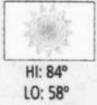


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## Greeks rush into a new year

By Josh Cross  
Contributing Writer

More interested members of Greek life are expected at this semester's Fraternity Rush due to changes in recruitment methods.

"We are excited about this year and we've got a lot of things going on," said Gentry McCreary, director of Greek Life.

The expected number for potential Rushers is 175, but numbers are expected to rise.

"For still a week out, those numbers are pretty good," McCreary said. "Most of our action happens right at the last minute."

While the numbers are still down from last year they are expected to come back up, mainly due to new recruitment methods.

"Fraternalities have done a much better job of summer recruitment. I'm hopeful and optimistic that our numbers will be up quite a bit from last year," McCreary said.

Last year 180 men accepted bids this year, and McCreary expects that those numbers will rise to between 250 and 300 this year.

Changes to the overall recruitment methods include new rules like sorority involvement. For example, women's involvement is limited only to Smoker Night.



New members of the Kappa Delta sorority run across Walnut Grove to meet their new sisters right after receiving their bids.

"Women have had a very prominent role in men's fraternity recruitment in the past," McCreary said. "Sorority women would come to the houses and to talk to the potential new members. What we found was that the fraternity men were kind of using them as a crutch."

"That's a big change and I think it's going to be a good one because it is going to allow the fraternities

to really put their best foot forward," McCreary said.

The second incentive was the absence of "gimmicks." "We had inflatable jousting, car bashing, mud wrestling, mechanical bull riding, and all kinds of crazy stuff last year," McCreary said. "We talked about what kind of message that was getting out and what kind of people were being recruited by using those tactics. Now it means that guys will be recruit-

ed based on the values of the organization."

One goal for the Greek community this year is to raise its retention rate.

"In years past, our fraternities have averaged a new member retention rate from bid day to initiation, anywhere from 60 to 70 percent, some even as low as 50 percent," McCreary said.

Unlike MTSU, other fraternal institutions at other schools are retaining an average rate of 80 to 90 percent.

"Older members are not staying involve in their organization beyond their junior and senior year," McCreary said. "We are working at a chapter level and programmatic level to make sure that we are serving the needs of all Greek students. Retention is going to be a major issue this year. Going to be focusing on."

Monday, Sept. 18, there will be a 30-45 minute informational meeting in the State Farm room of the Business and Aerospace Building at 6 p.m.

After the meeting, Rushers will be going from the BAS to the old intramural field where there will be an informational block party with all the fraternities.

The next three nights are parties, where Rushers can go to whatever fraternity they are interested in.

"On Friday night is what we call Smoker Night,

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## MTSU policeman accused of assault

Staff reports

Campus police officer Derrick Wharton, 39, was arrested and charged with domestic assault Sunday evening after pushing his wife, grabbing her, and throwing a cell phone at her after she attempted to call law enforcement, according to Murfreesboro Police reports.

Police arrived at Wharton's Murfreesboro home at 1335 St. Andrews Drive after responding to a 911 call from his wife Chenelle Wharton who stated she had been assaulted, according to the report.

Mrs. Wharton told Murfreesboro Police officer Danny Adamson that the dispute started after her husband began making "derogatory statements" to her and advised officers he was upset over suspicions that she was having an affair.

The report stated that Mr. Wharton "jerked the cell phone" from his wife's hands after she tried to dial law enforcement and then "pushed her with one hand in her chest area and grabbed her arm in an attempt to pull her forward."

After reaching the home phone and dialing police, Mr. Wharton threw the cell phone at his wife, according to the report.

"Mrs. Wharton grabbed a knife from the kitchen drawer and started swinging it in front of her," Adamson stated. "She stated that [he] was approaching her in an aggressive manner and was fearful that the altercation would escalate."

"Mr. Wharton was deemed to be the primary aggressor and transported to ROSSO accordingly," Adamson stated in the report.

MTSU POLICE department has no comment on Wharton but have placed him on administrative duty until his Sept. 27 trial, according to Director of MTSU News and Public Affairs Tom in a report from the Daily News Journal.

## Facebook's new capabilities don't sit well with some

By Jonathan Wiley  
Contributing Writer

Facebook, the online social networking site, suffered a backlash from its user base due to two new features on the site, News Feed and Mini-Feed.

Introduced on Sept. 5, these features were created to show a graphic detailing the actions of a user's friends on the site. These new features caused instant controversy, with users of Facebook that they added complexity to the use of the site or invaded privacy.

For instance, when someone makes a "friend" request on Facebook, the users have the option to accept or reject the request. With the News Feeds, all users, including the one who made the request, can then see what action the user took.

This has brought on the criticism that the News Feeds enable users to stalk others online.

Many students at MTSU echo these concerns. "I don't like it. Most people use [Facebook] to find people from elementary school,"

Arnecia Williams, a sophomore business major, said. "You don't need to know everyone's organizations."

Online businesses quickly sprang up to protest the new feature, most of them based on the official Facebook website. These groups are made up of Facebook users who want the new system changed.

One such petition, Students against Facebook News Feeds, garnered a large number of members, currently 741,990.

Petitions created on Petition Online, a site which hosts petitions the public has created, gathered many signatures as well. The largest of the petitions, Facebook.com Users Against the News Feed and Mini Feed, gathered 109,415 signatures.

"It is not necessary for everyone on your friends list to be filled in on when you sent a flirt or comment to another friend," Jon Reitzel, a junior business major, said. "It is also a lot more complicated to maintain when in comparison to Myspace[.com] or Xanga[.com]."

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## Krystal captures MTSU



A production team from Krystal shot students telling their favorite Krystal stories on the quad Wednesday for an upcoming commercial campaign.

## New minor offers Middle East courses in literature, language

By Elizabeth Jenkins  
Staff Writer

MTSU now offers a minor in Middle East Studies that is seeking to be globally aware.

The minor will fall under the umbrella of the Middle East Center, which will promote lectures, show film series from Middle Eastern countries, inspire research and raise public awareness through outreach programs.

The center came as a response to international issues abroad, said Allen Hibbard, director of the Middle East Center. MTSU wanted to launch something that would build an understanding of culture at a time when there is heavy United States investment in the Middle East.

The idea for the center originated two years ago when University President Sidney McPhee discussed the possibility with MTSU administrators

and various state and national representatives, including Senate-hopeful Harold Ford, Jr., Hibbard said.

The minor will be a comprehensive study of the Middle East region that will include languages in Arabic and Hebrew, political issues such as the Israel-Palestine Conflicts and literature.

Students will be required to complete 18 hours of course work starting with Introduction to Middle East Studies.

If students are responsive to the center, MTSU aspires to make the minor into a major within the next three to five years. Already, Arabic and Hebrew has been added to the curriculum for 2007, and the possibility that the center could get its own building in the future, which could be modeled after the University Honors Building.

Hibbard said he believes that with classes already full this fall quarter, he has reason to remain optimistic about the center's

success.

One of the accomplishments that the center is proud of is the acquisition of a Fulbright Language Teaching Assistant, Muhammad Musad. This is Musad's first visit to the United States, and he arrived from Jordan less than a week before classes were scheduled to start.

Musad, 24, will be the instructor of the Arabic 1010 and 1020 courses.

"If you really want to understand something, you have to study it," Musad said. "I am giving a part of my study to teaching the culture and trying to highlight the shared borders and common points, and stress that we are not so different, things look that way but we aren't."

Students who have signed on for the study have done so with varying motives, such as careers in marketing, intelligence agencies and political analysis.

"The minor is designed and well suited to serve the needs of students who are going into a

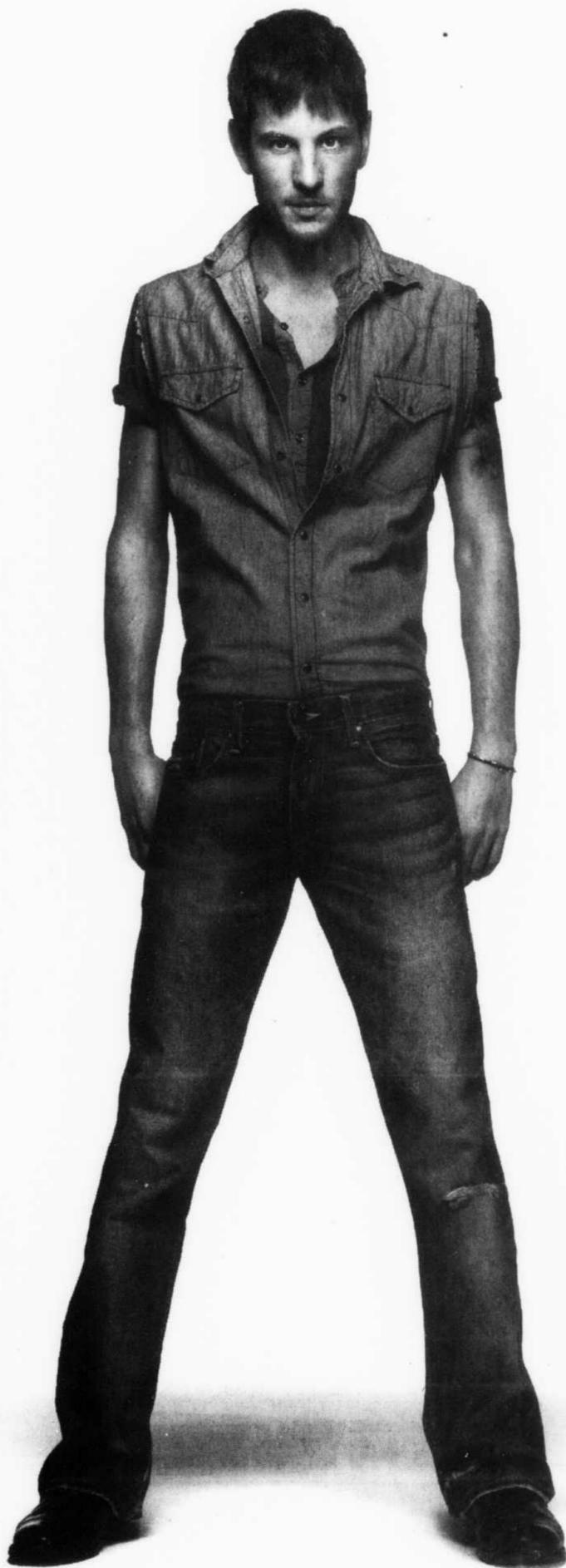
variety of vocations," Hibbard added.

If the program is a success, Hibbard said the program will grow and new Curriculum will be added, like "The Politics and Economics of Development of Oil and Water in the Middle East," "Israeli Women Writers" and "Medieval Arab Philosophy."

After several attempts throughout the years, MTSU was finally awarded a Department of Education Title last spring for the Middle East minor. The Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program Grant will cover multiple activities related to the Middle East on the schools campus. To support research and instruction, \$50,000 was set aside for the library to purchase titles related to the Middle East, according to Hibbard.

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# Professor investigated for possible misconduct

By Andy Harper

Campus Life Editor

The MTSU Executive Vice President and Provost office is in the preliminary stages of an investigation against Belinda Traugher for allegations of scientific and scholarly misconduct.

Misconduct, according to the MTSU Policies and Procedures, is defined as "fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other serious deviations from accepted practice in proposing, carrying out or reporting results from research or other scholarly activities."

"We are currently waiting for a written confirmation from Dr. Traugher that she has received our report of the allegations," said Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost.

"We are simply investigating whether Dr. Traugher is an effective member of the faculty," Gebert said. "All other charges are handled by the courts."

Traugher was issued a misdemeanor citation

for DUI, leaving the scene of an accident and violation of the open container law last Thursday.

"The incident involving Dr. Belinda Traugher is currently under investigation," Gebert said. "Since we are not yet aware of all the facts, I can only express our concern for her health and welfare and offer her support through this unfortunate incident."

According to the police report, Traugher had a strong smell of an intoxicant, had bloodshot eyes and was belligerent. She was taken to Middle Tennessee Medical Center where the officer was told that Traugher was suffering from psychological problems.

Other professors have taken over Traugher's classes until the investigation is complete and a resolution has been determined.

"Although we are obliged by policy to conduct the investigation, we wish to still be respectful of the individual's rights," Gebert said.

Traugher's court date is Nov. 13 at General Sessions Court.

## Facebook: New public updates upset some students

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The changes also spurred protests outside the company's headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., as well as a boycott of the website, which was called off last week.

In response to the reaction, privacy controls have been built in to change the amount of information one can see on a user's site. This new feature is available on the main site under the "My Privacy" tab.

Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, also posted an open letter of apology on the website Sept. 8th.

"Somehow we missed this point with News Feed and Mini-Feed and we didn't build in the proper privacy controls right away," Zuckerberg wrote in the letter. "This was a big mistake on our part, and I'm sorry for it."

Zuckerberg also commented on the large petitions and protest groups that had grown over the feature.

"I want to thank all of you

who have written in and created groups and protested," Zuckerberg said. "Even though I wish I hadn't made so many of you angry, I am glad we got to hear you."

Facebook has long prided itself on privacy.

A user's profile details, including contact information, relationship status and hobbies, are generally hidden from others unless they are already part of that user's network of friends or institution, such as a college.

In addition, users have the option of hiding specific details from certain users, even ones already designated as friends--choosing, for instance, to show photos to college buddies but not to co-workers.

Not all Facebook users were against the new additions. Some Facebook groups, such as Actually, I like the Facebook News Feed, have been created to show support for the News Feed and Mini-Feed systems. According to its site, this group has 752 members.

"[News Feed] provides a

means to keep in touch with your friends and see what they've been doing with themselves -- whether actively or passively," said the creator of this group, Robert F. MacInnis in a posting. "The stalker claims are, clearly, unwarranted -- anything you can do on Facebook now you could do before -- it's just organized better."

To join Facebook, one must prove membership in an existing network using an e-mail address from a college, a high school or selected companies and organizations. As a result, Facebook has fewer than 10 million registered users, compared with about 108 million at News Corp.'s MySpace.

Many students still remain reserved about the program, however.

"Overall, I feel that Facebook should either disband or go for a total make-over," Reitzel said.

Portions of this article were contributed by Anick Jesdanun, Associated Press



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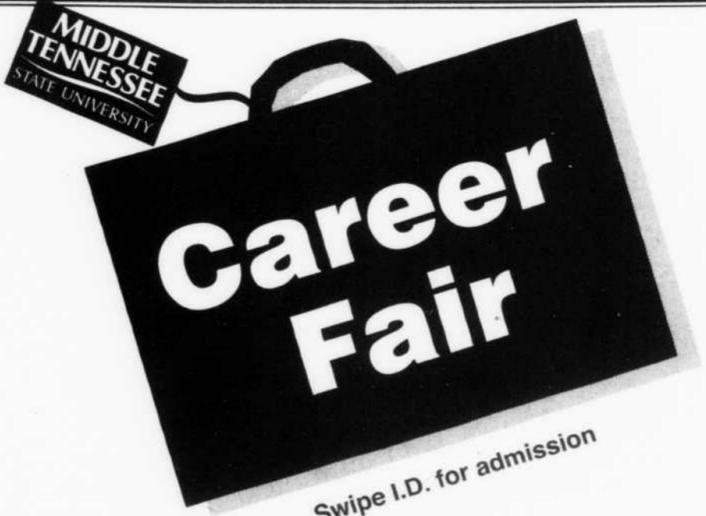
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where fraternities try to seal the deal," McCreary said. Rushers will have the choice to attend up to two Smokers, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday is Rush in the BAS, where potential members receive "Bids" from fraternities that are interested in having the Rushers pledge. "If a freshmen, sophomore, or anyone on campus were unsure whether or not they wanted to be part of a group organization I would encourage them to come out for a night or two to see what it's all about," McCreary said. "It's the best way to get

plugged in on campus." One concern listed on the MTSU Greek Web site is the cost of joining a fraternity or sorority. "It's not as much as people would think," McCreary said. New member dues range from \$300 to \$600 for the first semester. After the pledging period, member dues are between \$400 and \$500 in addition to the cost of living on Greek Row. The numbers for Sorority Rush were down this year from 274 to 252. "We are really happy with the group of women that we got," McCreary said. "It was a very successful recruitment. Everyone I've talked to seems very happy and now is when the fun begins."

**CRIME BRIEFS**

- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – 8:42 a.m.**  
Monohan Hall  
Theft Under \$500  
A construction worker called advising he believes someone broke into the construction site over the weekend and took some copper.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – 12:19 p.m.**  
Lyon Hall  
Simple Assault  
Residence Assistant called requesting an officer to speak with a student who was assaulted by a male subject.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – 1:14 p.m.**  
Art Barn Annex Lot  
Leaving the Scene of an Accident  
There was a hit and run. Damage was done to the vehicle.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – 3:06 p.m.**  
MTSU Police Department  
Miscellaneous  
Subject came in and advised he was in an accident on campus earlier that day.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6 – 4:28 p.m.**  
Smith Hall  
Simple Possession/Casual Exchange of Marijuana  
Matthew Allen Smith, 20, of Meadowview, Va., was issued state and dean citations for simple possession of marijuana and for drinking underage.
- Thursday, Sept. 7 – 10:35 p.m.**  
Business Aerospace Building  
Theft Under \$500  
There was a theft of a cell phone.
- Thursday, Sept. 7 – 10:42 p.m.**  
James E. Walker Library  
Theft Under \$500  
There was a theft of a bike tire.
- Friday, Sept. 8 – 1:51 a.m.**  
East Main Street  
DUI First Offense  
Anthony Rumbaugh, 18, of Sevierville, Tenn., was arrested for a first offense DUI and simple possession for marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- Friday, Sept. 8 – 9:05 a.m.**  
Faulkinberry Drive  
Driving on a Suspended License  
Lorien M. N'Dinda, 20, of Nashville, Tenn., was charged on a suspended license and simple possession of marijuana.
- Friday, Sept. 8 – 1:07 a.m.**  
Gentleman Jim's  
Public Intoxication  
Officers were busy in the construction zone behind Gentleman Jim's. Unit was advised there
- was a subject passed out in a vehicle in that construction area. Michael Jones, 27, of Spring Hill, Tenn., was charged with public intoxication.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 – 1:22 a.m.**  
Off Campus  
Harassing/Threatening Phone Calls  
Police were advised there were individuals from Knox County who were making threatening phone calls to an individual on campus.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 – 5:13 p.m.**  
Davis Science Building Lot  
Criminal Trespassing  
Christina Terry, 23, of Hume, Mo., and Shannon Coryat, 18, of Elkhart, Ind., were both charged with criminal trespassing.
- Saturday, Sept. 9 – 9:45 p.m.**  
Jim Cummings Hall  
Harassment  
A person walked into the office to file a report about a woman who has been repeatedly calling him and harassing him.
- Sunday, Sept. 10 – 1:33 p.m.**  
Greenland Drive  
Traffic Offense Moving Violation  
Daniel T. Clendenon, 25, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., was issued a state citation for failure to comply with financial responsibility law.
- Sunday, Sept. 10 – 5:35 p.m.**  
Floyd Stadium  
Vandalism Over \$500  
The athletic director advised that someone drove the golf carts and wrecked them.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – 7:23 a.m.**  
Cummings Annex Lot (Jim Cummings Hall)  
Vandalism Over \$500  
Officers were at the Cummings overflow lot. A vehicle in the lot had been broken into, and the rear window was broken out.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – 8:41 a.m.**  
Student Recreation Center  
Vandalism Under \$500  
The garage door was vandalized, and a used spray paint can was found.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – 1:38 p.m.**  
MTSU Police Department  
Simple Assault  
Subject came to the station to fill to a report in reference to being assaulted on campus.
- Monday, Sept. 11 – 10:17 p.m.**  
Wood Hall  
Consuming Alcohol Under 21 Years of Age  
William C. Davis, 19, of Old Hickory, Tenn., was charged with underage consumption.



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**Middle East: New minor available**

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Other notable faculty a part of the center includes Sean Foley, who received his M.A. in Arab studies and a Ph.D. in history. Foley also held a Fulbright fellowship, but this time in Syria and Turkey. He will be teaching, "Topics in Modern Middle East History: Arab/Israeli Conflict". Sonja Hedgepeth of the Foreign Languages Department will teach the Hebrew courses. It is anticipated more instruc-

tors will be added to fulfill positions as new courses are created and the minor expands. The center will also hold lectures with special guests and panel discussion about Middle Eastern issues. The first public lecture supported by the Middle East Center will feature Dr. Khalid Amine, professor at Abdelmalek Essaadi University in Morocco. The lecture, about postcoloniality in the Moroccan scene, will be held Monday, Sept. 18 at 2:00 P.M. in the Nursing Building, room 105.

**MTSU alumnus and national figure speaks about preservation**

By Faith Franklin  
Contributing Writer

David Brown of the National Trust for Historic Preservation said Murfreesboro and Rutherford County should encourage a stronger awareness of history among residents to create a better sense of community.

MTSU alumnus and executive vice president for the National Trust for Historic Preservation Brown spoke on Murfreesboro history Wednesday night during a public meeting at St. Paul Episcopal Church.

"Brown is the most illustrious alumnus of our nationally recognized historic preservation program," said Carroll Van West, director of MTSU's Center for Historic Preservation. "He grew up in the East Main historic district; he brings a love of Murfreesboro and its citizens, but adds a healthy dose of realism and experience to the issue of balancing the past with the present."

During his time at MTSU, David Brown was a part of the MTSU Center for Historic Preservation, one of the oldest centers of excellence in the state. He also spent his childhood in Murfreesboro.

"[Murfreesboro was] a place where you received love and care, a community that was designed to work out its own problems" said Brown, adding that the city was a close-knit community during his childhood.

Unfortunately, the current generation is not receiving the opportunity to know such a community, Brown said. "American landscape [has been] destroyed by the Urban Sprawls that reduce face to face interaction between people who live in the same community," he said.

A new generation is being raised that cannot connect the

past and future, simply because the reminders of the past are disappearing, Brown said. The new communities reduce a sense of ownership and leave a growing feeling of loneliness.

"Fast growth does not always equate quality," Brown said. Besides the social and educational reasons, historical preservation and restoration is economically beneficial in several ways for a town or country, Brown said. It brings jobs to the site of preservation which means more money in the economy for the general public. Preservation and restoration also increase the property values and slow down the depreciation rate for owners of historic property.

In addition, Brown added that historical preservation and restoration gives a boost to the tourist industry of a community.

Simply because heritage tourism typically causes "people to stay longer, visit twice as many places and spend two-and-a-half times as much money," Brown said. "Murfreesboro and Rutherford County seriously need to consider the wonderful asset of Stones River Battlefield."

Brown brought his presentation to a close by urging the audience to "understand what you have."

Brown suggested an active inventory of all historical sites and their condition. He also said the city and county should take a close look at its policies regarding preservation.

"Actions taken by members of the community can change the future," he said.

Brown's activities with the National Trust include assisting with the general oversight of the trust and generating funding that is not federally based. Brown also oversaw the Campaign for America's Historic Places, which raise a comprehensive \$135 million.

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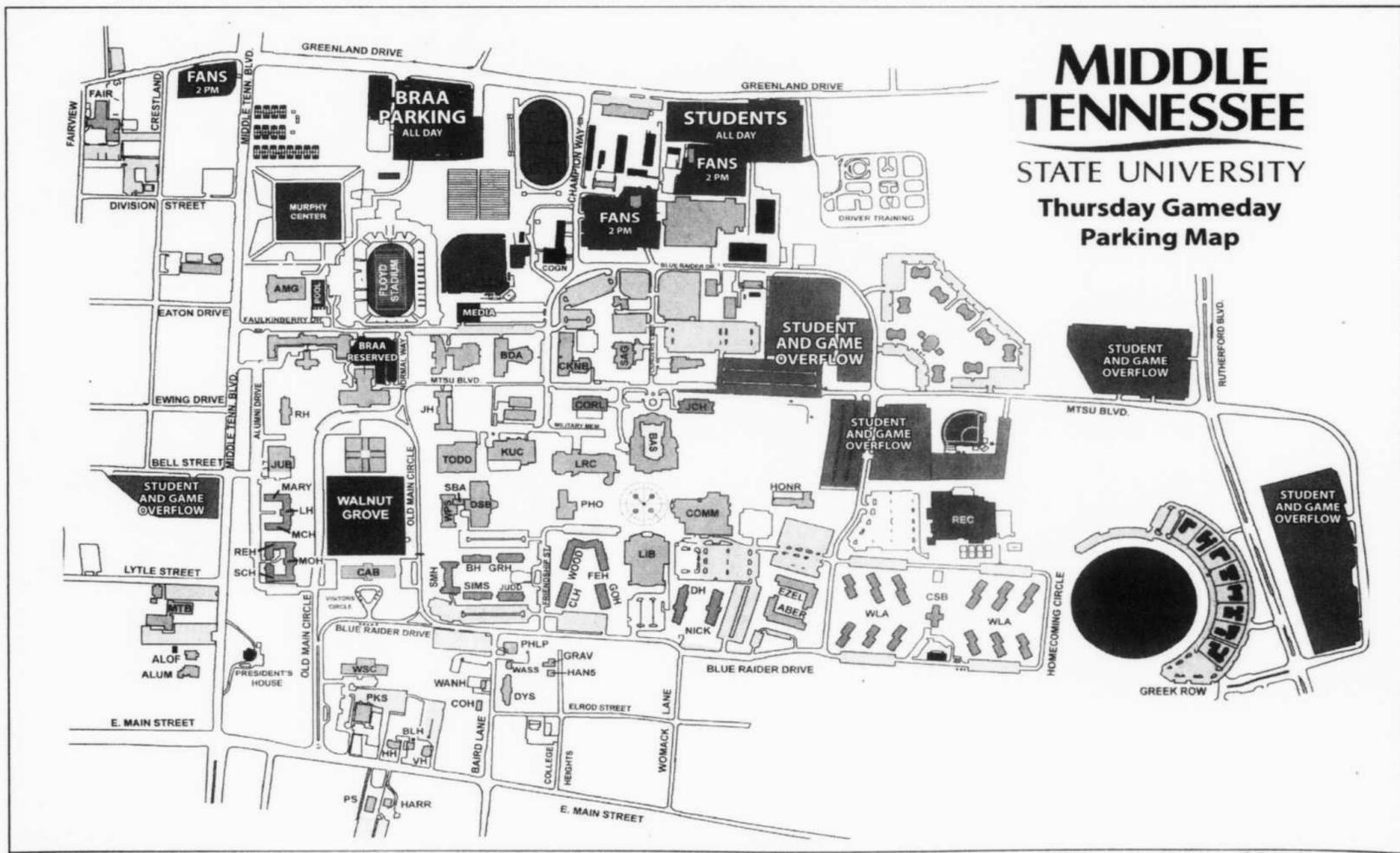
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\*The ROTC lot will be reserved for faculty beginning at 1:30 p.m.\*

\*Woodfin lot, TN Livestock lot and Maintenance lots will have controlled access at 2:00 p.m. MTSU passes can park. All others are \$5.\*

# OPINIONS

## From the Editorial Board

### University takes steps to fight ignorance, should be lauded

The creation of a Middle Eastern Center at MTSU shows the willingness for the administration, and indeed the student body, to broaden perspectives and better educate a generation familiar with Middle East warfare and stereotyping.

In a time of tensing relations between nations and a growing resentment among cultures, it is more imperative than ever that the public be better educated in their differences. Ignorance, after all, breeds hate.

Examples can be taken throughout history of cultures being discriminated against due to the ignorance of the masses. The Christians in the Roman Empire, the Muslims during the Crusades, the Jews during World War II and last we forget, African-Americans right here in the U.S., have all been victims of blind hatred.

Not long after the tragedies of Sept. 11, there was a violent outburst against those of Middle-Eastern origin in certain areas. While most of Americans could never imagine committing such an atrocious act of hate, many others have and will continue to do so. And it's those that we need to safeguard against.

Our best weapon against small-minded bigotry is education. Not only do occurrences in the past (have we yet to learn our lesson?), but also the turmoil at home and abroad we find ourselves facing today.

In reaction to Sept. 11, it seems we've built a wall around our nation, impenetrable by sensible thought or another culture's ideas. How can we call ourselves the greatest nation in the world (so pompous) if we won't allow the ideas of other to infiltrate our own? This is what is known as a "marketplace of ideas," and clearly, we are not allowing everything a fighting chance to "rise to the top."

What's more, beyond refusing to recognize the value of a centuries-old civilization, we also have made those in the Middle East a psychological enemy. With so much rhetoric and messages of hate being expressed so loudly, many Americans have forgotten that at one time, we considered Middle-Easterners to be people too.

"We are not so different, things look that way, but they aren't," said Muhammad Musad, the new language-teaching assistant in the Middle Eastern center.

Even the majority of Americans could also share this viewpoint. Luckily, here at MTSU, we have taken the first and most vital steps toward opening our minds and broadening our perspectives.

### Two-party system inadequate

By Ricardo Ramirez  
Daily Toreador

LUBBOCK, Texas - Liberals, conservatives and the unrepresented - it is time for us to be honest with ourselves about the way we think. In spite of the persistently comfortable life we lead, we owe it to ourselves to think critically about our political system. While our country is plagued with problems that will directly affect our future, our parties crumble under their inability to address them. We have been born into a so-called left and right political system, and we cling to it because of tradition.

The fault does not lie within our parties but in the way we think. It is ridiculous to think Americans are born limited to two ways of thinking. We have worked hard to make this the most powerful nation, and the progress we bask in has given us the potential to think critically about politics.

When we start to gain political awareness in school, we are immediately taught to think in terms of Democrat or Republican. We tell our youth that if they favor a small government, they can't advocate pro-environment policy. If they are anti-abortion, they can't support more spending in education.

We face problems like immigration, Social Security, education, privacy, security, environmental issues, health care and the exit strategy in Iraq. We insist on making everything fit into the two-party puzzle. The exit strategy for the war in Iraq, for example, should not be an issue of left or right. Our opinion should depend on what we think the most practical solution is.

In reality, neither Republicans nor Democrats can put solutions on the table. Democrats are afraid to agree with the Republicans because they need a party identity. It is ridiculous that Lieberman faces rejection only because he does not advocate immediate withdrawal from Iraq. Republicans, on the other hand,

have come across a harsh reality - politicians don't always agree within a party.

Why do we insist on adhering to the two-party system? In light of the complexity of these problems, we like to be told what to do. We like simple solutions that make things easier for us.

The media takes advantage of this, drawing attention to the two-party struggle. By minimizing current events into the two parties' opinions, they feed our demand for simplicity.

By perpetuating the left or right dichotomy, they make their programs easier to watch and therefore more profitable.

The government takes advantage of our need for simple answers. The parties themselves often postulate what problems they want to address. We do not vote for real solutions, but for candidates who avidly portray themselves as problem solvers for the problems they choose.

Further, in making politics an issue of Democrats versus Republicans, they appeal to our need to belong to an entity. They are able to fabricate impractical, simplified answers for us because we respond most to charismatic leaders. We make decisions about what politicians we think are most likely to bring about solutions to issues based on their public personas, rather than voting for real solutions to real problems.

The free speech we have so ardently fought for is nullified by our inability to be properly represented in the government.

As the world's superpower, we should not insist on simplifying problems into two different sets of solutions. This is an insult to our intelligence. We are forced to adhere to two main lines of thought simply because they are given to us, acting as if we did not know better.

It is time for us to embrace the truth. Let's not avoid significant changes in our politics just because we are more comfortable with the status quo. Whether liberal, conservative, or something else, you owe it to your country to fight for representation that truly reflects your beliefs.

### Prosperity preachers, keep money separate from faith

Sometimes the easiest way to stir up a good, clean controversy is to have an opinion about religion. From simply reading the news, you may think that this opinion does not need to be informed, judging by what some say. Nothing can be further from the truth. On the contrary, one should not presume to interpret the word of God to people unless one possesses the clairvoyance to actually speak to Him. In short, none of us is really, truly qualified to say, one way or the other, what the 'Big Man' wants.

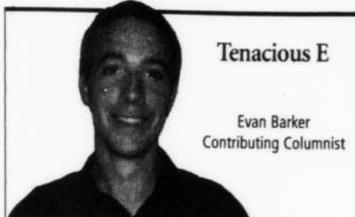
Our conscience, however, dictates we must speak out for what we feel is right, whether it is popular or not. A relatively new and dangerous idea has arisen in Evangelical Christianity and holds dangerous implications to one of the underpinnings of the faith. It is commonly held that poverty, which is to say, living by modest means, is becoming to the faithful.

This allows more help to the less fortunate and keeps one's pride in check. This is the accepted tradition. However, the new idea seeping into modern theology is the "have your cake and eat it, too" viewpoint.

Understand, I am not trying to pass off my opinion as any kind of official dogma. I am merely pointing out that I disagree with this philosophy, and I believe there is 'precedent,' if you will, which supports my opinion.

A new brand of "prosperity preacher" is gaining steam in the Evangelical movement. The essence of their doctrine is that they believe God does not wish His chosen people to be poor. They teach that the righteous will receive earthly rewards, in the form of prosperity. This includes real, actual money.

In short, these people claim if you are truly one of the faithful, God will reward you by



Tenacious E

Evan Barker  
Contributing Columnist

increasing your means.

Have your cake; eat it, too.

The problem with this position, however, lies in that it contradicts nearly everything historically taught in Christianity. In the Old Testament, the Book of Deuteronomy contains verses explicitly warning of the "danger of prosperity."

It seems unlikely that what they really meant was for us to all hoard vast amounts of money.

This doesn't make it any less popular, however. One preacher offered to any member of the congregation who sent in a monetary donation to the church a special prayer said in their honor - that the donor would make good financial decisions for a year. This teaching comes from the Book of Trump where Jesus instructs the people to invest in Exxon-Mobil - no, actually I made that up.

It begs the question, does this argument hold water? Can a person look in the mirror and say, with conviction, that God wants them to be rich? If there were any doubt, one may refer to the Bible passage stating "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into heaven."

Pretty straightforward, even for a third-grade reader.

This teaching is also inherently a slippery slope. Theoretically, if God's chosen the means, then what about people who aren't well-off? Are they forsaken? Are minorities and those without a college education any less righteous, since those groups are statistically shown to have lower incomes?

This is undoubtedly a Pandora's Box of per-severing caiting to be opened.

The cynic asserts this is yet another example of religion gone wrong. I won't go that far.

I honestly think that at the root of this is people like you and I, struggling with tricky moral issues. If money feels so good to have, how can it be wrong? It is easy to see how this is tempting. Nobody wants to sell their plasma TV and donate the money to the poor, noble as it may be.

To my readers, I humbly suggest the following. Have your own opinion. If you feel deep in your heart that hoarding lots of cash is well and good, then that's your prerogative.

Philanthropy is not a new idea. Famous actor Paul Newman owns a food company and donates the proceeds of his sales, after cost, to various charities.

A balance may be struck, where one has the means to care for themselves and their family, without wretched excess.

The responsibility for finding this balance lies in your heart, and common sense applies. Just remember to beware a preacher who asks for your alms and then rushes off in his Mercedes-Benz.

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### Mistreatment of homeless shows society has reached new low

A homeless woman was killed last month by two men when they were dared to do the unthinkable - push the sleeping woman into the Cumberland River.

Tara Cole suffered from a bipolar disorder and had been living on the streets for more than three years, though her family claims that it was her choice to live on the streets. Cole's mother said, "Tara had multiple places that she could have been. I think Tara wanted to be away from the people who would band her to take her medicine."

According to a report that was done by the National Coalition for the Homeless last year, the number of attacks on homeless people has increased since 1999.

"I think they do it for thrills. I think they think they can get away with it, that the homeless won't fight back, that no one will care and that the police won't pay any



Lucky One

DeAnn Currey  
Staff Columnist

attention to them," said Michael Stoops, executive director of the Washington-based homeless coalition.

If Stoops' reasoning is true, then our society has stooped to a new level. Are we really a society so selfish and inconsiderate that we will do anything we are dared to do just for the thrill of it?

Do you think you live her life on the streets, not all homeless people make that choice. Most of the time it is their only choice.

Every one should be treated with the same respect, whether you live in the nicest part of town

or whether you live on the streets, barely getting by.

If we would just stop and take a minute out of busy lives to actually think about what life on the streets would be like, maybe we would actually have a better understanding of what goes on for those living on the streets.

Last winter, my boyfriend and I were approached by a homeless man as we were leaving a convenience store. He asked us for some money, and we gave him a couple of wadded up dollar bills. In return, he gave each of us a braided leather bracelet he had made.

As we walked away from this man, we could see in his eyes that he was grateful that we had taken the time to actually stop and hear him out. Though we only gave him a few dollars, it was more than what he had to begin with.

My boyfriend has the bracelet

hanging on his rearview mirror, and I think about that man every time I look at it, wondering what happened to him.

Though on the flipside, I know that I have been guilty of walking a little faster when I have seen a homeless person on the streets or completely questioning the person on the side of the road holding the "Will work for food" or "Homeless: Need money" signs.

I think that's human nature and something everyone has done in their life, but actually killing a person just for "the fun of it" is insane.

I mean, what kind of person do you have to be to have the desire to kill another person just for fun?

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### Online communities must 'face' reality, govern to benefit users

Take a group of communities that are fairly well interconnected. Give them the ability to communicate with one another and organize themselves. Allow them to form a formidable mass that can sway opinions, and what do you have? A political action group, or a union or some other kind of group?

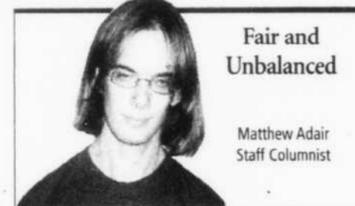
Actually, you might just have the Facebook.

The online directory and meeting place for college students across the country has gotten itself in quite a bit of trouble, lately. The most obvious to regulars of the Web site has been the controversy over 'news feeds,' which some felt allowed for members to play Big Brother with one another. Members rapidly organized themselves into groups both for and against the new feature, forcing founder Mark Zuckerberg to step in and announce that changes would be made to allow users to dictate what can and cannot be reported through the feeds.

Another challenge is just around the corner for the Facebook, however. The company is planning to announce another drastic change to the site: now, anyone in one of 500 regions can register for an account. This will dilute the exclusive nature of the site, which many say is the real appeal of the Web site.

It goes without saying that Zuckerberg and his crew will probably wait to spring their latest addition on the Facebook community until things settle down again.

Something bigger seems to be at stake here, though. Zuckerberg is right to assume that his Web site is one of the hottest commodities on the Internet right now. His brain-child,



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though, is rapidly becoming part of the latest evolution of the Internet itself.

Since its creation, the Internet has always been intended as a wide-spread communications network. Of course, its military creators had no idea just how wide-spread their network would become.

System after system, from bulletin board services to instant messenger programs, built upon previous methods to accelerate the ability to contact other people.

These systems allow us to meet together with people who share common interests. After all, this is part of the idea behind social networking sites like the Facebook: people register in order to find people similar to themselves. It's a basic impulse enhanced by this online tool.

Our generation is often thought of as being apathetic. Paging through profiles online, though, it rapidly becomes apparent that a number of us have an interest in a number of things. Some of these are irrelevant to the rest of the world. Campus groups like the Raider Republicans, MT Lambda and Students for Environmental Action all have active groups on the Facebook, as do organizations behind political campaigns such as that of Senate-

hopeful Harold Ford, Jr. and social issues concerning life, death and everything in between.

Systems like the Facebook are rapidly becoming communities in their own right - they are groups of people that are organized in a central location, even if that location is located in the ambiguous 'nowhere' of the Internet.

People like Zuckerberg, who started their Web sites as experiments in what projects they could get away with, are rapidly finding that they must take control and - gasp! - govern their sites before they break apart like states without rulers.

The continuing issue of privacy, as well as the expanding communal nature of the online world, forces us to accept that the Internet must now 'grow up' and show a new level of maturity as a community. That's not to say that we can't have fun and fool around anymore. We must accept, however, that the communities we form online require the same amount of attention as the physical, off-line places we live in.

Over 200 years ago, a group of very brave and very nervous men decided to do something so extraordinary, they didn't know just what they had let loose on the world.

While the technological and social revolution that we are currently going through may not seem as dangerous as the one our founding fathers instigated in the 18th century, the impact of how we handle what is happening now will be felt for just as long into the future as their choices have been.

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# FEATURES

## Live music makes its way out quad

### Student musicians find ways to play in out-of-reach areas

By Andrew Johnson  
Contributing Writer

Despite outward appearances, the quad isn't the only place for student musicians to demonstrate their skills – sometimes the answers come from above.

"My friend, Tom Hearne, and I actually played on the balcony on the third floor of the Business and Aerospace Building during the summer of 2006," said Blake Johnson, a senior entrepreneurship major who makes his own guitars and wants to start a business doing so.

The reason the quad seems to be so popular is not just because of the crowds but because the acoustics and echo generated by surrounding buildings seem to trap sound in the quad, he said.

He emphasized the balcony as an ideal place to play because it faces directly out towards the quad area. Hearne and Johnson took the time to carry their amplifiers up to the third floor, took out their bass and electric guitars respectfully and started playing.

Just because their chosen venue was out of the way doesn't mean they didn't get reactions from passersby. They received funny looks from teachers in the offices on the third floor as they were walking by, he said.

"It's funny because no one can actually see you on the balcony unless you walk to the edge, and even then, they can only see your head because the balcony is so high," Johnson said. "No one can actually see you playing your guitar, so there seems to be music coming from nowhere. It's [a] really cool feeling when you are up there."

So, why do so many students play music on the quad? Well, it's certainly one of the busiest areas on campus and it's often the ideal place for an individual or group of people to have their music heard in an informal setting. It is located between the Business and Aerospace Building and the James E. Walker Library, and right next to the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. Every hour or so, students walk by after getting out of class, and it's not uncommon to see a student playing guitar or wailing away on a harmonica.

Tuesday, Donovan Dailey, a music major who plays classical guitar, was working on the last movement of a Bach piece called "The Jig" on the steps of the quad. Passing students took interest in the performance and complimented Dailey on his talent.

One of those students was Annabelle Lee, who got a degree in classical guitar, but is now working on a second one in electronic media communications.

Lee sometimes plays classical guitar but said she plays electric guitar on the couches of the Business and Aerospace Building because she doesn't like the sun. Although she understood why most students would play on the "quad," she said too much attention can be a bad thing.

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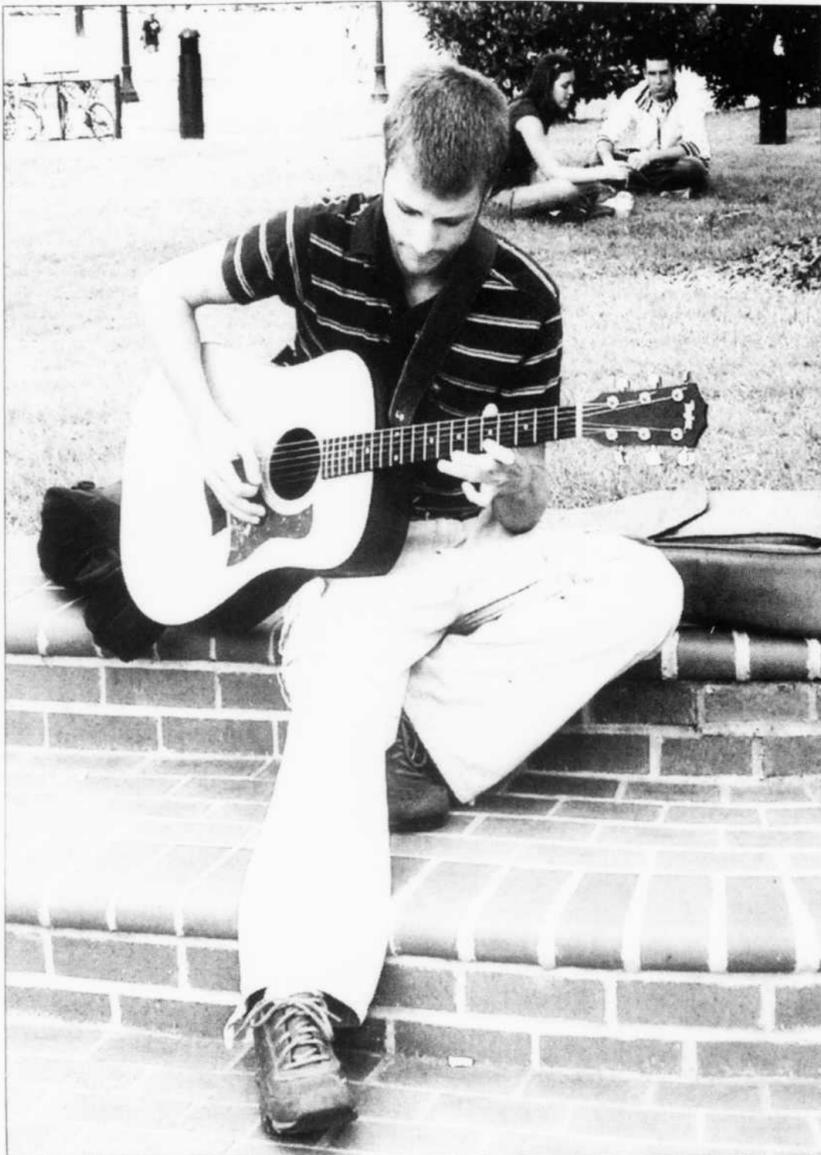


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Junior recording industry major James Wrench is one of many students who use the quad as a spot for playing music. Student musicians use the quad more than other areas on campus as an impromptu venue, but some students find other places to play.

if you play consistently in one place, then people get tired of you," Lee said.

Johnson stressed the fact that bands should play more frequently in the quad area if they want good exposure. While Johnson isn't technically in a band, he has played with other groups who simply decided to jam in the quad area. He has played with Steve Winfield, a senior recording industry major who plays the talking drum and the djembe.

"I try and play on the quad a couple times a month, whenever it's convenient," Winfield said. "I usually just play with a bunch of my friends

who want to jam. Good weather certainly helps."

Winfield said he likes the quad because it's comfortable and because of the sound there. He played on the quad with three or four guitar players, a bassist and a saxophone player over the summer.

Other students like sophomore entrepreneurship major Steve Daily like to practice music on the quad simply to escape the closed atmosphere of a dormitory and to avoid an annoying roommate.

"I used to practice my guitar with my friend

“If students see you once, you're a novelty, but if you play consistently in one place, then people get tired of you.”

Annabelle Lee, electronic media communications major on student musicians

Tyler, who plays violin for a band called Futureman," Daily said. "The quad is a good place to jam and Tyler is a beast."

Daily has played in many bands around town including The Petey Wallace Hot Club, Wooden Wire, Luke Pruitt and the Doghouse Band and Along For The Ride.

If students desire a little formality in the presentation of their music, they are encouraged to enter the songwriting exhibition called "Live On Main Street," which takes place Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. at the entrance to Bragg Mass Communications Building when it's nice outside and inside the building when it's not. Students can often be seen strumming a guitar while singing into a microphone that is hooked up to loudspeakers.

"Live on Main Street is in its third year of existence," said Hal Newman, a sponsor of the event and teacher in the recording industry department. "It was created by the RIM program and adopted by the Nashville Songwriters Association International."

With all this music being played, one would expect the university to have a policy regarding music on campus.

"Although there is no formal policy, the university maintains its right to regulate music that disrupts the classroom," said Gene Fitch, vice president of student affairs. "We've never had to deal with an individual playing music, but large groups have sometimes given us trouble."

## University makes inroads to next-gen supercomputers

By Jim Paul  
Associated Press

URBANA, Ill. (AP) - In a rapidly changing world where megabytes and gigabytes simply aren't enough anymore, scientists are preparing for the next generation of supercomputers – machines that can make quadrillions of computations per second.

Called petascale, these new computers will help scientists go where no one has gone before to look deeper into the building blocks of life, investigate the most perplexing mysteries of the universe or determine the effects of global warming on perhaps a single county in the Corn Belt.

And the University of Illinois – the first university to build its own computer, ILLIAC, back in 1952 – wants to have one.

"Illinois is about building unique tools and instruments so that we can advance science and engineering in a way that nobody else can," said Wen-Mei Hwu, a professor of computer and electrical engineering.

The National Center for Supercomputing Applications on the university's Urbana campus is competing for National Science Foundation funding to acquire and deploy a supercomputer that can sustain between one and two petaflops of computational power, said Thom Dunning, the center's director.

"NSF is really looking for a machine that has the potential to impact a huge number of science and engineering areas as opposed to just a very select set," he said.

Illinois submitted its initial proposal to the National Science Foundation last week and will have until February to refine it and submit a final plan. Dunning expects competition from the University of California system, Oak

Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee and perhaps a few other supercomputing centers, but the complexity of operating such a system limits its potential hosts to "a relatively small set of places."

One petaflop represents one quadrillion computations per second, a one-thousand-fold increase over the teraflop, one trillion computations per second, the measure used for most current supercomputers.

"We're talking about a half a million to a million processors that will be in the machine," Dunning said. "Your PC has one processor in it."

The NCSA currently provides a maximum 40 teraflops at its computing center on the campus, which are used by scientists and researchers around the world. But the National Science Foundation is seeking a computer that can sustain one to two petaflops, and the computer will need

to reach occasional peaks of about 10 times that amount, Dunning said.

"The reason why we build these bigger and bigger machines is because we can actually discover and use more and more of the fundamental (scientific) principles" to solve problems, said Hwu, who is working with Dunning and others on the proposal.

With petaflops of computing power, scientists will be able to simulate problems and test possible solutions – not only in science and engineering but biology, medicine, economics and many other disciplines – with far greater detail, much more quickly. Complex computations that currently take days could be accomplished in a matter of seconds.

"We can solve problems that we simply couldn't solve before," said Edward Seidel, the director of the Center for Computational Technology at

Louisiana State University and an astrophysicist interested in black holes and gravitational waves in outer space.

But reaching new heights in computing will not come without huge obstacles. Five hundred thousand microprocessors produce a lot of heat and will take vast amounts of electricity to cool. Software applications must be rewritten to work on the new computers. And there is the question of reliability, the ability to sustain operations over long periods of time.

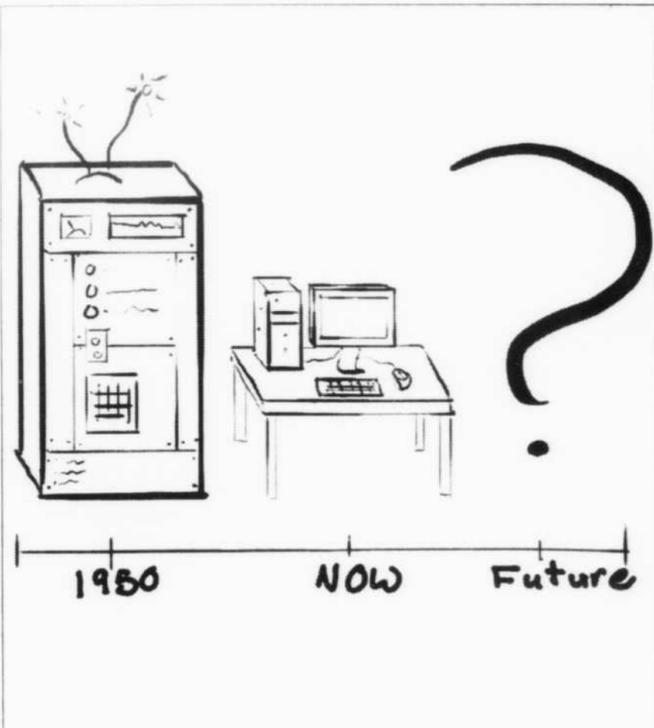
"This has always been an issue with

computing but when you're computing at this scale it becomes an overriding issue," Dunning said. "If you don't play close attention to that, you can get a machine that is really powerful but will only stay up for an hour. That clearly wouldn't lead to many of the scientific breakthroughs we'd be looking for."

NSF is expected to announce results of the competition next September, but the new supercomputer likely would not be fully operational until mid-2011, Dunning said.

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Thom Dunning  
Director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, Urbana, Ill.



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# SPORTS

## MT, Tech renew old rivalry

By Casey Brown  
Staff Columnist

Middle Tennessee faces off tonight against longtime rival Tennessee Tech under the lights at Floyd Stadium. The Blue Raiders played well but were unable to pull off an upset against Maryland last weekend, while the Golden Eagles surrendered a late lead in a loss to Gardner-Webb. These teams have 81 years of history between them, but this is the first meeting of the two since 1998, when MT moved up to Division I-A. Conventional wisdom favors the Blue Raiders, but will the Golden Eagles be fired up enough to shock the home crowd?

### When Tech runs

The Golden Eagles aren't likely to rely on the ground attack, which is just as well, because the MT run defense has been solid. TTU splits carries between tailbacks Anthony Ash and Derek White. Ash played well against GWU with 80 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries, while White could only muster 30 yards on 10 carries.

The offensive line must be a concern for the Golden Eagles, who lack the size of the aggressive Blue Raider defensive front. MT held a powerful Maryland ground game to 135 yards, and TTU's backs are no Lance Ball and Keon Lattimore. Don't expect any big gains here.

Advantage: MT

### When Tech passes

Louisville transfer Lee Sweeney posted good numbers against the Bulldogs last week, throwing for 262 yards and two TDs. The TTU line did a decent job in pass protection as well, as Sweeney was

only sacked twice. The quarterback has a few reliable targets to throw to, including junior Larry Shipp, one of the best receivers in the Ohio Valley Conference, and steady senior Brent McNeal.

The Blue Raider secondary caught a bit of a break Saturday, as Terrapins quarterback Sam Hollenbach only attempted 16 passes. Maryland didn't muster any big plays through the air in keeping with MT's bend-but-don't-break philosophy.

Sweeney likes to stretch the field, but the Blue Raiders aren't typically beaten by deep balls. If he can utilize tight end Logan Wilks to move the chains, the passing game could be Tech's best chance to get something going offensively.

Advantage: Even

### When MT runs

One especially perceptive columnist commented on the need for a solid yards-per-carry average from Eugene Gross in last week's preview. The senior tailback came through, averaging 5.7 yards and finding the end zone. DeMarco McNair also ran relatively well, and the running game kept the Blue Raiders in the game despite the woeful MT aerial attack.

Senior linebacker Craig Simonton ranks third in the OVC in tackles, and rover Anthony James also has a nose for the ball. The TTU defense does a good job of wrapping up the opposing ball-carrier, but it hasn't had to drag down Gross yet.

Expect the Blue Raiders to control the clock with long drives and plenty of five-yard runs on first down, peppered with the occasional burst for longer yardage.

Advantage: MT

### When MT passes

This seems to be as good a week as any for the Blue Raider passing attack to finally get on track. Clint Marks finally found his tight ends against Maryland, taking what the Terrapin defense would give him. His 41 pass attempts can be chalked up to playing from behind; in an ideal situation, Marks should not have to throw more than 25 times per game.

GWU riddled the Golden Eagle secondary with holes on Saturday, finishing with 378 yards through the air. TTU defensive back Brian Davis came up with an interception, but the Bulldogs averaged nine yards per reception.

TTU is certainly susceptible to a good passing game, but until the Blue Raiders demonstrate that they have one, this one is a push.

Advantage: Even

### Special teams

The kicking game remains an area of strength for MT. Colby Smith nailed a 42-yard field goal and finished with a respectable average of 39 yards on two punts. Redshirt sophomore Matt King handled the kickoff duties for the Blue Raiders last week and did a decent job.

We're still waiting for someone (ahem, McNair) to break a big return. 17 yards per return doesn't exactly put the offense in a position to succeed. MT did allow a big 61-yard return on Saturday that led to a Terrapin touchdown.

The Golden Eagles are ranked highly in the OVC in numerous special teams categories. TTU is first in kickoff coverage, third in punting average and fourth in punt return average. Shipp is as dangerous on returns as he is at receiver, ranking fourth in kickoff returns.

It's been 204 games, however, since TTU returned a kickoff for a touchdown. Go ahead and make it 205. On the other side of the field, look for McNair to finally find a seam and scoot down the field.

Advantage: MT

### Coaching

Though the final score doesn't reflect it, the Blue Raiders actually improved from the opening game against Florida International to Saturday's contest. Coach Stockstill has his squad practicing what he is preaching, and it appears the fans are buying into "Stock" as well. The staff should have MT ready to play after a frustrating loss to the Terrapins.

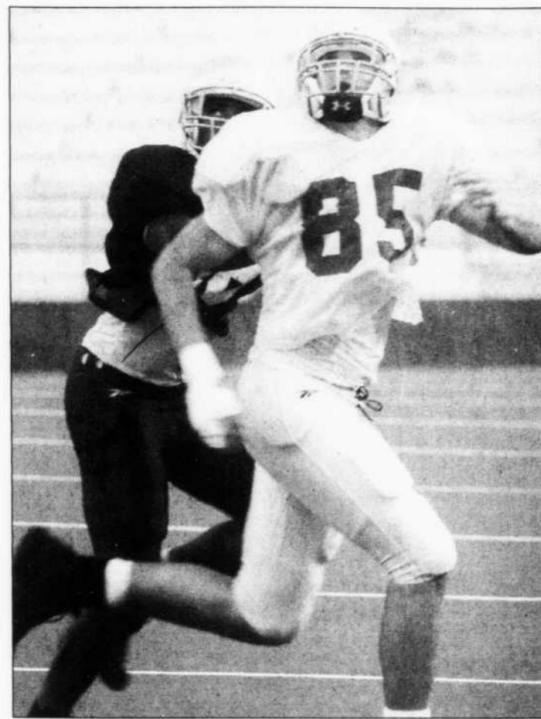
Tech's first-year interim head coach Doug Malone returns 14 starters and 39 lettermen from last year's 4-7 squad, but one has to wonder about team morale after a 31-7 spanking at the hands of UT-Chattanooga and a heartbreaker against GWU. Malone will most likely have the Golden Eagles pumped up for a shot at MT, but a more experienced head coach would be better suited for an environment such as this.

Advantage: MT

### Intangibles

It's all about the history here. This game is fairly meaningless as far as standings are concerned, and as a I-AA school TTU isn't expected to do much. After previous meetings, however, there is an abundance of interest in this contest thanks to geography, best friends at different schools and a wealth of alumni who reminisce fondly about the "good old days."

The Blue Raiders expect another great turnout at Floyd Stadium, and the fact that this is a rivalry



File Photo

Junior tightend Stephen Chicola runs with a defender to catch the ball in scrimmage.

game will keep MT from overlooking the Golden Eagles. And talk about incentive: In order to keep attendance from dropping dramatically, the Blue Raiders need to keep winning at home.

Advantage: MT

### The skinny

Played on paper, this game would be a blowout. There is a distinct difference between I-A and I-AA football, and MT owns advantages in size, speed and skill.

That being said, the key word — again — is rivalry. These types of contests are typically closer than

expected, and usually fairly unpredictable. If the Blue Raiders come out with a bit too much energy, TTU could capitalize with a quick score to stun the home crowd.

Sweeney could very well pile up yards, but Gross and McNair will overpower and outmuscle the Golden Eagle defense, and the folks in Cookeville will have to wait a little longer for Harvey the Totem Pole to return.

The pick: Middle Tennessee 31, Tennessee Tech 14



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Sophomore mid-fielder Nenita Burgess kicks the ball to another team-mate during a game at Blue Raider Field.

## Blue Raider soccer team looks to shut out Lipscomb for third time

By Clarence Plank  
Sports Editor

The Blue Raider soccer team is gearing up for a match against David Lipscomb this Friday at Blue Raider Field.

Middle Tennessee has won their last four meetings against Lipscomb over the past five years. In the last two meetings combined, MT has shut out Lipscomb 15-0.

Preparation has been key for the Blue Raiders because Lipscomb will be doing its best to prepare for MT. Lipscomb would be well-advised to keep the ball away from MT senior Rebecca Rodriguez, who scored four goals and four assists in an 8-0

win over the Lady Bisons last year.

MT will be looking to recover after a near-upset of No. 9 Tennessee last Sunday. The MT defense will be focused on keeping the game close if Lipscomb happens to score during the game.

Both of MT's goalkeepers will be ready, as Courtney Fortner and Erynn Murray are the reasons that MT has dominated opponents so far this season. MT's defense has held their opponents to under two goals in every game this season. On the offensive side, Kala Morgan has been on fire since the start of the season, and already has 13 points on the season.

On the other side of the ball, Lipscomb will be looking for their second win of the season.

Friday's contest starts at 7 p.m.

## History trophy makes MT-TTU showdown personal

By Casey Brown  
Staff Writer

When Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech take the field tonight, the teams won't just be playing for pride; they'll be playing for Harvey.

The Blue Raiders and the Golden Eagles began their storied rivalry in 1909, when Murfreesboro was chosen over Cookeville as the site for one of Tennessee's three normal schools. That school would later become MTSU, and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute was established six years later.

The two football teams met for the first time in 1917, when MT blanked their neighbors to the northeast by a 26-0 score. Among those on the field for the "Normalites" was Johnny "Red" Floyd, from whom the Blue Raiders' stadium gets its name.

The tide turned in Tech's favor over the next several years, with MTSU mustering only one win in the next 10 meetings. When standout player Charles Murphy enrolled in 1935, momentum shifted back toward the Blue Raiders. Murphy Center bears its name in honor of his accomplishments as player and coach.

Over the next few decades the squads would trade wins at a fairly even rate. Thanks to Fred Harvey, however, the rivalry would never be the same.

Harvey, the owner of Harvey's Department Store in Nashville, decided to donate an Alaskan totem pole to the colleges with the idea that the artifact would reside with the winner of the game each year.

Dubbed "Harvey" by Middle Tennessee and "Shinny-Ninny" by Tech, the totem would spend two years in Cookeville before making it to Murfreesboro and staying from 1962-67.

During the height of competition between the two teams, the battle for Harvey was ferocious, as school spirit occasionally gave way to illegal activity.

In 1979, TTU student body president Kim Williams and Lisa

Anderson, managing editor of the Tech newspaper The Oracle, were kidnapped by four MTSU student leaders, including the *Sidelines* editor-in-chief at that time, Jeff Ellis.

An actual kidnapping charge was considered and the Tennessee Highway Patrol even set up roadblocks on the road from Cookeville, but Tech paid a ransom and cooler heads prevailed. Tech students attempted to retaliate by hanging a large sign in Floyd Stadium, but were stopped by university police.

Traditionally played during the week of Thanksgiving, the holiday spirit was rarely evident at the contests, which were known for fights among spectators and players alike.

Throughout the 1970s and 80s, Harvey never spent more than a year or two in one location, with the exception of a nine-year winning streak by MTSU from 1984-91.

Harvey unpacked his bags for good in 1998, when MTSU moved up to Division I-AA and TTU stayed behind, effectively putting the rivalry on hiatus indefinitely. Since then, the totem has remained in Murfreesboro and gained remembrance in 2005 with the opening of the Rose and Emmett Kennon Hall of Fame, which Harvey has called home until now.

With the addition of a 12th game to most college football schedules this season, the door was opened for the Blue Raiders to renew history with the Golden Eagles.

Taking into account the eight years that have passed, it is unlikely that this year's installment will cause much blood to be shed. The MTSU athletic department is hopeful, however, that the game can be restored to its annual status, which would provide MT with a local rival.

The Blue Raiders are hoping to go 2-1 and TTU is looking for its first win of the 2006 season. All concerns of wins and losses aside, though, there is but one



### Who Helped Tech?

Tech's best friends are those who allegedly took the "Totem Pole" from the TPI trophy room. If, MTSC students were the ones who removed the symbol it marks an all time low in morose adolescent action.

Student leaders have advised that if the whereabouts of this victory symbol is known by any MTSC student, the ultimate in aid to victory would be a notice to local authorities of its location.

Who has Harvey? As the phrase goes: Harvey's has it; but no longer. Instead, somebody has Harvey. Even though he does not wear jersey, he may be scoring two or three TD's for TPI.

Why? This is merely due to the fact that he is missing from Tech and those Eagles are hot under the collar about the whole situation and that means that our sister institution is out for blood. C'est la vie

Courtesy *Sidelines* Archives

This brief article is from the November 22, 1961 issue of *Sidelines*. Harvey was a highly coveted prize, and students at both Tech and MT went to great lengths to keep him on their grounds.

burning question.

Will Shinny-Ninny find a new home in Cookeville, or will Harvey reestablish his Murfreesboro roots?

# Sun Belt Preview: Week three will be difficult for teams

By Russell Luna  
Staff Columnist

Week three in the Sun Belt will prove to be a test for most of the conference teams this weekend. Four of the six Sun Belt teams in action will be on the road. Three of the games will be against teams in the 'Power Six' conferences. This week will be a tough road for the conference as a whole, but don't be surprised to see a possible upset.

## Troy Trojans (1-1) at Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets (1-1)

**WHEN:** Saturday, 12:30 p.m.  
**WHAT TO EXPECT:** Troy gave Florida State all they could ask for in a 24-17 loss. New quarterback Omar Haugabook completed 29 passes for 219 yards, but threw an interception late in the game that resulted in the Seminoles' game-winning touchdown. Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Week Ryan Babb led the Trojans with nine tackles last week against FSU. Georgia Tech is coming off a 38-6 slugging of I-AA Samford. The Yellow Jackets are led by quarterback Reggie Ball, who averages 111 yards passing per game. Calvin Johnson has already racked up 137 yards in the receiving corps and will be a target Troy will need to shut down.

**NOTABLE QUOTE:** "What jumps out at you is their speed. That's the one thing on both sides of the ball and the kicking game, they have great speed. They're not the biggest team out there. But they can all run, they hit you on defense, they swarm to the ball. They make big hits and knock balls loose." - Georgia Tech head coach Chan Gailey

## Bowling Green Falcons (1-1) at Florida International Panthers (0-2)

**WHEN:** Saturday, 5 p.m.  
**WHAT TO EXPECT:** The Golden Panthers are coming off two losses that can be mainly attributed to poor clock management and costly mistakes such as fumbles and two missed extra points. Don Strock's team will need to play with extreme caution, but should have the home-field advantage against the Bowling Green Falcons, who struggled against Buffalo last week. Expect FIU quarterback Josh Padrick to be the difference-maker when it comes to offense for FIU. Padrick has thrown 41 completions for 370 yards and one touchdown in his first two games. Chandler Williams and Samuel Smith will be key targets for Padrick, as they have combined for a total of 317 receiving yards. The running game will need to improve, but it shouldn't be a problem against one of the worst defenses in the Mid-American Conference.

**NOTABLE QUOTE:** "In our first week against Middle Tennessee, we went up against a brand new coaching staff, so we were uncertain as to what we were going to see. Despite that, we went up there and held our own. This past week, against a Big East team (South Florida) who was in a

bowl game last season and at their place, we had the lead with a couple of minutes to play and then made some crucial mistakes that they took advantage of. We're a very young football team and I told them that this was a very good learning experience. We'll sit down and watch the game film to see where we need to take it to the next level." - FIU head coach Don Strock

## Florida Atlantic Owls (0-2) at Oklahoma State Cowboys (2-0)

**WHEN:** Saturday, 6 p.m.  
**WHAT TO EXPECT:** FAU is coming off a 45-0 shutout at the hands of the Kansas State Wildcats. A 70-yard touchdown on the opening kickoff return for KSU should serve as a sign of the same kind of outcome this week. FAU is still a I-AA team growing up in a I-AA conference. The Owls will have a lot to learn as they switch back to quarterback Sean Clayton (19 completions for 207 yards) from Rusty Smith (13 completions for 150 yards), the latter of whom played last week against KSU. The Owls will also find it difficult to shut down Oklahoma State's explosive quarterback Bobby Reid, who has racked up 332 yards and six touchdowns.

**NOTABLE QUOTE:** "It's been a wild ride. You never know what's going to happen on the next turn. I just hang in there, play my game and hope for good things to happen. I think some good things are going to happen, so we'll see." - FAU quarterback Sean Clayton

## North Texas Mean Green (1-1) at Tulsa Golden Hurricanes (1-1)

**WHEN:** Saturday, 6 p.m.  
**WHAT TO EXPECT:** The North Texas Mean Green are coming off a huge win against the Southern Methodist Mustangs last weekend. The Mean Green didn't allow a 56-7 thrashing from Texas in Week one to distract them. Running back Jamario Thomas ran for 148 yards in the last two games and will be expected to carry the load as they play Tulsa Saturday. Wide receiver Johnny Quinn (12 receptions for 148 yards) will be the key target for quarterback Woody Wilson (13 completions for 168 yards). The Golden Hurricanes might have the slight advantage because they are playing at home, but the they suffered a lousy 49-24 loss to Brigham Young last Saturday.

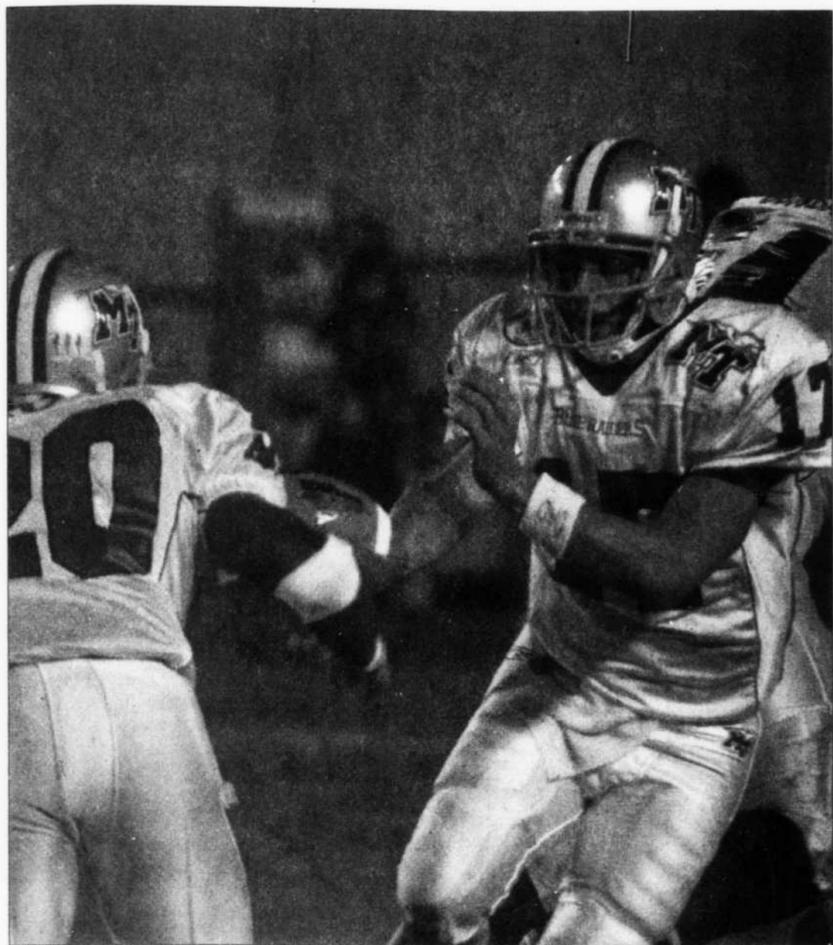
**NOTABLE QUOTE:** "We hope that we can be as solid defensively as we have been in the past. We feel like we have a chance to be pretty good defensively, but I'm not ready to give them the [moniker] 'Green Curtain' yet." - North Texas head coach Darrell Dickey

## Louisiana Monroe Warhawks (0-2) at Alabama Crimson Tide (2-0)

**WHEN:** Saturday, 6:07 p.m.  
**WHAT TO EXPECT:** The Warhawks came back from a 21-6 deficit to narrowly lose 21-19 at Kansas last week. Although this week's contest will be their toughest

test so far, it's not a stretch to say that the Indians might play well. Alabama has struggled with their first two wins over Hawaii and Vanderbilt. The Crimson Tide narrowly escaped with a 13-10 win over Vandy last weekend at home. Kinsmon Lancaster will be the key player for the Warhawks. The Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week has completed 32 passes for 477 yards and three touchdowns in ULM's two contests. He will be expected to be the biggest factor if the Warhawks want to pull off the upset in Tuscaloosa.

**NOTABLE QUOTE:** "We're going to see a different look than we've seen so far this year. We'll see if our guys can shift to prepare for a different-type front. They play an even front with a 4-4 type look. We haven't seen this defense since the 2004 season, and we have a lot of guys playing now that weren't playing then." - Alabama offensive coordinator Dave Rader



Running back Eugene Gross receives the handoff from quarterback Clint Marks in last week's game against Maryland.

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