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Alumni Drive from Greek Row to Blue Raider Drive will be closed this week for final surface paving.

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Student charged with rape

By TIFFANY GIBSON
Campus News Editor

An MTSU male student has been arrested and charged with one account of rape, after an alleged victim reported to hospital staff that she had been sexually assaulted at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

Garrick Hock, sophomore mass communication major and member of ATO, was taken to the Murfreesboro Adult Detention Center on

Sept. 5 where his bail was set at \$15,000. Hock was released the same day and will await his court date of Nov. 4.

Chief of campus police Buddy Peaster said the incident happened around midnight when police received the call from Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

"We sent officers to talk to [the alleged victim], and from there we found out that there had been a sexual assault at the ATO house on campus,"



Garrick Hock

now."

Peaster said that the alleged victim went to the Alpha Tau Omega house and entered a resident's room with the alleged suspect.

Based on the alleged vic-

Peaster said. "She said she knew Hock and had for several months

tim's story, Hock forced himself on top of her and had sexual intercourse without her consent.

Shortly after speaking with the alleged victim, Peaster said officers went back to the fraternity house to speak with Hock, members of Alpha Tau Omega and other witnesses.

"We identified some witnesses and had them write down what they knew," Peaster said. "We went into the room and gathered a

number of things that could be used as evidence such as bed sheets."

Peaster said the alleged victim's clothing was taken in as evidence, as well as test results from a rape kit taken at MTMC.

"In this case, we feel there is enough evidence to move forth with a prosecution," Peaster said. "We are continuing to follow up on this case."

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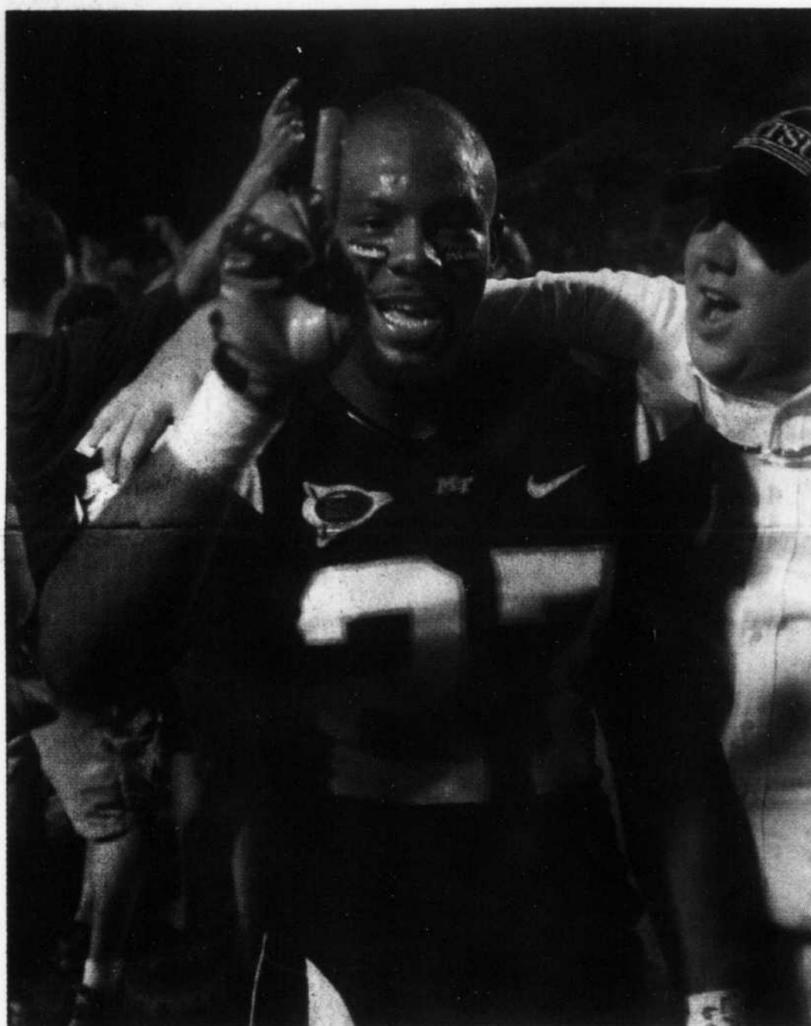


Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer
Senior linebacker Ivon Hickmon celebrates with the fans following the Blue Raiders rousing win.

MT's greatest conquest yet

Blue Raiders run over Terps

By CASEY BOWMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Years from now, people will remember Sept. 6, 2008.

It is a day that will live on forever in the hearts of Middle Tennessee fans. That Saturday, the Blue Raiders finally put that notch in their belt and beat a formidable BCS opponent, defeating the Maryland Terrapins 24-14.

In front of 22,605 hysterical fans, MT showed everyone watching that they are a much better team than what was shown in week one. And aside from two big plays, the Blue Raiders dominated and outplayed Maryland.

Head Coach Rick Stockstill said he was elated with his team's performance, and he expressed his excitement after the game.

"It was a great win for our players, our school, our fans and everybody involved,"

Stockstill said. "I'm happy for our players that they could feel the excitement of the fans running onto the field to celebrate with them. I'm proud of the coaching staff because we were good in all three phases. I thought we were the team that played with the greatest passion and toughness. It was an awesome win."

Offensively, the Blue Raiders put up great numbers, accumulating 402 total yards. Senior quarterback Joe Craddock lead the way for MT, completing 28 of 40 pass attempts for 256 yards and two touchdowns.

"I thought we did a nice job offensively," Stockstill said. "They were so much bigger than us, and we knew it would be tough to run the ball. But we had to do something to establish the run, and Phillip Tanner helped us

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Sororities and fraternities prepare for recruitment

By ALEX MOORMAN
Assistant News Editor

Greek recruitment begins this month with the main goal this year that more students will go Greek.

"Fall recruitment is the single most important event for fraternities and sororities each year," said Shawn Grimes, president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Grimes said that fall is the time of year when each Greek organization has the chance to increase its numbers and introduce incoming freshman and transfer students to the benefits of Greek life.

"Supporting one's campus community goes hand-in-hand with being Greek," said Danny Kelley, associate dean of Student Life. "Attending sporting events, joining a club or organization are all important aspects of being part a of Greek Life."

Kelley said he will work

closely with the Greek community to ensure it has the support it needs for fall recruitment.

"The Inner Fraternity Council is a necessary entity to bring all fraternities together," Grimes said. "Organization is a key to success."

Grimes said that if students want the Greek Life system to succeed, there has to be organization, and the IFC has just that.

"We elected our IFC executives, so we have no problem as we begin recruitment in the fall," said Brandon McNary, president of Sigma Nu. "They have all been very busy. I suspect we'll have a pretty good recruitment."

McNary said that IFC and the Panhellenic executives are all very confident and capable of helping during recruitment.

"We have been recruiting all summer long," McNary said. "We aren't just relying on the formal recruitment.

We've had a lot of events and parties to get to meet potential members."

Grimes said that they are not trying to force anyone to join a Greek organization. Instead, said they look for students that are interested in joining a fraternity to find one that fits them.

"We are all constantly sending out e-mails and setting up flyers," McNary said. "We all participate in customs, so that helps tell the new freshman about Greek life."

McNary said that this year has shown the best interfraternity relations.

"We all hang out and talk to each other a good bit, and I think up and down the row you don't see as much of the fighting," McNary said.

McNary said that there are several good reasons why people join fraternities. One of the biggest advantages is the brotherhood aspect, which helps establish life-

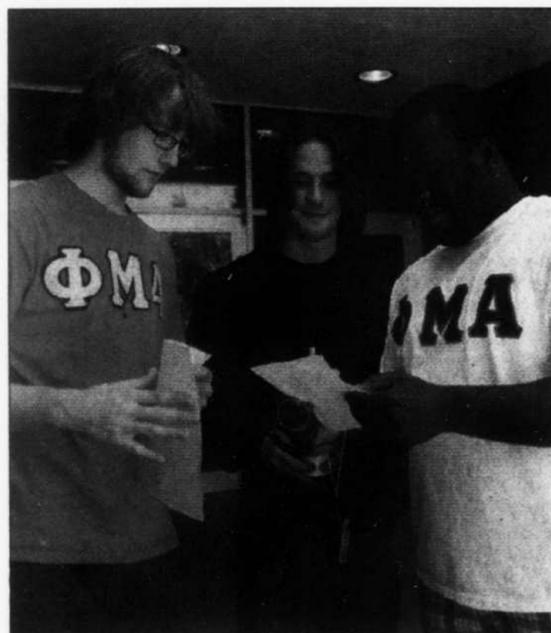


Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor
Phi Mu Alpha members participate in a rush scavenger hunt.

long friendships.

"Obviously, there is also the social aspect of it, which is a lot of fun," McNary said. "You can make different connections with people whether they are in your organization or outside of it."

Grimes said that if students look in every corner of campus, there are Greek in-

dividuals in prominent positions that contribute to life on campus as a whole.

He said that joining a fraternity or sorority helps build leadership qualities, communication skills and allows students to meet people with similar interests.

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Grad student claims crown

By FAITH FRANKLIN
Assistant News Editor

Newly-crowned Miss Black Tennessee 2008 is preparing to use her position to reach the state and the nation as she begins her year of reign.

Lashan Mathews, a 2007 MTSU graduate, was crowned on Sept. 3 at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville. Mathews is graduate student at MT studying physical education.

The Miss Black Tennessee Scholarship Pageant is an auxiliary of the Miss Black U.S.A. Scholarship Pageant.

"The best thing about winning is being able to be the voice that can reach out to thousands," Mathews said. "Not only the state of Tennessee, but to the United States as a whole through my platform, [which] I am very passionate about."

Mathews' platform is Youth Empowerment in the Arts. Y.E.A. is a program designed to help educate the public about the importance of the arts in the lives of today's youth.

"Statistics have shown that [young] people in art programs are more likely to go on to higher education," Mathews said.

Mathews attributes art programs as one of the factors that propelled her into higher

education. Mathews learned that school came first, and then the arts.

In addition to working on the promotion of Y.E.A., Mathews is working with Step Up to Health in Nashville, a program that teaches kids the importance of "stepping up" when their health is concerned.



Lashan Mathews

Mathews said she wants to raise public awareness about the health issues that children face specifically.

"Tennessee is ranked as one of the highest states for childhood obesity," Mathews said.

Mathews believes her position "is an outstanding opportunity for any young lady who would like to be involved in her community."

It is also, she said, an opportunity to be a positive role model in the community; Mathews said that there is a need for more positive female role models, regardless of their race.

Mathews' platform and community activities embody two goals of the Miss

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"Even though the stereotypes of Greek life portray us as avid partiers, irresponsible and abusive, we are not like that at all," Grimes said. "Being in a fraternity or sorority will drastically change a life for the better."

He said that going Greek teaches students about teamwork, develops social skills and increases chances of finding a good job after college.

Last year, Greeks completed

over \$30,000 in community service and raised over \$80,000 for philanthropies.

McNary said that once students join a Greek organization, they are encouraged to get involved and take pride in their campus.

"You will make hundreds of friends that you wouldn't have necessarily made without that organization," McNary said.

Formal recruitment for sororities will take place from Sept. 10 through Sept. 15. Fraternities will take place Sept. 15 through Sept. 20.

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The alleged victim has been released from MTMC and did not abstain any life threatening injuries.

Peaster said that he believes either one or both parties might have consumed alcohol willingly at some point before the sexual assault occurred.

However, a blood alcohol test was not performed on the alleged suspect by campus police or at the Murfreesboro Adult Detention Center.

"If someone is so drunk that they can't give consent and someone else has sex with that person then they are still held accountable for sexual assault," Peaster said. "Just because someone doesn't say anything because they're so intoxicated doesn't mean it's consensual."

Furthermore, Peaster said that he didn't believe that a party was going on at the Alpha Tau Omega house.

"I think there was a party that was going on at another fraternity house or it might have been part of rush," Peaster said.

After the incident occurred, Judicial Affairs received the report and is currently investigating the situation.

"Any time we have a report of sexual assault or aggravated

assault involving students, we will investigate," said Gene Fitch, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life.

With Alpha Tau Omega having only occupied the fraternity house since the beginning of August, disciplinary action is unknown at this time.

"At this point, it is way too early to answer the loss of their house," Fitch said.

According to Gregg Hutchins, senior recording industry major and Alpha Tau Omega president, the only investigation being conducted is by Murfreesboro City Police.

"ATO is currently unable to speak on the details of this event," Hutchins said. "ATO in no way condones the alleged incident and will continue to act in a manner of prestige on campus. These allegations in no way represent ATO."

Peaster said that to prevent future situations like these from happening, students should take precautions to ensure their safety.

"The reality is that most women from ages 18 to 24 that are college students are likely to encounter the most dangerous person, which is the stylish-dressed, smiley, young man with an alcoholic drink in his hand."

Fall Student Activity Fee Applications Available

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OPINIONS

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

Crime could give Greeks unwanted attention

This past Friday, a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity was arrested on allegations of sexual assault. The arrest was made by the Murfreesboro Police Department, but the case remains under investigation by both the city and MTSU police.

Every Sunday, *Sidelines* prints crime briefs as a service to our readers in an attempt to keep our community informed about the state of safety on campus. Typically criminal incidents – like the allegations concerning ATO – would appear in those briefs.

Unfortunately, there are no crime briefs today. When we went to retrieve the crime log at the police station, they refused to let us see it because it had not been "approved." The last crime brief was from Sept. 3.

Not updating crime briefs is illegal under the "Jeanne Cleary Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act."

For more information on the Jeanne Cleary Act and our troubles with the police station this summer, please visit our Web site – mtsusidelines.com – and read our July 23 Editorial Board titled "Crime rate at MT is public record; can't always access."

The reason why accessing the crime log is so important is that students have no other way to garner that information – other than rumors. And as far as the Greek community is concerned, this is not the week to have nasty rumors floating around.

Fraternity Rush began today. Rush is the process in which men interested in Greek Life spend a week getting to know the various fraternities on campus. At the end of the week, fraternities will invite the men they want to join their respective organizations.

We would venture to say that due to the alleged sexual assault, ATO might be hit by a lack of enthusiasm from interested students. The result of this situation seems somewhat unfair to the organization as a whole.

Garrick Hock is accused of sexual assault. ATO is not.

The organization as a whole did not participate or in any way condone the alleged incident.

It seems that members of the Greek Community are often put on a pedestal, and when incidents like this occur, the old adage of "the higher they are, the harder they fall" always comes up. Technically, it is "the bigger they are," but the sentiment is the same.

Yes – fraternities and sororities are held to a higher standard. Overall, the Greek community is more public about community service and campus involvement

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Embracing diversity at MT

Hispanic Heritage Month

El Mes de la Herencia Hispana



Vincent Windrow
Guest Columnist

Aunque no sea tan desgarrador como el asesinato del presidente John F. Kennedy o como el nacimiento de Brad Pitt que sacudió la tierra. Reuel Howe, en el año 1963 le hizo una gran contribución al mundo.

Hace cuarenta y cinco años, el compañero Howe fue el autor de un libro titulado *El milagro del diálogo*. Aunque el libro entero es profundo y de fácil lectura, la primera frase en su primera página es la clave principal. Howe escribió, "cada hombre es un adversario potencial, incluso los que amamos. Solamente a través del diálogo estamos a salvo de esta enemistad entre unos y otros." Es decir que sin el diálogo permaneceremos en un estado de ser sospechoso y cínico si mantenemos nuestras actuales políticas de aislamiento personal.

Afortunadamente para nosotros, durante las próximas semanas, exploraremos y expresaremos la rica herencia e influencia de la cultura hispana aquí en América.

El tema nacional del Mes de la Herencia Hispana: "Involucrarnos en: nuestras familias, nuestra comunidad, y nuestra nación", increíblemente evidencia cada llamada al deber de los Americanos. Es decir, que no sólo tenemos que satisfacer nuestras obligaciones hacia nuestros círculos íntimos, también tenemos que prestar atención a la llamada del involucramiento cívico y a la construcción de nuestra nación. Como John

“Pues comencemos el tipo de diálogo que nos provoque a celebrar nuestras fuerzas y mejorar nuestras deficiencias.”

VINCENT WINDROW
EL DIRECTOR DE ASUNTOS INTERCULTURALES Y DE LA DIVERSIDAD

Donne - no Sean John - dijo, "Ningún hombre es una isla." Es decir, que no importa cuanto tratemos de hacerlo contrario, la verdad es que de alguna u otra manera estamos interconectados.

Así pues, por favor disfruta de la diversidad que cada uno de nosotros trae a esta mesa. Ninguna persona es idéntica a otra; ni siquiera los que comparten los mismos padres. Aunque pudimos haber nacido en diferentes culturas, haber sido enseñados por diferentes métodos y haber sido expuestos a diversas experiencias, no permitamos que esas diferencias nos separen, por el contrario, tomemos lo mejor de ellas.

Nos han dado la maravillosa oportunidad de sentarnos unos con otros dentro de los salones de clases y asistir a las reuniones y aulas con el personal de esta facultad, quienes ofrecen altos niveles de pensamiento, de mejores técnicas de desempeño y de diversos métodos para lograrlo.

Como recientemente nombrado Director de Asuntos Interculturales y de la Diversidad, me comprometo, junto con la oficina de IDA, a agrandar el círculo para incluir a más estudiantes en las extraordinarias experiencias que ésta universidad ofrece.

Así, es mi deseo que los intercambios culturales e intelectuales se realicen sobre una base más frecuente, profunda, y significativa. El final de algo comienza siempre con el principio de la misma.

Así pues, comencemos el tipo de diálogo que nos provoque a celebrar nuestras fuerzas, a mejorar nuestras deficiencias y a apreciar las oportunidades que se nos presentan.

Ahora bien, antes de que comencemos a buscar los números y la información del curso, toma en cuenta que no hay cursos requisitorios a tomar para esta jornada diaria. No se necesita un número M. Tampoco es necesario contar con un permiso de estacionamiento blanco o verde, incluso, por esta vez podrías saltarte la librería.

El aula de clases es la creación, el instructor es la vida y tu eres el estudiante en este panorama interactivo llamado diálogo. Espero verte por aquí.

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The Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs is located in room 326 of the Keathley University Center. Regular office hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. You may call the office at (615) 898-5812 or e-mail them at mulcuaf@mtsu.edu.

ENGLISH TRANSLATION

Although not as heartbreaking as President John F. Kennedy's assassination or as earthshaking as Brad Pitt's birth, Reuel Howe did, in fact, make a contribution to the world in 1963.

Forty-five years ago, that fellow Howe authored a book titled *The Miracle of Dialogue*. Although the entire book is insightful and easily digested, the first phrase on its first page is the cake-taker. Howe wrote, "Every man is a potential adversary, even those whom we love. Only through dialogue are we saved from this enmity toward one another." In other words, we will stay in a suspicious and cynical state of being if we maintain our current personal isolationist policies.

Fortunately for us, over the next several weeks, we will explore and express the rich heritage and broadening influence of Hispanics here in America.

The national theme of Hispanic Heritage Month, "Getting Involved: Our Families, Our Community, and Our Nation," terrifically underscores every American's call to duty. That is, not only must we fulfill our obligations to our innermost circles, but we must also heed the call to civic involvement and nation building. As John Donne - not Sean John - put it, "no man is an island." That is, no matter how much we try otherwise, the truth of the matter is that we are interconnected.

So, please enjoy the diversity that each of us brings to the proverbial table. No one person is identical to another; not

“Let's begin the type of dialogue that will provoke us to celebrate our strengths and improve our deficiencies.”

VINCENT WINDROW
DIRECTOR OF INTERCULTURAL AND DIVERSITY AFFAIRS

even those who share the same parents. Although we may have been born into different cultures, informed by different teachings and exposed to differing experiences, let us look to benefit from the differences and not be divided by them.

We have been afforded the wonderful opportunity to sit next to people and peers in classrooms and in faculty/staff meetings who offer higher levels of thinking, better ways of performing and different approaches to doing.

In recently becoming the Director of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs, I committed myself and the IDA office to drawing the circle wider to include more students in the exceptional experiences that this university offers.

Thus, it is my desire that cultural and intellectual exchanges are made on a more frequent, intentional and meaningful basis. The end of a thing always commences with the beginning of that same thing.

So, let's begin the type of dialogue that will provoke us to celebrate our strengths, improve our deficiencies and appreciate

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than other organizations. When an organization makes a mistake, they should pay the price. However, this is not a case where the organization as a whole has allegedly committed a crime, only one

person who happens to be a member. It's times like these we need to realize that these organizations are made up of college kids - just like the rest of us. And as we all know, there are plenty of "bad apples" that aren't Greek, so it should stand to reason that sometimes, a not-so-good person might

join a fraternity. The situation doesn't have anything to do with the organization, other than the place where it allegedly happened and the fact that Hock is a member. It would be nice if Rush could continue without comparing fraternities and sexual offenders, but it probably won't. This in-

cident will still make ATO and the Greek community look bad. Which is a shame really, because what we as students should really be worried about is not having proper and legal access to our campus' safety information to see if any other similar incidents have occurred in our community.

HERITAGE FROM PAGE 4

the opportunities that we are presented. Now, before you start searching Pipeline for course numbers and information, please note that there are no prerequisite courses to take in order to register for this daily journey. You do not need an M number. Neither a white

nor a green parking permit is necessary. You can even bypass the bookstore, this time. The classroom is creation, the instructor is life, and you are the student in this interactive scenario called dialogue. I hope to see you around. Vincent Windrow is the director of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs and can be reached at vwindrow@mtsu.edu.



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Don't be a poseur; like what you like

Media, friends shouldn't influence musical taste

Everyone likes music. If you say you don't, you're lying. People can argue all day long about lyrics, chord progressions, crappy album art and whether progressive grindcore is really a type of metal.

But, in the end, it comes down to the honest-to-goodness fact that we base our friendships, who we talk to in classes, and, yes, even our boyfriends and girlfriends, on what kind of music they listen to.

To get right down to it, our musical taste influences almost every sociological area of our lives. You dress the way your favorite artist dresses. You listen to other artists that your favorite artist likes. You change your opinions, your beliefs and even your political vote all because some pop icon tells you to.

Music has a way of making us all snobbish (read: superior). Let's be honest here. I could never date someone that listens to namby-pamby, my-parents-hate-me, I-wear-my-girlfriend's-pants "emo" crap. Just thinking about it makes me want to vomit. Now, if we're talking about a guy who wants to delve into the underlying themes of The Beatles' "White Album," I'm there.

Having commonality with another human being over music drives us to build ties with them. In very few instances do people have friends who, according to



No Time for Romance Alaina Thetford

them, have horrible taste in music - mostly those relationships happen through coincidences and are purely accidental. We hope.

The false intelligence that music "gives" people is probably the greatest contributing factor as to why people hate each other.

There is nothing more annoying than someone getting the idea that music has made them introspective and intelligent on a different level from everyone else. Just because you interpreted a song lyric one way, despite the 500 other ways you could take it, does not mean that you have graduated to a plane of higher understanding. Get a life, shut up, no one cares.

Yet still, the most obnoxious people to have a music argument with are, in fact, musicians themselves. They always think they can do it better! If they could do it better, they'd be making lots of money and not sitting there whining about it.

The thing to understand about music is that you don't have to be good to be famous.

Actual talent hardly makes the list when signing a band.

Like Elvis Presley said: "I don't know anything about music. In my line you don't have to." Pity, though. I'd really love for my ear not to bleed every time I turn on the radio nowadays. Elvis is awesome, by the way.

All I'm saying here is this: As members of society, we act as we're expected to - to follow the label we've put on ourselves based on our tastes. Your taste in things like music and your opinions are yours, so long as they're really yours and not what was pawned off on you by pop culture.

Let's try and break the stereotype for once, shall we? After all, a guy who listens to metal, wears black and hates his life is rather cliché. Just be who you want to be without sacrificing your individuality.

Following the masses is not the way to go - like certain music because you like it, not because MTV and Rolling Stone magazine told you to like it.

And so what if your best friend doesn't like that Ben Kweller record you bought? They can still be your best friend. Really. Oh, and I happen to like Ben Kweller. What's it to you?

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Real-world experience before graduation

Internship experience crucial for college graduates seeking jobs



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(Above) Recording studios like this one are what RIM students use during their internships. According to MTSU's Career and Employment Center, obtaining an internship is a crucial step in landing a dream gig.

By JAHN PARKER
Contributing Writer

Another fall semester has approached in MTSU's illustrious mass communications building. For recording industry majors in particular, this means another four months of projects, another four months of researching perplex copyright law cases to decipher into briefs and working arduous hours of the night in order to finish a production in the tech lab.

Needless to say, the RIM department isn't a joke.

Recording industry seniors have come a long way and are about to graduate—a great feat. But, the unfortunate reality that awaits RIM students is that finding a job out of college is not guaranteed with a degree. One thing that definitely helps is having real world experience, also known as an internship.

Having an internship before you graduate is old news if you have spoken to any teacher in the department.

Put bluntly, there could be more MTSU interns out there. The internship program offers many companies for students to look into; from large publishers like Sony/ATV to smaller independent labels like Hyena Records.

According to Nancy Stubblefield, coordinator of the Career and Employment Center in the College of Mass Communication, not enough students are taking advantage of the internship opportunities out there every semester. Part of this is due to the increasing need of interns in the industry.

"I don't think there are substantially reduced numbers of students doing internships," says Tom Hutchinson, coordinator of the recording industry internship program. "But there is a demand for them in an industry that is facing finan-

cial hardships and looking for ways to cut cost."

The other part depends on how eagerly students want to intern.

"Some students will develop a contact for an internship on their own and think they've stumbled on a golden opportunity that they must take advantage of right away, whether they are ready or not," Hutchinson says. "That's just not the case. When they are ready for an internship and have completed the requirements, there will still be plenty of opportunities."

Making a contact or two is a great way to keep avenues open for the future, but it doesn't always assure a job waiting.

Interning not only offers real world experience but also helps students become more diversified in their skills. Through internships, many avenues are built by gaining experience and meeting contacts via the company interned with. It is good to remember that the perfect internship may not always be a step, but it may still be a valuable closer to where students want to be.

The distance between MTSU and Nashville isn't a short one, and traveling back and forth between the two is enough to turn any struggling student off with the current state of gas prices.

There is no price for education and experience, but when you're spending thousands of dollars on gas to get from one place to another, it doesn't hurt to look for other options. There are people trying to make things easier.

"I spent nearly \$3,000 dollars driving back from Nashville to Murfreesboro over the course of my internship," says Lorelei Samuelson, licensing coordinator for Sony/ATV Publishing in Nashville. "However, the money spent was well worth

the skills that I obtained."

Samuelson is an MTSU alumnus who once interned with Sony/ATV and was hired the Monday after she graduated. According to Samuelson, the biggest thing keeping more students from interning is gas prices.

She has been working diligently over the past month in trying to get a bus route installed in the MTA Nashville Public Transportation System that would alleviate many of the issues that students encounter.

"I am trying to arrange new routes as well as scheduled times that are more accommodating for students hoping to participate in the internship program," Samuelson says.

Samuelson says that it would cost nothing to add the bus routes. It just takes time with some influence from the RIM department faculty, Samuelson thinks that this great idea can come into fruition.

"Currently, the closest place that the route stops to Music Row is on 8th Avenue in downtown Nashville," Samuelson says. "To get to Music Row, students will have to catch a connecting bus route that runs 20 minutes after 9:00 a.m. My proposal will allow students to arrive on time to their internship and depart 15 minutes after the normal industry working hours."

Samuelson also says that a one-way ticket for MTSU students would only be \$1.25—a very nice drop from \$3000 she once spent.

When asking any professor, students typically find that the recording industry department has a reputation of providing companies with excellent interns. With the demand for interns rising, there are plenty of places that might take on interns.

Some students may be looking into a summer apprenticeship outside of



Nashville. According to Hutchinson, the department maintains contacts in places such as Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta and Miami. Other steps, such as revamping the internship database, are being taken as well.

Hutchinson plans on upgrading the database so it will give students the opportunity to interact with the company of their choice before an internship is offered and accepted.

As the semester drags on and your stockpile of work grows even larger, consider speaking to Tom Hutchinson about help finding an internship. Sure, it's another big responsibility to take on. But remember, it's one that could be well worth it in the long run.

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(Above) Sun Studio, located in Memphis, Tenn., is where Elvis Presley began recording music at 18.
(Below) Instruments like these guitars and drums are devices commonly used in recording studios to produce music.



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9/8-9/12 - Fogetting Sarah Marshall - KUC Theatre @ 7&10 - \$2

Music

9/8 - An Evening of Being w/ Heather Haints, The Native Plane Community, Schenker Rauh Dierdre, CIA - The Basement @ 8 - \$5

9/8 - August Burns Red. A Skylit Drive, Sky Eats Airplane, Greenley Estates, This or the Apocalypse - Rockettown @ 6 - \$12 pre-order/\$14 door

9/9 - Recon, Stray for the Path, Soldiers, Anastasia, Goodbye Apathy - The Muse @ 7 - \$10

9/9 - Hot New Singles, The Starlings, Ellery, Brianna Hardyman, Technicolor Mobile Home, Chad Hardy, Sara Kelley - The Basement @ 8 - Free

9/10 - Death Threat, Crowns of Kings, Taken Under - The Muse @ 7 - \$12

9/10 - Stacie Collins, Tanya Watts, Chelle Rose, Greta Gaines - The Basement @ 9 - \$7

9/10 - Scary Kids Scary Kids, Finch, From First to Last, Tickle Me Pink, Our Last Night - Rockettown @ 6 - \$15 pre-order/\$17 door

9/11-9/13 - Next Big Nashville - The Basement

9/11 - CJ Vaughn & Highway 58 - Mellow Mushroom @ 8

9/11 - The Billy Goat Gang, Rinodeth - The Muse @ 7 - \$7

9/12 - Spy Machine - The 'Boro @ 8

9/12 - Vinyl Soup - Wallstreet @ 9

9/12 - By Blood We Are Bonded, Bishop, Last of the Living, Ashes From Another, Backwater Burial, Honor This Day - The Muse @ 7 - \$7

9/12 - Destroy Destroy Destroy, Ill Patriot, My Friend the Ghost Anathens - Rockettown @ 6 - \$6

9/13 - Boo Boo Bunny's 12th Anniversary Show w/ Leticia Wolf - The 'Boro @ 8

9/13 - Far From Folsom - Wallstreet @ 9

9/13 - The Carry-ons, The Long Johns, Courtesy Murder - The Muse @ 7 - \$5

9/14 - Sign, Zimmers Hole, Unexpect, Erebus, The Muse @ 7 - \$12

Other

9/10 - Mellow Mushroom Trivia - @ 11 a.m.

9/10 - Live Trivia Night - Wallstreet @ 8 p.m.

9/14 - Kickball, The 'Boro vs. Campus Pub, The 'Boro @ 3 p.m.

9/14 Hair o' the Dog Brunch - Wallstreet @ 11 a.m.

9/14 Football Brunch - Wallstreet @ 8 p.m.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL FROM PAGE 1

had to keep them honest, and we did that. Joe Craddock did a nice job executing and running our offense tonight."

From the start of the game, the Blue Raiders set the tempo and jumped on the Terps, striking gold after a successful fake punt in which punter David Defatta connected with tight end Alvin Ingle on a 28-yard pass play that set up the first touchdown.

"We worked on it all week, and I told [safeties coach]

quarter, connecting on a 31-yard attempt that gave MT a 10-7 lead as they headed into the locker room for halftime.

The second-half action was dominated by the Blue Raider defense, with timely interceptions and crucial, momentum killing stops on third downs.

Linebacker Danny Carmichael started the onslaught with an interception of Terp quarterback Chris Turner, which he returned all the way down to the 10-yard line. Three plays later, running back Phillip Tanner dove over the Maryland defensive line from one yard out, giv-

the Terps. For the game, MT gathered three sacks, while the Maryland defensive line was not able to get to Craddock at all.

Cornerback Ted Riley intercepted Turner at the one-yard line after Maryland drove down the field. Later in the fourth quarter, with time winding down, cornerback Alex Suber was also able to pick off Turner, this time in the end zone, and officially put the nail in the Terps coffin.

Stockstill said he was pleased with the way the Blue Raider defense was able to get after the ball.

"I thought our defense did a great job," he said. "Our front got pressure. You can't get interceptions unless you get pressure on the quarterback, so it was a team defensive effort. Those were some big interceptions and they keyed the win."

When all was said and done, MT walked away with what could arguably be the biggest win in program history.

Fans gathered and rushed the field, celebrating with the team and singing the MT fight song. Both the players and coaches were eager to thank the fans for their support and participation after the game, especially Craddock.

"These fans stuck with us," Craddock said. "We can't thank them enough. They were a big part of this tonight. I can't tell you how much we appreciate this crowd and how they believed in us. We have been so close so many times and had one heartbreak after another. But tonight we stuck with it and found a big win."

Carmichael was also appreciative of the fan support and was happy to see the fans rush the field when the clock struck zero.

"[It was a] great feeling to have everybody out there with us," Carmichael said. "We showed our fans what we are made of, and we appreciate their support. We are going to get them more wins."

Next up for the Blue Raiders will be their first road test of the year, as they head to Lexington, Ky. to battle the University of Kentucky Wildcats.



Photo by Chris Barstad, staff photographer

Running back Phillip Tanner (21) runs the ball to run out the clock. Tanner finished with 61 yards.

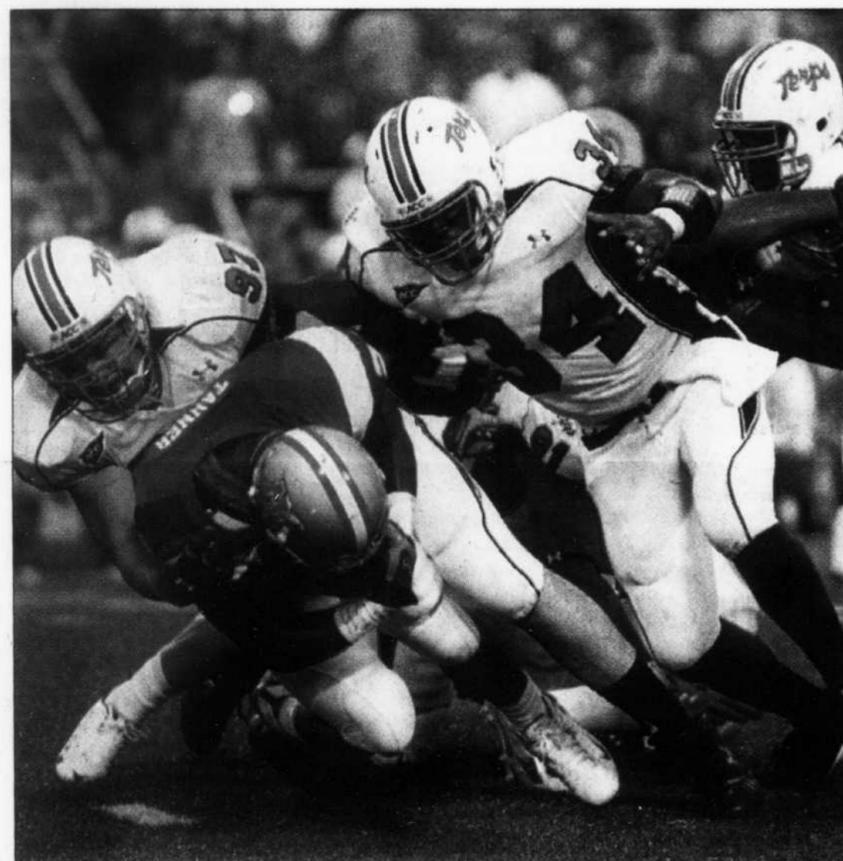


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Tanner fights for yardage as the Maryland defense swarms. MT put up 402 yards on the Terrapins.

MT Top Performers



OFFENSE

Joe Craddock

28-of-40 passing, 256 passing yards, 28 rushing yards, 2 TDs, no INTS



DEFENSE

Ivon Hickmon

6 tackles (one TFL), one sack



DEFENSE

David DeFatta

4 punts, 42.0 Avg, one inside 20

David Bibee, who put it in, that I was going to run it early in the game," Stockstill said. "We had to do it against their punt safe, and they were in their punt safe, so it was good for us. We executed it well and it gave us a shot in the arm."

After Maryland struck back with a 63-yard breakaway run by running back Da'Rell Scott, the Blue Raiders were able to slow the game down and utilize their possessions to keep the Maryland offense off the field.

Despite missing a 48-yard field goal attempt early in the first quarter, freshman kicker Alan Gendreau was able to redeem himself in the second

ing MT a 17-7 lead.

The Terps were able to answer the Raiders one more time when Turner connected with wide receiver Darrius Heyward-Bey for an 80-yard touchdown reception.

The Blue Raiders, however, answered right back when quarterback Joe Craddock delivered a perfect strike to wide out Malcolm Beyah for a 53-yard touchdown. Beyah completed the play after leaving his shoe behind near midfield.

As Maryland continued to look for big plays, the Blue Raider secondary stepped up and capitalized on the good pressure that the defensive line was putting on

The Blue Raiders have finally arrived

Last season, Louisiana-Monroe, Troy and Florida Atlantic got theirs, and Arkansas State already got its signature win this season.

On Sept. 7, MT put itself on the college football map with a 24-14 home upset over the ACC's Maryland.

Finally, the Blue Raiders have a win they can hang their hats on.

It's not the first time MT has beaten a team from one of the former BCS conferences, but it's difficult to get too excited over a few wins over SEC whipping-boy Vanderbilt.

And it couldn't have been scripted any better.

Despite the modest margin of victory, MT dominated the Terps. It held Darrius Heyward-Bey, one of the nation's top receivers, to only three catches. It refused to be pushed around despite the Terrapins considerable size advantages on both the offensive and defensive lines. And, perhaps most importantly, the heavy-underdog Raiders were able to pull off the win in front of the home crowd.

The fact that the hometown fans got to see their Blue Raiders put on an incredible per-



Outside the Pocket Chris Martin

formance in order to get what is arguably the school's most important win is priceless.

For years, MT has battled fan apathy in an arduous effort to put butts in the seats.

The excuses play like a broken record. "MTSU sucks, they'll probably lose anyway," or "I'd rather watch (insert name of more established program) on TV than watch MTSU play live for free."

One could even argue that the University of Tennessee is the biggest reason why our school has had trouble with attendance. Since UT holds a monopoly on football tradition in Tennessee, it's difficult for another school to wrestle attention away from the Big Orange.

But you've gotta crawl before you walk.

The Vols won their first of six national championships in 1938, while the Blue Raiders have been playing in the Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) since only 1999.

Blue Raider football is not Volunteer football, but that's not to say that it can't be. Fans just need to adjust their expectations. It takes time for a school to establish itself on the national stage, and while Saturday's victory wasn't the lead story on Sportscenter, it is a step in the right direction towards building a name that people outside of Tennessee recognize.

Just take a look at South Florida.

The Bulls started their program in 1997, moved to Division I-A in 2001 and, last season, ranked No. 2 in the nation at one point.

This is not to suggest that the Blue Raiders are primed to experience a meteoric rise similar to USF, but it's an example of how a team, with the stars correctly aligned, can gain national prominence despite its lack of tradition.

This is an exciting time for MT football, and there are going to be Negative Nancy's

who are going to attempt to demean the merits of the win over Maryland.

They're going to say that Maryland isn't going to contend for a national championship or even the ACC championship this season. These people aren't going to give the Blue Raiders any credit until they're hoisting the national title trophy over their heads.

But, the Terps' roster is full of NFL talent.

If one travels to Draft-countdown.com (which is run by Scott Wright, who, for my money, is just as good if not better than Mel Kiper Jr.), he can see how many pro prospects play for Maryland.

Wright lists 10 Terrapins in his rankings compared to five from the entire Sun Belt Conference. That doesn't mean that whomever Wright puts in his rankings is going to get drafted, but it does mean those players are on the NFL radar. And should Heyward-Bey turn pro at the end of the season, it's likely he will be a first-day pick.

So Maryland may not be the biggest, baddest wolf

MT volleyball team remains undefeated

By ANDREW MCNAMARA
Staff Writer

The tournament is called the Blue Raider Bash, but by judging the play on the court, it should be renamed the Blue Raider Beat Down.

MT's volleyball team, nationally ranked for the first time in school history, finished up the Blue Raider Bash with a 3-0 win over Loyola-Marymount on Saturday to remain undefeated on the season.

The Lady Raiders improved to 5-0 on the season as they hosted their second tournament in as many weekends at Alumni Memorial Gym.

The Lady Raiders swept through the weekend tournament with wins over David Lipscomb, Iowa State and Loyola-Marymount--they never dropped a set.

MT tamed the Lions from LMU with scores of 25-19, 25-22 and 25-15.

"We are a hard team to defend because when they focus on one or two players it frees up our other players, and they always come through," head coach Matt Peck said.

"It was a great team effort for us. Loyola-Marymount has a really low RBI, so it is a great win for us."

A crowd of about 1,000 fans piled into Alumni Memorial Gym Saturday to watch No. 15 MT take on Big 12 foe Iowa State in the first match of their double header on Saturday.

As a team, MT had 41 kills with eight team blocks and served six aces in the match. The Blue Raiders won by scores of 25-21, 25-22 and 25-22.

Sophomore Izabela Kozon lead the attack against the Cyclones knocking down 12 kills for a .345 hitting percentage.

"Iowa State made the Sweet 16 last year as well, and we knew they were going to come in here and play really well," Peck said. "Last year when we played them their setter was out and this year she was back and really made a difference in the match."

In the Blue Raiders' first match of the tournament, they took down Lipscomb by

Titans open season by taming Jaguars

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

The Tennessee Titans' defense helped carry them into the playoffs last season. If they keep playing like this, it might be enough to carry them even further.

The Titans sacked David Garrard seven times, recovered his fumble and Cortland Finnegan intercepted him twice in beating the Jaguars 17-10 Sunday in the season opener between the AFC's two wild cards in 2007.

"If you get seven sacks in a ballgame, it speaks volumes of what you're doing up front and the turnovers, definitely it was a huge day," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "We had to have that kind of day definitely to win this ball-

game." Vince Young had a rough day; he was intercepted twice and threw for 110 yards. His second pick came a play after Finnegan's second interception. Fans booed heavily as he was slow to head back onto the field late in the fourth quarter. Young sprained his left knee a couple of crutches later and had a pair of crutches at his locker after the game.

The Titans will run tests on Young's knee, but Fisher said he didn't think the injury was serious.

Tennessee's first-team offense went through the pre-season without scoring a touchdown, and the Titans came into this game believing the defense would have to win the game.

It did. Jacksonville came in without top backup Richard Collier on the offensive line after he was shot earlier this week. The Jaguars had three more linemen get hurt, and Maurice Williams and Vince Manuwa did not return. That helped Tennessee limit the Jaguars to 187 yards of offense, just 33 yards rushing by what was the NFL's second-best rushing team in 2007.

"We had protection issues and timing issues throughout," Jaguars coach Jack Del Rio said. "We battled through it. We made some nice plays, but part of the problem was the way they rushed."

All-Pro defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth got the

first and last sacks of the game for Tennessee, the final one securing the victory as time expired. Tackle Tony Brown had two sacks, and Pro Bowl end Kyle Vanden Bosch had one play in which he sacked Garrard, forced a fumble and recovered the ball.

"I thought this defense was capable of playing really well," Vanden Bosch said. "I knew we would play well today, but I was surprised. We did well in all facets of the game today."

The Jaguars, who had been an NFL-best 9-4 in season openers, now have lost two straight to Tennessee.

Jacksonville had first-and-goal from the Titans 9 in the final minutes. But Garrard was incomplete on three

straight passes, and Josh Scobee kicked a 27-yard field goal with 2:13 to go. The Jaguars tried to recover an onside kick, but illegally touched it before the ball went 10 yards.

The Titans failed to pick up a first down on fourth-and-1, giving Jacksonville a last shot with 14 seconds to go. Garrard completed one short pass, then Haynesworth ended it.

"This is the sorest I've been in a long time," Garrard said. "I don't like being this sore."

The Titans showed off the best addition to their offense in Chris Johnson, their first-round pick out of East Carolina. He ran 15 times for 93 yards and had three catches for 34, including a 7-yard touchdown pass from Young.

LenDale White added a 1-yard TD rush in the fourth quarter.

Kerry Collins came in and promptly tossed a screen pass that was turned into a 34-yard gain by tight end Bo Scaife, and White capped the 80-yard drive with his TD with 3:47 left and a 17-7 lead.

Garrard did toss a 1-yard TD to Greg Jones for a 7-3 lead in the second quarter, set up by safety Gerald Sensabaugh's interception.

Another sack, this one by Titans safety Michael Griffin, forced the Jaguars to try a 37-yard field goal in the third quarter. But the ball went just outside the top of the right goal post. Scobee tried to argue his case with officials, but there was no replay.

Golf team impresses at weekend tournament

By TONY STINNETT
MT Athletic Communications

Two freshmen making their college debut led MT to a second-place finish in the top three-round totals in school history at the Chris Banister Gamecock Classic at Silver Lakes Golf Course this weekend.

Karisa Akin and Steph Gough carded top-10 finishes in their debut to help lead the Blue Raiders to their highest finish under second-year coach Chris Adams. Akin closed at 4-over 220 to tie for fourth, and Gough shot 7-over 223 for seventh. Akin improved her score in each round and finished with a 1-under 71 Sunday. Gough led the tournament, entering the final round after shooting 2-under in Saturday's second round, but she slipped on the leader board with a 79 Sunday.

"If you would have [told] me the two freshmen would do what they did, I may have been a little surprised," Adams said. "Not that I don't have confidence in them, because they are talented, but with it being their first tournament and the nerves and pressure, they did a great job. Now, the first-tournament jitters are behind us, and I think the expectation bar is a little higher."

The three-round, 905 team total is the lowest for the Blue

Raiders under Adams by 10 strokes, and all six players were among the top 30 in the field. The 905 total is the sixth-best three-round total in school history.

"Going in, I knew any one of them could be contending for number one on this team and in the tournament, and it proved to be true in this case," Adams said. "Everybody hung in there day-to-day, and we eliminated numbers that really kept us low. There is room for improvement, but we are headed in the right direction."

Seniors Leigh Wilkins and Mallory Bishop tied for 11th at 13-over. Clara Leathers was 26th with a 235, and Morgan Hale tied for 29th with a 237.

Middle Tennessee was 13 shots behind winner Chattanooga and finished eight shots better than third-place Southern Miss. The Blue Raiders may have had a better shot of pressuring Chattanooga for the lead if not for some missed opportunities down the stretch in Friday's first round; however, they bounced back and took advantage by eliminating slip-ups.

The Blue Raiders led the tournament with 177 pars. Akin's 40 pars in 54 holes were tops in the tournament; Gough was second with 37, and Wilkins tied for fifth with 35.

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around, but they certainly aren't a bunch of slouches, and beating the Terrapins is certainly the most important win for the MT football program to date.

The Blue Raiders aren't ready to contend for the national championship, and they may never be, but taking

down the Terps on Saturday might just be the cornerstone on which this program can build.

The Blue Raiders probably aren't going to run this season, but they might have just gotten off their hands and knees and taken their first step.

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Black U.S.A. Pageant, which is committed to addressing the health and educational needs of the community.

Along with her title, Mathews received a \$1,500 scholarship from the Miss Black Tennessee Scholarship Organization.

The pageant believes that education is the key to life-long success and empowerment; as such, they promote education by providing scholarship opportunities to its winners.

Mathews said that she is benefiting from the experience she received as a student ambassador at MTSU.

Being a student ambassador allowed Mathews the opportunity to gain practice speaking to diverse audiences.

Mathews also received pageant practice as an

dergrad; she received the title Miss Black and Gold, a pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, for the 2005 to 2006 school year. Mathews was 2006 winner. Middle Tennessee Blue Raider in 2007.

Mathews competed in the Miss Black Tennessee Pageant last year and came in third runner up.

"This year my attitude was the can-do attitude," Mathews said.

She also said she wants to be a real life role model that girls can look up to.

"I want to be that positive role model that little girls look up to and say, I can do that" too Mathews' said. "Not because of the glitz, crown and the sash, but because I am a real life person."

As Miss Black Tennessee, Mathews will compete in the Miss Black USA in June 2009.

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scores of 25-19, 25-16 and 25-21.

MT will be back in action on Friday, Sept. 12 when it travels to Arlington, Texas to compete in the UT-Arlington Hilton Invitational. The Blue

Raiders are slated to face South Carolina State, UT-Arlington and Duke.

The tournament begins a seven-match road trip with

MT not playing in Murfreesboro until Oct. 3 against Sun Belt Conference-foe Florida International.

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