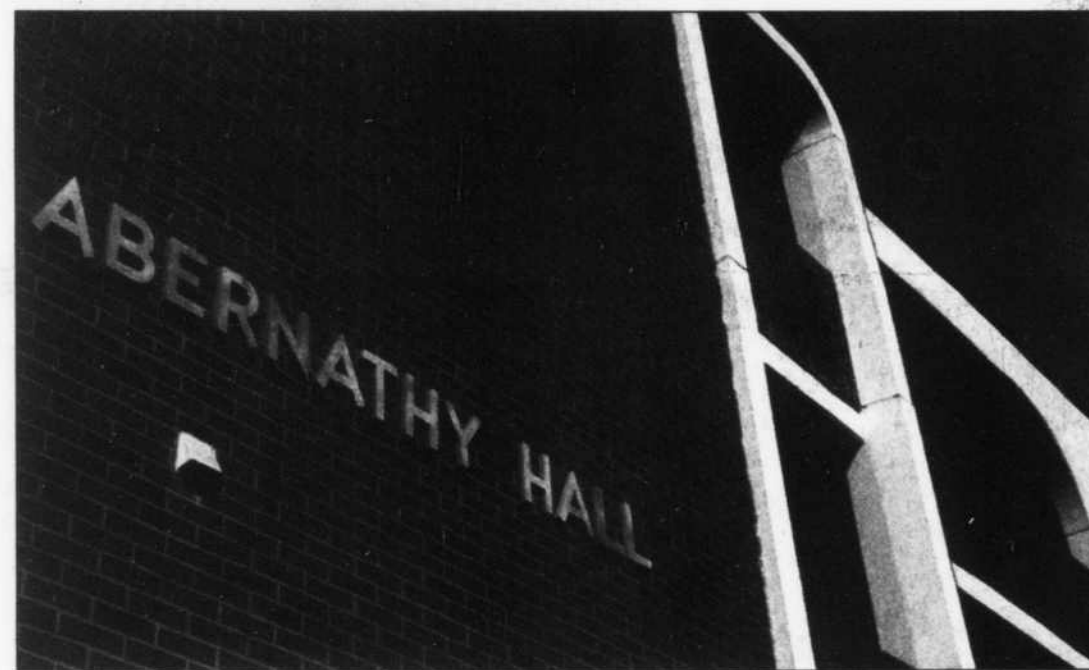


Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Abernathy Hall sits empty while administrators consider what to do with the abandoned dormitory.

Ezell and Abernathy halls were deemed unsafe and students were evacuated in 1999. Two years later, the administration is no closer to deciding what to do with the damaged edifices. Here's why.

"It's a bad situation," Glenn said. "You are going to lose some investment, and the question is: What's the least loss you can manage?"

"It's not a great situation from any point of view because we're not able to use the buildings and we are going to have to pay the note on it," said Deb Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life.

State university dormitories are paid for via a state bond issue, which functions like a mortgage with a low interest rate. Most bond issues span over a 20- or 30-year period. The bond issue for Ezell and Abernathy is unique — it spans 40 years. Meaning, though the buildings are not housing any

students, housing students' rent must continue to pay for the dorms.

And that note won't be paid off until 2011 — about 12 years after both buildings were abandoned.

"Because of the way bonds are amortized, the payoff gets accelerated toward the end," said Mike Gower, associate vice president for Finance and Administration.

Basically, the amount of money applied to the principle increases over time, and the amount of money applied to the interest decreases over time. Meaning, the interest gets paid first.

As a result, half of the payment for Ezell and Abernathy

took 30 years and the other half must be paid off in the remaining years, regardless of the status of the dorms.

"It's all in the way the bond issues are set up in Tennessee," Gower explained.

Administrators have considered renovating the dorms, but it would cost so much that it isn't considered a realistic option.

"Here's what we are up against and here's what makes it difficult," Sells explained.

"I could go in and pick any one of these buildings and take it off line for a year and bring it back into a condition that would be as nice as any living

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## Waste pickup collects hazardous materials

By Erin Edgemon  
Staff Writer

A hazardous waste pickup by Students for Environmental Action last week collected two and a half barrels of waste while raising consciousness on the MTSU campus.

"Some products we throw away are harmful to the environment," said Melissa Shelby, SEA president. "The purpose of the pickup is to elevate the

awareness that these things should not go into the landfill."

Household hazardous waste is anything that may be a danger to health or is harmful to the environment, explained James Tardy, SEA vice president.

Some of the hazardous waste collected by SEA included paint cans, batteries and alcohol-based products such as nail polish remover, turpentine and kerosene. Other hazardous waste materials include perm

lotions, prescription medicine, herbicides, hair spray and insecticides.

Shelby said a concern of SEA is the lack of knowledge and information about hazardous waste: Most people do not realize that some products may be hazardous to the environment and should not be thrown out like regular trash.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site, "Some chem-

icals when released into the environment cause water, soil or air pollution and may be toxic to people or animals."

Improper disposal may cause water pollution and the killing of wildlife.

It is very important, according to the EPA, to read the labels of products to find out if they are hazardous and how they should be disposed of.

Because there is no hazardous waste collection pro-

gram for campus residents, individuals are responsible for disposing of their own hazardous waste.

SEA hopes to create a storage area on campus to address this.

Shelby said an on-campus program is necessary because Browning Ferris Industries, Murfreesboro's contracted waste-management company, has hazardous waste pickups only twice a year.

When BFI receives the haz-

ardous waste, they recycle what they are able to, and the rest is treated and put into the landfill.

MTSU has its own waste-pickup contract with MKC Enterprises of Atlanta, said Terry Logan, MTSU's safety officer.

Each university department is responsible for storing its hazardous waste until the end of each semester, when MKC picks the materials up.

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## Virus:

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can also e-mail OIT for available anti-virus software at software@mtsu.edu.

If students think their computers are infected, there are several sites on the Internet that offer free downloads that clean computer systems. One such site is www.symantec.com, which offers several free downloads to clean computers.

"You have to fight bad software with good software," McClain said. The best thing for anyone to do is to invest in some anti-virus protection software, he said. The software will keep known viruses from being able to infect the computer.

"Once a virus gets started," McClain said, "if you don't put something in you will run the risk of getting infected again and again." ♦

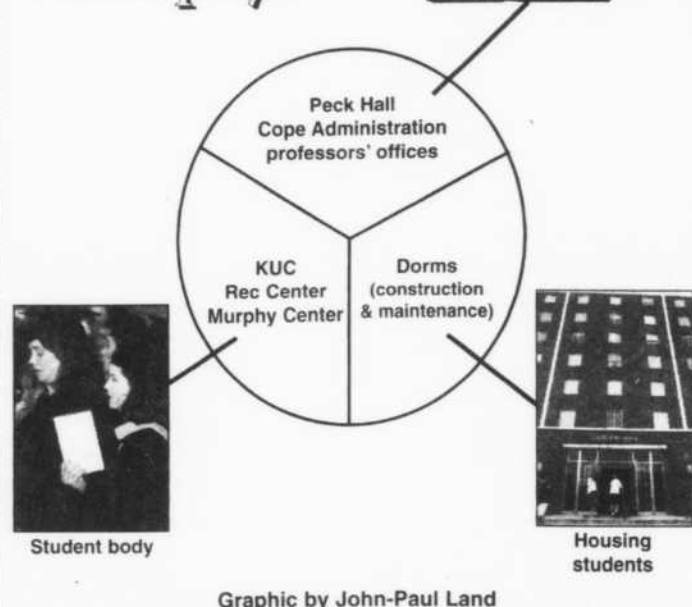
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For the campus pickup, SEA worked in conjunction with the recycling program run by biology professor Patrick Doyle. Doyle provided plastic bins to store the hazardous waste.

SEA took the waste collected on campus to the citywide BFI pickup held Saturday at Old Fort Park. ♦

## Who pays?



## The making of 'Wreck the Halls'

- The reporter analyzed about 2,000 pages of university documentation of the Ezell and Abernathy situation. The Tennessee state public record law allows any citizen of the state to view documents pertaining to state offices and operations, including universities.
- The reporter also interviewed numerous current and past officials who corroborate documentation. Where sources differed in explaining past situations, both explanations were included for the reader to consider.

## Halls: Glenn: 'We're not dragging our feet'

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environment in the nation. The only way we can pay for it would be by raising the rates for the students to live there.

"I am constantly walking the tightrope between keeping the rates as low as possible for students so that they can afford to live there and keeping the buildings in as good shape as possible."

Adding to the problem is what Sells calls "a philosophical approach" taken by the administration in the 1980s under President Sam Ingram.

During the 1980s, the administration decided to keep housing costs as low as possible.

"There was one year where rates actually backed off," Sells said.

In the 1980s, dorm maintenance took a seat on the back burner.

"Now we have to invest significant amounts of money and play catch-up," Sells said.

According to Sells, MTSU is not the only university facing deteriorating dorms. In the 1960s, there was a nationwide dormitory building boom. The federal government extended finances to help state schools

build new dorms. Ezell and Abernathy halls were constructed with partial help from the Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of this trend.

"It was the era of the big 15 and 20 story high rise buildings where you smack a thousand students in the smallest footprint of land," Sells said.

"They are all kind of grinding to a halt."

The history of how state universities began is also a compounding factor.

When state universities were first conceived, almost every state developed legislation to tax the people to pay for items essential to higher education.

"Bookstores are not considered essential; housing is not typically considered essential," Sells said.

"Students could live at home or go to a school closer to them. That's just the way it's done."

This means no state tax dollars can be spent on housing. The burden of maintenance, rent and new buildings must remain on the backs of those students living in the dormitories.

Nashville attorney Michael J. Mills, who specializes in con-

struction law, was shocked after hearing the details surrounding the status of Ezell and Abernathy.

"It's the state's own big, foolish mistake," Mills said. "The Board of Regents needs to clean up things like this. It's a left over mess that no one wants to sweep up."

Architects working with MTSU did come up with a plan to fix the two buildings - they proposed bolting wire mesh to the ceilings and covering the mesh with plaster, so when the concrete did fall it would be caught. This idea never left the drawing board because of high initial cost and upkeep.

Some administrators would prefer to knock the buildings down, but because of asbestos still present, removal cost and demolition would exceed the amount still owed on the defunct dorms by millions.

When asked if he thought this was reasonable - in essence to charge the students for chronic poor decision-making of the MTSU administration for more than 30 years, David Hays, associate vice president for Student Affairs responded, "In an ideal world, no. But we're not living in an ideal world." ♦

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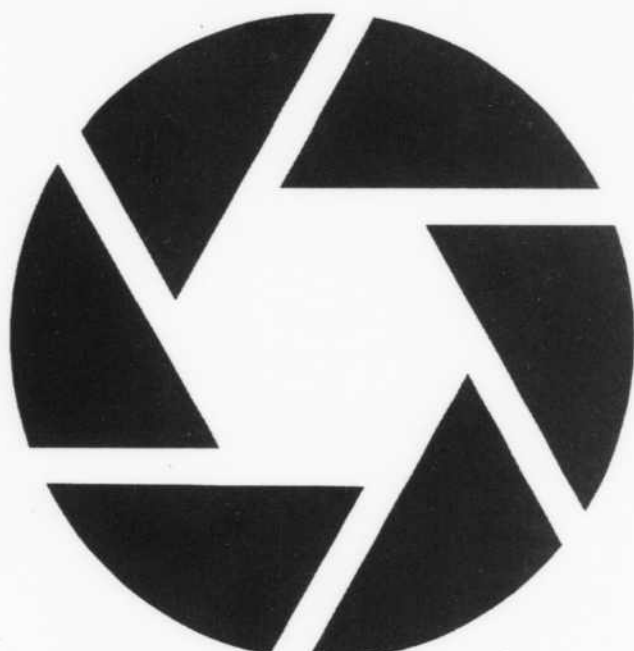
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# OPINIONS

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From the staff

## Students deserve input, information

Recent events demonstrate that MTSU's current administration forgets, at times, why they work at this university.

Without students, there would be no university and, consequently, no administration. However, this solid logic escapes the minds of campus officials at inopportune times. For example, the administration is beginning to plan budget cuts. Suggestions at a recent meeting included a 20 percent cut in all departments and the elimination of several staff positions.

In all their planning thus far, there have been no attempts to get student input - no informal discussions, no presidential teas to ascertain student opinion of programs that are effective and programs that are a waste of the university's limited resources.

It stands to reason that students just might have insightful, relevant input when it comes to programs that involve students.

In fact, it is becoming apparent that some administrators are trying their hardest to not only not consult students about university decisions, but are actually trying to keep students from finding out what is happening as well.

In our efforts to provide you, the reader, with the most accurate and timely information possible, our staff reports on various activities across this campus. In order to bring this information to you, we often have to discuss issues of the day with professors, staff and administrators, from President McPhee to Parking Service meter readers.

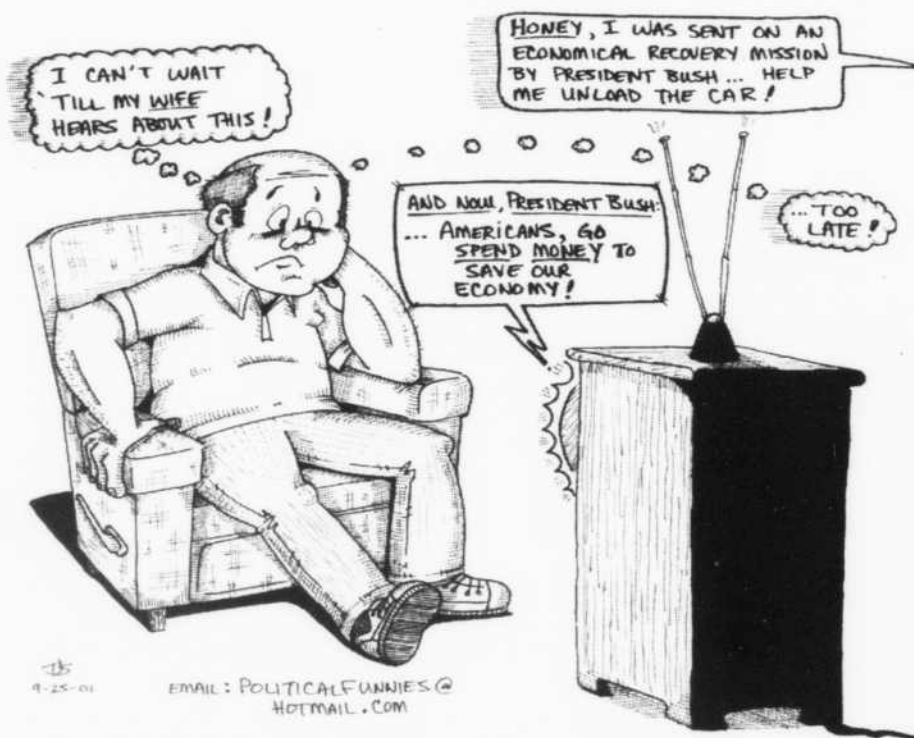
This semester, however, *Sidelines* has already run into opposition from several divisions of the university, including but not limited to Construction Administration, Campus Planning, the MTSU Police Department and the Division of Student Affairs.

We find it ironic that it is easier to get information and comments from the Tennessee Board of Regents, state legislators and the governor's office than it is from the people who work right here on this campus.

Administrators seem to be more concerned about their image, their turf and their own convenience than they are about students.

The administration should begin taking steps to include students in all decisions impacting our lives. A student representative should be on all committees and boards set up to research options and make decisions for the university - now and for the future.

After all, we are the ones these decisions affect. ♦



## Protecting America's airwaves?

### Banging on My Drum

Cody De Vos  
Staff Columnist



In light of recent events, Clear Channel radio has deemed that no man, woman or child should think to themselves, *What a Wonderful World*.

The Louis Armstrong classic is only one of roughly 150 songs that Clear Channel, the commercial radio giant in control of more than 1,200 American radio stations, has selected as lyrically questionable and, consequently, unfit for airplay after Sept. 11.

Clear Channel is the largest radio corporation in the United States. They own stations in 247 of the 250 largest radio markets. Locally, they control The Rock and The River, as well as The One, WSIX-FM and WLAC-AM.

On 60 percent of United States rock and roll radio stations, such songs as Green Day's *Brain Stew* and the Bangles' *Walk Like an Egyptian* will not be heard.

The list is generally comprised of songs that make any mention of the words "airplane," "New York," "death," "hell," "heaven," "falling," "crash" and, apparently, "Ob-La-Di, Ob-La-Da." Certainly, many of these songs, such as The Gap Band's *You Dropped a Bomb on Me* or AC/DC's *Shot Down in Flames* would not be played on any radio station in America out of basic human decency. Even notorious iconoclasts such as *The Onion* and *The Daily Show* have gone far out of their way to treat recent events with an eerie dignity and respect.

But that's not enough for Clear Channel - their edict assumes that their radio stations are run by irreverent vultures and that the American people have suddenly and mysteriously been rendered incapable of changing the station.

Does their decision violate any constitutional rights? Well, no. They own the stations. It's their right to choose what they play. Does it make cynical assumptions about their employees and listeners? Hell, yes.

The list includes such contemplative songs as Bob Dylan's *Blowin' in the*

*Wind* and John Lennon's *Imagine* as well as earnest meditations on faith like Simon and Garfunkel's *Bridge Over Troubled Water*.

It also forbids politically charged protest songs such as Barry McGuire's *Eve of Destruction* and, incredibly, the entire *Rage Against the Machine* catalogue.

God, morality, death and war are subjects which hang heavy in many Americans' hearts in times such as these. These are songs that people may want to hear now more than ever, yet Clear Channel sincerely believes that if they keep playing *Bootylicious*, we will be better able to get on with our daily lives.

We must learn to distinguish the difference between overcoming tragedy and pretending it never happened. The attack on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center is still very much a part of the national conscience, and indeed it should be for a long time to come.

However, we will still mourn regardless of whether we happen to hear Guns N' Roses' cover of *Knockin' on Heaven's Door* on The River. ♦

## So, what was it with the Weeples anyway?

By Henry Gomez  
Youngstown State University

( U - W I R E )  
YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - It's that time of year.

You'll want to keep a low profile at work and hold on to your wallet.

That's right. It's fundraising season in public schools across the country.

Already I have heard the sob stories of a father I work with pleading for someone to subscribe to a magazine, just so his son could get a "mouse- phone".

My first issue of *Sports Illustrated* should be arriving in a few weeks.

A day later, I was lobbied by a friend to help her nephew become a top-seller again this year in his school's fund-raiser. So I bought some chocolate.

Earlier this week, my boss tempted me, peddling sub sandwiches for his son. Apparently word got around the office about my generosity when it comes to fund-raisers. But the subs sounded tasty, so of course I put my name down.

It's not that I don't know how to say no. I just remember what it was like for me in grade school.

Fund-raisers were the absolute worst! But the principals made it all

sound so appealing. Sell three magazine subscriptions and get your very own Weeple!

"What's a Weeple?" you ask. I'm still not sure. I managed to get one or two in my less-than-stellar days as a public school salesman. They were little fuzzy things with beady eyes, and trust me; you were NOT cool unless you had one.

Shame on them, preying on the insecurities of a potentially uncool 12-year-old. And it didn't end with the Weeples.

Anything from "cool" sweatshirts with school colors to "cool" limousine rides to lunch were used to motivate kids to sell, sell, sell. I'll never forget the Pizza Hut passports. If you sold six, you got to miss school to attend a very special pizza party in the gym.

There's no worse feeling in the world than being stuck on five passports up until the eve of the pizza party, fearing you'll be forced to miss the social event of the sixth grade.

I guess I just don't understand why young students should be forced into fundraising for their public schools.

I remember being told that my efforts would help purchase new playground equipment, gym equipment and such. But aside

from the Weeples, I don't remember seeing many results from my door-to-door pleas and annoyed relatives.

I never really realized this until after I was done with grade school. At the time, I truly believed selling *TV Guide* to my next-door neighbor was going to build a new swing set.

And I thought selling those pizza passports would really make my school a better place. But in the long run, nothing ever changed.

Students are just those - students. It's sad they are forced to be salespeople and hit strangers up for money just so the schools can make a little.

Afraid of being outcast for having the fewest Weeples or missing pizza parties, students will do just about anything. And school officials know that.

I was never the top seller in my school, or even homeroom. I never got to ride in the limo.

But I made it to the pizza parties, and I had my Weeples. So keep those subs coming. Chances are if your kid is selling it, I'm buying it. I'm not bitter or anything.

It's just too bad that schools don't think as simplistically as the students they teach do. ♦

## Does America hold imperialism dear?

### Cranial Smorgasbord

Wes Cobb  
Staff Columnist



I find myself disturbed by some of the opinions I've been hearing about what we should do in retaliation to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11. I've heard "Nuke 'em all!" and "Invade Afghanistan!" way too many times in the past couple of weeks. Of course, opinions usually become more moderate if one is asked if one would take part in the invasion.

I also would like to smack the hell out of anyone I see giving a Middle Easterner a hard time.

Now, I'm not one of those peace-at-any-cost types. I definitely believe that the tragedies that were thrust upon us by zealots on that day deserve some kind of military reprisal, but the cavalier, unthinking attitudes that many Americans are displaying makes me ill for several reasons.

First off, we're not just going to go in there and kick Osama bin Laden's butt and pull out like many people seem to think we will do. If bin Laden is truly the mastermind behind this (most people don't seem to care; they just want a focal point for their anger) then getting him will be dirty, messy and bloody.

Remember how the Soviet Union faired with the Mujadeen? If America commits to a land war, it could easily become another Vietnam.

Of course, while we're over there bombing every cave in the mountains of Afghanistan, we're going to be pissing off every poor, half-starved Muslim in any number of countries where the rich who have something to offer the United States get richer while the poor stay poor.

They'll feel like America is somehow giving him the shaft.

In countries with U.S. sanctions against them, it's even worse. Who do you think is starving and deprived in Iraq - Saddam and his bunch or the common

people who are unfortunate enough to live under his regime?

Our favoritism of Israel above Islamic nations in our dealings with the Middle East probably haven't helped much either.

What I'm trying to get at here is that, believe it or not, some people might have a reason to be mad at the United States. Not reason enough by far to excuse the crimes of Sept 11 of course, but the United States is not as saintly as our leadership would have us believe.

How would you like it if another country with an alien culture tried to dictate to you how to live?

Another thing that bugs me is the commercialism of patriotism. Has our society really become so ingrained with the consumer culture that we have to have a thousand and one slogans for a tragedy such as this?

It's easy to loudly proclaim "united we stand" and fly a little plastic flag from your car antenna and not think about what it really means to be patriotic.

It's also easy to do this when you can be pretty sure that you're not going to be beaten or killed for it, either. How many of us would stand up for our flag if the United States was occupied by a foreign power and possessing an American flag meant imprisonment or worse? Ask yourself, "What does being American mean to me?"

What is the worth of faith untested? In the coming months, perhaps even years, I believe the true patriots will become apparent from the fair-weather friends.

Please understand that I'm not trying to chastise people for flying the flag at a time of crisis nor am I trying to give any kind of excuse for the perpetrators of these heinous acts of terrorism. I'm just trying to convince people to think before they speak and think before they act.

The coming times may escalate into something more than we as a nation are prepared to deal with. We should all contemplate what the implications of recent events may hold for our future before we, as Americans and as individuals, decide upon a course of action. ♦

## Letter to the Editor

### Reader questions Chapman's column

To the editor:

I would like to express irritation at an article written by Amber Chapman. Reading the article, I hoped to come across some actual insight and truth. However, it seems to me that this girl is fairly challenged herself.

To begin with, Chapman pops off some dumb remark to a lady who was trying to explain to a group of Hispanic people about her bank's check-cashing policy. Chapman tells the woman that they were Hispanic, not deaf.

Evidently, Chapman didn't understand that these people's English probably wasn't too good and the lady was trying to slowly and clearly explain to give them enough time to translate. I'm sure they weren't completely igno-

rant of English.

Next, Chapman sees a guy driving with his window down while it is raining. There could be any number of reasons why his window was down. Maybe his window was broken out or can't be rolled up. Maybe he was smoking. I don't think it is any indication of intelligence.

Finally, Amber goes after the Braille on the drive-through ATMs as if blind people are never passengers in cars or don't have money or can't just walk up to a drive-through ATM. Out of all these obvious reasons for the need of Braille on the ATMs, she selects the most shallow response of, "blind people can't drive." She writes that she has pondered this for months - not too heavily, apparently. Jerel Mountcastle

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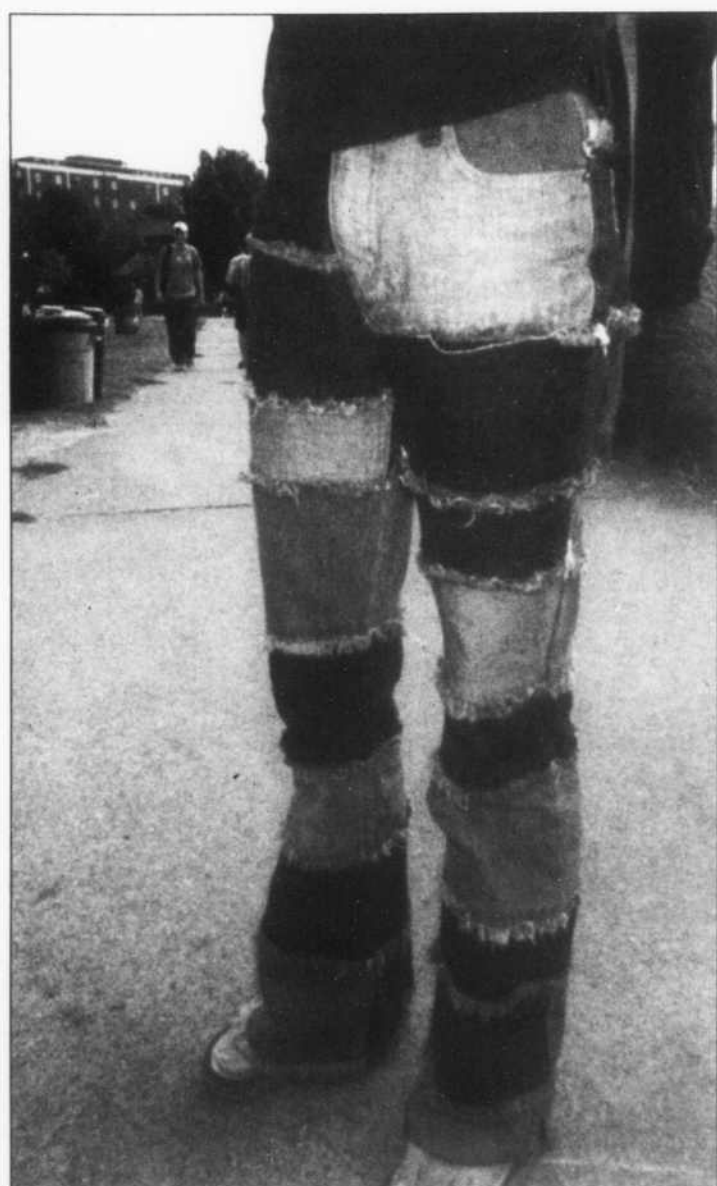


Photo by Phoenix Taylor | Staff

"Patchwork" denim jeans and skirts are two of the popular styles spotted on campus.

## It's in our jeans

By Phoenix Taylor  
Staff Writer

Anybody got the blues? The denim blues, that is. Hotter than ever, denim has exploded with artistic expressions.

Its look has been revamped from the old frills of flower appliques and beaded hem



fringes of last season to an edgier, rock-styled twist that includes silvery studs at the side seams and pockets, jeweled safety pins, pinched seams, dip-dyed finishes and frayed edges.

From the 1980s, graffiti prints, air-brushed looks, and very faded washes are making a comeback.

Fashion forecaster Sade Lythcott said, "Graffiti and air brush designs are everywhere, [and] they are here to stay."

On-campus styles this season include two-tone and patchwork denim.

Students Cartia Emmon, a freshman, sports a dark rinse patchwork skirt that splits in front, and sophomore Emily Singleton wears light and dark blue denim patched pants. Singleton says her jeans are from Europe, straight from a designer's rack in England.

Nevertheless, if you can't make it across seas, check out your local, fashion-forward retail store in any major mall or brand names such as XOXO, Zana-di and Guess denims.

"These jeans just stood out in the store, [because] they were very unique," said Tiffany Forte, junior, who purchased her jeans

at Holiday, a retail store in West Tennessee.

Other trends spotted around MTSU are the bleached tie-dyed and paint-dripped finishes on denim.

Senior Jonathan Trundle donned this dyed look in a pair of overalls, while freshman Brittney Hemphill wears her bleached look in hip hugging flared jeans with Nike shoes.

Hemphill can easily transform her daytime look to clubbing attire by adding a stretchy black asymmetrical top and exchanging her Nike shoes for dressier heeled sandals.

For all who dare, rip those back pockets off the back of your old low rise Levi's, and leave an impressionable imprint for eye-catching attention.

These jeans are very versatile and can be worn for any occasion. Just experiment with colors and textures for amazing looks, but be careful, wearing these trendy items from head to toe can leave one becoming a fashion victim.

One item per outfit is the safest bet when incorporating these trends into your wardrobe. ◆

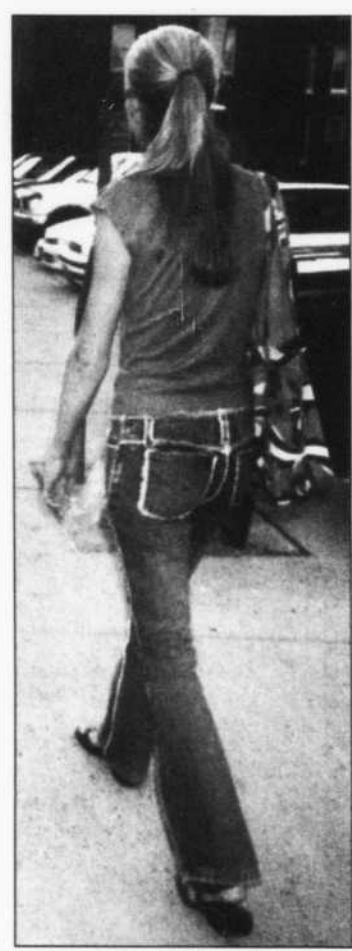
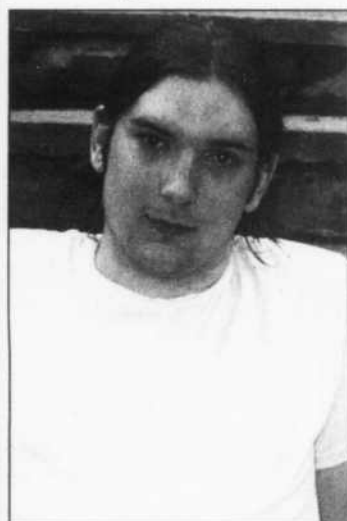


Photo by Phoenix Taylor | Staff

Student sport fringed denims, one of the many popular styles this season.

## ♥♥♥ What's your favorite love song? ♥♥♥



*Stellar* by Incubus. "It was the first song I fell in love to."  
Jim Harris, sophomore, Laurenceburg, Tenn.



*The Dance* by Garth Brooks.  
John Sisk, freshman, Chattanooga, Tenn. (top)

*You Can Do It, Put Your Back Into It* by Ice Cube.  
Brad White, freshman, Annapolis, Md. (bottom)

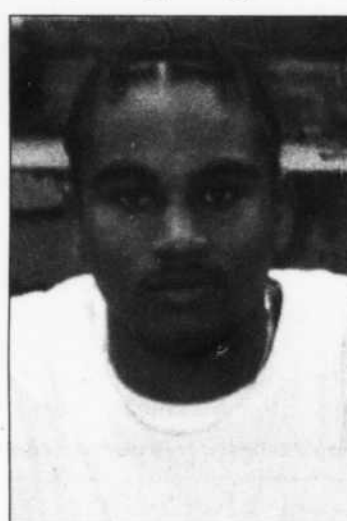


*It's Been A While* by Sting. "...because it's real."  
Ashley Mathews, freshman, Crossville, Tenn. (left)

*Everything I Do (I Do It For You)* by Brian Adams.  
"I like the movie, I heard the song so many times it got stuck in my head."  
Elizabeth Sherwood, sophomore, Auburn, Ind. (right)



*Crash* by the Dave Matthews Band. "It describes a beautiful act done in love."  
Wendy Blackstone, junior, Johnson City, Tenn.



*So Into You* by Tamia. "The lyrics are like emotion. The song will break you down."  
Jason Burks, freshman, Silversprings, Md.

## CAMPUS EVENTS

Monday, Oct. 1

MTSU Films presents *Pearl Harbor* at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the Keathley University Center Theater.

Tuesday, Oct. 2

The Career and Employment Center will conduct a series of Career Orientation meetings for juniors, seniors and graduate students presenting CareerConnections, the online

registration and resume writer, interview preparation, the job search and the services of the Career Center. The meeting will be held at 11 a.m. in the KUC, Room 322.

These meetings are open to all students. For more information, contact the Career Center in the KUC, Room 328, call 898-2500 or visit the Web site [www.mtsu.edu/~career](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career).

Wednesday, Oct. 3

The Career Orientation meeting by the Career and

Employment Center will be held at 2 p.m. in the KUC, Room 322.

Thursday, Oct. 4

The Career Orientation meeting will be held at 3 p.m. in the KUC, Room 322.

MTSU Theatre presents *The Real Inspector Hound* by Tom Stoppard in the Studio Arena Theatre at 8 p.m. through Oct. 5. The play will also be shown Oct. 9 through Oct. 13. For reservations and ticket informa-

tion, call 898-2267 or 898-2640. Admission is free to MTSU students.

Friday, Oct. 5

Students, make reservations for your family to join you at the MTSU Family Weekend held through Oct. 7. Entertainment includes a theater department presentation, a School of Music concert, a student talent showcase, picnics, a pep rally and the MTSU vs. Idaho game. For more information, call 898-2454. ◆



## Mystery to laugh for

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

Eight MTSU students will plunge into the mysterious plot of British playwright Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound*.

"Hound is timeless in the truly perceptive sense... incapable of change," Stoppard, writer of *The Real Inspector Hound*, commented in a 1992 *New York Times* interview.

First performed on Broadway by the Roundabout Theatre Company in 1968, *The Real Inspector Hound* was Stoppard's second major success and the only one that he directed himself.

After the overwhelming success of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*, the British playwright decided to begin writing yet another masterpiece, this time haunted by nature. Thus, *The Real Inspector Hound* was born. In the comical spoof *The Real Inspector Hound*, murderous mystery plots and traditional situations are analyzed and turned into a humorous array of clichés.

*The Real Inspector Hound* is a play where two brash and opinionated critics (Moon and Bridgman) comment on the play that the actual audience is watching.

Stoppard's *Inspector Hound*

holds true to the writer's British background by demonstrating the stylings of English comedy rather than an American sense of humor.

"[British] humor is more biting and more subtle," said Richard Hansen, assistant professor of MTSU's speech and theater department and director of *The Real Inspector Hound*.

Hansen, who submitted Stoppard's hilariously murderous play to MTSU's theater faculty last year, thought that *Inspector Hound* was well suited for Boutwell's intimate theater setting.

"It just seems to work better because the audience can watch the play within the play, and they can hear the critics making comments at the same time," Hansen said.

Auditions for the eight casting roles for *The Real Inspector Hound* were held the first week of classes, Hansen said.

"I had to look for an ability (in the actors) to be exaggerated without being uncontrollable," Hansen said. "[The actors] are almost cartoonish."

The predictability of specific aspects in Sherlock Holmes and Agatha Christie stories and scenarios are "amplified and made fun of in *Inspector Hound*," he said.

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## Hound: Comical Success

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Hansen said Stoppard's brilliance allows him to interpret a certain accepted reality into another.

"In *Inspector Hound*, we take the genre of the murder mystery melodramas and do a flip-flop."

Anyone who liked Stoppard's version of Shakespearean theater in his co-written project, *Shakespeare in Love*, or who likes mysteries will love *The Real Inspector Hound*.

Christopher Johnson, who fills one of the eight casting parts in *The Real Inspector Hound*, said his character Magnus is a fun part to play on many different levels.

Once a music major, Johnson

decided on a career in acting because theater was the best place for him to demonstrate his work. Johnson joined the cast of *The Real Inspector Hound* because his character was so physically and imaginatively demanding.

"I've never had to be in a wheelchair," Johnson said when describing the physical aspect of his character, Magnus Muldoun.

Johnson describes Stoppard's play as being filled with twists and turns and laughs all around.

*The Real Inspector Hound* will be performed at MTSU's Boutwell Dramatic Arts building Oct. 4 and 5, as well as Oct. 9 through Oct. 13. All show-times are at 8 p.m. ♦

## Risque Renee



This is Risque Renee' dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft or as hard as you like it.

This issue goes out to a reader who wrote, "Why do friends ask for advice and then when you give it to them, they don't take it?"

How many of you have had a friend whose significant other is cheating on them, and everybody knows about it except them?

They call you upset, because the other person is passing off signs of cheating.

Then, they ask you that familiar question,

"Do you think that they are cheating on me?"

The answer to the question is yes, because they have straight up evidence that their mate may be cheating, but they still refuse to accept it.

Here are some sure signs of cheating:

When you find strange numbers written on torn sheets

of paper stuffed in a secret place.

If someone calls your house and hangs up when you answer the phone or asks who you are.

Your mate starts ignoring you with no time for you and then you catch them out at a club.

So you tell your friend to confront their mates about the evidence, but when you call them up a few hours later, they are snuggled up with their cheating significant other saying, "I love them, and they said they wouldn't do it again."

Listen, you're driving me crazy. The bottom line is your partner is a cheater.

Remember, once your sig-

nificant other cheats on you, they will always cheat on you.

You need to learn to listen to your heart. Most of the time you have all the answers right in front of you but refuse to listen to your heart because it hurts.

However, everyone's heart gets broken, but there is love out there that will heal it, but you must first acknowledge that love does exist.

In the meantime, stop dragging your friends back and forth until you are ready to cancel the cheater.

Don't be too hasty; always confront the person you think is cheating because it may just be a big misunderstanding. ♦

## Homecoming get involved!

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# SPORTS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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## MT heads to Louisiana for SBC matchup

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee will carry plenty of hardware down south this weekend to battle with the Louisiana at Lafayette in a clash of Sun Belt Conference foes.

MT has made their 3-0 start look easy with big wins over Vanderbilt, Troy State and Sun Belt opponent Louisiana at Monroe. It will take the full offensive showcase and a strong defensive effort to pull a second win out of Louisiana in consecutive weeks.

"This was a game that we looked at going into the season that we knew would be tough, especially since we're making back-to-back trips to Louisiana," MT head coach

Andy McCollum said.

The Blue Raiders have plenty of punch for the Ragin' Cajun defense. Running back Dwone Hicks is currently the nation's leading scorer and was recently considered a dark horse candidate for the Heisman Trophy by *Sports Illustrated*.

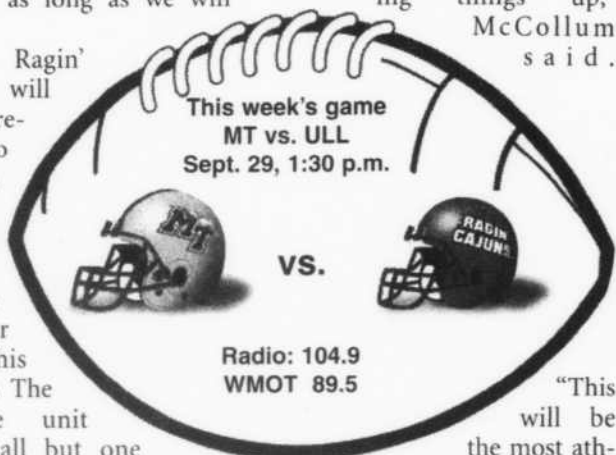
The MT squad also took all the awards the Sun Belt Conference had to offer this past weekend. Linebacker Scotty Brown was named Defensive Player of the Week, punter Robert Billings was rewarded for his efforts on the special teams and quarterback Wes Counts took home the Offensive Player of the Week award. Counts leads the nation in completion percentage at 75.8.

"The only stat we care about is that we're 3-0, and [Counts] has won three games for us," McCollum said. "It doesn't matter if he's first or last in the country, as long as we win games."

The Ragin' Cajuns will be prepared to clash with the high profile Blue Raider attack this Saturday. The defensive unit returns all but one starter and has plenty of credentials of their own. Four play-

ers on the defensive unit were named to the All-Louisiana team last year.

"They have a lot of team speed and do a great job of mixing things up," McCollum said.



"This will be the most athletic team we have played so far, especially defen-

sively."

The Ragin' Cajuns will have even more incentive to deliver a black eye to the Blue Raiders' perfect record. MT overcame a first half deficit last year in Floyd Stadium to pull out a double overtime victory.

"We have got to take it to another level this week because road wins are hard to come by, especially conference games," McCollum said.

Hicks may need to duplicate his 4-touchdown performance from last week's game against Louisiana at Monroe, while adding a few more yards rushing to his total. Hicks' 75 yards against the Indians may not faze a stifling Cajun defense. Hicks' production starts with the men up front.

"You have to trust the guy next to you [on the offensive line]," offensive lineman Brandon Westbrook said. "It's like you're going to battle in the trenches, and we're a very tight-knit group."

It will take a group effort to come out of Louisiana with another win. The Blue Raiders will have to back up their lofty credentials.

"We were picked to win the conference and we have a target on our back in every conference game," linebacker Randy Arnold said. "Everyone wants to beat the so-called best team in the conference."

The Blue Raiders will play Louisiana at Lafayette Saturday at 7 p.m. Radio coverage will be provided by 104.9 and 89.5. ♦

## College football Saturday brings Top 25 games

By David Hunter  
Staff Writer

After a big Saturday of college football last weekend, this week includes seven match ups with both teams in the Top 25 and playing in their conference. No.9 Kansas St.

at No.3 Oklahoma (Big 12): Last year Kansas had two of their three losses against Oklahoma including one in the Big 12 Championship game. This year both teams are undefeated, and the Wildcats are looking for payback. However, this year's game is at Norman, Okla., a tough place to win especially with young KSU quarterback Eli Roberson. Oklahoma played there last game three weeks ago, but before that they already had played three opponents. Kansas St. beat New Mexico St. 64-0 last week. The defense for Oklahoma will be too much for KSU, and the home crowd will play a big factor. Oklahoma will make it three in a row against K-State.

No.14 Louisiana St.

at No.8 Tennessee (SEC): LSU upset UT at home last year by taking a big lead early and winning in overtime. Last season Tennessee was still finding a quarterback; this year they are trying to find points. They will need more to get the victory over LSU. Quarterback Rohan Davey is a strong force for LSU. The Vols defense is rock solid, and there will also be 110,000 fans inside Neyland Stadium on a Saturday night. Put a W in the win column for the Vols.

No.22 Mississippi St.

at No.2 Florida (SEC): Mississippi State shocked the nation last year by beating Florida at home. This year they go to the Swamp. The Gators are looking strong after beating Kentucky last week, while the Bulldogs made the two minute drill last for a hour in a loss at

home to South Carolina. The Gators will win big over the Bulldogs.

No.25 Clemson

at No.9 Georgia Tech (ACC): Last week Clemson had a questionable call cost them the game against Virginia. This week they have Georgia Tech who they have lost to four years in a row, but the streak stops this week in an upset by a field goal. Clemson will have to score a lot of points to keep up with the Yellow Jackets, and quarterback George Godsey.

No.10 UCLA

at No.19 Oregon St. (Pac-10): After starting the season with a loss at home to Fresno St., Oregon St. is back on a roll led by running back Ken Simonton. UCLA is back in the Top 25 after a disappointing season last year. They have wins over Ohio St. and at Alabama. Last year Oregon St. beat UCLA 44-38. UCLA's defense has gotten better, but they will not be able to stop Simonton. Oregon St. will take home the victory by a touchdown.

No.23 Illinois

at No.17 Michigan (Big 10): Last time Illinois played at Michigan in 1999, they won. In 2001, they will be back and they will take back to Illinois another victory over Michigan. The defense will not be able to stop Kurt Kittner, the quarterback for Illinois. It will be close, but Illinois will get a second straight victory at Michigan.

No.24 Michigan St.

at No.18 Northwestern (Big 10): This game has the two of the top running backs in the Big 10, Damien Anderson for Northwestern and T.J. Duckett for Michigan St. They are coming off a win at Notre Dame, while Northwestern defeated Duke by a large margin. This game will be close, however the passing will favor Northwestern

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## MT wins match against Ohio Valley Conference opponent



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

A player tries to avoid a defender in Tuesday's game against Murray State.

### Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee soccer team defeated Murray State 3-0 Tuesday at Lady Raider Soccer Field.

The Lady Raiders controlled the action in the match almost from the opening kickoff. They out shot the visiting Racers 37-7 in the match.

MSU goal keeper Geri Thompson gave her team a chance with 14 saves in the match.

Miguez opened up the scoring for the Lady Raiders when she controlled the ball to the left of the net after a scramble and kicked it into the back of the net in the 27th minute giving MT a 1-0 lead. The goal was the first of Miguez's career.

Carter increased the lead midway through the second half. She took a shot from close range that Thompson stopped, but she got her own rebound and put it in the back of the net in the 69th minute for a two-goal Lady Raider advantage.

Carter's took an out-of-bounds McGregor from teammate Megan McGregor and put it past Thompson in the 84th minute for her second goal of the match and third in the last three games came. The goal gave MT a 3-0 lead.

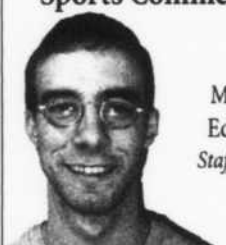
"This was one of our pivotal games this season," second-year head coach Scott Ginn said. "I thought we came out and played really well. Emily came out and had a wonderful game. She continues to get better and better as the season progresses."

Middle Tennessee opens conference action Friday against defending Sun Belt champion Florida International at 4 p.m.

The Lady Raiders complete a five-game homestand when they face off with Lipscomb Sunday at 1 p.m. ♦

## Donnelley deserves recognition beyond what he's gotten

### Sports Commentary



Michael Edwards  
Staff Columnist

Every once in a while, a man will grace a university with success within the confines of the athletic spectrum. For instance, a man named Joe Paterno turned a state school in Pennsylvania into one of the elite football programs in America, despite the hard times they've fallen upon.

Another man named Lou Holtz has taken a pathetic South Carolina team who

couldn't beat Girl Scout troop 405 under their many former coaches to the top of the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division.

In 1979, a man came to Middle Tennessee and began a coaching career at this university with a 1-9 record. Many thought it was more of the same futility that the Blue Raiders had experienced during the career of former head coach Ben Hurt, which lasted only four years.

After another poor year (2-8) in 1980, James "Boots" Donnelley did not have another losing season until 1993. He reeled off 12 straight winning seasons at the helm of the Blue Raider football team.

Other men have had great coaching careers as the coach of

MT football. Johnny Floyd went 30-8-1 and had a World War I intermission between the 1917 and 1919 seasons.

Charles Murphy coached the Blue Raiders for a span of 22 seasons with a record of 155-63-8. He is the all-time winningest coach in the school's 90-year football history. The only other person with a winning percentage over 60 is the previously mentioned Donnelley.

Boots finished his coaching career at Middle Tennessee with a record of 140-87-1. He took the Blue Raiders to the I-AA playoffs seven times, including one trip to the final four. He put over 100 players on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team, 12 OVC Players of the Year, 11 All-Americans and he was a six-time Coach of the Year. He won

The Tennessean Sports Writers award two times over the likes of former Tennessee coach Johnny Majors and current head coach Phil Fulmer.

The difference between Donnelley and the other two Blue Raider leaders I mentioned is simple - recognition. Murphy has a big building on campus named after him, something called the Murphy Center. Maybe you've heard of it. Floyd has the stadium named after him.

I believe it's time for coach Donnelley to get his props, as the kids are saying these days. Maybe you think it's too soon after his retirement, well James "Nikes" Walker was named after the new library, or the library was named after him. We named this facility after Walker,

and he bolted for another school before the 2000 academic year.

Forget about the athletic director job. That's a debatable topic. I think President McPhee should have named Donnelley the AD long ago, but that's just me.

There can be no argument against Donnelley getting some recognition. I don't mean by way of a nifty plaque. He needs a statue.

It's time for the university or the Blue Raider Athletic Association to shell out the money to get coach Donnelley immortalized.

The statue should be placed outside the stadium at one of the corners. He deserves the recognition, although if you asked him, he'd say he doesn't

care about that stuff.

Coach Donnelley is the reason we are where we are. The man stepped aside after he felt his time was past and let Andy McCollum come in.

Now, MT is the premier football team in the state, west of Knoxville. And no doubt, the premier team that does its own class work in any part of the state.

Boots is MTSU. He put the plan together to play the big name teams, and gave MT a chance to beat these teams. He believed in Middle Tennessee before anyone else did. It's time the Middle Tennessee community thanked him with more than a handshake and a pat on the back. ♦



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## Football:

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and quarterback Zak Kustok. The Wildcats should be able to get the W at home and be the front runner in the Big 10. Middle Tennessee at Louisiana at Lafayette (Sun Belt): Last year's game saw Middle Tennessee winning in double overtime at Floyd Stadium. This game will be Lafayette's first ever in the Sun Belt Conference, and they have had a hard time finding points. They always seem ready to play against the Blue Raiders, but the Blue Raiders will be ready play also. It will turn into a shootout, but Middle Tennessee should win by two touchdowns. ♦

# Sun Belt teams play important games

By R. Colin Fly  
Senior Staff Writer

New Mexico State at Louisiana at Monroe

New Mexico State heads to Malone Stadium to face Louisiana at Monroe Saturday.

The winner will win their first game of the season as well as the second win in the history of the conference.

The Aggies (0-4, 0-0 in Sun Belt Conference) will look to running back Kenton Keith to carry the team while linebacker

D'Wayne Taylor must step up his production to lead NMSU's defensive unit.

ULM (0-3, 0-1) comes off a tough home loss to Middle Tennessee and will look to snap an 11-game losing skid. The Indians did have a bright spots in the loss to MT, gaining more than 350 yards and holding the Blue Raiders to 100 less yards than their season average.

NMSU is 3-0 in road conference opens the past three seasons.

Game time is 6 p.m.

North Texas at South Florida:

North Texas must find a way to put points on the board against South Florida Saturday.

The Mean Green (0-3) have scored 29 points in their first three games. They face one of the more improved teams in the country.

The Bulls of USF (1-2) pulled off a historic win against Pittsburgh and lost a narrow decision against Memphis last weekend. The Bulls only started playing football in 1997 and in

2003 they will enter Conference USA.

Both teams have a common opponent on their schedule of Baylor, which both teams lost against — UNT by 13 and USF by 15. Game time is 6 p.m. in Tampa, Fla.

Boise State at Idaho

In a game that pits a pair of former Big West Conference foes, Boise State will play Idaho at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Wash. Idaho (0-3) must look to rebound from a 53-3 defeat to

nationally ranked Washington. Idaho's key threat, quarterback John Welsh is doubtful for the game with a shoulder injury, leaving the brunt of the offense work load to tailback Blair Lewis, who rushed for 104 yards last week.

Boise State (1-2) crushed the Vandals 66-24 last season and look to quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie to improve on his freshman campaign. Dinwiddie has thrown for 631 yards and 7 touchdowns to begin the season. Kickoff is at 9 p.m. ♦

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