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## Campus Briefs

### Women in Science hold cookout

The new organization, Women in Science Education, will hold a cookout for prospective members at 4:30 p.m., Sept. 4 at Monohan Hall.

The organization is open to undergraduate and graduate women interested in or majoring in the sciences, such as mathematical sciences, engineering technology and industrial studies, nursing, chemistry, biology, physics and astronomy, military science, aerospace, agribusiness and agriscience, computer science and geoscience.

Interested individuals are asked to make a reservation by noon today by calling Judith Iriarte-Gross, associate professor of chemistry, at 904-8253 or e-mailing her at jiriarte@mtsu.edu.

### Phi Chi recruiting starts Friday

Phi Chi sorority will be holding fall recruitment Sept. 5-8. A meet and greet meeting will take place Sept. 5 in Room 318 of the Keathley University Center. Sept. 6 will be bowling at Strike and Spare from noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 7 will be a picnic at 2:30 p.m. at Barfield Crescent Park. Bid night will be Sept. 8.

For more information, contact Katie Least at 895-0737 or kel2f@mtsu.edu.

### Psychology scholarship created for students

A new psychology scholarship has been named after a professor who has taught at MTSU for 30 years. James Rust was honored with the creation of the scholarship, which will be called the James O. Rust School Psychology scholarship. It will be open to graduate students admitted to the school psychology program beginning in the 2003-2004 academic year.

For more information about this scholarship, contact the department of psychology at 898-2706.

### Orchestra to perform Monday on campus

The Murfreesboro Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra will perform Sept. 8 in Tucker Theatre at 7:30 p.m. The concert, titled, "Testament of Freedom Reaches to the Stars," will feature former NASA astronaut Margaret Rhea Seddon as well as the Middle Tennessee Choral Society. Tickets at the door will range from \$30 to \$20 with students/children tickets available for \$10.

For more information call 898-1862. ♦

### First Star Party to be held Friday night

The MTSU department of physics and astronomy is sponsoring the first Friday Star Party this Friday at 8 p.m. There will be a 20 minute to 40 minute lecture in Room 102 of Wisner-Patten Science Hall. They will then look at Mars through telescopes. ♦

## Students charged with robbing store

### Suspects arrested at Womack Lane Thursday

By Liz Karlson  
Staff Writer

Two former MTSU football players allegedly robbed the Eckerd drug store on Memorial Boulevard last Wednesday night.

Marlon Quan Domineck, 20, and Michael Watkins II, 19,

allegedly held-up the store at gun point and stole an undisclosed amount of money.

The main victim stated he was reading a magazine in front of the store when a black male stuck a weapon in his face and stated, "Come with me," and later demanded all the money in the safe. The robber was report-

ed saying "We don't want to hurt anybody," according to the Murfreesboro Police Department's police report.

During the robbery, a pharmacist overheard one of the students order a technician to give him money, and in response called the local police.

As the police approached,

the two suspects ran across the parking lot and got in their car. The police then gave chase.

The police located the students though a university parking pass on the suspects' vehicle.

The two students involved were arrested at their MTSU apartment on Womack Lane the following Thursday around 5 a.m. The police approached the residence and asked to search the apartment but were denied

by Domineck and Watkins. After obtaining a search warrant, the police recovered a weapon, the moneybag and the clothes allegedly worn at the scene of the crime.

Watkins is being charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated robbery, while Domineck is charged with possession of a weapon on MTSU

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## Disappearing 'Sidelines'

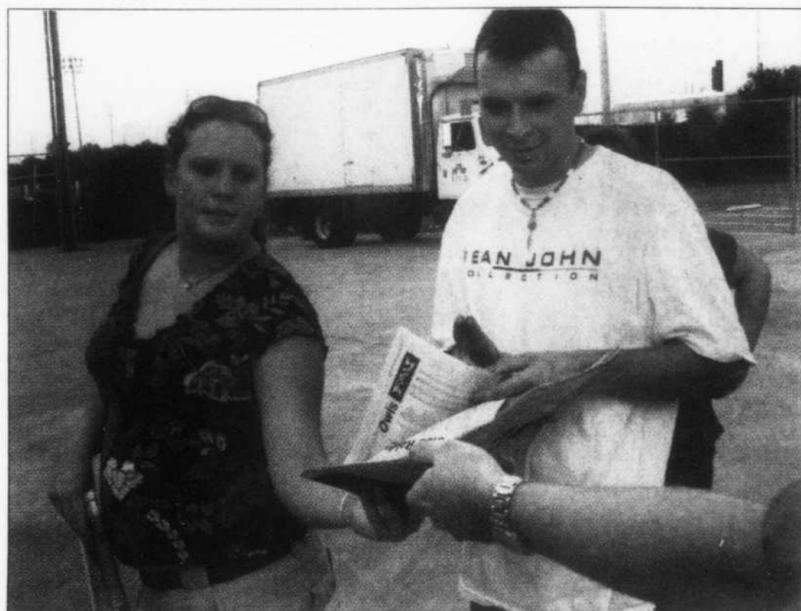


Photo by Jamie Lowrance | Staff Photographer  
Jennifer Carlton, junior horse science major, and Thomas Maxon take copies of Sidelines Thursday night at the football game. Sidelines staffers gave out the remaining copies of the paper at the game as well as a special sports edition.

## Papers missing from stands

Staff Reports

Virtually every copy of Sidelines was missing from stands by 9 a.m. on Thursday according to Sidelines' editor in chief.

Patrick Chinnery, Sidelines editor in chief, suspects malicious intent, not an overzealous readership caused the papers to disappear from stands.

The lead story reported that two fraternities owed thousands of dollars in unpaid rent.

Chinnery first called the police to report the

stolen papers. He then notified the local media to ensure that the story would get out. The Daily News Journal, The Tennessean, the Associated Press, and three television stations in Nashville covered the story.

"The perpetrators are downright foolish if they think they could stop the freedom of the press or this story just by stealing some papers," Chinnery said. "You can kill the messenger, but the message still gets out."

Several witnesses reported seeing the papers being thrown away Thursday morning. ♦

## Two fraternities owe university thousands

### Business office threatens to terminate groups' leases

By Patrick Chinnery  
and Nick Fowler  
Editor in Chief and News Editor

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Pi Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma each received a letter from the MTSU Business Office threatening to terminate their lease agreements because of delinquent rent payments.

According to the letter, the fraternities have 30 days to make payment arrangements.

The letters, dated Aug. 20, said Kappa Sigma owed \$64,488.41 while Pi Kappa Alpha had an outstanding balance of \$69,833.60. Pi Kappa Alpha made two payments to the university on Aug. 26 amounting to \$41,000, and an additional payment on Aug. 29 for \$2,900 which lowered their outstanding balance to \$25,933.60.

The university is prepared to evict the fraternities if the

accounts cannot be settled, according to David Hays, associate vice president and dean of student life.

"We haven't come up with any plan yet that has been approved," Hays said.

PKA President Luke Naylor proposed that his fraternity should keep their rent current and pay an additional amount per month to pay off their debt.

"Our preference is to get the total amount now," said Allan Thomas, university controller.

Kappa Sigma is planning to meet with the business office this week, according to Thomas.

The fraternities must propose a plan to settle their debt, which must be approved by John Cothorn, vice president for business and finance.

"Some of the groups have struggled to keep their house full which has affected their ability to pay us," Hays said. "These [debts] have gone too far, and we needed to reign these in."

The fraternities offered very different reasons for the unpaid invoices.

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## Worm brings down university e-mail

By Kyle Postlewaite  
Staff Writer

The Internet worm known as SoBig.F left its mark on the MTSU computer network last week, affecting the Webmail system for faculty and students.

The SoBig.F virus had been on the Internet for quite some time before it struck the MTSU network. The virus is an evolved sixth edition of the original virus.

The Information Technology Department noticed the SoBig.F version of the virus Aug. 19.

"We first noticed that it had all the symptoms of a virus, but we didn't have any proof that it was," said JERRY Gentry, vice president for ITD.

"We update our anti-virus pattern files from Trend Micro every morning at 3 o'clock automatically. Shortly after 9 o'clock is when we had found out about it [SoBig.F]."

By 9:15 that morning, ITD had the security patch in place to combat the virus, but by that time the damage had been done.

Students and faculty who

tried to log on to their Webmail accounts were denied, simple computer tasks took more time than usual and many web pages could not be accessed.

SoBig.F has been the fastest moving virus to date on the Internet. It attacks Microsoft's Windows operating systems, but Apple's Macintosh systems are not effected.

The worm works by sending an e-mail with an attachment that may seem important, such as *Re: Your Application*. Unsuspecting victims checking their e-mails are fooled into downloading the attachment with the virus on it.

Once this happens, SoBig.F scans the user's hard disc drive for e-mail addresses and directories. The virus then creates its own Sendmail Transfer Protocol, basically, its own e-mailing service, and continues sending out infected e-mails to e-mail addresses it finds.

Overall, SoBig.F is successful at slowing a computer's ability to function properly and clogs a network with more work than it can handle.

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File photo  
The Red Rose is undergoing a metamorphosis and some patrons aren't happy about it.

## Changes at bistro scrutinized

By Lindsey Turner  
Flash Editor

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When the Red Rose Coffee House and Bistro closed its doors Sunday, rumors abounded.

Some said new management

planned to convert the coffee house/music venue into an Italian restaurant. Some said the coffee shop was going to take on a corporate, Starbucks quality. All of them thought that the Red Rose as Murfreesboro had known it was dead.

But, according to part-owner Amy Turner, the Red Rose is just fine.

"We made some business decisions and decided we needed to spruce up," Turner said.

Turner said the Red Rose is

keeping the same menu and will still book bands. The major changes to the place include some painting and new furniture, she said. She also said that the record store in the back room was removed. Other than those changes, she said, the Red Rose will be back to business as usual Saturday, when it re-opens.

But many in the Murfreesboro community fear

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# Fraternities: PKA president faults miscommunication

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"There was a miscommunication between us and our housing corp, and between the housing corp and the university," Naylor said. "We were under the impression that (the university) was receiving payments."

Barry McMahan, treasurer of the Kappa Sigma Housing Corporation, said his organization has not attempted to contact the university because he has not received any notice from the university regarding an outstanding debt.

"I haven't received a letter," McMahan said. "All of the administrators ... know who I am. If there was a major problem, I'd imagine one of them would pick up the phone and

call me." He added later in the interview that a university official had left a message for him yesterday, but that he didn't know the subject of the call.

The fraternities utilize similar systems to pay the university owed for the rooms on Greek Row. Each fraternity has a housing manager, who collects rent from residents of the fraternity house.

The housing manager deposits that money into a checking account, and writes a check to his fraternity's housing corporation, which is administered by an alum of the local chapter.

According to Naylor, PKA uses a billing service to collect its members' individual rents and to deposit that money in

their checking account, although the house manager is the one who writes the check to their housing corporation.

The housing corporation is responsible for making all monthly payments to the university. The university makes semi-annual payments to the Tennessee State School Bond Authority, which originally funded the construction of the houses on Greek Row. The payment schedule has operated this way since the houses opened in fall 2000.

Naylor said the checks his fraternity sent to its housing corporation were lost in the mail over the course of the summer, because Robert Holman, who is in charge of the PKA housing corporation, moved at

the end of May.

When asked if the housing manager noticed that the checks to the housing corporation were not being cashed, Naylor denied that the manager had been derelict in his duties.

"He noticed it, and tried to get in touch with (Holman)," Naylor said. "We had bad communication with him."

After Holman received the letter from the university requesting immediate payment arrangements, he and Naylor talked about the situation.

"He stated to us that he thought we were going to wait until August to pay the university," Naylor said.

Both Naylor and McMahan named a low occupancy rate as problematic to paying the full

amount owed to the university. However, members of PKA have signed enough leases to maintain maximum occupancy at their house for the upcoming school year. KS is only a few rooms short of maximum occupancy.

"This is a seasonal issue," McMahan said. "Coming out of the summer, we run up debt every year. You just don't have enough people [to pay the rent]. ... There will always be issues coming out of the summer."

The fraternities have different plans to pay off the accrued debts.

"The rent per room has gone up over this past year to get caught up on what we owe," Naylor said. "Now we're on track and making it."

McMahan said that his organization was the most financially well-off of any Greek organization on campus, noting their debt-free, 2.3 acre property off campus as well as a financially-strong alumni network.

"Anyway you cut it, we've got a manageable situation," McMahan said. "Any debt we have, we could pay it five or six times over."

The deadline for PKA and KS to make financial arrangements with the university is Sept. 19. Failure to make arrangements by that time could result in the termination of their leases. ♦

# Red Rose: Some bands, patrons refusing to visit new cafe

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that a new Red Rose is not really the Red Rose at all. When Turner stepped in to make some business decisions and changes, she said, there were employees and others in the community who assumed the worst. A rift has developed between those who want to support the Red Rose, whatever its style, and those who want to avoid any new incarnation.

Turner and her husband, Bill, commissioned Bingham Barnes and Mike Mullins to run the Red Rose a few years ago. Both men were made part-owners at the time, though Turner declined to comment on the specifics of the business agreement.

Barnes and Mullins practi-

cally lived at the Red Rose to keep it going, working the counter during the day and night, and then coming in after hours to do bookwork, former employee Chuck Bruner said in a written statement. The two ran the place with a large amount of independence from the owners.

Bruner said Mullins stepped down in July of this year, frustrated by the cafe's financial problems. Turner declined comment on the Red Rose's fiscal situation.

Turner said she spoke with Barnes Sunday night, and that he was supportive of her wishes to rework some aspects of the shop. In a written statement, Barnes expressed his support of the new management's decisions, though he said he is step-

ping down from his position.

"Thankfully, complete death has been spared once again for the great Red Rose," Barnes said. "She is in good hands."

Turner said she offered each Red Rose employee his or her job back, and that most employees expressed support for the new management, but several declined to work under new management.

Employee Sharon Van Etten, who decided to stay employed at the Rose, said the employees would now be required to wear aprons and a white T-shirt so that customers will know who is an employee and who isn't. Rumor had speculated that workers would have to obscure their tattoos and piercings, but Van Etten said her visible tattoos would remain as visible as

ever.

While Turner asserts that the changes to the Red Rose will be mostly cosmetic, many in the community - including some former employees - fear that the change will affect the Red Rose's atmosphere and integrity.

Bruner, who says he was not offered his job back, is skeptical.

"As far as I know, the new owner/management has plans for [the Red Rose] to be resurrected," Bruner said in a written statement, "but do not be fooled; the only thing that will remain the same is the name."

Bruner said that although his job was not offered back to him, he probably wouldn't have accepted it if it had been. He predicts that the new owners will stop booking the Rose's

usual bands, and that prices will go up.

"I will go support the bands there, but I will not support the new owners," Bruner said. He said he has even heard word of a general boycott of the reincarnated shop.

WMTS dee jay and Red Rose patron Jessica Yung said she has heard of bands who will refuse to play at the Red Rose.

The cafe opened its doors Saturday for a show with 1984 and Billy Wayne Goodwin. Employee Danny Fisher said the turnout was good for a holiday weekend.

"It went great," he said. "We had all the same music."

The Features will play at the Red Rose tomorrow at 9 p.m. The cover is \$5 ♦

# Robbery:

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property.

Both men were booked in the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center. A hearing is set for Nov. 5 in General Sessions Court where the suspects will receive their sentences if convicted.

MTSU is unable to release any personally identifiable information contained in students records, due to the Family Education Rights Privacy Act, according to Doug Williams, MTSU's public affairs director.

Williams however stated, not related to this incident, if the university feels a student poses an immediate threat or danger to others in the university community, the university may impose an interim suspension on such a student, restricting them on any activities including classes and other school related activities.

A student who is placed on interim suspension must be afforded a speedy hearing to determine if the interim suspension should remain in force until a final disposition of disciplinary infractions can be reached, according to Williams. ♦

# Worm: 192,000 bogus e-mails slam servers in single day due to virus

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"Where we had normally been receiving about 75,000 [e-mail] messages coming into MTSU, we had received 192,000," Gentry said, referring to the day after SoBig.F hit.

On any given day, about 500 to 1,000 virus instances are detected by the MTSU virus scanner. However, SoBig.F

was in fact so big that it blocked the capabilities of other functioning viruses on the MTSU network.

Once detected, ITD was able to combat SoBig.F by implementing a program in the Webmail server that deleted suspected e-mails with titles like, RE: Your Application.

The one drawback to this approach is that legitimate e-mails were deleted

causing more headaches for students and ITD as well.

Since then, ITD has updated the capabilities of the anti-spam processor that can now scan for suspicious e-mails, keeping infected e-mails from ever reaching the Webmail server.

Students should take steps to protect their systems by having anti-virus software running on their computer.

Students should also keep their anti-virus software updated to detect new viruses.

Students can use their Webmail account because it is now protected from SoBig.F.

By taking these steps Gentry jokingly said, "Students should practice safe computing." ♦

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# OPINIONS

## From the Editorial Board Support the Raiders now more than ever

The people at *Sidelines* would like to encourage the student body to support our Blue Raider football team and Blue Raider athletics.

The coaching staff and football players work very hard during the off-season and during the season to provide this school with a quality football team. One loss for MT does not mean the season is over; it simply means MT football will only get better.

In the weeks to come, our football team will face many uphill battles. On Saturday MT will play Southeastern Conference Champion University of Georgia. It may be too late to get tickets but everyone who can attend should rally our team to victory.

MT will face other teams like Clemson, Missouri, Temple, New Mexico, Troy, Idaho, North Texas, Utah State, Lafayette State, University of Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State.

It would be a disservice to your school to not support our football team in the weeks to come. The best thing about our home games is they're free.

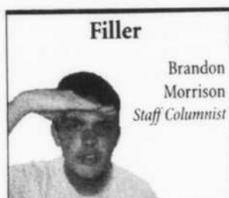
Some people say that there are no big teams playing at MT. Well, there's a big team no longer in the little leagues. This school is a part of I-A NCAA college football.

In order for MT to be rallied to victory, there has to be a rally, and not a small one. The student body has to play their part in campus athletics and attend these games. MT is a big team, and it's time to have big crowds for our big team.

Would you come to a game if they were playing Big Twelve powerhouse University of Nebraska? Is that big enough?

No matter what, the staff at *Sidelines* will be there to support MT and we hope to see you out there rallying our soldiers into battle. ◆

## Wanted: A little stability in job market



Brandon Morrison  
Staff Columnist

Labor Day weekend proved to be a working weekend for more than a few protesters.

At Yale University, Jesse Jackson led a group of about 1,000 protesters wanting better wages for university service and clerical workers.

Connecticut Secretary of State Bysiewicz and state Attorney General Richard Blumenthal joined Jackson in the rally.

"This is the site of national Labor Day outrage," Jackson quipped at the rally.

"This is going to be for economic justice what

Selma was for the right to vote."

Other protests were happening in Michigan, where construction workers marched downtown to bring attention to workers' plights in a weak economy.

In Pennsylvania, teacher unions were threatening to strike for better wages and health care coverage.

A bus strike in Hawaii continued into its eighth day Monday because drivers wanted better wages. The strike, which normally serves around 250,000 rides a day, has brought the community to a near-standstill.

Even the political campaign struggled through the weekend.

Democratic presidential candidates also, campaigning to union workers

in Iowa and New Hampshire for a better economy.

Bush pushed for his own view of the economy at a trip to a factory training center in Richfield, Ohio, to show support for factory workers.

In his speech, the president implied that the downturn in the economy is due to unfair competition such as trade bans from other countries.

"One way to make sure that the manufacturing sector does well is to send a message overseas, (to) say, look, we expect there to be a fair playing field when it comes to trade," Bush said.

"See, we in America believe we can compete with anybody, just so long as the rules are fair, and we intend to keep the rules fair."

According to a study by the U.S. Department of

Labor, the unemployment rate is around 5.5 percent.

Especially hard hit are states on the West Coast and states in the Western half of the Southeast like Arkansas and Missouri.

However, the country is in better shape than it was 10 years ago. The national unemployment rate in America in December 1993 was 6.4 percent.

Some states have shown a humongous turnaround. West Virginia, which had an astounding 10.3 unemployment rate in 1993, only has a 6.3 unemployment rate today.

For the most part, these protesters need to realize that they're not doing as badly as they are making it out to be.

According to cnn.com, the bus strikers in Hawaii are earning \$21.27 an hour, or \$44,000 a year, after five years experience.

No, it's not going to buy the luxury vacations or mansions on the hill, but for a job that consists of driving in circles for eight hours, it's not bad.

Ask anyone who's been looking for a job in the last few months and they'll tell you that glamorous jobs are in short supply, but there are options available.

Now's probably not the best time to start a career as a prop comic, but that doesn't mean that the janitorial job at the talent agency that's filled with great connections in the entertainment industry isn't an option.

Pass me the mop. ◆

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## GOP fundraising appalling while many barely making it



Shana Hammaker  
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We all love money, but none of us so much as President George W. Bush.

In fact, he loves money so much that he turned down federal matching funds for his campaign (a handout of federal money that matches what a candidate raises dollar for dollar) that would have limited his fundraising to \$45 million for the primary election and \$74 million for the general election.

Imagine. The president loves money so very much that he turned down a handout of \$119 million because he's confident that he'll be able to raise even more than that.

As it turns out, he's right.

According to the independent watchdog group White House for Sale, President Bush has so far raised \$54,475,000 - \$9 million more than he would have been able to if he had accepted the matching funds.

His goal is to raise \$200 million before the Republican Party convention, and, if things continue as they have, he's well on his way to reaching that goal.

Yes, our president is a fundraising machine.

He set records with his fundraising efforts in the 2000 election. He has all sorts of rich friends and well-wishers lining up to donate money to his cam-

pan (i.e. to buy political influence). Bush is happy to oblige them.

Clever as we all know him to be, he's created titles for his most generous contributors.

In the 2000 election, all those who gave his campaign \$100,000 or more were dubbed "pioneers." For the 2004 election he's come up with a new title of "ranger" to be bestowed on all those who give at least \$200,000.

What is so troublesome about the President's aptitude for fundraising is not the staggering amount of hard cash he pulls in, though that is troubling.

Nor is it how much influence his contributors are able to buy with all that money, though that is indeed, though for great concern.

No, the most troubling thing about the tornado of dollars that surrounds our so-far-un-elected-leader is the stark contrast it stands against when compared to the financial state of the nation, or, for that matter, the financial state of most of our nation's citizens.

There's something inherently wrong with a situation in which a man spends hundreds of millions of dollars to be chosen to lead a nation that has a debt totaling \$6,792,185,754,814.61.

There is something inherently wrong with a system that allows a very few wealthy captains of industry to buy influence with our so-called democratic leaders.

These things are wrong, and next week we'll have an opportunity to do something about it.

On Monday, Sept. 8,

while the 12 percent of Tennesseans who earn less than \$10,000 per year sit down to their meager dinners with their families, a few well-heeled individuals will pay \$2,000 to have hors d'oeuvres with President Bush, Senator Bill Frist and others at the Vanderbilt Lowes Hotel in Nashville.

Those rich enough to part with \$20,000 can have their picture taken with the president.

Across the street, in a pre-arranged "free speech zone," will be Nashville Peace and Justice, Food Not Bombs, and others from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

They will be there to tell the president, the nation and the world that while Bush's imperialistic war continues to cost \$1 billion dollars a week (reported on National Public Radio Aug. 27) he shouldn't be holding such a fundraiser.

We will be there to tell Sen. Frist that while 50.2 percent of Tennessee families headed by women with children under the age of five live below the poverty line (according to the U.S. Census Bureau), he needs to stop shmoozing with the rich and get to work to bring the Tennessee social service system out of the Stone Age.

While the President stuffs his pants with the corrupt cash of the wealthy elite, we will be fighting for the survival of American democracy. ◆

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## Vigilante censorship backfired on perps

By Robert Glenn

Vice President for Student Affairs

Early Thursday morning, a small group of unknown scurried about the campus engaged in an ill-conceived activity aimed at keeping the university in the dark about the news on campus.

These individuals, whose identities remain unknown at this time, successfully managed to remove most of the issues of *Sidelines* that were being delivered around campus.

This will not be the first time that some persons have sought to quiet a newspaper on a college campus.

A quick review of the archives of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* reveals that similar acts have occurred on dozens of campuses, for a wide variety of reasons.

But, one common feature emerges from this and the other cases.

In every case, some group was angry with what was appearing in the paper, and instead of dealing with it the way an educated person would, decided instead to take matters into their own hands and engage in vigilante censorship.

In my view, a number of things need to happen in response to this incident.

The first is that we must stand as a community united in denouncing the act. This kind of vigilante censorship strikes at the very core of what a university stands for, as well as what it means to be an educated person.

A university is a "marketplace of ideas." That means we rely on two basic principles.

The first is that all ideas must be present in the marketplace, including the ones we don't like. The second is that there must be a rational discourse. In other words, we disagree without being disagreeable.

The act of stealing those newspapers was an act of violence against the very nature of what we are all here for at the university. We must take the necessary actions to restore what was taken from us.

The second thing we need to do is to find the individuals responsible and deal with them through the appropriate channels of the judicial system.

It's highly unlikely that these individuals managed to pull this off completely unseen or unnoticed. It's much more likely that they were acting hastily and on impulse.

There are bound to be others on campus who saw what happened. I would ask those persons to come forward and tell us what they saw.

As members of a community, we must always remember that we have a responsibility to do our part in keeping the community healthy.

If we fail to live up to our responsibility to act when we see behavior like this, then, inevitably, everyone suffers.

So, if anyone reading this has information that can help us identify those responsible, please contact my office at 898-2440, or via e-mail at [rglenn@mtsu.edu](mailto:rglenn@mtsu.edu).

And finally, we have to learn from the incident. It is likely that *Sidelines* will sooner or later print something that will make someone else angry enough to act impulsively, so, let me point clearly to the lessons to be learned.

First, for the perpetrators, you didn't want people on campus to see something in the paper. As a result, the content of the paper and your actions have been discussed on every TV news program, most radio stations and in both *The Tennessean* and *The Daily News Journal*.

The staff of *Sidelines* distributed a copy of the paper to every student who attended Thursday night's football game.

As a direct result of your actions, instead of keeping the news from the campus community, now everyone in Middle Tennessee is aware of what happened.

And the lesson to be learned by the rest of us is that our community will be exactly what we make of it.

If we don't work together to counter this kind of behavior, we shouldn't be surprised when this happens to us again. ◆

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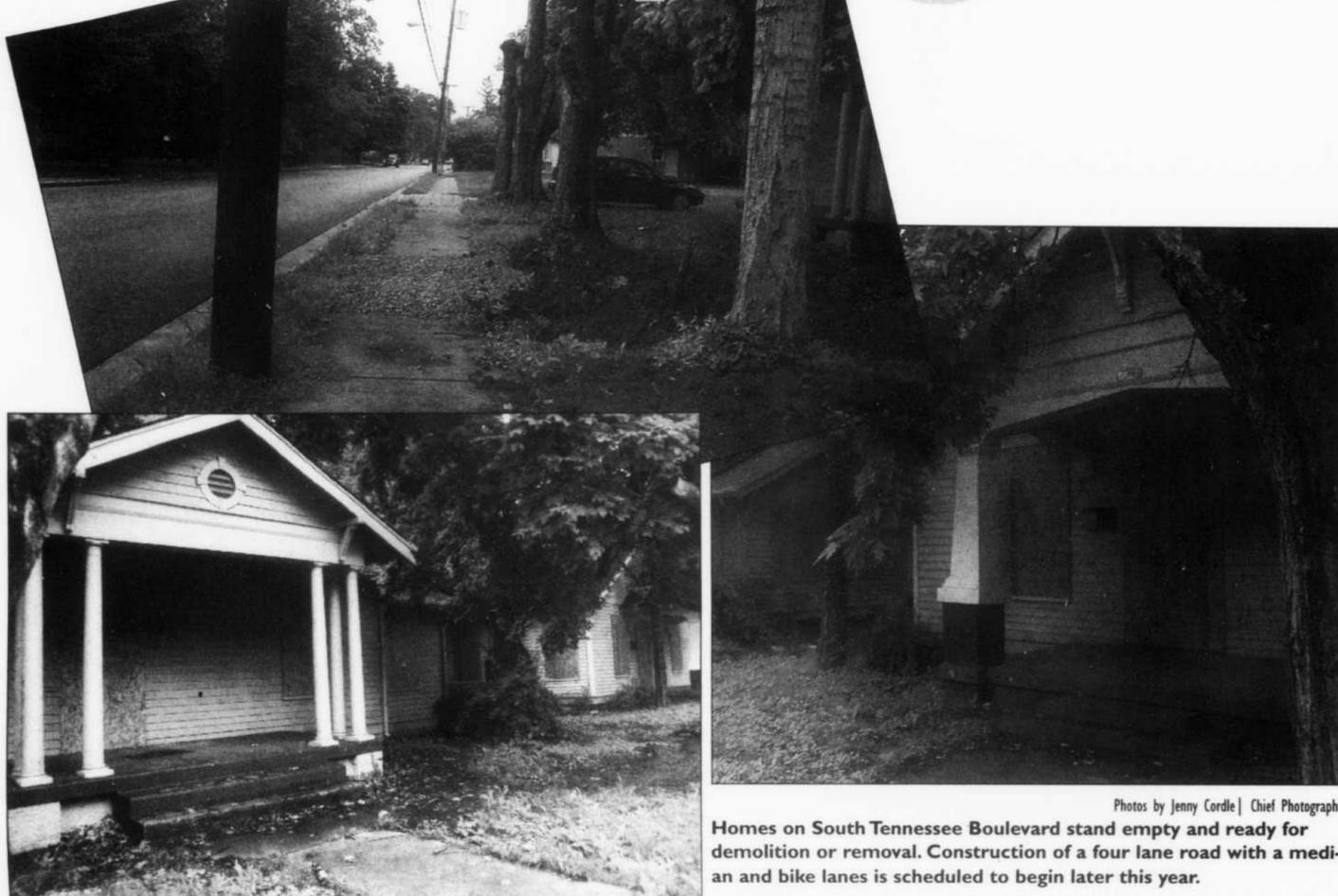
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# the COST of progress



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Homes on South Tennessee Boulevard stand empty and ready for demolition or removal. Construction of a four lane road with a median and bike lanes is scheduled to begin later this year.

## Widening of road forces residents from homes

By Juanita Thouin  
Features Editor

The houses all stand empty now – boarded windows and doors serving as an eerie testament to each home's coming demise or removal.

In just 22 short months, the east side of South Tennessee Boulevard, where children once played tag and parents sat on their porches in the cool of the evening, will become a slick, four-lane road.

The tearing down of a neighborhood and widening of a road is a result of Murfreesboro's major thoroughfare plan, which includes interstate and four-lane access to MTSU.

Stephanie Clark, who's pursuing a master's in business administration, travels down South Tennessee Boulevard on her way to class. She notes a real need for traffic relief in the area.

"I think the ultimate goal [of the proposed construction] is going to be very beneficial," Clark says.

But what is this unfettered access to the university

costing the residents of South Tennessee Boulevard?

Eighty-six-year-old widow Mildred Cook lived on the corner of South Tennessee Boulevard and Frisco Street for much of her adult life. She came there as a bride. And after her husband's death, she decided to remain. After all, the house with the farm style kitchen and ruffled curtains was home.

Cook's daughter Wilma Harrell eventually moved back in with her mom. She helped keep the rose bushes trimmed, the flower gardens weeded and the grapes picked. Meanwhile, her aging mother rocked in the porch swing watching the neighborhood activity.

Then the city came and said the homeowner had to sell out and move.

"For the first week or two she wouldn't eat," Harrell says of the strain her mother endured.

Ethel Herron's residence is being spared the wrecking ball; she lives on the west side of the street. Nevertheless, she sympathizes with her neighbors over their forced relocation.

"Anybody can be a victim," Herron says.

Another homeowner, who wishes to remain anonymous, mourns the loss of her family home and the stately, small-town feel of the neighborhood.

"The beauty of these trees and the quaintness of this town," she says as her voice trails off. "We're losing our tourist industry in the name of progress."

Progress. To some the word conjures up positive thoughts of upward mobilization. To others it spells

disaster. Yet, many seem caught somewhere in the middle.

Mary, the mother of two small children, owned her house on South Tennessee Boulevard for 10 years. She compares its recent sale to the city with the arrival of Wal-Mart on Rutherford Boulevard.

"I love the convenience of the new Wal-Mart," Mary says. "But I hate that they took the land. That part is very difficult for me."

Some of those who were forced to sell out wonder why their houses and trees were selected for demolition and not those on the other side of the street.

According to Murfreesboro's director of traffic, Dana Richardson, the decision to use the east side of South Tennessee Boulevard was an issue of alignment as much as anything.

Richardson says that using the east side of the street will facilitate a more direct route to the college – one that won't require an offset intersection.

Richardson also argues that the city originally planned to keep some of the older trees and construct a median around them. But after examination by horticulturists, it was determined that due to damage from years of improper pruning, most of the trees were already dying.

So, in the name of progress, nothing will be saved. Not trees. Not houses. And according to those who used to live there, not the neighborhood. ♦



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You and your date decide ahead of time what unusual items will be on the scavenger hunt list. Each person is allotted a small amount of money with which to purchase items. Your list might include "something green that is no bigger than a dollar bill," or "an old bottle cap." Be creative.

Then trek on down to the Tennessee Expo Flea Market taking place this weekend. Hours are Saturday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The flea market is located at 1412 Hazelwood Drive, Smyrna. Take Interstate 24 west to the Sam Ridley exit. Turn left. Expo is on the right. Admission and parking are free. Contact the Tennessee Expo at 223-9800 for more information. ♦

## America's war zone

# As the summer heat rises, so does road rage

By Stacie Wacaster  
Staff Writer

It's a war zone out there.

America's roadways – where in place of hostile terrorists, thousands of one's closest friends, family members, co-workers, neighbors and classmates navigate deadly machines and jockey for position, all in a race to get to their respective destinations.

Entering this chaotic sea of vehicles every day, drivers are bound to run into many aggravations and annoyances.

"Conditions for frustration are prevalent on the roads," MTSU psychology professor John Pennington says.

It can happen to the best of drivers. Someone pulls out in front of them or cuts them off and they find themselves summoning the wrath of the road god.

In other words, they now find themselves engaging in the dangerous driving behavior popularly coined "road rage."

According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, there is a distinction between aggressive behavior and "road rage."

Aggressive behavior on the road is usually benign, the foundation says. But when it is met with additional anger, a domino effect and a never-ending cycle of aggression can ensue.

What starts out as verbal abuse and rude gestures turns into physical assault and even murder. When these criminal actions occur, the authorities are looking at "road rage."

So what exactly causes people to cross this line from aggression to criminal action? Why do individuals have so much pent-up aggression, and why does it tend to surface while they are driving?

"Frustration is caused by having a goal blocked," Pennington says. "Then frustration can lead to anger and that anger can sometimes lead to aggression."

Increased traffic is one potential cause of blocked goals. People are territorial; they don't like anyone to be in "their space" and they will defend their territory – sometimes aggressively – when threatened.

Other triggers can range from merely irritating, such as incompetent driving by distracted or careless drivers, to out-and-out dangerous.

Provocations on the road can include anything a driver might do to incite frustration in another driver. Some of these provocations include lane-blocking, tailgating, lack of signaling, horn use and improper parking.

"There are all kinds of aggressive stimulus in the surroundings – from guns in cars, to obscene gestures to dirty looks," Pennington says.

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# Got Stress?

## Take college the old-fashioned way

By Laura Beth Jackson  
Staff Writer

Don't worry, you're not the only one who lost their car in the parking lot on the first day of college.

Neither are you the solitary freak who forgot your homework because your roommate held an impromptu party in your dorm room and you didn't get to sleep until 3 a.m.

And you're certainly not the only student to wonder if the fine line between being crazy or just a little unwell isn't so hard to cross after all.

For all college students, and especially freshmen, the first six weeks of a new semester offer a complimentary buffet of stress-causing fare – from homesickness to roommate troubles to changes in eating habits.

"The first six weeks are hard for changes," says Jane Tipps, director of MTSU's guidance services. "Students are moving away from home and all that they've known."

She says that the biggest thing affecting freshmen is learning lifestyle management skills. Their ability to cope with changes can prevent or cause conditions such as depression.

"The first two weeks freshmen are most vulnerable," Tipps says. "There is a severe fall out rate for school during the first six weeks. Students are experiencing physical changes and changes in mental energy which can lead to a bout with depression. But it depends on how you're managing your life. It may or may not be real depression."

Jeanne Hoechst-Ronner, a counselor with guidance services, notes that there are roughly four major areas of stress for freshmen: grief issues, question of self-esteem or ability, freedom and testing that freedom and predisposition to psychiatric illnesses.

Grief issues may include homesickness and adjusted relationships, such as losing a boyfriend or girlfriend. Self-esteem in a student may take a dive as a result of frustration in dealing with the increased academic workload and handling new responsibilities.

But juggling new found freedoms produces the greatest stress in students.

"People are testing values," Hoechst-Ronner says. "The first six weeks is when freshmen are the most vulnerable to things like rape, drugs and alcohol abuse. Kids are learning simple safety, how to do laundry, life skill learning. They're also learning what the college community really is."

Tipps adds that freshmen must find a way to say "no" to all or some of the activities and opportunities that are available to them at college.

"There's so much pressure from advertising, commercials and peers to do everything, be everywhere and be with everyone," she

says.

"The very hardest thing that a 18 or 19 year-old can do is say 'no.'"

For individuals battling actual mental illness, Tipps notes that a student's predisposition to a psychological illness comes to light after an extended period of stress.

"About the second semester, 18-24 year olds may begin to show genetic predisposition to depression, bi-polar, ADD, ADHD," Tipps says. "They come to us and we can evaluate them and see what's going on."

Tipps comments that when students come for help and advice at guidance services, their visits are used as a time to step back and examine habits, schedule and personal issues that might be contributing to frustration and anxiety.

"A lot of it is stress management. When [students] come here, it's take a deep breath and get centered," she says.

While too much activity can zap an individual's strength like kryptonite, balancing academics with extracurricular interests can provide encouragement and a bit of refreshment in the college experience. Simple activities such as exercise can do stressed out students a world of good.

"One hundred and fifty minutes of exercise a week is equal to a low dose of Prozac," Hoechst-Ronner says.

"My first semester I had 17 hours and was studious," says Kimberly Alsbrook, sophomore elementary education major. "I had such a hard time making friends. I threw myself into studying and trying out campus ministries. I was going to as many meetings as I possibly could just to be able to see a friendly face when I'd be out walking on campus."

Katie Craytzer, sophomore political science major, says that being involved in a sorority has helped her with the college experience.

"I got into Kappa Delta sorority," she says. "It showed me new opportunities to get involved on campus. And it taught me time management. I had to learn to use a planner and not write things down on my hand."

To provide students with information on healthy stress management, Guidance Services will be guest lecturing for the University 1010 classes within the first three weeks of September. Topics will include lifestyle management and discussion of prevalent psychological disorders.

Tipps comments that when it comes to stress management, the old-fashioned way still works.

"We need to eat right, sleep enough – all the things we know to do but don't want to do," she says with a smile. "It all comes down to what your grandmother told you." ♦

## Techniques for reducing college related stress

- Better plan your use of time. Make time every day to prioritize your work. Prioritizing can give you a sense of control over what you must do, and a sense that you can do it.

- Plan your work and sleep schedules. Too many students defer doing important class work until late at night, work through much of the night and start each new day exhausted. Constant fatigue can be a critical trigger for depression. Seven or eight hours of sleep a night is important to your well-being.

- Join an extracurricular activity. Sports, theater, Greek life, the student newspaper – whatever interests you – can bring opportunities to meet people interested in the same things you are, and it provides a welcome change from class work.

- Make a friend. Sometimes this may be a roommate or someone you meet in class or in the cafeteria. Friendships can help make a strange place feel more friendly and comfortable.

- Try relaxation methods. These include meditation, deep breathing, warm baths, long walks, exercise – whatever you enjoy that lessens your feelings of stress or discomfort.

- Take time for yourself each day. Make this special time – even if it's only 15 minutes by yourself – a period where you think about your feelings and dreams. Focusing on yourself can be energizing and gives a feeling of purposefulness and control over your life.

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## Rage: Some drivers become aggressive

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The AAA study also indicates that most road rage incidents occur between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., and more are reported on Friday than any other day of the week.

Additionally, the highest percentage of reported problems occur during sunny weather, particularly during the summer. And, many incidents are accompanied by either the use of cell phones or alcohol.

While Pennington agrees that some conditions can make drivers more edgy and irritable, he says it has as much to do with the individual as with the conditions.

"Road rage is related to individual personalities and dispositions, not just conditions and the environment," he says.

Individual traits not withstanding, Pennington also believes the very environment of the road is conducive to aggressive driving behavior and increased driving conflicts for one primary reason: anonymity.

"When people feel anonymous, they're more likely to do things they wouldn't do if they felt identifiable or accountable for their actions," Pennington says.

"We say and do things [on the roads] that we

wouldn't say or do in line somewhere," he adds. "We feel semi-anonymous on the roads."

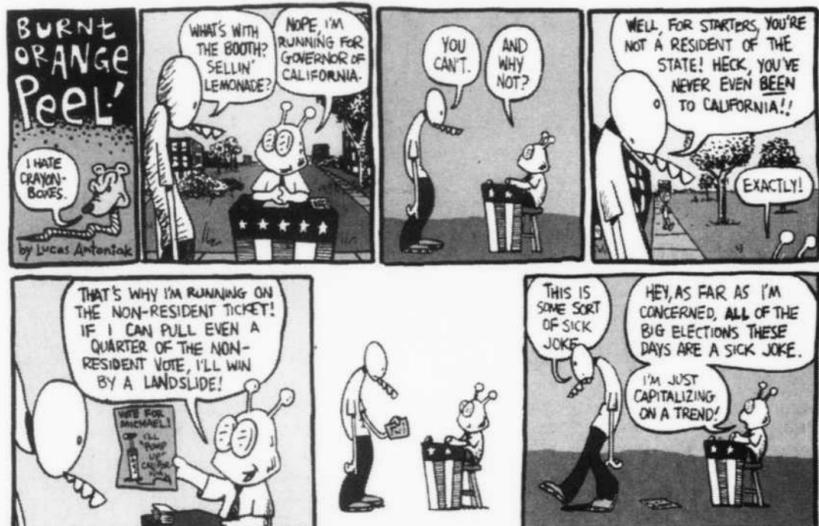
Road rage is now being "treated" by everything from tougher legislation to harsher punishment for offenders to self-help books and tapes which use deep-breathing techniques and calm music to promote relaxation.

Yet, according to author Andrew Ferguson, some people may simply not care to change their negative habits.

"For all its dangers, road rage may simply be a corruption of those qualities that Americans have traditionally, and rightly, admired: tenacity, energy, competitiveness, hustle – something, in other words, to be contained and harnessed by etiquette and social censure rather than eradicated outright," Ferguson writes in a July 12, 1998, *Time* article titled "Road Rage."

Whether contained or treated, both Ferguson and the AAA FTS agree. Making America's highways more civil and friendly begins with drivers desiring to change their behavior.

Then, and only then, will society be on the "road" to recovery from this monster that affects thousands of people. ♦



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# SPORTS

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Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## MT kickers take first win of season at home

### Blue Raiders tie school record with 44 goal attempts in 90 minutes

By **Trey Porter**  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee tied a school soccer record Sunday with 44 shots on goal en route to defeating Belmont 1-0 in the season opener.

Senior Emily Carter scored on a volley off of a cross from freshman Rachel Holmes in the 32nd minute to give MT a 1-0 lead they would never look back from.

Holmes took control of the ball just across half field, fed Laura Miguez and found herself with the ball again just in time to hook up Carter with the cross.

The goal, No. 18 of Carter's career, was the first goal for MT this season.

The Blue Raiders could not find the back of the net again despite holding the ball almost the entire match, a match that

yielded 10 corners in each half to none for Belmont.

MT took 20 shots in the opening half and 24 in the final 45 minutes. The Blue Raider defense held the Bruins to one shot all day.

Sophomore Danielle Perreault started the game for MT at keeper and stopped the Bruins' only attempt on her goal.

"Overall, we played pretty well, bringing things from practice into the game. We need to continue to work on finishing our chances, though," Perreault said.

Though MT had 44 shots on the net, they only capitalized on one of them. Belmont keeper Ali Young kept her team in the game all day with 20 saves.

MT's head coach Aston Rhoden was content with the win but noted there were things to be improved upon.

"One of the good things is that we

won," Rhoden said. "It was good to start at home and win the first game. I am pleased with the result but not with the missed opportunities."

Miguez had nine shots in the contest, including four on goal, while Carter and freshman Rebecca Rodriguez each tallied three shots apiece on frame.

"We are generating scoring chances, just not converting. We had a lot of chances with corner kicks and shots on goal and did not put them away," Rhoden said.

MT has no matches until Friday, when they host the Middle Tennessee Classic at Blue Raider Field.

Alabama A&M and Western Carolina open up the classic with a 2 p.m. kickoff. The Blue Raiders take the field at 4 p.m. ◆

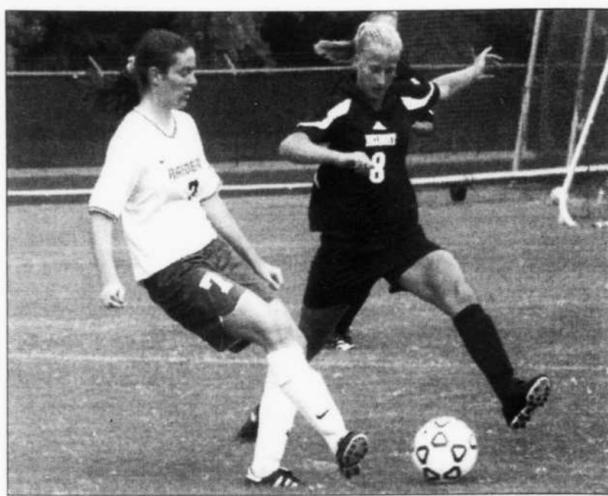


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Britney Camden prepares to pass the ball to a teammate.

## Raiders lose, 20-19, in last seconds

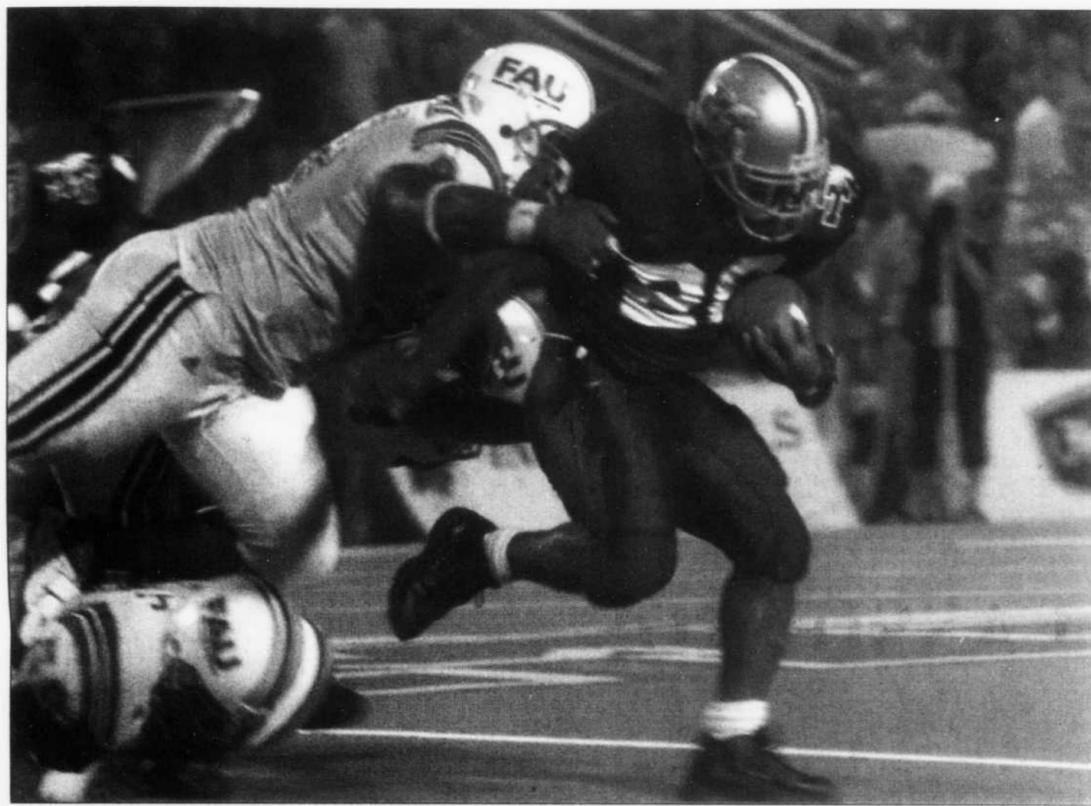


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Running back Don Calloway (28) runs the ball towards the end zone against Florida Atlantic Thursday night.

## Raider tackle switches to center position

By **Jerry Wilkinson**  
Asst. Sports Editor

The 20-19 Blue Raider loss to Florida Atlantic Thursday night was the first game senior Brandon Westbrook has played at center.

During the later part of the preseason practice, Westbrook tried out this new endeavor at center and started the position at the first regular season game.

"I started the last week and a half at center, and playing out there tonight felt like my first college football game all over again," Westbrook said.

A position change is never easy for a player, especially when he has already settled into another position.

Westbrook has started at left tackle for the past three years at MT. He suffered a broken leg in the season finale against Sun Belt Conference foe University of Louisiana-Lafayette during the 2002 season.

"I had a couple of butterflies

out there and got into the game and settled down a little bit. I think I made a few mistakes, rookie mistakes, which I have to get ironed out for this team. I just want to put this behind me, learn from this experience and get ready for next week," Westbrook said.

In 2000 Westbrook was named first team All-SBC and also received the honor of First Team Freshman All-American by Conferencefootballnews.com.

He was awarded the All-SBC First Team and was voted "Lineman of the Week" five times, team's "Bent Finisher Award" twice and earned the team's "Most Physical Award" four times in 2001.

In 2002, Westbrook was selected to the All-SBC First team and made the 63-man Outland Trophy Watch List.

Westbrook has played in 32 games in his career at MT and

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## Penalties lead to MT loss

By **Wes Wyrick**  
Staff Writer

The Florida Atlantic Owls swept into Floyd Stadium Thursday and numbed the excitement of new Blue Raider football season with a 20-19 last-second victory.

The game began as a defensive struggle with neither team able to gain a decisive advantage.

MT finally broke a scoreless game with a 10-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Andrico Hines to fullback Nick McAfee four minutes into the second quarter. The play capped a 40-yard touchdown drive, giving the Raiders a 6-0 lead after a bad snap led to a missed extra point.

Florida Atlantic struck back late in the second quarter when they blocked a Colby Smith punt and ran it back for a touchdown. The following kick was good, giving the Owls their first lead of the game at 7-6.

A 37-yard field goal by Brian Kelly just before half-time gave MT a 9-7 lead, that resembled the offense production of a little league team.

Another Brian Kelly field goal gave the

Raiders a five-point cushion at the beginning of the fourth quarter. That was followed by a Michael Woods interception that set the Raiders up with great field position in Florida Atlantic territory.

Eugene Gross made the Owls pay with an 11-yard voyage into the end zone, extending the MT lead to 19-7.

To this point, the Blue Raiders defense held the Owls to 31 total yards in the first half and 87 total yards until the final two Florida Atlantic possessions.

Defensive coordinator Steve Davis' scheme was working perfectly, accounting for five total sacks, two missed tackles and three turnovers.

With 6:11 left in the game, it appeared the Raiders had everything under control, but the Owls came out to play. Florida Atlantic began a drive that traveled 75 yards in three minutes, capped by a seven-yard touchdown toss to Roosevelt Bynes giving the Owls their first sign of offensive life in the game.

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Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Eugene Gross (25) dives for a late game touchdown against Florida Atlantic.

## Volleyball squad takes first in Charleston

By **Jori Rice**  
Staff Writer

During Labor Day weekend, the Lady Raiders started their season on the road at the College of Charleston Tournament in Charleston, S.C.

After the tourney during the weekend, the Lady Raiders traveled to Atlanta, Ga., for a matchup against Georgia State University.

During the first game of the tourney, MT played against Texas Christian University. After five games, MT came away with the win. The Lady Raiders took the first game 30-17, but TCU came back and won two matches 30-24 and 30-23.

MT came back to take the fourth and fifth games of the series 30-23 and 15-13 for the match victory 3-2.

Co-captain KeKe Deckard was forced to sit out of the match because

she was awaiting a grade to be turned in from a class over the summer.

Therefore, freshman Allison Liptak started in Deckard's position.

"Allison played wonderful, and KeKe was very supportive," head coach Lisa Kisse said.

"The flow of the offense and the defense just seemed to keep going away from Karisse Baker, so we didn't see the numbers she's capable of in this match," Kisse said. "Baker was still a good leader, calm and determined throughout the match."

Deckard was cleared to play in the match against Delaware. The Lady

Raiders defeated Delaware 3-1.

Down 29-26, MT came back to score five straight points to take the game and the match.

"Each player stepped up to their ability to play awesome," Kisse said.

The Lady Raiders concluded the tournament by playing Charleston.

The Lady Raiders took the first game in the match against the Cougars 30-26, but Charleston came back and won the second game 34-32.

MT controlled the third game of the match 30-16 before the Cougars came back to tie the match with a 30-25 victory in game four.

However, the Lady Raiders went on to claim the tournament title with a fifth-game 15-12 victory.

Baker recorded 15 kills, six digs and three blocks for the Lady Raiders in the tournament-clinching win.

Andressa Lyra was named MVP of

the two-day invitational and junior Dara McLean was named to the all-tournament team.

"The team had no doubts about winning the tournament," Kisse said.

The journey moved on to Atlanta, Ga.

The Labor Day match against Georgia State wasn't as successful.

The Lady Panthers won game one of the match 30-26, but MT took game two and tied the match at a game apiece.

Then, GSU got a clinching point on a Lady

Raider ball-handling error in game three. The Lady Raiders came up in



Kisse



Deckard



# Sports Briefs

Compiled by Amy Jones-Foster  
Sports Editor

## Raiders set to host free soccer clinics

Middle Tennessee soccer will host three free Saturday clinics for kids ages 5 to 13 beginning Sept. 6 at Blue Raider Field.

The clinics will feature one aspect of soccer using the Sunday home game as a point of reference. Clinics will focus on a particular position or strategy. The clinics are designed for boys and girls ages 5 through 13 who wish to enhance their soccer skills. Our experienced staff and players will serve as instructors for all clinics. All players must bring a soccer ball, water and proper soccer attire and be ready for a fun-filled 90 minutes of action.

Clinic I on Sept. 6 will focus on passing and receiving. Clinic II on Sept. 20 will work on drib-

bling and heading, while Clinic III on Oct. 18 will focus on shooting and goalkeeping.

All three clinics run from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. To sign up, click on the Free Clinic icon at [www.goblueraiders.com](http://www.goblueraiders.com) on the soccer page and print the flyer.

A waiver at the bottom of the page must be signed and mailed back to the soccer office three days before the clinic.

For more information, please call Beth Acreman at 898-2160.

## Baseball sets date for annual fish fry

MT head baseball coach Steve Peterson has announced the annual Grand Slam Fish Fry fund-raiser will take place on Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the Livestock Center on the MTSU campus and will feature catfish and Cajun gumbo for adults and hot dogs for

kids. The Jack Daniels Bluegrass Band and Big Hoss Cartwright will be on hand for the evening's entertainment.

Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Children under six are admitted free of charge.

Tickets are available at the MT Ticket Office and Vick's Outdoor Power in Murfreesboro as well as Crosslin Supply in Smyrna. Patrons wishing to pay by mail can make checks payable to MT Baseball Fish Fry and can send their payments to Steve Peterson, MTSU Box 90, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132.

For more information, call 898-2984 or 898-2450. Proceeds from the Grand Slam Fish Fry benefit the Blue Raider baseball program.

## MT tennis 17th Pro-Am set for Sept. 5-6

The MT tennis teams will be hosting its 17th

annual Pro-Am Tennis Classic Sept. 5-6 at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center on the MTSU campus.

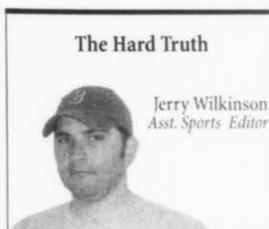
There will be men's and women's divisions with a doubles round robin format. All amateurs will be teamed with a current or former MT tennis team member or an area teaching pro.

Plans are to have numerous prizes including trips and other fine gifts. There will be a dinner party, tennis clinic and exhibition featuring current and former tennis greats on Sept. 5. The doubles round robins will take place followed by a lunch and award ceremony on Sept. 6.

This event is the tennis team's only fund-raiser and with the recent state cuts this year's event is more important than ever. Anyone interested in participating as a player or sponsor should contact coach Dale Short at 898-2957. ♦

# NFL teams make final cuts to roster

## Experience shouldn't get cut first



### The Hard Truth

Jerry Wilkinson  
Asst. Sports Editor

The preseason cuts made in the NFL were surprising.

Lawyer Malloy, Robert Edwards and Neil O'Donnell, to name a few, did not quite make it to the season openers.

You have to wonder why the Titans cut veteran quarterback Neil O'Donnell. Well, it is this simple. You have to have a 53-man roster and not exceed the salary cap.

There is no question whether or not O'Donnell is one of the best back-ups in the NFL. He has made it to the big game as a starter.

However, I do not agree with this cut. Volek looked good, but I have to go with experience over youth. As Titans' head coach Jeff Fisher said to the Associated Press, "We're scratching and clawing for every dime."

"When you've got two players that are similar in ability, you typically have to go with the younger player," Fisher said.

Volek had one good preseason, but O'Donnell has had many years of good seasons and pre-seasons.

Next, Lawyer Malloy, a four-time Pro Bowler with the New England Patriots, was cut last hurting in their secondary. Why would a team cut a four-time Pro Bowler? Well, that is also simple. These guys are making a lot of money to play football, and this money doesn't grow on trees.

The salary cap in the NFL is around \$75 million. All 32

teams must comply with this rule, no exceptions.

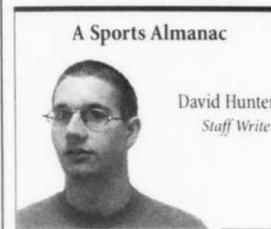
What happens to these two seasoned NFL veterans? They are sent home packing. I can understand why some players are released because of production or lack thereof. Take Robert Edwards for example. He has not produced well the past couple of years at Miami, but in 1998, his rookie season, Edwards scored nine touchdowns and rushed for 1,115 yards, averaging 3.8 yards per carry.

These are not bad numbers for a rookie. In August, Edwards won the George Halas Award for his inspirational comeback after a severe knee injury.

Injuries are the key. NFL players' longevity depends on the vulnerability to injuries and past injuries. It is a tough business, and only a few stay in the

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## Titans need to keep their word



### A Sports Almanac

David Hunter  
Staff Writer

The Titans need to learn how to keep their word when dealing with players.

This past weekend was the final cut day for all NFL teams. Several players packed their bags after they got the word from their teams.

In the Titans' case, they cut Neil O'Donnell. O'Donnell has played a big role as the back-up quarterback for the last several years.

Now I have no problem with them cutting O'Donnell. The reason being is that both Billy Volek and Jason Gesser had a

much better preseason in terms of stats.

However, all the Titans talked about during the off-season was getting O'Donnell back after releasing him the first time. Instead, it cost popular and star linebacker Randall Godfrey a job.

Godfrey was able to land on his feet with the Seattle Seahawks. In the mean time, he still has some ill will toward the Titans after cutting him after taking a pay cut.

The Titans felt this was something they had to do to get O'Donnell, center Gennaro DiNapoli and punter Craig Henrich. Two of those players were able to sign with the Titans. DiNapoli and the Titans were not able reach a deal. DiNapoli was able to land a spot with the Dallas Cowboys. So with the release of O'Donnell, it just leaves Henrich as the only one left in the threesome.

I wonder now if the Titans wished they had kept Godfrey.

Another problem that faces the Titans in the future is when the front office has to ask other big name players to take less money to make the salary cap.

Are players like Steve McNair, Eddie George and Kevin Carter willing to take a cut if the Titans will treat like Godfrey and O'Donnell? We shall see. The question is where will O'Donnell be playing now? Many teams are looking for quarterbacks since there are not that many good ones in the NFL.

O'Donnell could fit in at any of those places very easily. One of the possibilities could be the Redskins, since they only have two quarterbacks.

I don't think that O'Donnell can run the Fun and Gun offense. He could bring some

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## Experience: NFL makes cuts

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game for 15 years or more. Last, Brown's head coach Kelly Holcombe for the 2003 season. This is great for MT fans, because Holcombe graduated in 1994 from MTSU after playing four seasons with the Blue Raiders.

away. Holcomb is, hands down, a much better quarterback than Tim Couch. One thing you will never hear Holcombe do is blame someone else for his mistakes. I am happy with this decision, and I predicted this to happen, not on the record. There are more cuts to come in the NFL future for this season. Who's next? ♦

## Titans: Must maintain class

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veteran leadership to the team. We will see what happens. The Titans have been a first-

class organization since their move to Tennessee. I just hope the Titans can do a better job of making choices in regards to their players in the future. ♦

## Center: MT changes player

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11 double figure knockdown games. Westbrook is special to the offense for MT. He is more of a critic to himself than anyone. MT quarterback Andrico Hines has had the pleasure of working with Westbrook over the past couple of years and is appreciative of what he does out

on the field. "Brandon had a pretty good night. Moving from left tackle to center is a tough transition," Hines said following Thursday night's game. MT will travel to Athens, Ga., this weekend to play against 2002 SEC Champion Georgia Bulldogs. This is the first meeting for the two teams. ♦

## Penalties: Flags contribute to Blue Raider 20-19 loss

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Following a brief MT possession that went 7 yards, the Owls one last shot at glory, but they would begin on their own 2 yard line following a punt by Colby Smith that found the sidelines just before the end zone.

Senior quarterback Jared Allen led his team 36 yards in a minute and a half. With the clock running out, opportunity knocked on Florida Atlantic's door.

Allen took the snap from center with only two seconds remaining in the game. Devarick Scandrett forced Allen to step up into the pocket where sophomore defensive lineman Bobby Payne missed a sack. Allen flung a pass toward the visiting sidelines.

Muhammad Rashada went for and missed the interception, allowing this pass to be caught by Roosevelt Bynes, who then used his speed to outrun Brandon Lynch down the sidelines for the winning touchdown with no time remaining.

The Owls flew onto the field in celebration as the Blue Raider players and crowd stood

in silence. "That's the most disappointing loss I've ever been a part of," defensive coordinator Steve Davis said. "Our kids were focused and worked really hard for this. They just made one more play than we did."

MT quarterback Andrico Hines was stunned by the outcome.

"The way it ended was hard to believe," Hines said. "We can't blame our defense. We had several opportunities to win and didn't out them away."

The win over MT was FAU's first win over a Division I-A opponent.

"This is the best win any of us have ever been associated with," Owls wide receivers coach John Vandever remarked following the game.

Vandever said the play was not a fluke.

"We run a very good two minute drill in practice so everyone knew what to do. It was just a matter of them executing," Vandever said.

Next week the Blue Raiders travel to Georgia to take on the Bulldogs of the Southeastern Conference. Georgia is currently ranked No. 8 in the polls. ♦

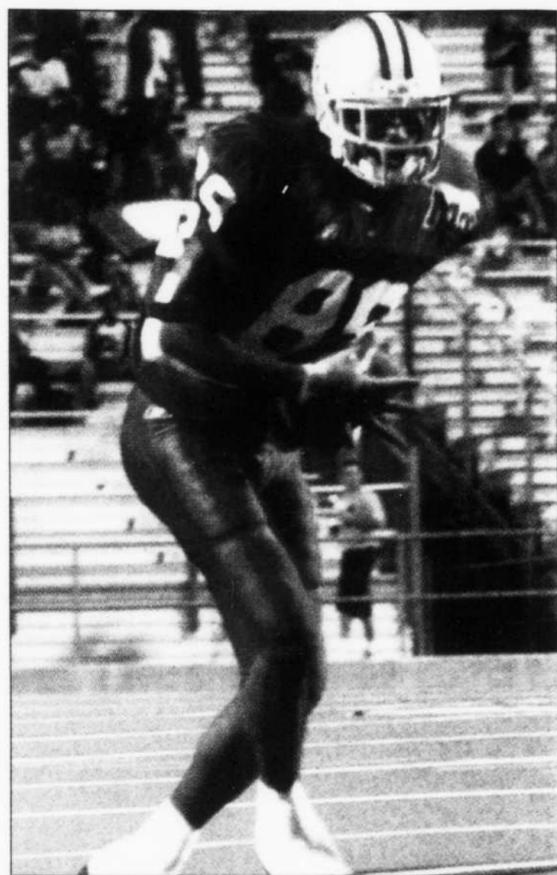


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Seth Grabo prepares to run the ball after the kickoff.

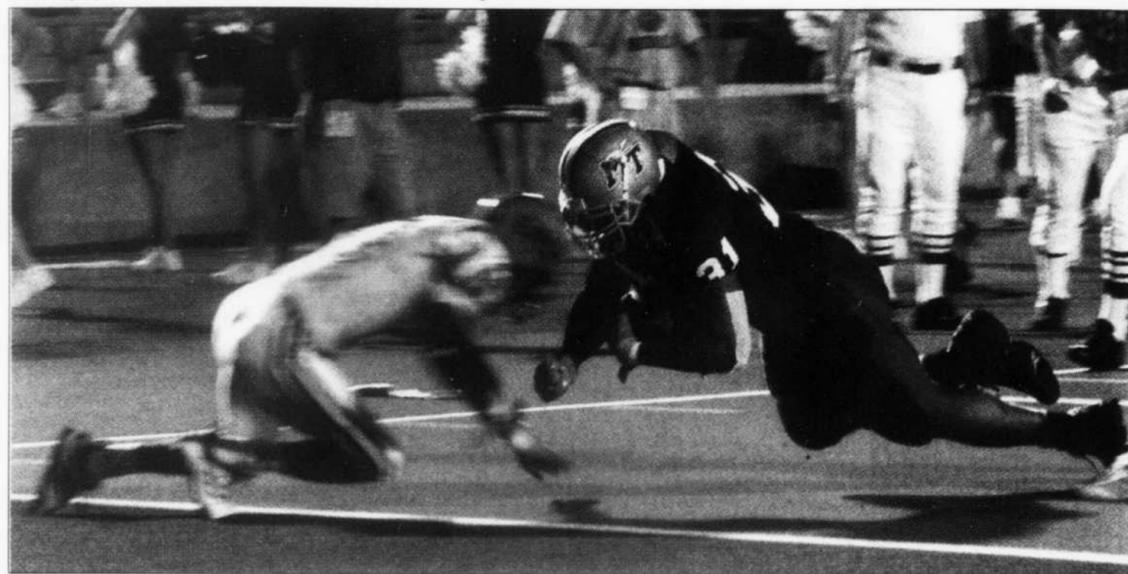


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Nick McAfee attempts to score against Florida Atlantic. McAfee earned a spot on the game's starting roster.



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