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Post office proceeds with caution

By Amanda Maynard  
Staff Writer

In light of the recent anthrax incidents in Florida, New York and Washington, D.C., post offices have been beefing up on security and reinforcing previously implemented precautions.

Universities all over the country are becoming increasingly aware of postal precautions and procedures.

MTSU is among the college campuses that have begun to take a second look at their postal procedures.

"We already have procedures in place for suspicious packages," said MTSU Postal

Manager Libby Patty. "We are just reinforcing them. Everyone must be more sensitive to things we notice here."

One new requirement for the MTSU post office is that all employees must wear latex gloves while handling the mail. The employees may be required to wear a face mask in the future, Patty said, but for now, gloves are the only new procedure.

"Gloves are good to wear, period," Patty said. "They are good for other areas as well."

Along with the newly implemented glove procedure, the MTSU post office has issued a newsletter to all students listing what to look for and what to do

if students have strong suspicions about an unopened package.

Students are instructed to contact campus police at 898-2424 if they receive any suspicious mail and the police will dispose of the package accordingly.

MTSU has had no significant incidents of anthrax or threats of any kind since the virus was detected in Boca Raton, Fla., a month ago.

"We've had a few people who've gotten letters they thought were suspicious," said Chief of MTSU Police Jack Drugmand, "and we dispose of them accordingly."

MTSU postal employees and

security officials remain on full alert for any suspicious package or letter and encourage students to contact someone if they feel they have received an unusual package.

"I have been here 25 years, and I am very proud of the way MTSU has handled this," Patty said. "Safety has been their number one priority, and everyone is going out of their way to see that it stays that way."

To report suspicious packages or for questions about the MTSU postal procedures, contact the post office at 898-2459 or Public Safety at 898-2424. ♦



An MTSU post office worker wears latex gloves as she gives a student a package.

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Still breathing



A fence in the West Village in New York City is dotted with ceramic ornaments the morning of Oct. 19. See Features, page 4, for story.

Photo by Andy Alexander | Staff

Next week to recognize non-traditional students

47 percent of MTSU students have 'adult responsibilities'

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

The face of the typical college campus is changing, and next week's Non-Traditional Student Week will reflect that.

About 47 percent of MTSU students are considered non-traditional, said Carol Ann Baily, director of Adult Student Services.

Non-traditional students are defined as being 23 and older, or as having "adult responsibilities" such as children or a full-time job.

"Most people still think of college students as being 18 to 22," Baily said. Non-Traditional Student Week is designed to educate the population about the abundance of non-traditional students on campus.

The federal government legislated Non-Traditional Student Week as a nationally recognized week two years ago, allowing

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each university or college to plan its own events.

The following events have been scheduled for MTSU:

• Monday - 7:30 a.m.-8

p.m., An all-day open house for faculty and staff will offer free hot cider and refreshments in Keathley University Center, Room 320.

• Tuesday - 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., A Non-Traditional Student Day celebration will feature a table set up on the first floor of the KUC, offering information about programs for non-traditional students, as well as free cotton candy and popcorn.

• Thursday - 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., The annual holiday potluck for Older Wider Learners and Pinnacle organizations will be in the KUC, Room 320.

• Monday - Thursday - 4:30 p.m.-8 p.m., Night OWLs open house celebrations will be held each night for evening students in KUC, Room 320.

For more information, contact Adult Student Services at 898-5989. ♦

Swap Day will offer free MTSU T-shirts

By Victoria Cumbow  
Staff Writer

The second-annual Swap Day will give students the chance to exchange their old, non-MTSU shirts for new Blue Raider T-shirts Friday.

The Student Government Association will be giving out free MTSU T-shirts in return for other college shirts in the Murphy Center at 5 p.m.

Last year's swap day was a last week, lasting from Tuesday to Friday.

Friday is the only day to participate this year.

The goal is to boost Blue Raider spirit while helping others at the same time. The shirts collected will be donated to some type of charity, said John Marshall, SGA president.

"We haven't determined where the collected shirts will go yet. It depends on how many are collected," Marshall said.

The shirts will be short-sleeved and similar to the shirts given to freshmen at Customs this year, but with a few differ-

ences. They will contain the MT logo as well as the Swap Day 2001 logo.

"It's a simple way to help others while supporting MTSU," Marshall said. "Just bring in old shirts from other colleges that you shouldn't have anyway and get a new MTSU shirt free."

Following the swap will be the Homecoming Cookoff, Raider Rally and Fight Song Competition. ♦

Professor to discuss issues in racial profiling

Controversy 'scalding' since Sept. 11

By Lisa Thomason  
Staff Writer

An in-depth look at the concept of racial profiling is planned for Monday's honors lecture.

Presenting the lecture will be Bill Shulman of the criminal justice department.

Profiling - the idea that law

enforcement officials target specific racial or ethnic groups - has been a widely debated topic in recent years and has become an even more prominent issue since the tragedies of Sept. 11.

"Before Sept. 11, it was hot; now it's scalding," Shulman said.

According to Shulman, racial profiling was originally associ-

ated with African-Americans; however, people of Middle Eastern descent now are being targeted.

Shulman said his lecture will examine the issue from the viewpoints of what is necessary for "effective law enforcement" as well as the "intrusion into privacy" to which minorities can be subjected.

"I want to look at the tension that exists between law enforcement and the minorities that are suffering," he said.

He also plans to discuss some Supreme Court cases that "created a climate that allows police officers to use profiling" and to mention some lawsuits that are currently in the court system.

Shulman said he wants to present the legal aspects of profiling "in lay terms," as well as

the practical aspects.

"I want to talk generally about what police officers ought to do," he said.

While Shulman described his presentation as "very timely" after Sept. 11, he said the issue of racial profiling deserved attention long before.

"Racial profiling has been the subject in the last two years of intense debate in police departments, universities and civil rights groups. There have

been a lot of civil settlements and a lot of money given out," he said.

Shulman is not new to the honors lecture circuit. Monday's lecture will mark his seventh presentation with the program. He also teaches an honors course on capital punishment.

His lecture will be Monday in Peck Hall, Room 109A, from 3 to 3:50 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦



## From the left

## Abortion opponents seek control

By Angela White  
Staff Columnist

The anti-choice position on abortion is fundamentally flawed. Its purpose is not to protect "human life," as religious leaders brainwash their followers to believe.

Anti-choice advocates have one ultimate goal: To maintain the patriarchal control men have over women in our society.

It is no coincidence that the majority of anti-choice leaders are disproportionately white, wealthy males. Keeping women pregnant is beneficial to their way of life. It keeps us out of the workplace and makes us more likely to both get and stay married, maintaining the "traditional" family structure so favored by conservatives. Limiting women's rights to our own bodies keeps us under male control, allowing the societal power structure to remain severely tilted toward white, wealthy males.

The "moral majority" will never win over true members of the pro-choice movement, although they are not going to stop trying. However, their arguments are elitist and transparent by their very nature.

The right-wing human rights argument against abortion has become increasingly popular since our government's attack on Afghanistan began. How can liberals support killing the unborn when they oppose the killing of innocent Afghans? Flip that: How can conservatives support the killing of innocent Afghans when they oppose the "killing" of the unborn? If all human life is precious, despite whether it's actually a person, how can conservatives support the indiscriminate killing of innocents by our military? These are not "unintentional deaths," as some may argue — if our military truly didn't intend to kill Afghan citizens, it wouldn't so carelessly bomb civilian homes with "precision" bombs. It certainly wouldn't have hit the same Kabul Red Cross building twice.

We pesky liberals do not include fetuses in our quest for human rights for a simple reason: They are not people. They cannot be starved, tortured, enslaved or raped. The women who carry them, however, can. As long as a fetus cannot survive outside a woman's body, it is not a person. We instead focus on the human rights of people, including the women who are forced to get and stay pregnant. Compulsory pregnancy is considered a human rights violation; voluntary abortion is not.

If conservatives truly cared about the quality of "life" of the unborn, they would be more supportive of welfare and other public aid for indigent women, the most likely to get pregnant and seek abortions. They would support birth control education and distribution to prevent the unborn from being conceived in the first place. But alas, anti-choice advocates seek to limit these as well, for public aid and birth control are both devices women can use to free themselves from the control of men — not the goal of the anti-choice movement.

Attorney General John Ashcroft not only opposes abortion but also any birth control that prevents implantation of a fertilized egg. If he and other anti-choice politicians had their way, the pill, IUDs, Norplant and Depo-Provera would be banned along with abortion.

But women shouldn't need these or any other form of birth control. Premarital sex should be banned, after all, as it allows women too much control over our sexuality. Heaven forbid (literally) women be allowed to make an informed decision on who will be our future husband.

Liberals are battling to prevent this from becoming national policy.

The most disturbing arguments anti-choicers use are the comparison of abortion rights to slavery and the Holocaust. Fetuses are not bound in chains, and they are not tortured in concentration camps. To compare them to those who were insulting and elitist, especially considering minorities are disproportionately likely to seek abortions.

These arguments are simply meant to sensationalize and agitate the emotions of the easily swayed. Facts are absent in these arguments, as they tend to be in most anti-choice positions.

"Both [American extremist Christian groups and those who use Islam as their cover] use religion as a tool to promote fear and terror as they attempt to dismantle basic human and civil rights," the Feminist Majority Foundation stated after Jerry Falwell's comments on *The 700 Club* the day after the attacks. Religion is the ultimate cover for the conservative agenda — it disguises the struggle for power as a moral evil.

If anti-choicers cared for human life, would they regularly bomb family planning clinics and kill doctors? Would they send clinics anthrax threats (which were virtually ignored by the so-called "liberal" media)? Would they restrict much-needed public aid for those women they forced to become mothers? Life is not the issue here — control is.

For instance, men insist they have as much control over fetuses as the women who carry them. After all, their sperm helped to make these fetuses, and we all know how hard it is to make sperm.

If men truly want a say in whether the right to abortion should exist, then perhaps they should find a way to carry fetuses themselves. Until they do, they can never know what how it feels to be trapped in an unwanted pregnancy and to face the reality of bringing onto this planet a child that cannot be cared for by the mother and will not be cared for by the very people who insisted that it be born in the first place. ♦

## POLITICAL UPHEAVAL

Briefs Compiled By Jason Cox — Assistant News Editor

## From the right

## Political Briefs

## U.S. ground forces in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. soldiers are in Afghanistan helping guide bombs to their targets and advising anti-Taliban forces, but they aren't telling the rebels what to do, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

"These people have been fighting in that country for ages," Rumsfeld said at a news conference Tuesday. "You're not going to send in a few people and tell them they should turn right, turn left, go slow or go fast. They know their own minds, and they're going to move when they think it makes sense."

Rumsfeld said a "very modest" number of U.S. forces — less than 100 — are in northern Afghanistan, working with specific units of the loose anti-Taliban coalition known as the Northern Alliance.

He said other U.S. forces had been "in and out" of southern Afghanistan to work with Taliban opponents there. Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said the American ground forces had been in Afghanistan for days, not weeks, and were there because Northern Alliance officials asked for them.

## Intelligence suggests new attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. intelligence is concerned that Osama bin Laden's inner circle has issued new orders for attacks against Americans and that the terrorists might strike even if their contact is cut off from Afghanistan, officials say.

The terrorist alert the FBI issued for this week was based on intelligence that emerged over the weekend involving Afghanistan and known al-Qaida supporters elsewhere in the world, including Canada, the officials said Tuesday.

The officials, who described the information to The Associated Press only on condition of anonymity, said some of the intelligence suggested one of bin Laden's lieutenants in Afghanistan recently urged new attacks on Americans. They declined to be more specific.

U.S. officials have long suspected that bin Laden's top deputies, Ayman al-Zawahiri and Mohammed Atef, were involved in the planning or support of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that killed 5,000 people. They cautioned, however, that U.S. intelligence officials also consider it possible that the terrorists are aware their communications are being monitored and may be spreading false information deliberately.

## Red Cross to close Sept. 11 relief fund

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross has raised enough money to help victims of the terrorist attacks and will stop asking for donations, its interim chief executive said.

The Liberty Fund held \$547 million in pledges as of Monday. More than \$200 million in uncommitted money will be held to meet future needs arising from the attacks and the aftermath, Harold Decker, the charity's temporary leader, said it was known from the start that the fund was for a specific event — the Sept. 11 attacks — and would eventually be closed.

Another factor is the effect that raising money exclusively for the Liberty Fund has had on the Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, the general account for floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and other emergencies. The disaster fund had \$26 million as of Sept. 30, Chief Financial Officer Jack Campbell said Tuesday. The fund's target is about \$57 million, he said.

As a result, contributions arriving at the Red Cross after yesterday will go to the general disaster fund unless donors specify the money should be used for attack relief, Decker said. ♦

## Pro-life more liberal than pro-choice

By Jeremy Davis  
Staff Columnist

Support for abortion in the United States has dwindled steadily over the past decade, and now the two sides are basically even.

To finally push public opinion solidly in the pro-life direction, the right must use human rights, civil rights and the Constitution as their weapons of choice instead of faith.

Faith only works for those who share it.

The left hides behind the banner of women's rights to justify their position. However, the problem is women are not the only people involved. The rights of women, men and the children created must be weighed equally.

The left refuses to do so.

Currently, all authority over the life of the child is given to the mother. The child in question is just as much the father's as it is the mother's. They each contributed 50 percent to that child, so each should have equal control over the child's life. This is the equality of nature. Possession does not dictate ownership.

In 1973, the Supreme Court essentially defined the fetus as property of the mother just like they defined slaves as property of their masters in the Dred Scott decision of the 1850s.

The Civil War made it perfectly clear that human beings cannot be another human being's property.

As long as an organism has DNA that defines it as an individual human being then that organism has certain inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness under the Constitution of the United States.

All men are created equal, not born equal.

This denial of constitutional rights to children is pure discrimination on the basis of location and physical state. Outside the womb a child has rights. Inside the womb it doesn't.

That's just a location difference. Because a child cannot survive on its own doesn't give the government the authority to take away his rights.

If the government can deny rights to one group of Americans because of a disability, what's to prevent them from taking away the rights of others?

Why stop with unborn Americans? Why not get rid of toddlers, the elderly or Americans with mental or physical disabilities? These groups rely on others for their survival and produce a financial strain on their families. Why are they protected and the unborn are not? The reason is visibility and vocal power.

We see these other groups every day and people speak up for their rights. Unborn Americans are the last minority in America without full constitutional rights.

Democrats refuse to recognize them as humans just like they refused to recognize African-Americans as humans in the 19th century. They were wrong then, and they are wrong today.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was first introduced by the Republicans in the 1880s. It took almost 80 years to get it passed, and even then, after all the public pressure during the Civil Rights Movement, only 50 percent of the Democrats in Congress voted for it.

We had to fight for decades for that, and we will fight as many decades as it takes for this. Giving a voice to the voiceless and fighting for the civil rights of those who lack them is what makes pro-life more liberal than pro-choice.

Before I close, I want to share a few things I found while researching this topic concerning Planned Parenthood. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, is primarily known for her struggle to get birth control to women in order to limit the size of poor families who couldn't feed all their children.

What is not as well known about Sanger is that she was an avid supporter of eugenics.

Eugenics is the science of creating a "perfect race" through controlled mating and sterilization of groups not deemed as beneficial to society. Remind you of something from World War II?

Sanger devoted a whole edition of her monthly magazine *Birth Control Review* to eugenics in April 1933. Sanger is quoted as saying the country needed "more children from the fit and less from the unfit."

On December 10, 1939 Sanger wrote a letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble (of Procter and Gamble) describing a plan to "exterminate the Negro population."

Planned Parenthood contests the intent of Sanger's remarks but not the substance.

Today African American women make up 14 percent of child bearers, but they have 31 percent of all abortions. For every three African-American children born, two are aborted and 78 percent of all abortion clinics, of which Planned Parenthood is one of the largest proprietors, are in or near minority neighborhoods.

"The most merciful thing a large family can do for one of its infant members is to kill it." — Margaret Sanger. ♦

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Editorial

## 'Random' searches border on racism

As we all know, airports have taken the necessary precautions to help ensure that America never suffers another tragedy like those that occurred Sept. 11.

Procedures at airports have become more extensive, thus causing longer lines. There also are armed military officers at the metal detectors, as well as extra airport personnel to decrease the chances of smuggling in weapons or any other illegal objects.

If there is the slightest indication that an airport passenger may be up to something, he or she is searched by an airport employee of the same gender.

While on a recent trip to New Orleans, members of our staff witnessed an incident where a guy was forced to take his shoes off and send them through the X-ray machine.

All in all, our time spent in the airport wasn't too bad. Of the 11 students that went on the trip, only one of us had any problems.

There was a mix up with his ticket destination on the way to New Orleans, and the airport staff took extra precautions before making the correction. On the way back, he was held up for an extended period of time before even getting to the metal detectors and it was never explained to him why, even when he asked.

Then when it was time to board the plane, the same staff member was "randomly" pulled out of the crowd to be searched. Every personal item of his carry-on luggage was taken out on a table for all to see. The person was asked to empty all of his pockets. Then he was patted down and scanned with an electronic wand. All this was being done after he went through the main metal detectors.

When the person asked why he was picked out of the punch, he was told that it was a random search. Well, random searches are fine, but everyone else who was being searched was picked out by the computer in the ticket line when checking luggage, not right before they were getting on the plane like he was.

What bothers us is that the only person who had any problems was also the only African-American male in our group.

Safety is the important thing, and we feel that the extensive procedures are necessary. However, from what we've observed, there seems to be some racial profiling going on.

With all the things going on in America, we need to be pulling together. Yet, we are still stereotyping and discriminating against one another. ♦

## Where's the equity in cancer research funding?

### For Argument's Sake



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As breast cancer awareness month draws to a close, we must also be mindful of a health threat to men: prostate cancer.

According to CaP CURE, a prostate cancer research organization, it is estimated that 31,500 men will die in 2001 from prostate cancer, while 40,600 women are estimated to die from breast cancer.

Federal funding for breast cancer research equals approximately \$18,800 for each death from the disease, but prostate cancer research receives a mere \$1,787 per death.

While the source is, of course, partial, it should be noted that the most objective source on the matter, the American Cancer Society, did not have statistics pertaining specifically to prostate cancer. Their statistics are divided into two categories: breast cancer and all other cancers.

Also, prostate cancer is the most common cancer for men to get and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among men.

With these statistics, why doesn't prostate cancer get more attention?

Part of the cause is rooted in politics. Unlike breast cancer, which has prominent, well-funded women's groups advocating funding for research, there are no significant men's political organizations, which immediately places organizations such as CaP CURE at a significant disadvantage.

If you don't believe me,

check out [www.tnom.com](http://www.tnom.com), the Web site of the National Organization for Men, then visit [www.now.org](http://www.now.org), the National Organization for Women's Web site, then tell me there isn't a vast credibility gap.

In any case, knuckleheads have been living under a rock for the last 50 years, women's groups are very well-funded and very powerful. The recommendation of groups such as NOW is a significant boost to a political candidate, and they have many opportunities to call in a favor.

It also could have something to do with the mere position of the organ in question. Many people barely know what part of the body the prostate is in, much less the function it serves.

On the other hand, anyone over the age of two knows where breasts are

positioned on a woman's body. One can also check themselves for signs of breast cancer quite easily, while checking oneself for prostate cancer is impossible.

Just last week, *Sidelines* ran a story about breast cancer awareness as the lead story. One would be hard-pressed to find a similar story about prostate cancer with similar prominence in any newspaper. This illustrates part of the problem: the public is not given adequate information about this serious threat to men's health.

Here's a sobering fact: ALL men, if something else does not claim their lives first, will eventually develop prostate cancer.

The pale pink ribbon is a nearly-universal symbol for breast cancer, while the pale blue ribbon for prostate cancer is unrecognized to nearly all but those who have actively

sought its meaning.

This is not in any way intended to question the amount of attention that breast cancer receives. My grandmother was diagnosed with breast cancer just a couple of years ago and underwent a mastectomy which, hopefully, has eliminated the cancer.

However, prostate cancer should be as high a concern for men as breast cancer is for women, but it often isn't because of a lack of awareness and knowledge about the disease.

If my little space in a college newspaper helped someone get a better idea of the problems facing prostate cancer research, then I feel I've done my job.

For more information on prostate cancer, including anatomical information, statistics and funding, visit [www.capcare.org](http://www.capcare.org). ♦

## Students should throw away trash, not money

By Amber Bryant  
Staff Writer

College students are waste generators.

We're here because we want to be educated, experienced and involved before we hit the streets of the so-called real world.

Perhaps the same passion that drives us to learn, create and strive inspires some to decorate MTSU with litter and deface property.

Lately, *Sidelines* has been running articles asking university officials if our money is being wasted. The numerous construction projects on campus, the abandonment of Ezell and Abernathy dormitories, the yearly staff retreat to Fall Creek Falls and the

booking of the Bah Men, a high-profile rap group, to perform at a pep rally have been just a few of the subjects causing students to voice suspicions about handing tuition money over to the powers that be.

But perhaps we need to point a few fingers at some of those students.

A few weeks ago the words "ugly" and "stupid" were spray-painted on the outside wall of the Business and Aerospace Building, which is one of the newest and most impressive buildings on campus. They were quickly removed, but someone's initials graced almost the exact same spot a week later.

Already, stickers offering witty slogans are stuck

to the new lampposts lining the library. I suspect they will be hard to remove after melting in the sun for a few weeks.

The fence around the library courtyard construction area is littered with candy wrappers and paper cups, even though we have numerous trashcans available.

Are those flowers dotting the landscape with white flecks? Why, no, those are discarded cigarette butts. To be more specific, those are sponges wrapped in paper and covered in saliva and addictive poisons. Gross.

I'm aware that James Dean would have been labeled a dork had he taken his cigarettes to the

water fountain, practiced fire safety by dousing them with water, and then placed them in the nearest trash receptacle.

Even so, the rest of us shouldn't have to constantly see the remains of broken-class smoke breaks lining the walkways of our school.

Not only does this lack of care for our campus make us look like slobs, but it also bears witness to students' ignorance when they complain about others wasting our money.

Unfortunately, there are no magical fairies that fly down in the middle of the night to remove graffiti from buildings and pick up trash. Humans are responsible for fixing these problems and someone

has to pay them to do it. This is where money comes in, the same money that students want to squander when it comes to campus improvement.

If MTSU is guilty of wasting money on trying to boost our reputation by making this campus look decent, students are equally guilty of making it look like trash. In essence, it's a vicious cycle.

Instead of using our passion to turn our campus into an ugly cesspool, we should use it to improve.

With the energy it takes to launch a full-blown griping session about wasting money, we could be doing something more productive, like cleaning up our mess. ♦

## For the good of us all, stick around campus

By Chris Giloy  
Guest Columnist

A college campus. The heart of America. A place full of young people who are exploring their world and discovering who they are. The intellectual backbone of our country.

The college campus is an exciting and happening place to be. It's full of diverse people pursuing similar goals of success and accomplishment. As a part of the college community, I can say that all of that excitement and pursuit of success is darn hard work.

So when the work week is over, the coming weekend is an extremely welcome event. But here at MTSU, the weekend don't have much to offer. At a time when there should be many entertaining events and happenings, there are really very few. At MTSU, most of those young people that make a college campus an exciting place disappear once Friday

classes have concluded. It's really quite amazing. A school with 20,000-plus students, around 3,500 of whom live on campus, drops to less than 10 percent of its enrolled numbers. In courtyards and areas such as in front of the Keathley University Center and Peck Hall where people and events abound during the week, the only event is the occasional person walking through on their way to a dining hall.

With the disappearance of all those people on the weekends, the obvious question of where they all go arises. From what I hear, the majority of them go home.

Most of the students at MTSU are in-state residents and live only a few hours away. With the university being located in the middle of the state, it isn't much trouble for those people to drive, at the most, three hours to reach the outer towns and cities

of Tennessee. But even if it is so convenient to drive home every Friday, there's something very wrong with developing this habit.

From my perspective, an integral part of the so-called "college experience" is the separation from the parents and typical authority figures of high school.

Going away to college is like getting released from prison after many years of incarceration. On one hand, you're getting away from rules and restrictions that have been a part of your life for a very long time. You now have the freedom to do as you choose, however you choose, and whenever you choose.

You can explore new interests and meet new people. There are no expectations to keep up, no one knows the things you did in the past; you get a clean slate.

The other hand is the resistance to change. Some

people like the way things were and all of their friends and everything that's familiar. They get homesick.

Keeping up friendships and contacts with home is important, but it's also important to detach yourself from home so that you are able to move on to new things. I'm not saying that people shouldn't go home at all; it's good to return every month or two. But doing it every weekend is unhealthy.

Besides the health concerns, the mass commute out of Murfreesboro leaves those who came to MTSU from distant places with an extremely boring and undesirable place to be on the weekends. At college, not a lot of people is not a lot of fun.

It's also embarrassing. At last Saturday's MT vs. New Mexico State game - critical to determining who represents the Sun Belt in a bowl game - student support was horribly

weak. Total attendance only reached 11,000 fans, down from the 22,000 average at the first two games. Half!

This does nothing to make Sun Belt Commissioner Wright Waters feel MT should represent the conference, nor does it encourage New Orleans Bowl Executive Director Ron Maestri about the upcoming bowl game - both of whom were on campus for the game last Saturday.

Furthermore, the NCAA is considering dropping 20 teams from Division I-A football. If we don't want to be one of them, then the students need to show it.

And the perfect opportunity for that is coming up: homecoming. For those who leave every weekend, stick around - if just for this one time. Come to the football game. Make a party, see a show. Make MTSU a great place to be this weekend. ♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Do not be naive about the costs of war

To the Editor:

Angela White's article, "Food drops poor substitute for aid groups," is about the most lengthy, sorry and misdirected opinion piece I have ever read.

I will give her credit, though. She was at least informative, quoting numerous numbers in support of the humanitarian effort in Afghanistan. She also gives us a good picture of the kinds of difficulties we face there in perspective of how many Afghans might view our good intentions.

So we know it is lengthy; what makes this a sorry piece is that her suggestion is borrowed with no real thought as to how this suggestion fixes the very problems she mentions. "[Dropping] off Special Forces troops to 'carve out safe havens near where the refugees are fleeing,' fly planes in at low altitudes and distribute the food themselves" takes a lot of logistical planning and wastes our military

resources. This suggestion is not a cure all to her cynicism toward our military.

In this regard, her article is misdirected. She never mentions the Taliban or Al-Qaeda's networking to make the humanitarian efforts difficult. No, she wants to blame the "omniscient military" and President Bush.

Where was White last year when the Taliban was shooting Buddhist statues and showing their disregard for women's human rights? If I recall, she was pissed. Now she leaves this aspect out to bash our own military.

I think White forgets Sept. 11. I think she forgets who the real enemy is. I think she forgets that Osama bin Laden and his cronies don't play by the rules. And I think she forgets that innocent people accidentally get killed in war.

I want to call her hypocritical, but now I think she is just plain ignorant.

Stephen Brace

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Thursday, November 29, 2001

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## New York thrives through misty eyes

By Allison Gilliam  
Staff Writer

He leans against a fire engine, his arms crossed over his chest, looking out over Great Jones Street toward Lower Manhattan. Behind him, every wall in the garage is covered with posters, drawings, letters, flags and cards, most of them made by children. He has taken it upon himself to keep these touching symbols and keep track of where they came from.

Louis Trazino is a firefighter for Engine Co. 33 and Ladder Co. 9 in New York City.

"You know, I think of the words of Churchill," he begins to say, then his eyes mist over and his voice trails away.

The New York City Fire Department lost 350 firefighters who were dispatched to the scene of the fire from the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center Sept. 11. Ten were from Engine Co. 33 and Ladder Co. 9.

Trazino was originally scheduled to work the night shift Sept. 10, which would have kept him on duty throughout the morning of Sept. 11. However, he had already put in the maximum number of overtime hours allowed that week, so the fire department let him go home to his family that night.

The stories from people who narrowly missed being in the area of the World Trade Center on the morning of Sept. 11 will continue to be recounted all over the world. Some had meetings that finished early. Others were running late for work. My Aunt Teri rides the subway to her job downtown and often gets off at the World Trade Center. However, her usual arrival time at work is not until 9:30 or 10 a.m. She was in her midtown apartment when the towers were hit.

I went to New York City last weekend not to gawk at the disaster site or exploit its people. I had started planning to go for fall break well before the terrorist attacks, and when my aunt assured me she still wanted me to visit, I did. I wanted to see the city that I have loved to visit since I was 13, no matter what shape it might be in.

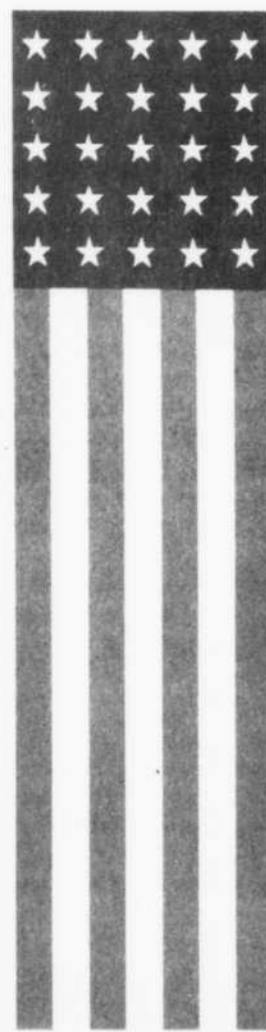
The city that never sleeps still doesn't. Restaurants are still full, Broadway shows are still running and Times Square is still a bustling center of light and noise. However, the effects of terrorism on the Big Apple were visible everywhere, even before we crossed the East River into Manhattan.

National Guardsmen armed with automatic weapons stopped our car and demanded my aunt's license then looked inside the trunk. Back at the airport, I had to remove my boots for a security guard, who sent them through the X-ray in a plastic tray. National Guardsmen reprimanded my boyfriend, Andy, for taking photos of the security checkpoints in the airport and at the entrance to the Midtown Tunnel.

All weekend long, I caught whiffs of the smell of the electri-



(Above) Workers continue to clean up the remaining rubble of the Twin Towers that used to be one of the major attractions for New York City tourists.



(Right) Numerous photos and names of missing loved ones hang on the wall of New York City's St. Vincent de Paul Medical Center.

cal fires from Ground Zero, and when I went downtown to see the site, the stench began to burn my throat. Many passersby in the area were wearing surgical masks over their faces. I had to wonder if it was because they had difficulty breathing because of the fires, or if the mere presence of the smell was just too much to bear emotionally.

Thursday night we went to a restaurant and I met Michelle, a friend of my aunt's. While we were talking, a man walked up to us and she hugged him happily. As he walked away, she said, "It is always emotional seeing someone from school these days." Michelle graduated from Columbia University in New York. Twenty-eight people from her graduating class died in the World Trade Center.

My aunt told story after story.

She knows a woman who had to run for her life from the Twin Towers that day. This woman now has 9-11-01 tattooed on her wrist.

Public transportation in the

city was virtually shut down that day, and there were more people walking out in the streets than ever before. Fighter jets patrolled the sky over New York City the rest of the day, causing pedestrians to look up suddenly in terror whenever the jets flew over, the sound reminding them of the planes that crashed into the World Trade Center.

Two friends had to stay at her apartment because they were not able to return to their home in Lower Manhattan. For two days, her guests sat dazed in front of the television, constantly changing the channel from one news report to the next.

There was a fine layer of ashes on her windows. There were still ashes on a few cars parked near the site downtown. Window washers were still cleaning off a soot-covered building at Ground Zero when my aunt took us to see the site.

We went as far down Canal Street as possible and looked at "the pile," as it has come to be called by the rescue workers. I stared at the steel beams jutting

into the sky along with numerous other onlookers and thought about the last time I had been there.

It was in August 2000, and my cousin and I had our picture taken in front of an art exhibit at the World Trade Center: two huge, painted cows, each dressed up like a twin tower.

Now here I am, taking a picture of streams of water from fire trucks putting out the electrical fires that continually flare up whenever workers move debris.

The crowd is eerily quiet, and people are whispering. A girl nearby is crying. Other onlookers are taking pictures, some standing up on the metal barriers to get a better look. A National Guardsman comes over. "Get down now," he says. "Get down! The police are going to come over here and confiscate your cameras."

We walk on toward Wall Street.

There is an old saying in New York about how you can always tell the difference between the

tourists and the residents of the city — the tourists are looking up at the tall buildings, while the residents are looking straight ahead. I look at passersby who obviously live or work in the area, and it is evident that they hate walking past this scene. They walk as fast as they can, looking straight ahead.

We went to Central Park Saturday and walked by an area where "Roller Disco" was taking place. People young and old strap on their skates and dance around while someone plays music, mostly R&B. The tradition has gone on for years, my aunt tells me. It's impossible not to move to the music as you watch the skaters, many of whom are exceptionally good. We stayed and watched them for almost an hour. Everyone watching or skating was smiling and laughing. Most of the attention was focused on two guys who were skating in slow motion around the rink to Mary J. Blige's "Family Affair."

It was a beautiful fall day in Central Park, and people were

dancing.

On that day it was easy to forget, for a moment, the wall of "Missing" posters still on the side of St. Vincent's hospital downtown. I forgot the faces on those posters, the requests to help or simply pray for the victims. I forgot the candles and flags left outside of every fire hall that I passed in the city, left in memory of the firefighters that lost their lives. I forgot the hole the buildings left downtown, still billowing smoke visible from so many places in the city.

I asked Trazino how the day of Sept. 11 had changed his life. He and his family live near the World Trade Center. He tells his wife now to be careful in the area. "But we will fight them," he reassures me, obviously referring to terrorists, "throwing bricks from the rubble if we have to."

I was able to keep my emotions in check until that last day in the city when I walked down

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## Farm Day educates youngsters

By Latrice Williams  
Staff Writer

Silly grown-ups, Farm Day isn't just for kids.

The MTSU agribusiness/agriculture department sponsored the Fall Farm Festival Friday so Middle Tennessee schoolchildren could have a hands-on experience to get an idea of where food comes from and the importance of farming to everyone.

"With shrinking numbers of individuals directly involved in agriculture, today's young person is wholly disconnected with agriculture and its impact on their lives," said Kevin Downs, MTSU agribusiness and agriculture professor.

According to Downs, more children are raised in urban or suburban environments with no exposure to what agriculture means to them.

"Without agriculture you have nothing," said Janet Kelly, agriculture department secretary, noting that agriculture deals with everything from food, clothing and shelter to recreation, cosmetics, shampoo, soap, transportation, jobs, roads and even the rubber for tires.

In addition, agriculture is "soil, forestry, turf for lawns and gardens," said Warren Anderson, agribusiness professor.

Twelve faculty and staff, along with MTSU students majoring in agribusiness/agri-

science, helped out with the nearly 1,000 elementary school students at the Farm Day Festival. Many of the MTSU students have a farm background and shared their interest with the younger students.

"Agriculture is very important," said Kerri Lowe, senior soil science major. "We feed America. We feed the world."

"The kids enjoy touching and feeling," said Anderson, standing near a display of real live soybeans. "Soybean makes oil, diesel, ink and flour."

The young Farm Day guests got information packets that included crayons made out of soybeans, and the organic paint used to paint their faces were made of corn and soybeans.

One kid mistook Play-Doh for a marshmallow and cat litter for floor wax. When told that candy contains soybean, his reply was "Uhhh!"

When it comes to understanding where food comes from, youngsters don't know very much about farming, Kelly and Lowe agreed.

Chickens, chicks and eggs were on display for the kids to learn about the evolution of the egg.

Samaria Sanders from Hobgood Elementary didn't know where bacon came from. She remembers a pig only because one of the swine was drinking the others' waste.

There were dairy cattle at Farm Day for kids to learn

hands-on about milking a cow.

"It's important for kids to understand that milk doesn't come from Kroger," Lowe said.

MTSU makes its own milk, Kelly pointed out, and has a license to sell milk only on campus. MTSU milk processing students sanitized the children's hands before they handed out cookies, chocolate milk, white milk and apples for those who were allergic.

"Everybody should be conscious as to where that food comes from," said Joe Dement, a retired agribusiness professor who taught at MTSU for 31 years.

The elementary schoolteachers and chaperones were pleased, Kelly added.

"It's nice for the kids," said Phelix Hicks, a chaperone for Hobgood Elementary. "I grew up on a farm."

N. Omri Rawlins, who retired after teaching agriculture for 33 years at MTSU, brought his collection of pedal tractors — for show and so the children could have an opportunity to play with them.

"Kids ride in a tractor and get experience they might not do again," Lowe said. "They love it!"

"Farm Day is good for the (agribusiness) industry," said Tiffany Moon, a junior science major who also said she enjoyed interacting with the youngsters. ♦



## New York: City continues after tragedy

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Great Jones Street away from Engine Co. 33. I later looked up a famous quote by former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a speech he gave

during World War II. Perhaps it is the one Trazino was thinking of.

"We shall not fail. ... We shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in

the air. We shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the landing grounds. We shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender." ♦

## Students compete for fast cash

By Alicia Pickett  
Staff Writer

Friday night's Raider Rally proved not only a good pep booster for MT fans against New Mexico State, it also gave the fans an opportunity to become very rich overnight.

"Since I'm a college student, I'm broke," said Teron Butler, one of the five members of Team Memphis at Friday night's after-rally game show.

Think Fast was the name and strategic knowledge of pop culture facts was the game.

More than 13 teams, consisting of five or more MTSU students, participated in this free-for-all fun, interactive game show setting.

"It is a way to invigorate students for the big game on Saturday," said Mimi Thomas, who serves as MTSU's assistant director of Student Programming.

Friday night's Raider Rally began at 5 p.m.

A buffet of barbecue and broccoli casserole enticed many to join the rally fun. Miniature game-day bleachers were placed in MT's Recreation Center to give it a football kind of feel.

"Make sure you're out there to support (the team)," determined Blue Raiders head coach

Andy McCollum shouted to the screaming crowd gathered around a stage of what is soon to be the Think Fast game stage.

After McCollum, cheerleaders, baton twirlers and the band were all blasted out of game day pep and attitude, used to entice the college mob to stay after the actual Raider Rally ended, Think Fast began.

Alan Weini, developer of the Think Fast game software, hosted Friday night's game show.

By using humor, free T-shirts and Nerds candies, Weini's salesman attitude easily won over the mob and urged them to stay a little while longer.

Two enormous big screen televisions on each side of a centerpiece with four contest-ant spots excited the room of potential players.

Each team of five or more received a remote control that was used to answer two rounds of 20 multiple-choice questions that appeared on the screens.

Questions, such as finding the television show that Mike Tyson's ex-wife appeared on, had context clues to help each individual team change wrong answers.

Weini's game show host voice and similar "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" music made the night's game show

even wilder.

Students who were complete strangers before the rally became fast friends to win the cash at stake.

I joined Studio Punks, a four-person enraged group of people who became kindred spirits before the two and half hour game came to an end.

Points varied and screen names of each team appeared as different nations - Germany, Brazil, Switzerland and Costa Rica. The Studio Punks were Italy.

Weini's show, after each round, gave losing teams a chance to play on stage with the winners.

In a traditional game, (outside of a college campus) team or individual players could not actually win when they did a funky dance or yelled out right answers, but in Think Fast, those traits gave teams a chance to play on stage.

First place was awarded \$750, second place \$500 and third place was \$250.

Cheating was permitted, meaning that if a player slammed down on an opponent's buzzer, the opponent team was forced to answer the question. This method proved very valuable, just ask the winner. ♦

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## MT plays last regular season Sun Belt game

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Writer

Floyd Stadium could hold a large advantage for the Middle Tennessee football program when they play host to Arkansas State in a decisive Sun Belt Conference game this Saturday.

The season-long race for New Orleans can boil down to this one conference game for the Blue Raiders and the Indians.

"We have a chance to be champions this week," junior

wide receiver David Youell said. "Everything is on the line just like it was last week."

Both teams know something about playing with the game on the line. It took a 28-point fourth-quarter effort for MT to pull out a win last week at home against New Mexico State, and ASU needed a 98-yard drive to overcome conference opponent Idaho.

"We have to come and prove something quickly in the game and set the tempo early," sophomore free safety Michael Woods

said. "We're playing for at least a co-championship and want to get to a bowl game."

With one loss a piece in conference play, the game in Floyd Stadium holds bowl game implications for the Blue Raiders and the Indians.

"When you talk about rivalries, every team in your conference is your rival when you want to achieve your goals," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "We know that if we beat Arkansas State, then no one can take a co-championship away

from us. It makes it as big as it comes."

It is imperative that the Blue Raider offense comes out to play early. The offense is at the top of the conference statistically, but it has fallen off in key losses throughout the year. It has also shown the ability to come roaring to life.

"We've got to take that same level to the first quarter and try to sustain it for all four quarters," McCollum said.

Four quarters of play is key for the MT offense. Though

Arkansas State is at the bottom of the Sun Belt Conference offensive rankings, the Indians showed plenty of grit in mustering a 98-yard drive against Idaho in the waning moments last week to secure a much-needed conference win.

"It's another challenge for us defensively, and we have to try to overcome that," junior linebacker Randy Arnold said.

Home-field advantage may come in to play, which makes fan participation a must in this deciding conference game. It

was the second half resurgence of the crowd, as well as the Blue Raider football team, which helped to overcome the NMSU lead last weekend.

"That's why we've been saying that we need the Middle Tennessee people here," McCollum says. "We need to have our stadium full of blue."

"Our kids feel that and feed off of it."

The game starts at 2 p.m. Saturday in Floyd Stadium. ♦

## Senior receiver leads by example

### Newson is known to MT for his work ethic

By J.P. Plant  
Staff Writer

Kendall Newson epitomizes what a team leader is all about. His tireless work ethic and his unrelenting desire to be the best creates a standard for others to follow.

The Decatur, Ga. native owns career records at Middle Tennessee in receiving yards, receptions and 100-yard games and was only two touchdowns behind Herbert Owenby for career touchdowns heading into the New Mexico State game. But despite all the records and accolades Newson has in his corner, the senior is still a team player.

"I try to look at the big picture," Newson said. "No matter how I play, I want to be a team leader."

"It's one thing to get out there on the practice field and talk and say you're going to lead," head coach Andy McCollum said, "but it's another to get out and lead by example."

That's what Newson does. His tireless work ethic rubs off on the rest of the team.

"I'm really going to miss his work ethic out there," McCollum said. "He goes 100

percent all the time. He's the fiercest competitor that I've ever been around."

So exactly where does this work ethic derive from? Newson said he learned from his parents that "hard work pays off."

That work ethic was apparent the day Newson stepped on the campus at MT in 1998. That work ethic earned him a starting position as a freshman and has earned the respect of his teammates, coaches and everyone that meets him.

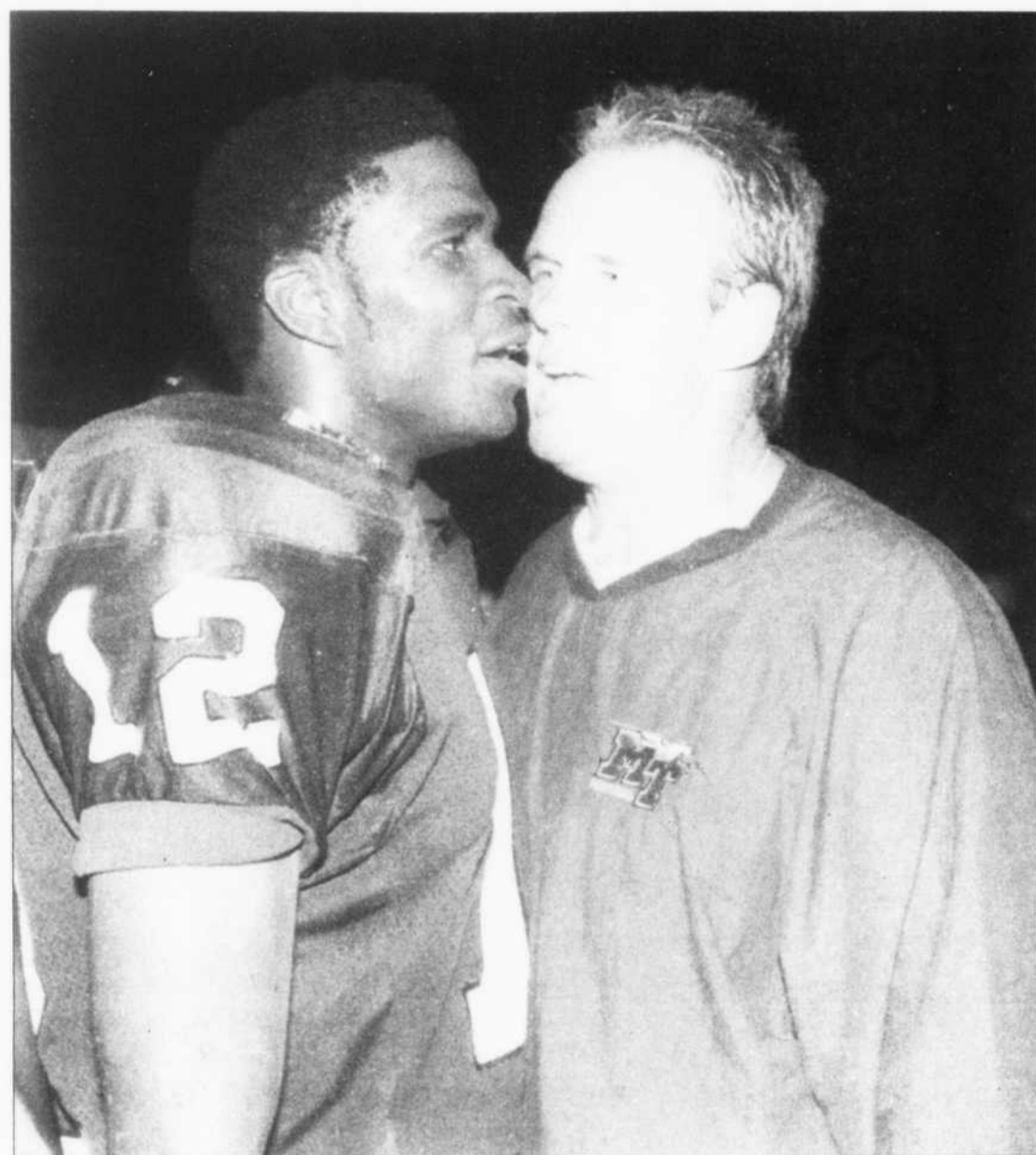
Although Newson has earned a lot of respect, he is quick to show it as well. In his mind, that's what homecoming is all about.

"Homecoming is a week to show respect to those who were here before us," Newson said. "When you see part of your family, it makes you more motivated."

So where does the All-America candidate go from here?

"My ultimate goal is to make it to the NFL and become a better receiver," Newson said but then paused. "Football-wise, that is. In life I want to become a better man."

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Coach Andy McCollum and Kendall Newson celebrate after the win at Vanderbilt.

### Newson earns SBC Player of the Week

MT Media Relations

Senior wide receiver Kendall Newson was named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week Monday for the first time this year.

Newson tied the school record with 12 catches for 181 yards and one touchdown. The 181 yards was the third-most in school history and marked the 13th time Newson has topped the 100-yard plateau in his career.

In the dramatic win over New Mexico State last Saturday, Newson hauled in 7 passes for 119 yards in the fourth quarter alone. In the game-winning drive, Newson had 4 receptions for 38 yards, including two third-down grabs for 18 yards.

One of Newson's highlights during the game was his 64-yard touchdown catch, which was the longest of his career. Newson now has 20 touchdown catches during his career and is only one shy of equaling the school record of 21 set by Herbert Owenby. ♦

## Basketball kicks off with exhibition

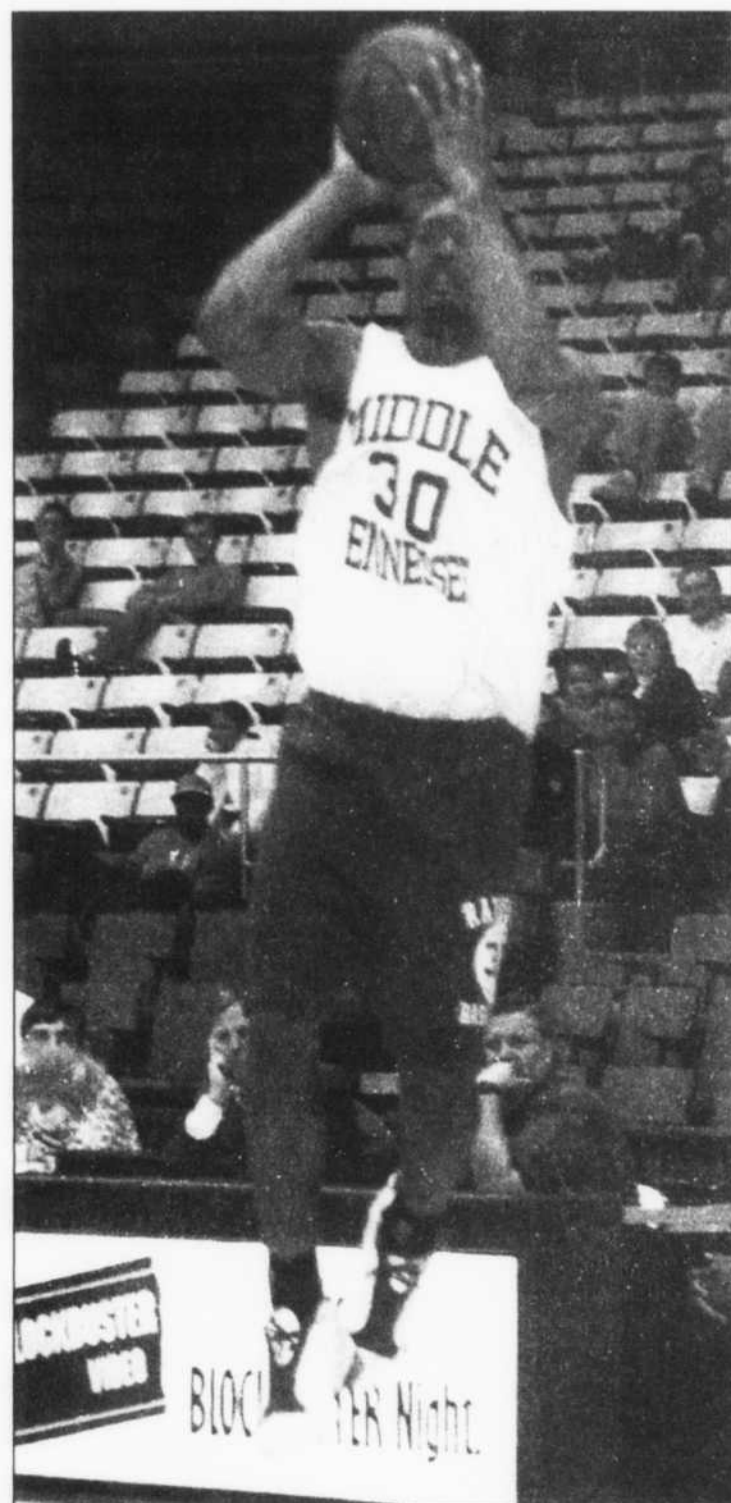


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The White team lost the Blue-White game 63-58.

By Erich Heinlein  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday night, both the men and women's basketball teams played their annual Blue-White Scrimmage.

For the White team, Patrice Holmes and Jennifer Justice scored the first two baskets, with the last two points coming on free throws. Tiffany Fisher scored the first points for Blue at the 12:42 mark.

The score was 6-6 with 10:45 to play. This was followed by a one-minute, 33 second scoring drought by both teams. The next points came when Jamie Thomatis converted a three-point play.

Although Blue led by as much as six in the first half, the game remained tight until the end of the half, with Blue leading.

"I think we had a good outing tonight, but obviously we appeared a little fatigued," said Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith.

In the second half, White began with a 9-0 run. Blue responded with a 10-2 run of their own, eventually tying the game at 32. After Jessica McClure made a free throw, White never looked back, and took the game 56-44.

The Blue team was led by Holmes, who scored 19 points including a 7-7 effort from the free-throw line and 5-6 from the field. Joanne Aluka scored 13 points and grabbed nine rebounds.

As for the Lady Raiders upcoming season, Smith seems very optimistic.

"It's no secret how optimistic I've been since the summer about this team and they did

not disappoint tonight," Smith said. "We have a lot of newcomers who were very impressive, but our core group of veterans is what makes having eight newcomers tolerable. We had a few who were coming off some bad practices, but when the lights came on tonight they really stepped up."

After the women's game Smith came out and thanked the crowd for coming out and said that this was one of the biggest crowds that she has seen for the Blue-White Scrimmage.

The Lady Raiders have their first exhibition game on Nov. 6 at home when they host Life College.

In the men's game, Blue won 63-58. This game featured some explosive play, including consecutive scores on alley-oop plays, finished off by Garrick White in the second half.

According to Blue Raiders assistant coach Jim Ryan, the whole game did not turn out this way.

"We did not shoot the ball as well as we normally would during the season, but that is partly because of the defense and also because each team knew what the other team was running," said Ryan.

Blue came flying out of the gates with William Phippen, the nephew of NBA star Scottie Phippen, finishing and ending the run. The halftime score was 30-25 Blue.

For Blue, Lee Nosse scored 15 points with six rebounds, three steals and three blocks.

Eric Parham scored 13 points had three steals. Charles Anderson scored 12 points on nine rebounds, and was 5-8 from the field.

For White, Iiro Tenngren



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Jamie Thomatis drives past a defender to the basket in Tuesday's game.

scored 14 points. Steven Jackson was the only other player to score in double digits with 12. Dee Wilkes scored nine points and dished out seven assists.

As for the upcoming season, the Blue Raiders seem very optimistic.

"In the four years I've been here, this is got to be the best team that I have played on, and the one I am the most excited about," said senior center Lee Nosse.

According to Ryan, the team's biggest challenge could be team chemistry, as the Blue Raiders have six new players this season.

"Five out of the six players are all from junior colleges and were the stars on their teams, so it could take awhile for us to develop some team chemistry," Ryan said.

The lone freshman is 6-foot-8-inch Charles Anderson who graduated from City High School in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The Blue Raiders first exhibition game will be on Nov. 6 against Tennessee Temple. ♦

### MT places sixth at final fall season tournament

MT Media Relations

In its final golf tournament of the fall season, Middle Tennessee finished in a tie for sixth at the Lady Panther Intercollegiate.

The Lady Raiders shot a 324 in the final round of the weather-shortened tournament. Due to heavy frost Monday morning the tournament was changed from a 54-hole event to a 36-hole event.

"We played better today than we did Monday, but we still left a lot of shots on the course," head coach Kim St. John said.

"Overall, I am pleased with the way we continued to get better as the season went along. For a first year program, I thought we did okay. Now we have to learn from our experiences and be prepared for a great spring season."

Tamara Munsch was once again the Lady Raiders' top finisher by placing in a tie for 13th with a two round total of 161. Munsch shot an 80 in Tuesday's final round.

Kandace Burnett played one of her best tournaments by finishing in a tie for 18th only one shot back of Munsch with a 162.

Kristin Lynch carded a round of 80 Tuesday to place in a tie for 22nd with a 164, while teammate Amanda Harter finished 36th with a 170. Kemmerlee

Pennington completed the scoring with a 179 to tie for 41st. ♦



# SPRING 2002 CORRECTION TO PUBLISHED FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

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Monday, May 6 - which would conflict  
with the exam time for classes meeting  
MWF from 12:25pm - 1:15pm. Please  
be aware of the correct exam time as  
you register for Spring 2002 classes.

A corrected version of the Spring 2002  
Final Exam schedule is available on the  
Records/Scheduling web page at  
[www.mtsu.edu/~records/schedule.html](http://www.mtsu.edu/~records/schedule.html).

Before you register for classes, be sure  
to check out the most up-to-date course  
information including promote additions,  
cancellations, and schedule notes, on the  
Records/Scheduling web page at  
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We apologize for any confusion on the  
final exam schedule. Please contact the  
Scheduling Center if you need  
assistance with registration or if you  
have any questions.

Have a great rest of the semester!

SCHEDULING CENTER  
JUB 123  
HELP LINE: 898-5094

## Newson: Star receiver highly respected by university

## MT drops match at WKU

By **Erich Heinlein**  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team fell to Western Kentucky in straight sets Tuesday.

This win for WKU clinches the top spot in the Eastern Division of the Sun Belt Tournament. The Lady Raiders are currently in fourth place in the Eastern Division after sweeping Arkansas State, the last place team in the SBC Eastern Division.

One position that came out of the match was that Kelly Quinn recorded her 2,000th career assist. It has been two weeks since she reached 1,999. Quinn was originally a setter but was put into a more defensive position when head coach

Lisa Kisee changed to a 5-1 rotation, giving the setting responsibilities to Goldie Bilyeu.

None of the Lady Raiders reached double digits in kills. Shakeitha Deckard led the Lady Raiders with nine kills and 13 digs. She added two service aces. Goldie Bilyeu had 18 out of the team's 20 assists.

As a team, the Lady Raiders had 23 kills and 115 attacks for a .043 attack percentage.

This loss brings the Lady Raiders down to 8-17 overall and 4-8 in the Sun Belt Conference. MT's next game is at 7 p.m. Friday at North Texas. They will then travel to the Southwest Missouri State tournament on Saturday and Sunday in preparation for the SBC Tournament. ♦

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Be someone people can depend on."

Newson would like to be remembered as "a man that would catch everything, and someone who couldn't be out-worked."

Newson has caught much more than just footballs during his stint at MT. He has caught the respect of everyone involved with the university. ♦

## Blue Raider fans need to fill the stands

Commentary by **David Hunter**  
Staff Writer

Where were the fans for Saturday's MT football game? Last Saturday the MT football team scored 28 points in the fourth quarter after being down 35-11 to New Mexico State and won 39-35. The only problem was that a very small crowd saw the end of the game.

I should go up to all the players and coaches and apologize to them for leaving before the fourth quarter started. This is one of the few times I have ever given up on a team before

the game was over. At least I was there.

It was kind of sad to see only 11,000 fans at Floyd Stadium. All during the week, coach Andy McCollum put up fliers asking the fans to show up and "Be the 12th Man."

I understand if people had other plans, and that it was the first cold day of the fall season. This team has busted their butts all season long and we need to support them for the entire season and not give up on them.

This week is a huge game against Arkansas State. The early weather report for Saturday is sunny with temper-

atures in the 70s. Unless it is something really unusual, there is no excuse for not showing up on Saturday.

I am sick and tired of the rest of the local media ripping us because nobody showed up. If MT wins and North Texas loses to New Mexico State, the Blue Raiders will become Sun Belt Conference champions. This week the stadium needs to be filled up all the way with screaming Blue Raiders fans. I want the people in Denton, Texas, to hear us before their game with NMSU.

I will be at the game Saturday. Will you? ♦

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Announcements

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 Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes!

questions? call 898-3865

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 IMPORTANT TIPS**



- Bike Racks.**  
 Bike racks are located throughout campus providing cyclists with a convenient place to secure their bikes. Bicycles should be locked to a bike rack using a U-bolt lock and cable combination.  
 Do not lock your bike to disability ramps, stair railings, trees, signposts, etc. Bikes locked in places other than bike racks may impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- Bike Registration.**  
 If you plan to ride your bicycle on campus, registration is free and strongly encouraged. A registered bike that is lost or stolen is more likely to be found and returned if registered. To obtain more information on how to register your bike, please contact Public Safety at 898-2424.
- Wear a helmet!**  
 Studies have shown that using a bicycle helmet can reduce head injuries by up to 85%. Select a helmet that fits snugly and comfortably.
- Go with the flow of Traffic. Stay on the right side.**  
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- motor vehicle operator. Always use hand signals. Do not weave from lane to lane or tailgate or hitch rides on moving vehicles.
- Be cautious when bicycling at night.**  
 When riding at night, have operational front and rear lights on your bicycle.
- Check your bike.**  
 Check your wheels before every ride, after every fall, or after transporting your bicycle to insure that they are properly fastened and secure. Make sure that your tires are properly inflated.
- Secure your bike!**  
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