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Preacher falls, student jailed

By BYRON WILKES
Editor in Chief

An afternoon of street preaching on the Keathley University Center Knoll led to the arrest of a student after a preacher fell off a concrete wall to the sidewalk, said Lieutenant Jim Fanguy of the MTSU Police Department.

MTSU police arrested Michaela Morales, a junior social work major, on suspicion of assault after preacher John McGlone fell Tuesday around 2:45 p.m. Morales was taken to the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center where she was processed.

The police report states that Sergeant Misty White saw Morales push preacher John McGlone with both hands, and that McGlone hit a trash can on his way down.

"Based on witnesses and cell phone video of which we were made aware, we felt we had probable cause for the arrest," Fanguy said.

McGlone was present preaching with Kerrigan Skelly, both members of PinPoint Evangelism, an organization based in central Kentucky. The third man present, Tracy Bays, is not a member of PinPoint, but sometimes accompanies McGlone and Skelly to campuses.

Fanguy said Morales apparently pushed McGlone from the ledge where he was speaking to a crowd of about 200.

Students, including Morales, began crowding the ledge on which McGlone was standing. Morales shouted, "Take your hands off my breasts," prior to McGlone falling to the ground.

Eyewitness accounts vary from Morales defending herself to McGlone being forcibly pushed by Morales from the crowded ledge, which was congested by protesters shouting at McGlone.

Bond for Morales was set at \$2,500.

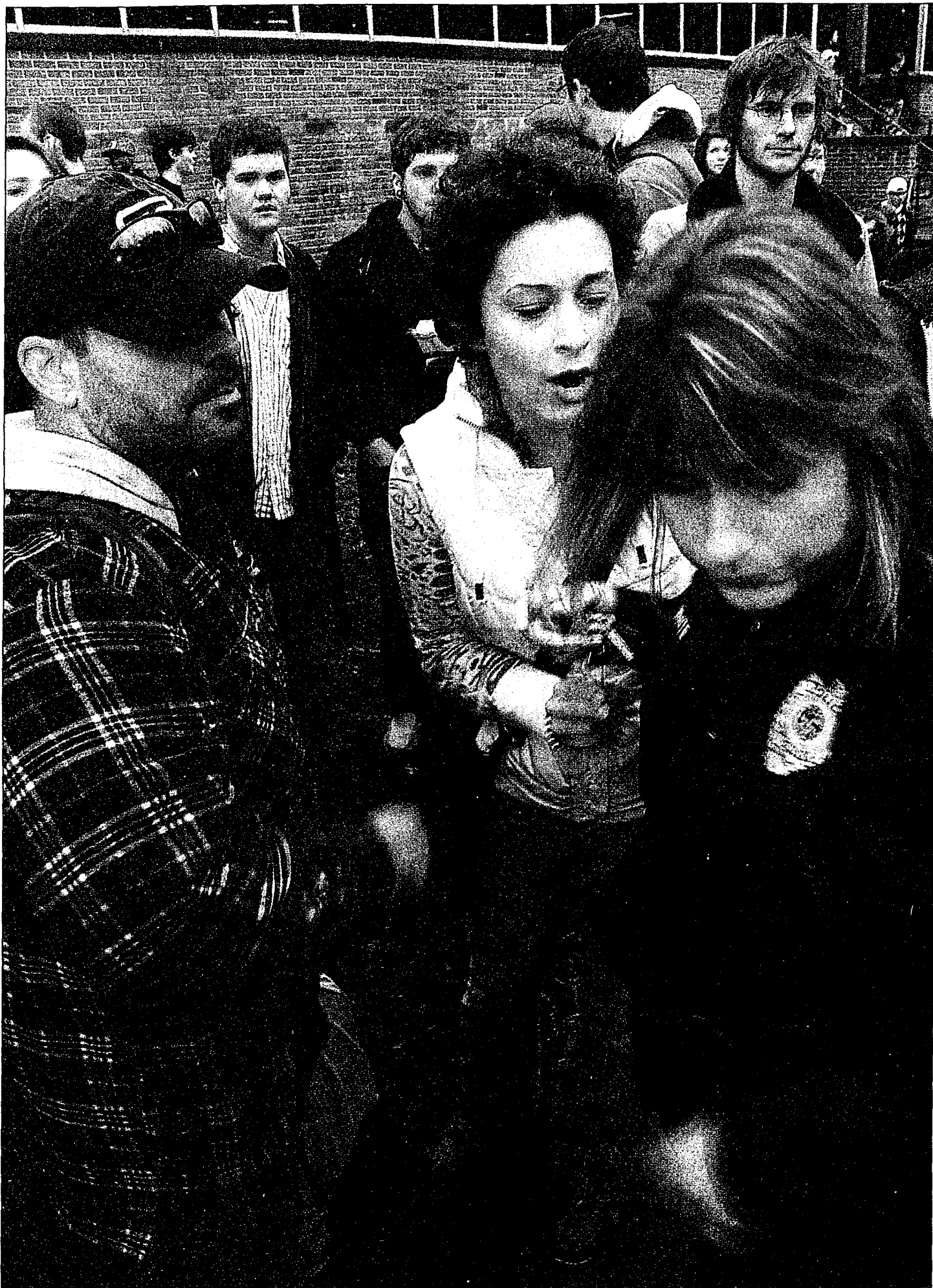


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MTSU Officer Misty White takes junior Michaela Morales from the KUC Knoll on Tuesday. Police arrested and charged Morales with assault.

Fraternity hopes haunted house will raise funds

By EMMA EGLI
Assistant Campus News

Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity is teaming up with Campus Crossings South to host their 3rd annual "FrightNite" haunted house this weekend to help raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The event, which will take place in the Campus Crossings Apartments South's gymnasium, is open to the public. The organization is asking for a \$3 donation that will go directly to the American Cancer Society.

"They can definitely expect to get their money's worth," said Alan Brady, a senior business major and president of Phi Beta Sigma. "It's up to par with any haunted house in Murfreesboro. If they donate the \$3, not only are they giving to a good cause, but they can expect a good time too."

Brady said he and the other members of the fraternity have been working hard to prepare for the haunted house which will feature a dark maze.

"You will initially go through the maze," Brady said. "Once you get to a big room in the middle, you have to decide which room to go through, and that will determine how fast you will get out."

Members of Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma's sister organization, are also volunteering to help run the haunted house. Brady said they are giving community service hours to anyone who wants to help work in it.

"I have family members who have died from cancer, and I know a lot of people can relate," said Brittany Hilson, junior education and behavioral science major and president of Zeta Phi Beta.

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University investigates Pike hazing allegations

By ANDY HARPER
Managing Editor

The Office of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services continues to investigate hazing allegations made against the Eta Zeta chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha.

"We started looking into it on Friday," said Gene Fitch, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life. "Hopefully we'll be finished by the end of the week."

The allegations were made Thursday, Oct. 22 via an anonymous phone call to Student Affairs, Fitch said. Allegations include reports of urination, blindfolding, forced physical activity and chairs thrown at pledges.

Fitch said Judicial Affairs sent letters to individuals notifying them of the allegations. Recipients of the letters are required to respond to Judicial Affairs within five business days.

Fitch made no further comment on the nature or number of reports because of the ongoing investigation.

"No official reports or complainants have been filed concerning [Pi Kappa Alpha] and hazing," said MTSU Police Chief Buddy Peaster.

"If we are able to identify individuals and what happened to them, we tell them what their options are," Fitch said. "We try to tell students that crimes may deal with university rule violations, but they are also violations of the law. We give students information and resources to help get the legal process started if they want."

Peaster said he'd like to encourage any victim of a crime to come forward and speak with the police.

"For now, all pledge activities have been suspended," said Tom Tozer, director for News and Public Affairs. "[Student Affairs] is still making a determination if there will be any cease and desist orders on chapter activities."



Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is currently under investigation for allegations of hazing pledges.

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As of Wednesday, the fall pledge class remained active. No orders to disband the group have been made.

When asked about the allegations, Derrin Mitchell, junior in educational and behavioral sciences major and secretary for the Pikes, replied, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

Other officers of Pi Kappa Alpha could not be reached for comment.

"The national fraternity does not condone any hazing," said Jay Carmichael, director of services for Pi Kappa Alpha National. "We are investigating this situation to the fullest and cooperating with the university to investigate the incident and individuals involved."

Mike Johnson, Interfraternity Council president and member of Pike, declined to comment on the situation or stance of the IPC.

The allegations against Pike fall exactly a month after National Hazing Awareness Week. Greek Affairs scheduled no awareness activities or programs for the week.

"We have no additional information to share at this time," said Angela King, director of Greek Affairs.

Anyone with information about the allegations, please e-mail Sidelines at sleditor@mtsu.edu.



Photo illustration by Jay Bailey, photography editor

FrightNite visitors can look forward to a scary time Oct. 29-Oct. 31. Part of the proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society.

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"It's something important to me, and I'm sure other people, that you're raising money for something that needs help in the research department."

Brady said staff members of Campus Crossings South have also volunteered to help them.

"Campus Crossings has been a really big help," Brady said. "They provided us with the facilities for free and their maintenance staff has even offered to give us anything they have that will help."

Brady said that in the past, this event has raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society and that this event, along with their Up 'Til Dawn step show, are the fraternity's biggest community service endeavors.

"Anytime you do something like this for the community and students, whether it's dressing up, passing out candy or just having fun, everybody will enjoy it," Hilson said.

The "FrightNite" haunted house will be held Thursday and Friday from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m. The house will also be open on Halloween from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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At approximately 11 a.m., McGlone, Skelly and Bays began preaching to students and passers-by. The men repeatedly told several members of the crowd that they were going to hell - specifically homosexuals, fornicators, God-haters, immodest women, drunks and the greedy.

Robbie Russell, director of on-campus religious organization The Pointe (which is a part of the New Vision Baptist Church of Murfreesboro), said that he thought ministers of PinPoint Evangelism were making a negative impression on the student body.

"As a campus organization, we have invested our time, energy and family into our students' lives," Russel said. "I hate to see all that investment be ruined by one extreme group out of the far right."

After McGlone fell, several students laughed and cheered, while others helped him. Shortly after, several squad cars pulled up and officers dispersed the crowd.

McGlone lay on the sidewalk for a few mo-



Photo courtesy of Rutherford County Sheriff's Office

ments before speaking to police and being taken to the Middle Tennessee Medical Center via ambulance. He was treated for bruising on his ribs.

Immediately after the incident, Morales said, "Carry me," to Fanguy and Officer Derrick Wharton, before Wharton led Morales to a squad car. Police spoke with Morales, frisked her and took her to the police station for further questioning.

After the Morales was taken away, the crowd began shouting, "Go home," to the preachers. The three men left shortly thereafter and before their time had expired.

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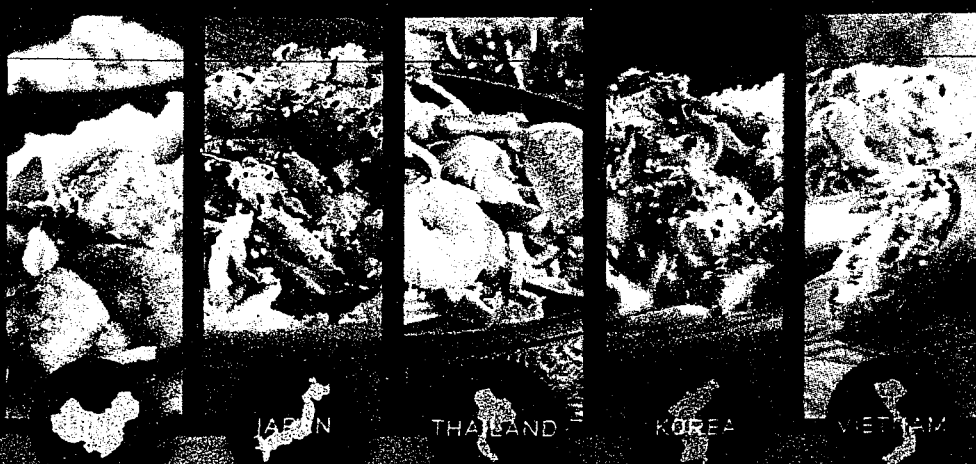
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OPINIONS

“Preaching” extremely offensive

“If your daughter was raped, would you ask her what she was wearing?” This became my battle cry Tuesday. Over the course of two-and-a-half hours, I asked this question dozens of times, screaming at the top of my voice, but I never received an answer.

On my way to philosophy class on Tuesday morning, I encountered three “preachers” carrying vinyl picket signs proclaiming the dangers of hellfire for fornicators, homosexuals, drunkards and “immodest women.” I never made it to class.

Only one of the men was preaching at a time, while the other two held a sign and a video camera, respectively. I approached him and inquired as to why his sign targeted immodest women rather than immodest people.

His reply was that the Bible commands women to dress modestly in order to prevent men from lusting after them and that, “If a woman goes around in revealing clothing, she is responsible for the consequences of her actions.” I asked if that referred to rape, to which he said, “It sure does, young lady.”

I felt shocked beyond sadness and fear. I was angry. I was enraged, actually, that this man would dare to come to a campus half-full of women, one in eight of whom will be raped during her time in college and tell us that we could be held responsible for that.

I began chanting over his message of hate the words, “Rape is never a woman’s fault. Women never deserve to be raped.”

A small crowd began to form and he began to engage me again, taunting me in front of the crowd.

“Have you ever been raped young lady?” he asked me.

Everyone watching us



Guest column

Ariel Franklyn

stopped talking and just stared at him, unable to believe he had just asked such a personal and offensive question.

I wavered for a second, my heart sped up and I felt obscenely vulnerable, but I looked at the people around me and realized that lying to him would defeat my whole purpose of confronting him in the first place. My voice did not shake when I responded, “Yes, sir. Have you?”

He then informed me that my problem was that I was making his universal violent and misogynist statements personally.

He said that being raped was the reason that I haven’t been able to enter a relationship with God. When I replied that God and I were on fine terms, he called me a lesbian.

He told me I hated God, I was, in fact, God’s enemy. He called me a fornicator. He asked me if being raped made it OK that I am a lesbian.

By this point, a large crowd had gathered. His degradation and hate speech only intensified once he had an audience to fuel him.

He told two Muslim men who came to speak to him that they were going to hell. He told a gay man the same thing. He was belligerent and angry, refusing to answer any questions posed to him.

When the crowd began to get hostile, he stopped talking and indicated that his partner was going to preach now. They tag-teamed like

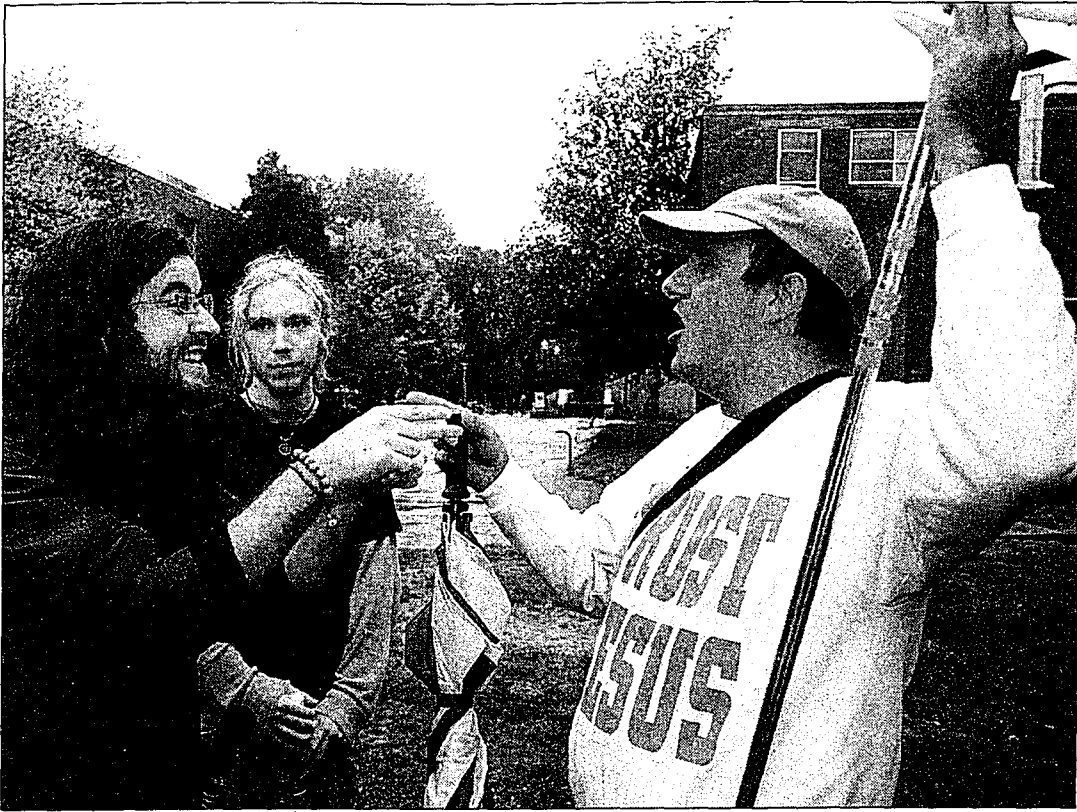


Photo by Brandon Cloud, contributing photographer
Students confront Tracy Bays (right) during his speech Tuesday on the Keathley University Center Knoll.

this, angering the crowd and taunting students, calling them fornicators, baby murderers and hypocrites. In short, they incited a riot.

Eventually another young woman ended up directly in front of him, pushed too close by the rapidly intensifying mass of students.

This so-called preacher barred his arm across her chest in an attempt to move her away from him. She stood her ground and loudly requested several times that he remove his arm from her breasts.

She was heard to say by the crowd, “You are sexually assaulting me now. Please stop.”

Campus police and Gene Fitch, dean of student life, saw all of this and did nothing.

However, when the same woman, after having her pleas for him to stop touching her ignored, retaliated, they took action. In an attempt to move him off her, she shoved him away. Due to the rain and the precarious location of the im-

promptu protest, the man fell to the ground.

Fitch stated that “We can’t appear to condone behavior like that on this campus,” and the woman was arrested.

The man who sexually assaulted her and verbally assaulted hundreds of students was escorted off campus by police “for his own safety” and taken to the hospital. He sustained no serious injuries.

I find this repulsive. I feel violated. I feel as though my university and its administration let me down. When a man is permitted to come uninvited and publicly humiliate students, damn them and even put his hands on them without consequence, it sends an alarming message.

It says that we are not safe on this campus. It says that we do not care about the rights of our women. It says that hate speech is more protected than our bodies.

Arresting this young wom-



Photo by Brandon Cloud
McClone, minutes before his fall.

an for defending herself was inexplicable and coincided beautifully with the preacher’s message that a woman is responsible if she is raped. She should be commended for having the strength and courage to protect her body from an unprovoked assault.

Then again, what was she wearing?

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FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Knoll incident teaches free speech versus hate speech

By now, the rumors surrounding the incident on the Keathley University Center Knoll between the street preachers and protesters have reached extreme levels.

Despite the hype and accusations and despite the bluster and rhetoric on Facebook, there are lessons to be learned from incidents like this.

Much of the online debate and comments at the scene were predicated on the preachers using “hate speech.” We use quotations because hate speech is a difficult thing to define, and an even more difficult thing to curtail.

In 1977, citizens in Skokie, Ill. were unable to prevent the National Socialist Party of America, from the American Nazis, from marching in a Jewish community, because doing so would infringe upon the group’s right to peaceably assemble.


The Supreme Court uses the most stringent language in defining what speech is not constitutionally protected.

To the Court, virtually the only thing that makes speech unprotected or legally hateful is the immediate danger of inciting violence.

Like it or not, it is technically legal to call someone a “faggot” or in public, as it is to print.

What is not OK is for that speech to turn into violence, regardless of how offensive it may be. It doesn’t matter who pushed whom, or who was offended; violence is never an acceptable escalation of speech.

Nor is it okay to curtail anyone’s right to free expression.

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Web site comments:

“Student arrested for assault on Knoll” posted Tuesday online

Iris Caldor

What an utter failure. Preaching Christianity in that way is what drove ME to be an atheist. And of course, when someone stands up for herself, she gets carted off by the feds. What a country.

MTSU Dad

I know that preacher’s just another false prophet, because it says in Psalm 91 for those that believe, “no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.”

Since he was injured in the fall, he’s clearly a non-believer, of weak faith, or a charlatan.

Kelly Sanders CST, L.M.T.

As a Christian (Baptist) and two-time grad of MTSU, it is each person’s perception of what type “preaching” is being done. In my experience, it is those with sin or guilt on their hearts that feel discomfort when some do their “preaching” Further, a true preacher would not have been speaking in the manner portrayed in the article.

Jim Walker

Hopefully the school will put a stop to this garbage being thrust into our hands around the KUC. Served him right. You also left out how the preachers were yelling that we’d all “go to hell” because of our “wicked hearts.”

Clyde Ferguson

Sadly, colleges are filled with wicked-hearted students. I didn’t hear the message, but just hearing that people starting berating these people immediately was shocking. Well, not really, because I know that MTSU students are just so close-minded to Jesus.

Jesus IS the answer. Not ‘Jesus is my Homeboy’ shirts, but the Jesus who died for all of us. People should be ashamed of the way they treat other people, especially on college campuses.

Concerned Student

The preacher that fell, WAS BLOCKING A WALKWAY, with the crowd he congregated.. plus he antagonized the crowd immensely! I have video of it. He was condemning people to hell... not very Christian-like.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Knoll sermon free speech

To the Editor:

After the events Tuesday on the Knoll, there has been ongoing debate on Facebook. Many are upset with Dr. Gene Fitch for allowing these preachers to come onto campus. What happened to freedom of speech? We can’t just let the people we agree with come to this campus. We must allow everyone. The preachers were allowed to stay if they followed the rules at hand. They did for hours until the incident happened. I hope that MTSU keeps bringing people on campus to share their opinion, it is what freedom of speech is about. So, Dr. Fitch, thank you for keeping the right of freedom on speech alive on this campus.

Zach Barnes
Senior, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences

Stockstill piece well done

To the Editor:

It’s not often that I agree with the content

provided in Sidelines, but I applaud the investigative work of Michael Stone for his coverage of Coach Rick Stockstill’s salary (“Coaching pay pilfers academics,” Oct. 26).

During this budget crisis, it is wholly inappropriate for MTSU to put academic stock in the coach if he doesn’t teach in the classroom. Academic and athletic budgets are separate for a reason, and it took one the curiosity of one columnist to figure out how MTSU has misappropriated nearly \$100,000 from the academic budget.

Investing in athletics is important, but at what cost? At the cost of several adjunct professors? At the cost of a 30-student classroom over a 100-student classroom? At the cost of increased course availability? Where does this stop?

I encourage students to ask tough questions because their degrees are at stake. Wasting thousands of dollars of the academic budget may make one coach happy, but it dramatically lowers the stock of an MTSU degree. What kind of investment are we left with when we graduate?

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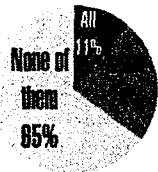
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Students find fabulous fashion

Stores like Forever 21, Charming Charlie and Anastasia’s Attic keep MTSU students fashion forward

By TATIANA JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Remarkable styles, exquisite window displays and high fashion can describe the various boutiques and stores in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Traveling to major cities, like fashion capital New York, no longer have to burden shoppers when so much is offered right under their noses.

Anastasia’s Attic, Charming Charlie, Francesca’s Collection and Forever 21 all offer the latest designs, reasonable prices and unique styles that you can’t find elsewhere.

Navigating through Murfreesboro, it may not seem too city-like but as soon as you step into Forever 21, the pounding bass of runway music and racks of the newest collections excites the eyes of young fashionistas everywhere. From head to toe, you can get “the look” without spending your entire refund check, that is, unless you want to.

The store is very friendly to the pocketbook, with prices ranging as low as \$3.50 for accessories to dresses at no more than \$30.00.

The store doesn’t only offer female clothing. For guys who are into contemporary yet simplistic clothing, Forever 21 has a section just for them.

Many people became familiar with the store via the large Web site it hosts, where you can order clothing, shoes, and accessories from the various locations spread out in larger cities in the U.S.

“It was about time we



Photo by Tatiana Johnson, staff writer
Francesca’s Collection at The Avenue offers a wide variety of unique accessories, from one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry to stylish purses.

got a trendy fashion store,” says Asia Muhammad, an MTSU student. “If you walk into Forever 21 now, all of the season’s trends can be spotted on various manikins throughout the store.

“This is great if you are in Murfreesboro during the winter season but planning a great trip during Christmas break, and looking for the right swimsuit and

summer outerwear.”

The store is also perfect for some last-minute fashion pit stops as well.

“Forever 21 has it all,” Muhammad says. “The key items that shoppers usually go for are the dresses. It’s not unusual to see students shopping right before a party for their outfits.”

On the opposite side of the city, downtown Murfreesboro has a boutique that has been in existence since 1996, and has found major success. Anastasia’s Attic’s welcoming feel brings about a personal one-on-one shopping experience. The boutique carries brands such as French Connection United Kingdom, Ella Moss, Seven for Mankind and Johnny Was.

The price range is a bit different for those looking for more of a unique dress-

ing, yet modern and classic at the same time.

As soon as you walk in, photos of fashion greats Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe appear on the walls. Highlights of the store are the jewelry that ranges from \$15 to \$85 and clothing from \$69 to \$169.

When it comes to accessories, another great place to visit is Charming Charlie, which is located

at the same time. As soon as you walk in, photos of fashion greats Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe appear on the walls. Highlights of the store are the jewelry that ranges from \$15 to \$85 and clothing from \$69 to \$169.

When it comes to accessories, another great place to visit is Charming Charlie, which is located

at The Avenue. Smells of sweet candles and brightness appears as soon as you walk in.

Color-coated in every sense to match with those outfits at home, it becomes even simpler for shoppers to find that one perfect piece.

Charming Charlie offers accessories galore. From jewelry to shoes, putting an outfit together has never been so easy, not to mention great prices of rings starting at \$8.50 to shoes costing no more than \$50.

“The store sticks out because of the variety and prices,” says manager Leslie Howard. “Reasonable prices and so many choices you can’t go wrong.

Howard also recommends another store on the Avenue for fashionistas.

“For our last stop, if your style is a mixture and changes daily, Francesca’s Collection is for you,” Howard says.

The store prides itself on its extraordinary collection of one-of-a-kind items.

“[The store’s style is] eclectic and unique, with no repeat shipments,” says manager Andrea Kehoe. “Not only do we carry clothing and accessories but books, make-up and even flower-in-a-cup can be found keeping shoppers interest as they wonder through a world of items that are hard to pass up.”

After making your way through all of these stores, it’s almost hard to believe you passed them up. Murfreesboro offers a great deal, especially with fashion. You’d never guess such hidden treasures existed at such a great price.

The Whigs bring grungy stage presence, prep new album

By JESSICA PACE
Staff Writer

Tim Deaux doesn’t have much time to talk. The Whigs’ bass player just stepped out of the studio where the band has been putting the finishing touches on “In the Dark,” its third full-length and follow-up to 2008’s “Mission Control.”

If all goes well, “In the Dark” will be out by January or February of next year. This time, The Whigs are marrying the raw energy of their live shows with studio noise somewhat new to them.

“‘Mission Control’ recording was more about capturing the band’s live sound, so we were excited to play with tones, play with sounds and overdubs and maybe stray away from what the band sounds like live,” Deaux says. “It’s still retaining the live energy but adding a few textures here and there and some colors here and there.”

The new album even pushes politics on the track “I Am For Real.” The band usually steers clear of weighty and controversial subject matter, but Deaux swears The Whigs “don’t want to be Kanye West.”

“In the Dark” is pampered by the studio, but if the title track is representative of the rest of the album,

it loses none of the rough charisma of The Whigs’ previous endeavors.

Half of The Whigs’ charm derives from unadorned, unclear vocals and instrumentation, but the title track, which can be downloaded for free,

diminishes concern.

The band is using what the studio has to offer, but the anthem-like chorus is catching, and the incessant drum clashes and guitar spasms are still there.

Another Nashville gig approaches, less than a year since The Whigs played a packed and sweaty Exit/In show in April, which was a riot of unharnessed energy from the pre-show tension with the Atlanta Braves theme blasting over the speakers to the last song.

Nov. 5 will bring The Whigs to Cannery Ballroom with The Dead Trees and local darlings The Features.

Their more Brit-pop melodies might appeal to ears less partial to The

Whigs’ southern roots and grungy grit.

No, The Whigs aren’t local – they’re from Athens – but they have such a familiar stage presence while they party down that it is difficult not to welcome them back like family.

To hear Parker Gispert’s scratchy yowl, Julian Dorio ferociously reprimanding his drum set, or Deaux’s angry bass lines is hearing a slightly southernized version of The Hives meshed with the mellow vocal ramble of Nirvana.

The music revs with frantic energy, then goes slack with Gispert’s drawl.

The sound romanticizes defiance and lackadaisical love; the only question is how The Whigs can pluck from an array of already-visited sounds from the past 20 years and serve them up like new.

Deaux is all modesty, however, and marvels at the fans The Whigs have accumulated from four tours with Kings of Leon.

“The enormity of their fanbase compared to our fanbase is just ridiculous,” Deaux says. “You’re exposed to a whole new group of people who’ve probably never heard of The Whigs.”

The band has done its time, cutting its teeth in



File Photo
Parker Gispert, lead singer of The Whigs, plays to a packed house during their April 2009 performance at Exit/In in Nashville. The Whigs perform Nov. 5 at the Cannery Ballroom in Nashville, Tenn.

dark rock bars so filled with smoke one would think there was a fog machine. However, tours with bigger names pulled The Whigs from safe-haven crowds of 200 and put the band before 15,000, which took some getting used to.

“After playing a few shows you get used to the enormity, and you get used to the power of the sound system behind you, then it falls into place,”

Deaux says.

The band may be on track for large-scale recognition, but the heart of The Whigs kind of belongs to the small sweaty rock venue. Deaux even refers to the upcoming tour dates as a return “back to our normal environment.”

“We dig the party vibe, we dig the down-home atmosphere,” he says. “We haven’t been able to do

that in a while, so we’re pretty stoked.”

Whether the band plays an arena or a hole-in-the-wall venue that feels more like home, The Whigs push nonstop energy and volume, and for Deaux, a good rock show is as simple as that.

“We all like loud music, something you can get down to and maybe a cold beer or two.”

SPORTS

Men favored third for SBC

By RICHARD LOWE
Assistant Sports Editor

MT's men's basketball team was picked to finish third in the Sun Belt Conference East division in the preseason poll released Tuesday during Sun Belt Media Days.

Western Kentucky's 12 first place votes placed them as the favorite to win the East division, followed by Troy, who received one first place vote. South Alabama, Florida Atlantic, and Florida International rounded out the East division, respectively.

North Texas was picked to win the West division, followed by Denver, Louisiana, Arkansas-Little Rock, Louisiana-Monroe, Arkansas State and New Orleans, respectively.

"I think the four teams who were picked highest in the league are those with the most players back," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "Western Kentucky has five of their top six, Troy has six of their top seven, North Texas has everyone back and Denver has 80 to 90 percent of their scoring back."

Also announced was the preseason all-Sun Belt teams. MT's Desmond Yates has been named a first team member for the second year in a row.

Yates finished the year First Team all-conference with a year that saw him enter the 1,000 point club, grab 145 rebounds, 13 blocks and 20 steals.

"I don't think it surprised anyone that Boogie was selected preseason first team," Davis said. "It is a really good

first, second and third team and I'm sure we have some guys that have chances to make all-conference teams just like a ton of other players in our league do."

Majority of the year, Yates was playing out of position because of a season-ending injury to Theron Hudson.

The head coaches from each conference team vote for both the preseason poll and all-SBC teams.

The other major announcement that took place during media days is the inclusion of two MT road games in the Sun Belt Television package, including a rivalry game that will take the national stage. MT's game against Western Kentucky in Bowling Green on Jan. 23 will be broadcast live on ESPN2 at noon while the Blue Raiders' game against South Alabama on Feb. 6 will be aired on CSS at 1 p.m.

MT's game against Tennessee will be aired on CSS at 6 p.m. on Dec. 11. That game will take place at the Sommet Centre in Nashville as a part of the second Sun Belt Classic, co-hosted with Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers will face off against Vanderbilt that same night.

It has not been announced if MTTV will be carrying any games this season.

MT will face off against North Alabama on Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Murphy Center. It will be the only exhibition game for the Blue Raiders before they open the season against King College on Nov. 13. The Blue Raiders' season opener will start at 7 p.m.



File photo
Forward Desmond Yates dunks the ball against the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in last year's game.

Volleyball sweeps eighth win, defeats Privateers Monday

By CHRIS WELCH
Sports Editor

The MT volleyball team took yet another 3-0 sweep on Monday, this time against West Division leader, the New Orleans Privateers. This is the eighth straight win for the Blue Raiders, and the team's third straight sweep.

The win at New Orleans comes on the heels of straight set wins at UL-Monroe and UL-Lafayette last weekend.

The team managed a .306

hitting percentage, scoring 47 kills with only 17 errors over 98 attempts. The host team, whose



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home losing streak hit three matches for the first time since 2007, was held to just 25 kills with a .101 hitting percentage. No UNO player posted more than eight kills.

The match also marked the first time that New Orleans had



YANCEY

been taken 3-0 by a Sun Belt team since Arkansas State in 2006.

The Blue Raiders came out swinging in the first set, putting up the first point on a kill by senior Ashley Mead. Most of the first set belonged to MT, until the Privateers tied the match at 17-17, and again at 19-19.

The Privateers would continue to stay close to MT throughout the closing points of Match One, but a final kill by Janay Yancey would silence UNO and give the Blue Raiders the first match.

UNO took the first kill of Match Two, by the team's leading

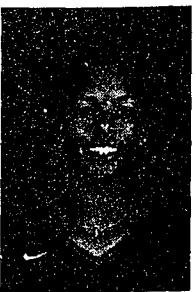
kill scorer Lindsey Loyd. The Privateers led for much of the first half of the match, until MT tied



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the score at 10-10. From then on, it was MT's match. Sparked by a kill by Mead at 17-17, the Blue Raiders began a drive that culminated in a 25-20 win for MT.

The third match was much of the same, with both teams staying neck and neck throughout the match. The biggest lead came at the end of the match, when MT led by a match high 25-20. The same score would be the outcome of Match Three.



WISTRICK

MT football Florida-bound, face Owls

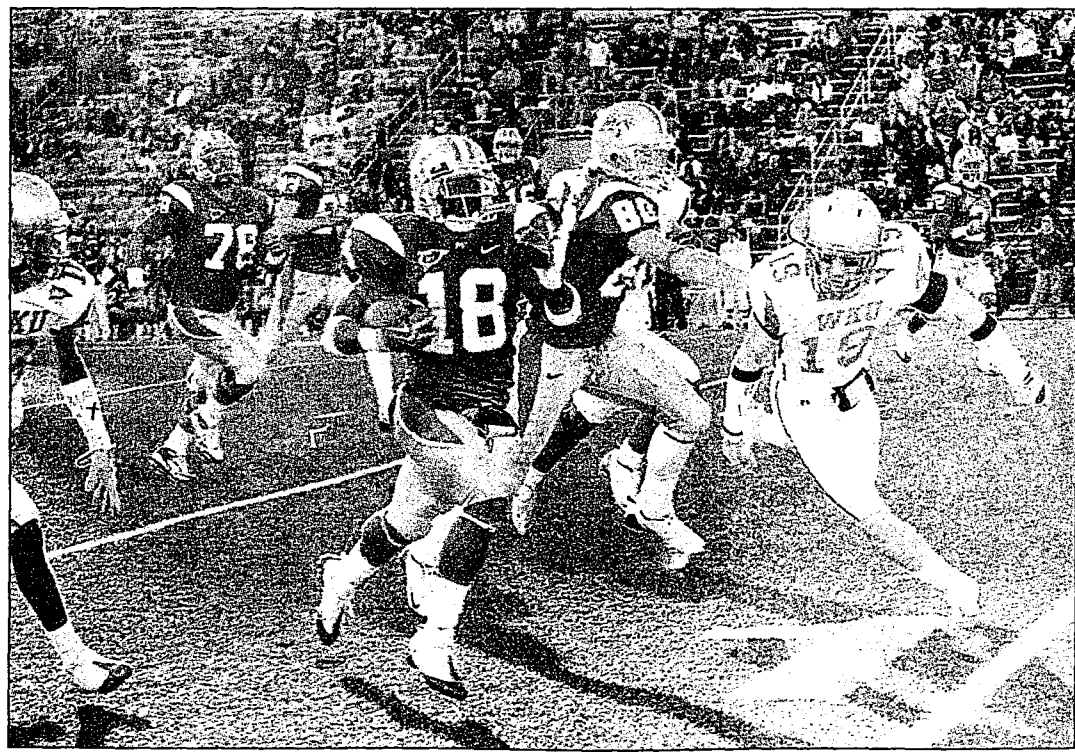


Photo by Brennan Sparta, staff photographer
Corner back Kenneth Gilstrap avoids a WKU block for a touchdown at the Homecoming game.

By STEPHEN CURLEY
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider defense will be tested Saturday when the team travels to Boca Raton, Fla. to meet Florida Atlantic University.

The Owls (2-4) have one of the better offenses in the Sun Belt Conference, showing the last two weeks just how potent it is, hanging 44 and 51 points on the University of North Texas and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, respectively.

Defensively, however, the Owls have had their share of problems. Despite putting up 44 on UNT, the defense still gave up 40 points to a Mean Green offense that has struggled all season.

As usual, the fate of the Blue Raiders (4-3) will rest largely on the shoulders of quarterback Dwight Dasher, who is coming off arguably the best game of his career last week against Western Kentucky University, and should be as confident as ever.

MT was able to get great production from its receivers and the playmaking threat they now pose should allow them to spread the

defense out to make it even more vulnerable.

The running game was much more effective last week as well, not only with Dasher's scrambling and draw plays, but the play of sophomore running back D.D. Kyles. MT should still have a pass/QB run-first offensive mindset, but if they have success, the passing game can be used to set up the running game, with the confidence in Kyles to be able to make plays.

Defending FAU's key playmakers will be a daunting task for the Blue Raiders. Owl running back Alfred Morris already has 705 rushing yards and six touchdowns halfway through the season, and quarterback Rusty Smith has been touted as a pro prospect, throwing for 359 yards and four touchdowns last week. Smith also hasn't thrown an interception in his last four games.

The Blue Raiders will have to try and put pressure on Smith and hope it forces him into mistakes and inefficiency, while also using that rush to contain Morris.

MT should be favored in this game, but if both offenses click, fans could be in for an exciting shootout.

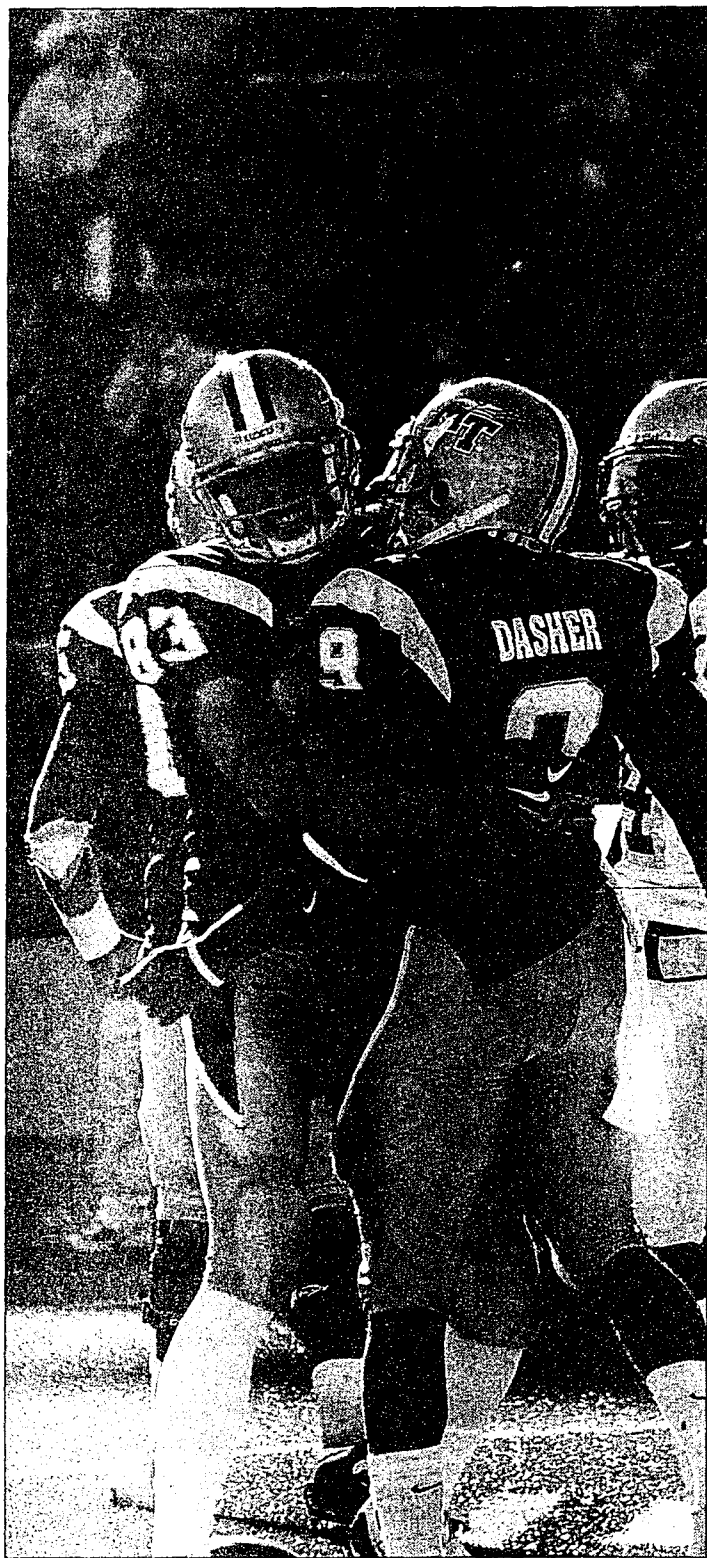


Photo by Brennan Sparta, staff photographer
MT quarterback Dwight Dasher bumps chests with wide receiver Shane Blissard after a Blue Raider touchdown at the WKU game.

MT Men's golf wins season's second match

STAFF REPORT

The No. 33 ranked Blue Raider men's golf team came back from nine strokes to take the first-place finish at the Aldila Scenic Invite on Tuesday.

The team came back from an early deficit to defeat No. 18 Chattanooga and No. 53 Charlotte over a rainy course at Council Fire Golf Club.

This tournament marks the second win of the fall season for the men's golf team.

"Without question, today was the best round I've seen or been a part of," head coach Whit Turnbow said. "It rained from the time we pulled in the parking lot until we left with the trophy, and these guys just were not going to let it bother them."

"It was just a complete team effort today which is what it takes to win a

tournament like this."

MT shot an impressive 278 on Thursday to finish with an 851 total. The score was enough to place the Blue Raiders three strokes ahead of second place finishers Wichita State. Southern Miss finished third, followed by Furman at fourth and Missouri at fifth.

MT sophomore Hunter Green and senior Kent Bulle finished in a three-way tie with WSU's Dustin Garza for first. All three had 54-hole totals of 210 strokes.

Senior Craig Smith and junior Jason Milliard aided the comeback effort with impressive comebacks of their own. Both had disappointing days on Monday and came back to finish in the 60s on Tuesday.

Sophomore Brad Simons completed the scoring day with a 78 to tie for 45th overall.

UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

Women's soccer: at Western Kentucky, 6 p.m.

Volleyball: vs. South Alabama, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Football: at Florida Atlantic, 3 p.m.

Volleyball: vs. Troy, 7 p.m.

Cross Country: Sun Belt Cross Country Championships, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 1

Women's golf: UAB Fall Beach Bash

Women's basketball: vs. Carson Newman, 7 p.m.



TUESDAY, NOV. 2

Women's golf: UAB Fall Beach Bash

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

Women's soccer: Sun Belt Tournament

THURSDAY, NOV. 4

Women's soccer: Sun Belt Tournament

For more information, visit Richard Lowe's sports blog "The Lowedown" at mtsusidelines.com/sports

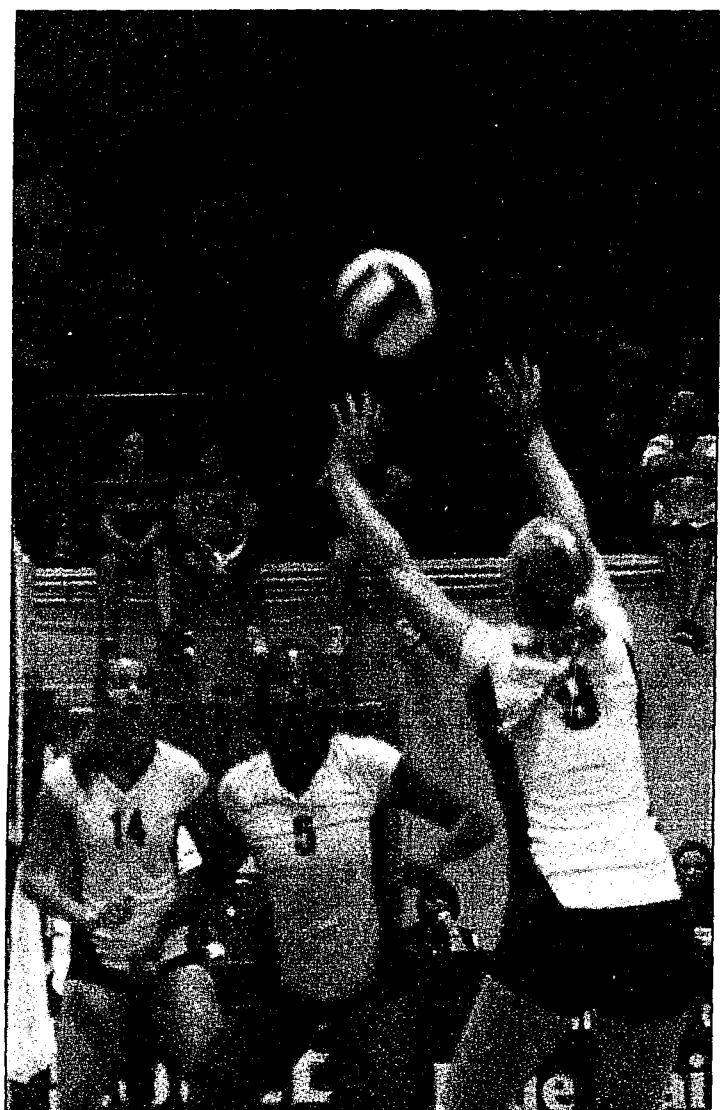


Photo by Alex Trenoff, staff photographer
Izabella Kozon sets the ball for a spike for Alyssa Wistrick against the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers on Sept. 25.

VOLLEYBALL FROM PAGE 5

Junior Izabela Kozon paced the team with 16 kills and just two errors over 27 attempts for a .519 hitting percentage. Mead posted 15 kills of her own.

Junior Alyssa Wistrick and sophomore Stacy Oladinni guided the de-

fense with a combined nine block assists. The Blue Raider team on the whole had a total of seven blocks and 40 digs, 11 of which came from Kozon.

The Blue Raiders return home this weekend to face South Alabama and Troy. MT's match with the Jaguars starts at 7 p.m. on Friday, in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

CURRENT EVENTS

Spirit: The Authentic Story of the Bell Witch of Tennessee

Oct. 29-31, 7 p.m.
Location: Old Bell School Outdoor Pavilion
Admission: \$15 adults, \$8 students

Legal Clinic

Oct. 29, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Location: Tennessee Ballroom, James Union Building
Admission: free, with appointment: call 898-2193

Kevin Nealon

Oct. 29, 7 p.m.
Location: Zanies Comedy Showplace
Admission: \$25

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MTSU Jazz Combos

Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Hinton Music Hall
For more information, visit mtsumusic.com

"Evening of Swing" Dinner and Dance

Oct. 30, 6:15 p.m.
Location: Tennessee Ballroom, James Union Building
Admission: \$85

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

Oct. 30-31, 11:59 p.m.
Location: Belcourt Theatre
Admission: \$10

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