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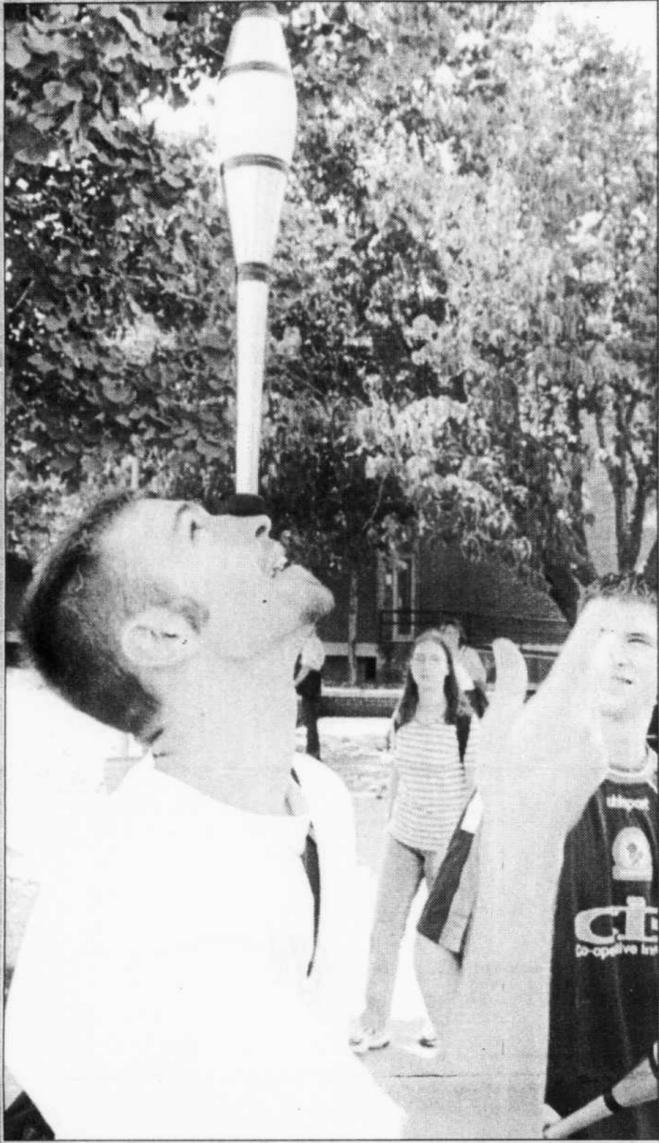


Photo by Derrick Willson
Jason Finley, a senior recording industry major, learns how to balance a juggling pin on his nose.

Lecture to claim online courses could ease system

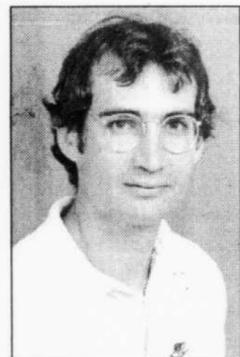
R Colin Fly
Staff Reporter

Dr. Skip Kendrick will speak about the "Virtual Professor" on Monday as part of the Honors Lecture Series.

"The Virtual Professor: Who Needs the Live Guy?" is the title of Kendrick's discussion at 3:40 p.m., in Peck Hall 109A.

Kendrick, a professor of psychology, believes that online teaching will make classes at a set time and location obsolete.

"Virtual teaching releases



Kendrick

Lecture:
**"The Virtual Professor:
Who Needs the Live Guy?"**
Donald F. Kendrick
October 4
3:40 p.m.
Peck Hall 109A

the rules of time and place," Kendrick said. "The students can work and arrange for testing at their own time and pace. There is no need for the professor and the students in the class to be in step. There is much more individualism for students."

Kendrick will discuss the different styles of teaching online and show how interaction between professor and student will become easier through the Internet.

"Online professors can interact with students on a more personal level through e-mail," Kendrick said. "This does not mean that students will not be able to hear or see them. As MTSU and other

colleges provide better technology, teleconferencing and audio-visual lectures will emerge."

Online teaching allows for the professor to fade into the background as the student learns to manage time and find the information he or she needs.

"In person, learning can be passive," Kendrick said. "With online teaching, people become dependent to find information. There is no more spoon feeding information to the student. Learning no longer stops with college, once the student has the tools to seek out information."

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Greeks arrested for stealing float materials

Jamie Evans and Benita Holmes
Staff Reporters

Five MTSU students affiliated with Kappa Alpha Order and Delta Zeta were arrested by Murfreesboro Police Sunday night for allegedly stealing float supplies from a local construction site.

Around 11 p.m. Sunday, Murfreesboro Police Officer C. Hedrick was patrolling Ravenel Center in the Hawksridge Subdivision when he noticed two pickup trucks at an adjacent construction site. The trucks, both full of lumber, left the site and the officer stopped them.

The occupants were identified as Kappa Alpha pledges Robert Williams, Troy Clark and Adam Zimmerman, Delta Zeta member Stephanie Coughlin and Tori Epperson, a pledge of Delta Zeta.

According to the police report, the three men explained they were only "borrowing" the lumber to build a homecoming float, and they were planning to return it.

Coughlin and Epperson claimed they were just along for the ride but had no previous knowledge that the men had been planning to steal anything. They said the KA pledges had just asked them if they wanted to go pick up supplies.

The contractor, Joe Wall of Snow and Wall Construction, was contacted by police and came to the scene. Wall appraised the items as worth less than \$500.

When contacted, Wall said he was not angry with the students and he might have done something similar when he was younger.

"There's no need to make a federal case," he said. "They're just kids and I don't want to ruin their lives."

The students were arrested, booked for theft under \$500 and taken to the Rutherford County jail.

Wall said he did not plan to prosecute the students beyond the misdemeanor charge the city was holding against them. He said he believed it would be punishment enough for the students to have to explain to their parents what had happened.

"They're not hardened criminals," Wall said. "I don't want to cause them any trouble."

Wall said one of the officers at the scene attempted to persuade him to appraise the stolen items for over \$500, which would have constituted a felony instead of the misdemeanor charge of theft under \$500.

Instead of worrying about the students, Wall said he is more interested in the police finding the professional criminals who have recently stolen approximately \$3,000 worth of materials.

After the lumber was returned to the site, the students' vehicles were towed away and the students were taken to Rutherford County Emergency Management Services, where they were booked for theft under \$500 and then transported to Rutherford County Jail pending appropriate judicial action.

Vic Felts, director of Greek Life for the university, said the Greek Life office was not going to take action against the organizations because it only involved five members out of more than 100.

However, he did say that the case has been turned over to Judicial Affairs.

A source who asked to remain unnamed claimed that KA and DZ are not going to be disciplined at all.

"It makes me very upset that nothing is going to be done about it," the source said.

Thomas Roddy, president of KA, said he was unable to comment on the situation and would not respond further.

An attempt to contact DZ and the students who were arrested was unsuccessful at press time. ■

Activity fee committee has thousands left over

Randall Ford
Staff Reporter

There is almost \$70,000 remaining after the student activity fee committee decided how much money each student organization will receive for this semester.

There was more funding available this semester because of the activity fee increase that passed the SGA and was voted in by the students last spring.

However, the activity fee committee was not able to distribute the full amount to the groups, according to Gene Fitch, associate dean of Student Life and the committee's facilitator.

Fitch said there was about \$160,000 generated by the activity fee. Organizations applied for about \$175,000, but the

committee — made up of six students, two faculty members and one staff member — only distributed about \$90,000.

"We hope to be able to begin to notify groups by the end of this week to let them know the results," Fitch said.

Organizations will be able to reapply for remaining funds later in the semester. Money left after the second distribution will remain available for emergency-fund requests.

"The money that wasn't given out was because the people didn't follow policies," said Jamal Higgs, one of the committee's student members.

Fitch said the committee decides whether to grant the requested amount by applying the request descriptions to a list of seven priorities.

According to Fitch, the three top priorities allow funding for

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The final touches



Photo by Zack Milligan
Patrick O'Connell and Jay England, members of Kappa Sigma fraternity, work on their homecoming float. Kappa Sigma has joined Kappa Delta sorority in building their float.

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HI 70/ LO 48



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On Campus

compiled by
Wesley Bush

To submit an announcement for On Campus, come by the James Union Building Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements may be held.

Sept. 30
The Office of General Studies is sponsoring an open forum, "Current and Future Trends in General Education." The speaker is Dr. John Hinni, dean emeritus, Southeast Missouri State University. The forum will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall, BAS S102. For more information, call the General Studies Office at 904-8416.

The June Anderson Women's Center will begin "Looking Forward," a support group for women who are survivors of sexual abuse or rape. The group will meet on Thursdays at 3 p.m. in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, Room 124. Call 898-5725 for more information.

Oct. 7
The African American Student Association is holding a general interest meeting at 7 p.m. in Mass Comm, Room 103. Contact Ladaska Holt at 898-4770 for more information.

Oct. 9
Campus Recreation is sponsoring a rafting trip on the Ocoee River available to all students, faculty and staff. The cost is \$20 and only 18 participants will be accepted. Contact Mitch or Sean at 898-2104 for additional information.

ONGOING
Volunteers are needed for homecoming preparation and Homecoming Week. Anyone interested should call 898-2464 or come by the SGA office in KUC 208.

Lambda Association welcomes new students and invites all to attend meetings every Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in BAS S118. Contact Talia Elwell at 907-2195 or visit the website at www.mtsu.edu/~mtlambda.

MTSU Rugby Football Club invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. The "Moosemen" were the 1999 SEC Champions and were ranked ninth in the nation last year. Call Evan or Todd at 907-5075 for

further information.
MTSU Women's Rugby invites interested students to attend practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the intramural fields. For additional information, contact Stacey Venanzio at 893-1786.

Campus Crusade for Christ will hold CRU, its weekly meeting, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in LRC 221. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rich Humphrey at 896-2039 or e-mail him at rich.humphrey@uscm.org.

Raider Victory Ministry is holding Sunday Celebration church services every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the MTSU alumni Gym. The service features Generation X music, food, and relevant messages on campus each week. Contact Pastor Franco Gennaro at 896-2348 for more information.

Champions for Christ is sponsoring campus Bible talks every Monday at 7 p.m. in Scarlett Commons Building 7, Room 713 for all students and athletes. Food will be provided.

June Anderson Women's Center is hosting "Women, Food, and Body Image," an ongoing support group for women students who have eating disorders or concerns about body image and food. The meetings will be held every Tuesday in CKNB 124 at 3 p.m. beginning Sept. 28. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for additional information.

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Who's Who applications can now be picked up in KUC 122 and 208. The due date is Oct. 15 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 122 or send them to Box 61. Students who are interested should apply now or contact Gina Poff at 898-2454.



World News

Beijing police drag away meditating protestors

BEIJING (AP) — Suspected members of an outlawed group protested Wednesday by meditating cross-legged in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, until police quickly pounced on them and dragged them away. Defying the intense security in the square ahead of celebrations Friday to mark 50 years of Communist Party rule, four to five people in their 20s or 30s sat down cross-legged together on the paving and adopted a meditation pose typical of the Falun Gong group, which China's communist leaders banned in July. Police have imposed intense security in Beijing to prevent disruptions to a giant parade and other celebrations Friday to mark the 50th anniversary of the Oct. 1, 1949, founding of the People's Republic of China. Falun Gong, whose followers numbered two million to 70 million by varying government accounts, preaches a blend of slow-motion meditative exercises and ideas borrowed from Buddhism and Taoism that believers say promote health and morality.

Early Nobel announcement prompts speculation

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — This year's Nobel Prize in literature will be announced more than a week earlier than customary, and only the Swedish Academy knows which author will be named Thursday. The committee picking the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize also announced Wednesday that they have selected a winner, but that announcement will wait until Oct. 15. Those mentioned as possible candidates for the prize include Americans John Updike, Thomas Pynchon, Philip Roth, and Joyce Carol Oates, as well as Mario Vargas Llosa of Peru, Mexico's Carlos Fuentes, Guenter Grass of Germany and Belgian Hugo Claus. Some look to the slightly earlier-than-usual announcement as a possible clue. "It can mean that it was an easy choice, in which case it's a storyteller," said Thomas Steinfeld of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung's literary section.

Euro Disney announces opening of second park

PARIS (AP) — Euro Disney announced plans on Wednesday to open a second theme park outside Paris that will offer visitors a behind-the-scenes look at the movies. Euro Disney executives are hoping that Europeans will embrace Disney's theme park on show business as they have warmed to Mickey Mouse and Space Mountain. "The Disney Studios" is set to open in the spring of 2002 next to the existing Magic Kingdom theme park in Marne-La-Vallee, east of Paris, at a cost of about \$670 million. The park, which takes its inspiration from French, European and Hollywood cinema, cartoons and television, is similar in theme to Disney-MGM Studios at Walt Disney World. Visitors to the park will watch cartoonists at work, attend special effects shows and watch shoots of TV programs. Euro Disney officials also intend for the park to become home to movie shoots and other artistic endeavors.



National News

Health officials say birds could spread encephalitis

NEW YORK (AP) — The investigation into a rare strain of encephalitis that has killed four people in New York is growing, with experts testing dead birds along the East Coast to find out whether the virus has spread. The mosquito-borne West Nile virus, never before recorded in the Western Hemisphere, probably entered the United States in infected birds, he said. With winter approaching, the birds may be migrating to other parts of the country from New York, where 37 people have tested positive for the virus, health officials said Tuesday. The cause of their ailments was reclassified Tuesday by the CDC, which originally blamed the similar St. Louis strain. Symptoms of the virus — fever and headache — are similar to those of the St. Louis strain but are generally milder. In rare cases, the virus can cause neurological disorders and death. The elderly, young and those with weakened immune systems are most vulnerable.

Clinton seeks Iran's help in Khobar Towers bombing

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton reportedly sent a letter to Iranian President Mohammad Khatami last month offering improved relations in exchange for help finding the bombers of a U.S. military base in Saudi Arabia in 1996. The Washington Post reported in Wednesday's editions that the letter was carried to Paris by a senior White House official and passed to a messenger from Oman, who then delivered it to Iran. Existence of the letter was first reported earlier this month by Kuwait's al-Watan newspaper and was confirmed by State Department spokesman James Rubin. Clinton's request for Iran's help was based partly on intelligence reports that three Saudis who could be connected with the bombing of the Khobar Towers military housing complex were taking refuge in Iran, the Post said.

Soaring temperatures hinder firefighting effort

BIG SUR, Calif. (AP) — Temperatures in the 90s made work tougher on firefighters battling wildfires that have burned more than 125,000 acres of California wilderness. "With the higher temperatures, the higher winds and the low humidity, you do have more active fires," said fire information officer Juanita Freel. "But that's not the main difficulty in fighting these fires. It's the terrain. It's steep and rugged." About 3,300 firefighters were battling two large wildfires that had burned 49,543 acres in the Los Padres National Forest on the scenic central California coast. Residents were evacuated from the area on Monday. Fire officials did not know the exact number of residents told to leave, but said there were up to a dozen homes and numerous other buildings at risk. The biggest problem was the Hare Fire, which had burned 20,993 acres as of Tuesday and was only 20 percent contained. Another fire, the Tassajara fire, had burned 28,450 acres and was 45 percent contained.

State News

Bond set on man chased from Judd home

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Bond was set at \$50,000 Wednesday for a Kentucky man charged with criminal trespassing and impersonating a police officer after actress Ashley Judd discovered him in her home. Guy Paul Dukes, 32, of Louisville, Ky., attended a morning bond hearing at the Williamson County Jail. If he makes bond, his next hearing will be Oct. 11, said Donna Green, deputy court clerk. If Dukes does not make bond, a hearing could happen earlier, she said. Judd, an actress and sister of Wynonna Judd of country music duo The Judds, called 911 Monday after discovering Dukes in her rural Williamson County home. He left at her request. "It's him. That's the stalker. There's a restraining order on that guy," she told the 911 dispatcher. Judd's boyfriend, race car driver Dario Franchitti, followed Dukes by car into Franklin, where police cornered the suspect in a parking lot and arrested him.

Tennessee adoptees can now access birth records

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Ken Carter figured it was time he knew more about his family's medical history, so he asked the state for records on his birth and adoption. Now, because of a state Supreme Court ruling, adoptees like Carter will have an easier time getting such information. The court ruled 5-0 this week that a 1996 state law gives adoptees over 21 years old access to their adoption records even if their birth parents want the information withheld. Birth parents can request, however, that they not be contacted by the offspring they put up for adoption. The adoptees can be prosecuted if they ignore such requests.

Frist says organ transplant rule conflicts with law

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — U.S. Sen. Bill Frist says doctors, not the federal government, should decide how donated organs are distributed to transplant patients. Frist, R-Tenn., sent U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala a letter saying "crucial medical decisions about transplantation should be made by the medical community." The government states its position in a "final rule" that takes effect Oct. 21. It recommends matching organs to the sickest patients on regional and national waiting lists. Currently, efforts are made to match organs to patients in the same local area as the donor. If there are no local patients, the organ is supposed to be matched to a patient elsewhere. Government officials say the current system is unfair and allows comparatively healthier patients in some areas to receive transplants while other, more critically-ill patients die waiting. Those in support of the current system say the government's proposal may do more harm than good. The government's rule conflicts with the federal law, sponsored by then-Sen. Al Gore, that set up the distribution system in 1984, according to Frist.

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New campus phone system to be installed

Wesley R. Bush
Staff Reporter

Equipment being arrived early last week for a new phone system that will soon be operating on campus.

The switch is necessary to avoid future problems that may occur with the current system which has been in use since 1983.

"We've reached the capacity for our equipment today," said Steve Prichard, manager of Telecommunications at MTSU. "When communication breaks down, we can no longer function as a university."

The problem is due, in part, to the unforeseen increase in student population and the amount of phone numbers needed to serve the growing university.

"Certainly they could not anticipate in 1983 the changes that the university has gone through," Prichard said.

Faculty and staff will have several new features that come with the new system. Most analog phones in use by staff members will be replaced with digital

phones. These will have caller-ID and a message pending light to visually indicate when a message has been left.

Students who live on campus will still be unable to use caller-ID and will make use of an interrupted dial tone to indicate pending messages. These features will not be available until the new system is fully operational.

The equipment should be assembled, installed and powered up about a week after arriving. If on schedule, testing the equipment will follow until the cut-over to the new system.

"We are developing a plan to do this conversion while minimizing outage," says Prichard.

The conversion is presently planned for the evening of Oct. 22, the weekend of fall break. The cut-over to the new system will completely disable telephone usage for a few hours.

"Some phones will be without service for several hours," says Prichard, "but they should be working by early Saturday morning."

The new system is called the Definity G3R by Lucent Technologies, a company that employs over 130,000 people worldwide. It is also the largest manufacturer of telecommunications equipment in the world.

The system being replaced, the NEC NEAX 2400, has been operating at MTSU for over 15 years.

"It is time to take a step forward and position the university to take advantage of technologies available in the future," said Prichard about the importance of the change.

Change rates, which measure how fast computer modems can connect to the Internet, should increase, but the extent is unclear until testing is complete. TRAM will not be affected by the change because it is not operating on the same system as the telephones.

Upgrades to enable student residents use of caller-ID along with other features will be possible in the future but are not expected to be available for several years.

Post office boxes required for all full-time students

Kelley Ferguson
Staff Reporter

We've all wondered at one time or another what all the little fees that make up our tuition bill are and why we have to pay them. One fee that every student taking 12 or more hours must pay, regardless of whether they live on or off campus, is the fee for a MTSU mail box.

"They (my daughters) get mostly junk mail, their grades and billing gets mailed home to their permanent address," said Darcy Driver, the mother of two MTSU students who both live at home.

Currently there are 16,173 full-time graduate and undergraduate students. There are only 3,318 students living in single student housing and 95 families living on campus making MTSU their address.

According to Elizabeth Patty, mail manager, their computer is set to pick out students registered for 12 hours or more and charge them the fee for having a mail box. While many students

may feel that the mailbox is unnecessary, Patty said campus mail is the way most offices on campus contact students.

Campus mail is free for offices on campus to use to send out notices about campus events and information.

"The mailboxes help students find out what is happening on campus," said Joe Hugh, director of Securement and Auxiliary Services.

"Some people like the information, and some think it is junk," said Patty.

On-campus announcements are not the only items going into most student mailboxes.

"Probably at least three-fourths (of the mailboxes) have first class mail going into them, maybe more," said Patty.

The fee for a post office box on campus is \$8 a semester, compared to a post office box at the Murfreesboro post office which is \$22 every six months.

The money from the on-campus post office boxes "goes to the school to fund the people who work in the post office," said Hugh.

There are close to 20,000 post office boxes on campus and almost all are used by staff and students, said Hugh.

Crime Log

compiled by
Shane Newsome

Alcohol

Where: Health Services lot
When: Thursday, Sept. 23
What: A subject was arrested for underage drinking and public intoxication.

Where: Judd/Sims Hall lot
When: Saturday, Sept. 25
What: A subject was arrested for underage drinking.

Arrest

Where: Bell Street lot
When: Tuesday, Sept. 21
What: A Collierville resident was arrested for public intoxication.

Where: Smith Hall
When: Wednesday, Sept. 22
What: A Smith Hall resident was arrested on a warrant charge.

Harassment

Where: Sims Hall
When: Monday, Sept. 20
What: A Sims Hall resident received a threat over the phone.

Theft

Where: Cummings Hall third floor women's restroom
When: Friday, Sept. 17
What: A woman reported that she was missing a ring.

Where: Baird Lane lot
When: Friday, Sept. 17
What: The owner of a gray Honda Accord reported that items were missing from the car. A radar detector was among the missing items.

Where: University Library
When: Saturday, Sept. 18
What: A wallet was reported missing. The owner had left the wallet next to a computer and returned to find the wallet missing.

Where: Murphy Center Football Training Room
When: Saturday, Sept. 18
What: A purse was reported missing.

Where: Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building
When: Monday, Sept. 20
What: A faculty member reported that a VCR was stolen.

Where: Nicks Hall
When: Monday, Sept. 20
What: A word processor was reported stolen.

Where: Gore Hall
When: Thursday, Sept. 23
What: A complainant reported that a subject left her room with a CD against her wishes.

Where: Cummings Hall lot
When: Sunday, Sept. 26
What: A stereo was stolen out of the vehicle of a Cumming Hall resident.

Where: Corlew Hall lobby
When: Monday, Sept. 27
What: Items were reported missing from the room.

Traffic (Hit and Run)

Where: Lot D of the Mass Communications Building
When: Wednesday, Sept. 22
What: The owner of a red Mitsubishi Eclipse reported that the vehicle had been struck without the offender had left the scene.

Trespassing

Where: Scarlett Commons
When: Monday, Sept. 27
What: Campus Police escorted a white male off the premises and issued a trespass warning to the offender.

Vandalism

Where: Gracy Hall
When: Monday, Sept. 20
What: A subject reported that someone had thrown a shaving cream bottle at him. A vandalism report was filed by the complainant.

Where: Learning Resources Center
When: Friday, Sept. 24
What: A brick was found thrown through the glass door of the LRC. The glass of the loading dock door was broken as well. Emergency maintenance workers were notified at once.

Where: New Library Building
When: Sunday, Sept. 26
What: The owner of a Cavalier coupe reported that the car had been keyed and the hubcaps damaged.

Where: Cope Administration Building first floor men's restroom
When: Sunday, Sept. 26
What: Graffiti tags were drawn on a restroom wall.

Where: St. Marks Methodist parking lot
When: Monday, Sept. 27
What: A back window was broken out of a car.

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activities that benefit the whole community. They read:

1. Established programs that are institutionally supported and recognized.
2. A program and/or projects that are available to the entire campus community.
3. Non-educational programs or projects that are available to the entire campus community.

Fitch said the top three priorities reflect the types of programming SGA and administrators hoped to fund more as a result of the increased fee.

"The fee increase was to help groups do more for the campus," Fitch said, "so the entire campus could benefit from what they are doing."

Fitch said, though, that the majority of the requests were for activities that fit into the priorities at the bottom of the list.

"Those requests are for good programs and projects that would benefit the group but benefit that group only," Fitch said.

That portion of the guidelines reads:
4. Travel for competitions against students and/or teams from other colleges and universities.

5. A comprehensive program and/or project which provides both educational and/or academic experiences designed to benefit the members of the sponsoring organization and/or National/regional conference to benefit the membership of the organization only

6. Loans for student organization projects.

7. Scholarships as subject to committee guidelines.

Fitch said that because there was such a large amount of unused money, the remainder will be allocated to an emergency fund. Organizations can apply for that funding on an emergency basis.

The committee also plans to allow groups to reapply for the extra funding later this month.

Last spring, the SGA House passed a bill that requires House participation for organizations requesting activity fee funding.

The bill says that if organizations have three unexcused absences in one semester will not be eligible for funding the following semester. ■

College group urges students to become organ donors

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (TMS) — After losing her best friend to cystic fibrosis last year, Indiana University student Rachel Karess established an organization dedicated to promoting education and awareness about organ donation among college and high school students.

Karess founded Life Goes On, which, in the year since its creation, already has produced 10 student chapters, including groups on the campuses of Ball State and Depaw universities.

"I would love to increase the number of college and high school

students who want to be organ donors so that less people (die while waiting for an organ transplant," she said. "I think one of the best ways to look at this is: 'What if it were you (who needed a transplant).'"

Karess is often perturbed when people tell her about their fears of waking up in an ice-filled tub with a few organs missing. To help clear up myths about organ donation, she and 36 members of IU's chapter of Life Goes On distributed 11,000 donor cards during Indiana's Sept. 18 game against the University of Kentucky. Each

volunteer urged students to seriously consider becoming an organ donor and to inform family members about the decision.

"Sharing your decision to be an organ and tissue donor is as important as making the decision itself," says a Web site for the Children's Organ Transplant Association, a Bloomington-based organization where Karess also works. "At the time of your death, your family will be asked about the donation. Sharing your decision with your family now will prevent confusion or uncertainty about your wishes later." ■

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In the courses Kendrick has taught online, he notices improvement in writing and communication skills. He believes that one day students will attend a virtual university, and college campuses will become

obsolete.
"History and culture dictates we must see the professor in flesh and bone. Technology, however, allows students to attend a 'virtual' college campus, making the actual college campus nothing more than a recreation center for extracurricular activities," Kendrick said. ■

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Astronomers claim gamma ray burst came from supernova

Joseph B. Verrengia
Associated Press

Astronomers say a burst of cosmic gamma rays — one of the most powerful explosions ever observed — probably originated in a supernova explosion and the formation of a black hole.

The observation leaves astronomers more convinced that these brief, but brilliant cosmic flashes are generated by the fiery collapse of massive, dying stars.

The short-lived gamma ray burst of March 26, 1998, was spotted by the European satellite BeppoSax, which relayed the burst's position. Using the Keck Telescope in Hawaii, astronomers from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena say they analyzed the afterglow of the burst, labeled GRB 980326, but it quickly faded.

In a report published in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature, the astronomers said they expected that the burst's afterglow would quickly be replaced by the general brightness of the surrounding galaxy. Instead, light rebrightened "dramatically" at the position of the gamma ray burst, obscuring the galaxy itself.

The Cal Tech team believes it was the underlying supernova created when the massive star exploded. "Galaxies don't just disappear," said astronomer Shrinivas R. Kulkarni. "This is something quite new."

According to the astronomers' theory, a black hole quickly forms in the center of a dying massive star whose core cannot support itself against gravity. When the star explodes in its death throes, powerful jets of high-energy particles are ejected into space.

These gamma rays are thousands of times more powerful than the energy emitted by our sun over its entire lifetime.

The gamma ray jets have to be pointing toward Earth in order to be detected.

Gamma rays were discovered in 1967. They are observed once a day on average. They have higher energy than all other forms of radiation, but that energy never affects Earth's surface because it gets absorbed by the atmosphere.

Astronomers have offered more than 150 theories to explain the origins of gamma rays, but the Cal Tech team's supernova theory has gained widespread support in recent years as their observations of gamma ray explosions pile up.

Earlier this year, the most powerful explosion ever observed — a deep space eruption detected in January 9 billion light years from Earth — was a gamma ray burst that astronomers say probably was associated with a supernova explosion, too.

On April 25, 1998, gamma rays were observed in the same location as a weaker supernova that exploded just 140 million light years from Earth. ■

Harvard officials seek to stop decrease in law school applications

TMS Campus

BOSTON — Students at Harvard University's law school have been grousing for decades about cutthroat competition; over-sized classes and stodgy, aloof professors who seem more interested in research than teaching.

With the number of applicants to Harvard Law dropping 16 percent over the last five years and especially low marks in student satisfaction in U.S. News & World Report's rankings of the nation's law schools, Harvard officials have decided to address the gripes head on. They've hired a high-priced consulting firm to determine

just how much of the unflattering reputation is myth and how much is reality.

The ultimate goal, school officials say, is to use the study to create a more student-friendly environment.

They've already started hiring more faculty and offering smaller classes to second and third-year students.

Now they're even entertaining talk about alternative grading systems that "would make fewer distinctions among students," said professor Elizabeth Warren, chairwoman of the school's Institutional Life Committee.

Next spring the school intends to release a long-range plan that reflects internal

committees' reviews of the school's curriculum, infrastructure, international programs and connection to working professionals in the legal field.

For the last several months, McKinsey & Company, based in New York, has held about 30 focus groups with students, questioning everything from the quality of the school's gymnasium to the caliber of its tax-law professors.

The consultants also are quizzing alumni. School officials won't say how much Harvard is paying for the study — only that it's less than the \$1 million figure reported by the Harvard Crimson. ■

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—Thomas Jefferson
Murfreesboro, TN

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Editorial

Activities not geared toward average students

It's Homecoming Week. Did you know that?

Some students don't. How many of us have grown accustomed to blocking out the activities around us as we walk through the KUC to check our mail or grab a bite to eat? We stare straight ahead, focused on our goal. Don't make eye contact with anyone. We know better than to let ourselves be reeled in by the credit card people or harassed by the student organizations that are seeking more members.

In the editorial featured in the Sept. 16 issue of Sidelines, we encouraged students to try out some on-campus activities, whether it be a football game or a lecture series. We said that students should display more school spirit.

Then, something occurred to us ... Maybe there's a reason more students don't get involved.

Is it really apathy that keeps us from participating in on-campus activities or is it something else? Is it because we just don't care?

Or, is it deeper than that? Is it that the activities offered don't interest us or are irrelevant to most of the student body?

Apathy and disinterest are not the same.

Homecoming Week features activities such as a treasure hunt, chilifest, a fight song contest and a parade.

Who do these activities interest? Who ends up participating? It's our guess that most of the students turning out for these events are members of Greek organizations.

There's nothing wrong with that. In fact, if it weren't for the Greeks, who knows if there would be any student involvement in homecoming?

But, consider this: Greeks make up 21 percent of traditional students at MTSU. Just 7 percent of the total student population. So, where are the activities that cater to the remaining majority of the student body?

Perhaps more school spirit would be mustered if someone took the time to ask Mr. and Mrs. Regular Old College Students what kind of activities he or she would find worthwhile.

As long as MTSU remains a commuter college, the university is going to come up with some pretty snazzy ideas to keep people on campus. It's obvious that this place is dead after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

Surveying those people who AREN'T involved might give an idea of why they aren't and what MTSU could offer to make them want to stick around and participate.

Why not start at the source of the problem? Maybe MTSU students aren't as apathetic as they seem. Maybe they're just not interested. ■

Bikers deserve path of their own

Rob Evans
Staff Columnist

Quick survey...

Who knows where the Murfreesboro Greenway is located?

Who knows what the heck I'm talking about?

The Murfreesboro Greenway is a "bike" path that was built along the Stones River and Lytle Creek and stretches about four and a half miles. Since I wasn't in town when it was built, I can only assume that its intended purpose was for all people to use for their different modes of exercise and transportation.

I guess this is a good thing. But it seems that most people who drive cars in this town don't know what a cyclist is, let alone some weird looking unidentifiable object in their path.

Those that do see a cyclist and recognize that it's not Superman wearing those tights usually give the most common American greeting, followed by some sort of epitaph telling them to ride on the sidewalk, of all places!

So to solve the problem, let's create a "fitness trail" so bikers, walkers and inline skaters can recreate safely. Yeah right! Let's take a bike going 15 miles an hour and put it on a 10-foot wide path. Throw in walkers and joggers, who move along three and four abreast, traveling a blistering mile per hour. Add unstable, clumsy inline skaters

(scum of the earth), add some more (although inexperienced and crash prone) cyclists, mix it all together and you have a recipe for disaster.

Or at least a very nasty accident.

Then there are ironies to the plot. For example, it's a bike path, but bikes have to yield to pedestrians. There are signs leading to bridges that warn cyclists of an increasing grade, yet they then tell you to get off and walk your bike.

How about allowing no vehicles on the path? Yet a cop zooms by in a golf cart.

The Greenway is a good idea, but it's limited in its usefulness.

I appall the city for its efforts elsewhere. There are numerous bike paths throughout the city. Most of them are along the new roads on the fringes of town.

The only downside is that they are unrideable. Most residents think that they are easements to put their garbage and yard waste. Or it is so littered with rocks and glass, you get a flat tire every 100 feet. So how about at least sweeping the lanes and keeping them clean?

Then what about creating bike lanes in the center of town? Can bike lanes be established there as well? Most people who ride on the Greenway get there by bicycle. And unfortunately they almost get run over on the way there.

There are endless possibilities of how bicycle travel and use can be encouraged and incorporated into Murfreesboro. Why not act and create them? ■

Liberal politics reign in some departments

Steve Cagnina
Staff Columnist

"MTSU's speech, theater, physics and astronomy departments are political places."

So you know how many times I have heard someone say this crapola? I mean, like — no way!

When I first came to MTSU, I thought things in these two departments were political. But now I see that one man's politics is another man's liberal theater, or masculine equation.

For example, my experience with the theater department has been really positive, for the most part. Sure, I have nearly failed some classes because I was not a card carrying member of the ACLU. And although I was too young to vote in '72, the fact that I would not have voted for McGovern still caused me great pain.

Yet now I can see that I should have kissed some of the teacher's biased liberal butts — so to speak; they were just trying to show me that individualism is ok, as long as you are not Republican.

Is that so wrong?

And I know if you are female and in the physics and astronomy department, you might think you are at a political disadvantage because of your sex. Well, the department is just trying to teach you that women and numbers don't mix. I would not call that sexism — it's just a reality in their community girly girls.

And because you have to become more of a politician than the governor or Don King for that matter) to survive because of all that testosterone prejudice — it just makes you stronger girlfriend! Strong. Like a man. A physics man.

I have a friend, a speech and theater major, that doesn't mind getting their teacher's laundry, killing their annoying pets, etc. if it means they will get a good grade and cast in a play. Once again: that's not politics people. It's community. I mean — who wants to act with strangers — Republican ones at that!

Now I have to go help that friend of mine wash a professor's car. I hope it does not rain. He needs a part in a play this year.

Oh yes — one year: Gore 2000. Yes. ■



From the Mailbox

Cagnina's right - parking sucks

To whom it may concern:

I'm not sure if Steve Cagnina's piece "Parking on campus..." in the September 23 issue was intended in jest or not, but I found myself chuckling as I read it. Dorky funny, in a Ned Flanders-meets-Tom Stoppard kind of way.

According to Mr. Cagnina's logic, I must be a closet lesbian whose mother abused her when she was young, for I always complain about parking. Am I a crazed, evil, Seinfeld-esque harpy for wanting to be able to make it to class promptly, with dry clothes, in good spirits? I should think not. I drive forty-five minutes to and from campus every day, rain or shine, and the last thing I want to do when I get here is wait for a parking space like a vulture waits for the lions to leave the last of an eland carcass. Mr. Cagnina seems to be under the impression that I, and everyone else, should want to go skipping down the sidewalk for twenty minutes in the cold mists of a November afternoon, under the burden of 40 pounds of books, while admiring the lovely flowers, wonderful architecture and friendly people for which MTSU is so renowned. Now what is wrong with this picture?

Maybe the author is one of those people who tries to peddle religious pamphlets door to door, puts on a cheesy grin, then utters an obscenity when the door is slammed in his face. I don't know him, so I will not say. In the meantime, however, I'm grabbing the pole position for the daily MTSU Parking 500, watching "Xena: Warrior Princess" until I go blind, and engaging in behavior that only be called scandalous. And why don't you hand me a cappuccino? I don't dig beer.

Sincerely,
Heather B. Fach

Christians undeserving of attacks

I have wondered why as of late "Sidelines" has assumed such a definite "anti-Christian" stance. The contentious personal attacks on Christians have been elusive in their purpose. They do not seem to address MTSU, national issues or problems in a constructive or meaningful way.

Then I realize that if these comments and views were addressed toward any other demographic such as homosexuals, women, African Americans or Native Americans in as state university newspaper there would be appropriate social and legal retaliation.

Christians are the last remaining group to personally attack. The added benefit regarding Christians is that we will take attack on a personal level manifesting in a real concern for the attackers' salvation. Well, go ahead - in all seriousness. If such aggression focused at a group that by command must "love our neighbor as ourselves" (Matthew 22:39) gives purpose to you then, although we would rather you had purpose in love and animosity. For in attacking us you know we will respond in love. And we do.

I and other Christians will pray for "Sidelines," MTSU and this world. Further I assure you as God has seen Christians through Pharisaic legalism, Hellenistic persecution, the Age of Reason (reasoning man had no need for God), Industrialization and the "limitless" superiority of man's accomplishments, then He will surely see us through the Age of Political Correctness.

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Bradley's gonna make it a contest

Sandy Grady
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON - He had a band booming funky music. He had a hand-clapping crowd. He had glitterati - movie producer Spike Lee, actor Samuel Jackson, author Cornel West, ex-Dallas Cowboys star Calvin Hill.

Yep, Dollar Bill was getting down. Snubbed by the Black Caucus soiree where 2000 rival

Al Gore was appearing, Bill Bradley threw his own party a block away.

"We're going to move forward if it's the last thing I do as president of the United States," Bradley told his cheering claque.

Shouted Harvard intellectual West: "Let the word go forth that Bill Bradley is on the move!"

Is Bill Bradley's long-shot run against Gore for the 2000 Democratic nomination an overhyped chimera? Or does he

have a chance to trip Gore's coronation?

Yes, Bradley's for real. Odds are heavy Gore will survive Dem jitters to become the nervous party's nominee. But Bradley vs. Gore will be a long struggle - not so dramatic as those Ali-Frazier slugfests, but as uncertain.

Face it, Bradley's early impetus comes from Clinton Fatigue. When George Bush broke the vice president's curse in 1988, the unspoken message was

that he was replacing Ronald Reagan's third term. No Gore admirer gushes that he's running for Bubba's third term.

When Gore appears on the tube, he morphs into Bill (plus Monica). Bad enough that he suffers a charisma deficiency. But Al has more baggage than Louis Vuitton.

Bradley, whether through old NBA instinct or inner light, has made a slick switch - he's moved to Gore's left. Still gauzy about specifics, he's for registering guns, allowing gays to serve openly in the military, wiping out child poverty, helping uninsured workers.

By juking left, Bradley is picking off independent voters, some blacks, the gay bloc and old-line Democrats disenchant by Clinton's centrist stodginess. The move has stunned Gore's camp in early polls - Bradley is a dead heat in New Hampshire and New York.

It's not enough for Bradley to be the Un-Gore. From covering him in Senate debates, I can testify that Dollar Bill is no blood-pumping orator.

Republican chairman Bill Nicholson's sarcasm was on target when he called Gore and Bradley "Tweedledull and Tweedleduller."

But Bradley will get a gift - media hype. With networks, magazines and news outfits spending millions on campaign coverage, they lust for conflict and a story line. Can't count on

the GOP, which George W. has turned into a yawner. Bradley inherits the crusader's cape. With Dollar Bill's publicity bonanza will come trouble.

First, Bradley will face higher expectations, pressure and nastier questions. If he fades badly in the New Hampshire primary, the glory ride's over.

Second, Bradley's Senate career offers a fat target for Gore and his hirelings. His every vote, from tax cuts to school vouchers to missile defense, will be chewed up by Gore's Cuisinart.

Third, the speeded-up 2000 process and Democratic structure tilts against Bradley. If he's rocked early, Gore should recover on Super Tuesday. The South plus super delegates should seal the 2,168 delegates for Gore.

The wild card could save Bradley's quest: Democratic panic. If Gore's poll numbers keep tumbling so Dems are terrified of a landslide, they may turn to a savior who's fresh, authentic and untainted by Clinton aroma. The happy party for Republicans is that the party with a rough inside brawl usually loses.

You only have to remember Teddy Kennedy challenging Jimmy Carter in 1980.

Such doomsday history doesn't unnerve Bradley. He insists he won't take No. 2 on a ticket.

With the Knicks, Dollar Bill was at his best in big playoffs. I think Gore should win. But it will be a battle, not a coronation. ■



Maybe Mom's right - you should sleep more, drink less

Sherri Richards
TMS Campus

As I sat at the table, the slice of pizza stared at me, taunting my already full stomach. My friends sat across the table, taunting my pride.

One slice, they said. I could do it. Twelve slices later, I was resigned to being champion of the all-you-can-eat pizza contest. I also was resigned to the fact that I was going to throw up any minute.

The abuse college students put their bodies through boggles my mind more than a quantum physics test. We never sleep, we always eat, and the weight of the books in our backpacks is heavy enough to knock us down if the wind picks up a little. We sit hours on end in classes, stretching our brain cells to the limit. We then drink ourselves into a stupor, destroying the already worn out livers.

We laugh, but such behavior isn't always funny. More than one-third of college students admit to binge drinking — having four or more alcoholic beverages per sitting for women, five or more drinks for men.

Besides the strain on the wallet that this can lead to, it's a strain on one's health, not to mention his or her life. Between 25 and 50 students die each year from alcohol poisoning or alcohol-related deaths.

"Well, I don't drink," you say. No matter. College students everywhere depend on that morning cappuccino to make it to class or that 20-ounce soda to survive all-night cram sessions. A University of Washington study determined that those who avoided caffeine had significant increases in brain energy, and

those who developed a tolerance to it suffered headaches and a lack of energy when they went without the product for a few days.

Hmmm. And that brings us to those pick-me-ups some of us get from those puffs of nicotine.

Forget bad breath and smelly clothes and hair. Do the words "lung cancer" or "emphysema" mean anything to you?

Why do we do this to ourselves? We are young and healthy now, but not if we keep up this behavior.

Will the thousands (upon thousands) of dollars we spend to obtain an education be worth anything if the nasty little habits we develop at school put us in the grave?

Yes, college is a stressful time of life. Homework and tests take on a whole new meaning from anything ever experienced in high school.

But it's also a wonderful feeling of freedom and independence. It's the first time a young adult is really out on his or her own.

Mom's not there every minute to tell us to eat our vegetables, or to go to bed or to not sit so close to the television.

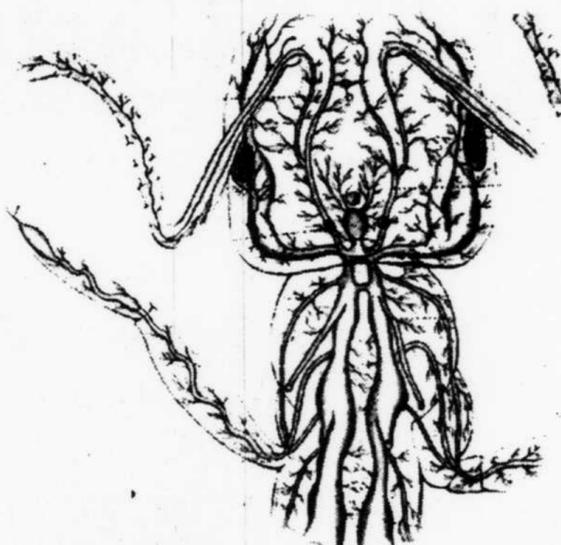
Maybe that's the problem.

Although we are "responsible" adults, perhaps we should continue taking advice from our parents. They've been there, they've done it, and although they still haven't figured out how to program the VCR, they do know what they're talking about.

"Take care of yourself," my mom says. "Cut back on alcohol, avoid the fatty foods, just say no to drugs, exercise, get some sleep, brush your teeth ..."

I'm sure you've heard that lecture, too.

Now it's time to listen — before we all age another 20 years. ■



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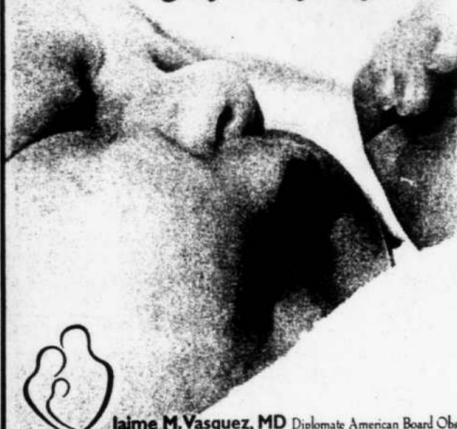
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FEATURES

8 SIDELINES

Murfreesboro, TN

Hey baby... Pick up lines don't always work

Heather Glass
Staff Reporter

An MTSU junior walks on campus with a few friends. He spots a couple women in the field next to Cummings Hall.

"Hey you two are the best looking girls I've seen in this field all night," he said.

"We've heard that one before," the women respond.

"How often do you actually sit in this field," he wonders.

Basically the encounter ended just as quickly as it began.

Pick-up lines don't work for everyone and can sometimes be the wrong way to get a person's attention. However, "hello" has gotten boring.

To help you come up with some snazzy lines, there is a Web site available at www.throwmealine.com.

You can share and read some of the stupidest, sweetest and most hilarious pick-up lines.

Here's just a few cheesy but catchy pick-up lines submitted to the Web site.

- "Hey baby, want to play fireman? We can stop, drop and roll."

- "Baby, when I am reincarnated, I'd love to come back as your pants."

- "If I was a puppy, would you let me follow you home?"

- "Are you famous? I've seen your picture somewhere. Oh yeah! It was in the dictionary next to KABLAM!"

- "My lips are wrinkled. Could you press them for me?"

- "Baby, if you were any hotter, the Sahara Desert would die from your heat."

Surprisingly enough, a lot of the pick-up lines submitted were submitted by females and were to be used by females.

"I would be impressed if a girl

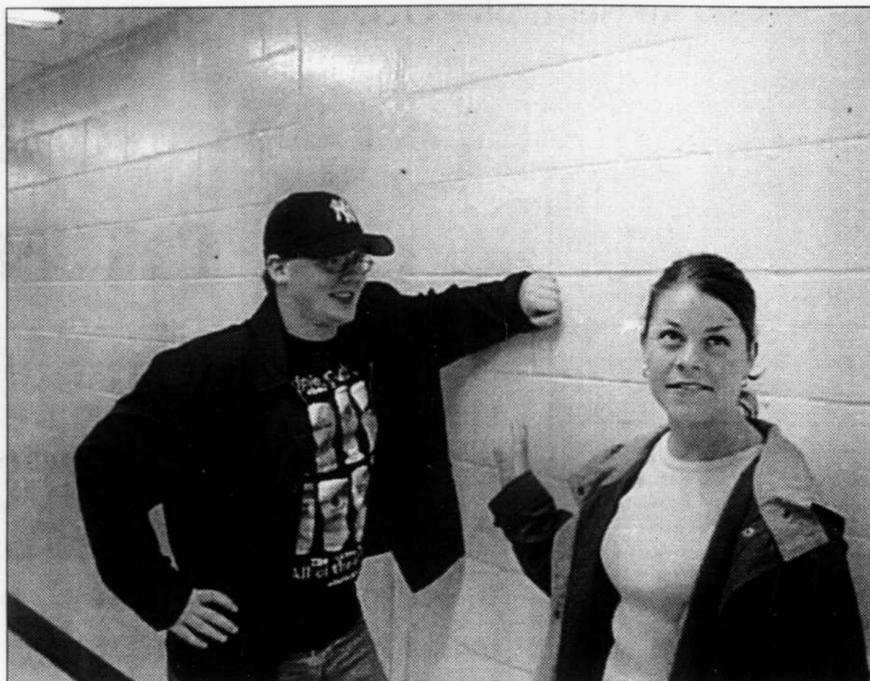


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used a pick-up line on me. I'm tired of us guys having to do all the work by initiating the first encounter," said freshman Patrick McCarty.

Andi Sherril said, "Girls are just more subtle when trying to pick up guys; they don't come on as strong. I would laugh if a guy used a pick-up line on me, but I would still talk to them just to be nice."

On the other hand, Ashley Jones thinks pick-up lines like the ones mentioned above are ridiculous.

"If a guy wants to get to know me, they shouldn't start out a conversation with 'Hey baby, wanna wrestle?'"

From a guy's point of view, Eric

Spear, who is not in favor of pick-up lines, said, "Being straightforward and honest seems to work best for me."

This approach might work, but make sure that your straightforwardness isn't boring. There's nothing worse than a person who can't carry on an interesting conversation, who makes five minutes seem like an hour and drives you to pay the check and bolt for the door.

McCarty stopped using his line "Gosh it must have hurt when you fell from heaven" when he realized most women had heard it before. He now thinks the best line or ice-breaker, especially among smokers, is "Got a light?"

Will a man or woman respond to your pick-up line? It depends—how was he or she responding before you pitched it?

Now some advice for those girls who need a catchy comeback to those lame lines. Here are a couple suggestions:

Guy: "Oh hey, I didn't catch your name (or number)."

Girl: "That's cause I didn't throw it."

Guy: "What's your sign?"

Girl: "My sign is put!"

Girls, you can stop these guys back in their place by coming back with some of these witty responses; maybe then they can get a clue.

Remember, a first impression means everything. ■

Just for the Health of It

Why Exercise?

Kelley Dodd
Staff Reporter

Is regular physical activity a part of your daily life? If you answered yes, then keep up the good work! If you chose to respond with a "no," then you may need a little inspiration to get moving and become healthier.

The American Cancer Society recommends that adults spend at least 30 minutes of their day, five to seven days per week, doing some type of physical activity. However, only 8 percent of Americans are getting enough exercise, states a study by the Center for Disease Control.

So why should you exercise? Are you happy with your body? Do you sleep well at night? Does walking from one class to the next leave you short of breath?

Here, health experts reveal some reasons why you should get your body moving:

- According to the American Heart Association and diabetes as well as aiding in weight loss and maintenance.
- The Journal of Gerontology cites that exercise significantly reduces Depression and improves sleep.
- The Journal of the National Cancer Institute states that 3.8 hours of exercise per week reduces the risk of breast cancer by 58 percent.
- A study by Duke University reveals that moderate exercise works to stimulate the brain, which any college student should appreciate.

If your health is important to you, which it should be, then take the extra effort to exercise. Not only will you feel better about yourself, but you will improve your overall health and appearance at the same time.

Upcoming articles for this column will feature different types of exercise that are both enjoyable and easy and will give you a motivational boost to get up and move. ■

Learn while you earn

Receive education and experience with MTSU Co-op program

Luke Waack
Staff Reporter

internship that pays.

The MTSU Cooperative Education Foundation Scholarship Fund was established for several reasons. The Foundation starts at the secondary level. The scholarship fund aids in recruitment of high school seniors desiring to co-op. It provides tuition assistance to deserving students.

The foundation also helps students and strengthens the partnerships between Co-op employers and MTSU.

The Co-op program also brings in money. During the 1998-1999 school year, 82 students participated in the Co-op program. Co-op students represented all five University Colleges, 22 academic departments and 25 academic majors and emphases.

The projected payroll for the group for last year is \$620,557. The average wage earned was \$10 per hour. Accounting majors topped the charts with an average pay rate of \$12.50 per hour.

Many corporations have offered MTSU students valuable work experience in the past. Companies like Carrier Air Conditioning, Worthington Precision Metals and Siemens Building Technologies are a few of many companies involved.

Several new companies have joined the program this year with a wide variety of job positions available.

The National Transportation Safety Board in Seattle, WA is looking for an Air Safety Investigator, and Pepsi Cola of Nashville has openings for lab technicians. Also, the American General Life & Accident Insurance Company has a customer service co-op available.

Co-op is a year round program that takes place in sync with the fall, spring and summer terms. There's one exception: they work during Fall Break.

In this program, participants are graded on their job performance. Words like punctuality, precision and quality gain weight and become less abstract. The opportunity for increased responsibility is great. Students in co-ops undergo evaluations instead of midterms.

The MTSU Co-op program offers something that none of the university's courses can: experience.

In the Cooperative Education program, the student receives experience as an employee of an organization. The work is directly related to that person's field or major. This allows the student to apply knowledge and methods learned in the classroom to situations in the work environment.

This program also increases academic motivation, so no more drowsing off during lectures. The workplace replaces the classroom. This integration of knowledge with opportunity is a powerful vehicle that could take a person wherever they'd like to go, even beautiful, sunny Florida!

To enroll in the Co-op program a student must have an MTSU cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or higher (undergraduate), have completed two semesters of college work, file an application with the director of Cooperative Education one semester prior to the semester in which the first work experience starts and obtain the approval of the department of Cooperative Education coordinator and the director of Cooperative Education. Students must also be in good standing at MTSU and be willing to work a minimum of three work periods.

Corporations recruit students from MTSU to work for them. Both parties benefit from their relationship. Companies receive new perspectives and ideas while students gain valuable experience. It allows them to preview the working world before they graduate.

"The Co-op program allows students to fully develop their academic training at the same time they are developing maturity, initiative, interpersonal skills and methods to 'get the job done,'" said Mala L. Beard, former MTSU faculty member and Co-op affiliate.

Preparation like this can make the transition from college to career easier to handle. It's like an

Transcendental Melodies Alumnus performs Concord Sonata tonight

Shane Newsome
Staff Reporter

Pianist Jerome Reed of David Lipscomb University will present the Concord Sonata tonight in the Wright Music Building.

The performance, which begins at 8 p.m., will include a projection show consisting of slides taken by the pianist in Concord, Massachusetts. Readings from Ives' "Essays Before a Sonata" will also be presented.



Pianist Dr. Reed, professor of music at David Lipscomb University, said that composer Charles Ives gained inspiration from the piece from four New England writers.

"I went to the homes of Emerson, Hawthorne, Thoreau and the Alcotts and took pictures," said Reed. "The performance will be a multi-media presentation. The photographs will include quotations from the authors. Ives also wrote short essays to describe the impact each writer had on his music. These essays will be read

before each piece."

According to Dr. Perkins of the Middle Tennessee State University Music Department, the Concord Sonata is an extremely difficult piece.

"It's really a big deal to hear someone play it," Perkins said. "It is rarely performed and we are thrilled to have him come down for us."

Perkins also spoke highly of Pianist Reed. "He holds a doctorate from Catholic University in Washington D.C.," Perkins said. "But a lot of people don't actually know that he went to school here. He's an MTSU boy."

Reed is currently a professor of music at David Lipscomb University in Nashville. During the last year, he has traveled over the country presenting the Concord Sonata to various audiences and schools.

The Concord Sonata is the second piano symphony written by the late American composer Charles Ives. Ives, a Connecticut native, was born in 1874. He spent his life working as a business man by day and composer by night. Ives is recognized by critics as one of the most significant musical composers of the early 20th century.

As with many musicians, gain appreciation until after his demise. Ives eventually won the Pulitzer Prize for his Symphony No. 3, and his work is presented to audiences around the world by leading conductors. ■



Photo submitted

Jerome Reed

CO-OP
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"I produced work that was distributed worldwide and met people around the globe," said Beth Sensabaugh, Training Manager for Carrier Air Conditioning. Students have the opportunity to test themselves as people, coworkers and innovators. Just as in any class, the grade is decided by the one who wishes to learn. At the end of the semester, final evaluations are due from the employers. In order to obtain a

grade, students must turn in their final reports, evaluations and time/attendance sheets. "In short, that is what my cooperative education experience provided. It gave me an edge in the career field following graduation," Sensabaugh said. "While co-op experience does not guarantee a job, it definitely gives these students a competitive advantage over inexperienced graduate peers," said Beard. For more information, visit the Cooperative Education office in Jones Hall, room 155. Or call, 898-2225. ■

Women on 'Happy Hour', 'The Man Show' don't feel exploited

Jennifer Weiner
UKnight-Ridder Newspapers

We've all heard the dirt on Comedy Central's "The Man Show," USA Network's "Happy Hour," and "The X Show" on FX, the current state of dirt-cheap variety-show-style cable programs that glory in booze, babes, third-tier celebrities, and jokes about bodily emissions. Critics hold their noses. Fans — or at least the rowdies recruited for the live studio audiences — seem to revel in the shows' in-your-face political incorrectness, and the bevy of gyrating, rump-shaking, bikini-wearing dancers. So we wondered — what is it like to be a woman on "The Man Show" and its ilk? Not bad at all, say Lindsley Allen and Suzanne Talhouk (then again, what were they going to say?).

Allen is a Bombshell Dancer, one of "Happy Hour's" elite troupe of 10 who shake their groove things to the karaoke stylings of hosts Dweezil and Ahmet Zappa and guests such as Danny Bonaduce, Weird Al Yankovic, and former O.J. Simpson lawyer-turned-movie-of-the-week-star Christopher Darden (yes, you read that right).

Talhouk is a Juggy Dance Squad Girl (yes, you read that right, too), one of "The Man Show's" bikini-wearing camera operators/trampoline jumpers. Some of the Juggies operate cameras and microphones. Others simply stand in the audience and gyrate on cue, or bounce on a trampoline at the end of the show.

Anyhow, Talhouk's agent sent her on a call to be a Trampoline Girl — one of the young lovelies who end each episode of TMS by bouncing on a trampoline. (Wannabes tried out by pretending to jump on a trampoline.) "I was thinking, 'Cool,' because I love trampolines," she said. Show staffers liked Talhouk's energy and tapped her as a Juggy — "my first serious acting gig." (She also holds down a full-time job as a marketing student at Cal State-Northridge).

The Bombshells are all trained dancers with mondo experience. Allen, a native of Hanover, Pa., who studied at the Philadelphia Youth Ballet, has danced in movies ("That Thing You Do," "George of the Jungle") and music videos (Smash Mouth, Dwight Yoakam, the Artist Formerly Known as Prince). Allen got her start toward her career because she was painfully shy, and her mother figured dance lessons would help. She studied, "like in the garage of somebody's home," then got into gymnastics, all the while struggling with her small-town high school peers who didn't understand "the weird girl taking classes on Friday nights," and how she could hope to make a living as (insert Elizabeth Berkley in "Showgirls" intonation here) a dancer.

The Juggy squad members don't necessarily have that kind of dance background. Then again, they don't do the kind of choreographed routines that the Bombshells perform. "We get to do what we want to do," Talhouk says. "Sometimes the director will tell us if he wants us to do something, but otherwise, it's all us."

Both performers say they don't feel exploited by their eye-candy status and skimpy costumes. "Everyone on the set treats us so well," says Talhouk. "And the show itself ... it's just a joke. It's on Comedy Central, right? It's just all in fun." The costumes, which range from German fraulein get-ups to hip-hop gear, don't bother her at all. "We're always in our big clumpy sneakers and little scrunchy socks. ... It's basically athletic wear."

Allen says that life on the "Happy Hour" has improved since the early shows. "In the very beginning, we were wearing tiny, tiny outfits, and bikinis. ... It's a live show, and as soon as we'd walk out, the guys would go crazy." Now, she says, "they've made a lot of changes. We're wearing more clothes, there's more coverage," and the "numbers" are geared more toward "themes and characters" than showing as much of the Bombshells as possible. ■

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Homecoming Preview

Undefeated Trojans visit struggling Raiders

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

WHEN MTSU RUNS
Jamison Palmer leads the Raiders with a 70.5 yard per game average but was held to only 27 yards on eight carries last week against Louisiana-Lafayette. He also has six rushing touchdowns this season. Kelverrick Green shares the backfield with Palmer and averages 32 yards per game. The Troy State defense has given up an average of 112 yards per game rushing. The fact remains that MTSU has to run the football effectively to win. Jamison Palmer is too good of a back to only carry the ball eight times in a game.

WHEN MTSU PASSES
The Raiders boast of the most accurate passer in school history with Wes Counts. However, Counts struggled last week, and fans will see what he is made of with his performance Saturday. With Jamison Palmer only rushing eight times and the Raiders only rushing 25 times, MTSU will live or die with the left arm of Counts. MTSU's receivers will give any secondary fits with its size and speed. Tyrone Calico and Kendall Newson lead the Raiders' receivers. The Trojans pass defense is good. They have only allowed 198 yards per game passing in their first three games.

WHEN THE TROJANS RUN
TSU has a very fast offense. The Trojans have a balanced attack that will give the Raider's defense trouble. The Raiders will have to defend four running backs that have averaged over 30 yards per game this season. Altogether, TSU averages 216 yards per game. The defense is giving up over 230 yards rushing per game. That will not cut it against the Trojans. MTSU cannot keep trying to outscore their opponents. It's time for the defense to step up and help out.

WHEN THE TROJANS PASS
Brock Nutter is the teams leading passer with 191.7 yards per game average. Nutter has an efficiency rating of 147.6 and has completed almost 55 percent of his passes. The Raider pass defense has been good this season. They have given up slightly more than 200 yards per game while making five sacks this season. The Raiders have also intercepted three passes in the first four games. The Raiders have to put pressure on Nutter and force him to make bad decisions. However, Nutter has only thrown two interceptions this

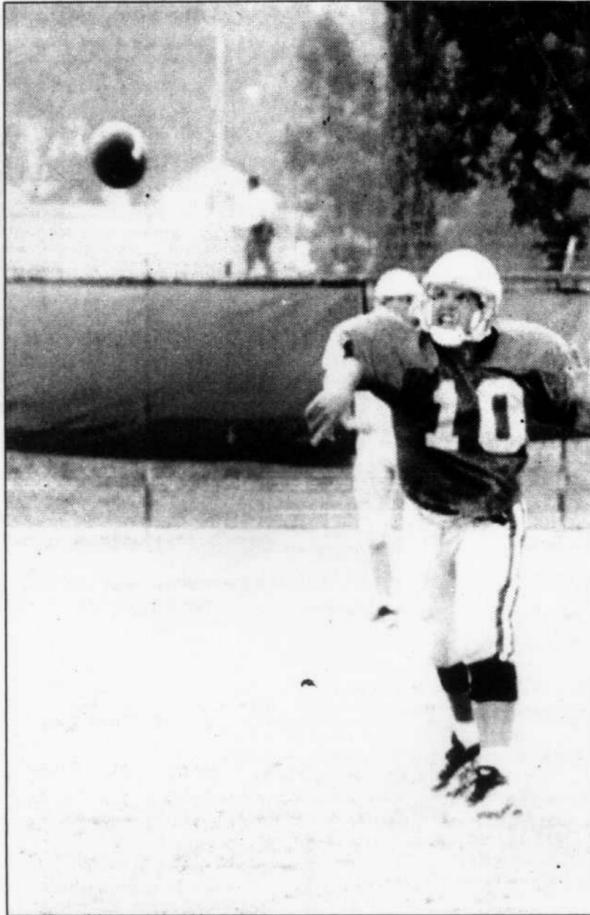


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Raiders hope offense will put up points this weekend against TSU.

SPECIAL TEAMS
The Raider's special teams have been far from impressive. Excluding the nation's 44th best punt returner, MTSU has struggled in this area. The Raiders have given up an average of 15 yards per punt return which ranks them 107th in the nation. The field goal unit has not been as bad as some people may think. Kicker Keegan Ray is 2-4, but has had one 35-yard field goal blocked and has missed from 44 yards. Ray also had an extra point blocked against Arizona. Ray, however, is a solid punter, although he has put only one out of 13 punts within the 20-yard line. Ray is averaging 42 yards per punt. Troy State has only returned five punts, which tells you about their defense, and they have punted 12 times for an average of 41 yards per punt.

WHO'S HOT
MTSU's Wes Counts is on fire this season. He has already thrown for 1,068 yards this season. His completion rate is good for 11th in the nation, and he has had two consecutive 300 yard passing games over the last two weeks.

THE X-FACTOR
The MTSU running game and the MTSU defense are the factors that will determine the Raiders fate. The defense has not awakened this season but must do it before Saturday for MTSU to have a chance. The running backs have the ability to do very well and contribute to the offense. However, giving the leading rusher Jamison Palmer only eight carries will not cut it. The Raiders ran only 25 times in the entire game last week. That must change. Counts is having a great year, but he can't do it alone.

Atlanta, Boston in World Series

View from the Top
A sports commentary



Michael Edwards
Columnist

Only five games remain in the baseball season, and the leagues' pennant races are going to go down to the wire.

The Atlanta Braves clinched the Eastern Division championship for the eighth consecutive season, while overcoming some great odds. Prior to the 1999 season, Atlanta lost their leading RBI man and leading home run hitter in Andres Galarraga. John Smoltz has not been healthy the entire season, and Tom Glavine has not been able to find the form that won him a Cy Young Award. Greg Maddux struggled early in the season but was able to find that Maddux-like form and contest for another award. If things weren't bad enough for Atlanta, Javy Lopez injured a leg and has missed about half of the year.

Lopez has been one of their best hitters, and he was being backed up by Eddie Perez. However, the injuries would not stop with Lopez. Brian Jordan was hit by a pitch just after the All-Star break, a pitch that hit his right hand, and sidelined for a few games. However, Jordan has battled through his injury and performed like a true iron man for Atlanta.

The Braves, through all the injuries and misfortunes, have played to the best record in baseball and will be going for their third straight 100 win season. That's a feat that has not been accomplished in over 20 years. Chipper Jones has emerged as the Braves star and will win the National League MVP because of his efforts this year. Efforts that have earned him 44 homeruns and 108 RBIs as of Tuesday.

The New York Mets were picked by many so-called experts to win the NL East but are now struggling to make the playoffs. Like Yogi Berra said, "It's deja vu all over again." The Mets lost five straight games last year and gave up the wild card to the Cubs, and this year the Reds may be the team to disappoint the Mets. As of Tuesday, the Mets were 1.5 games out of the wild card slot.

The National League West is

settled with Randy Johnson and the Diamondbacks winning that division. However, the NL Central will go down to the wire. Houston and Cincinnati were tied for first on Tuesday.

In the American League, the Indians and Rangers have cinched their divisions, while the Yankees and the Red Sox are battling for the AL East title. The Sox are two games behind the Yankees and would own the tie breaker if a tie were to occur.

If the playoffs started today, the Braves would play the Reds and beat them in a five game series, while the Diamondbacks and Randy Johnson would beat the Astros in a five game series. Atlanta will win the National League title and go back to the World Series for the fifth time in the '90s.

The American League would have the Yankees playing the Rangers, while the Indians would play the Red Sox. Boston and New York will win their respective series and battle for the AL title. In that seven game series, the Yankees will not be able to beat Pedro or Ramon Martinez. Roger Clemens will continue his overpriced play and help pave the way for the Sox to win the AL. Red Sox win that series 4-2. The MVP is Pedro Martinez.

The Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox will battle in a great World Series. Kevin Millwood dominated Boston this year and will do the same in October. Maddux is still Maddux and no one can touch him when he is on target. Tom Glavine will come on when he is needed, and John Smoltz will round out the Atlanta rotation. Terry Mulholland will head back to the bullpen that could be the best in baseball.

That's right, Atlanta's pen could be the best in baseball this year. Kerry Lightenberg is back, although not a 100 percent. John Rocker is dominant. Terry Mulholland, Kevin McGlinchy, Russ Springer and Mike Remlinger are great set-up men.

Boston also has an admirable pen with Rod Beck. However, Atlanta owned Beck in last year's NL playoffs and will do the same this year. Chipper Jones, Andruw Jones, Gerald Williams, Brian Jordan, Ryan Klesko and Jose Hernandez will provide the bats for Atlanta. Andruw Jones will prove to the world why he is the best center fielder in baseball.

Atlanta wins the series 4-3 in one of the best World Series in years.

The Middle Tennessee State-Troy game, which kicks off at 6:05 p.m., will be televised live on College Sports-Southeast.

MT in 1999 (1-3)

- MT in 1999 (1-3)
- @ Mississippi St. 7-40
- @ Arizona 19-34
- WOFFORD 52-42
- @ Louisiana-Lafayette 31-45
- TROY STATE 6 p.m.
- @ Arkansas 6 p.m.
- @ Louisiana Tech 3 p.m.
- @ Louisiana-Monroe 2 p.m.
- UT-MARTIN 6 p.m.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA 6 p.m.
- EAST TENNESSEE 6 p.m.

TSU in 1999 (3-0)

- TSU in 1999 (3-0)
- @ Cincinnati 31-24
- @ Alabama State 27-20
- SOUTH FLORIDA 41-24
- @ MTSU 6 p.m.
- NORTHWESTERN STATE 6 p.m.
- @ SW Texas 3 p.m.
- SAM HOUSTON STATE 3 p.m.
- @ Nicholls State 6:30 p.m.
- STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 11 a.m.
- @ McNeese St. 7 p.m.
- JACKSONVILLE STATE 1 p.m.

We gotta make plays on defense, We gotta execute.
Andy McCollum

Statistics

- First Downs
MT-86 TSU-60
- Points per game
MT-27.2 TSU-33
- Rushing per game
MT-134.2 TSU-216.7
- Passing per game
MT-267 TSU-199.7
- Offense
MT-401.2 TSU-416.3
- Turnover Margin
MT- (-2) TSU- (-3)
- Total defense
MT-440 TSU-309.3
- Rush defense
MT-237.5 TSU-111.7
- Pass defense
MT-202.5 TSU-197.7

The Blue Raiders have not lost a homecoming game since 1987 when they lost to Youngstown State 17-16

MTSU Blue Raider Starters

Offense:	Defense:	Special Teams:
Quarterback 17 Wes Counts (6-1, 184)	Linebacker 25 Keith Pauldo (5-11, 248)	Punter 49 Keegan Ray (6-2, 226)
Fullback 48 Jason Spray (5-10, 218)	Linebacker 43 Marcus Harvey (6-3, 220)	PK 49 Keegan Ray (6-2, 226)
Tailback 21 Jamison Palmer (6-0, 211)	Left End 95 Terrence King (6-1, 282)	DS 86 Wes Stephens (6-4, 240)
X Receiver 3 Hansford Johnson (5-8, 162)	Tackle 64 Martez Phelps (6-2, 279)	FGXPT 56 Chris Matussek (5-10, 190)
H Receiver 27 Tyrone Calico (6-4, 206)	Right End 89 Jeff Thomas (6-3, 274)	H 80 David Youell (5-11, 172)
Z Receiver 9 Rashaad Craft (6-0, 192)	Linebacker 6 Eugene Shaw (5-10, 210)	KR 19 Jykine Bradley (5-10, 172)
Left Tackle 62 Chris Howington (6-3, 278)	Linebacker 38 Kendall Solomon (5-11, 202)	PR 21 Jamison Palmer (6-0, 211)
Left Guard 61 Reggie Primas (6-1, 286)	Left Corner 19 Jykine Bradley (5-10, 172)	PR 3 Hansford Johnson (5-8, 162)
Center 69 Brock Lillis (6-2, 282)	Strong Safety 24 Delvin Pikes (5-11, 172)	
Right Guard 77 Kevin Pascoe (6-3, 283)	Free Safety 26 Mario Keiso (6-0, 191)	
Right Tackle 67 Barry Hall (6-6, 292)	Right Corner 7 Keith Dollar (5-11, 198)	
Tight End 84 Xavier Hatnot (6-3, 235)		

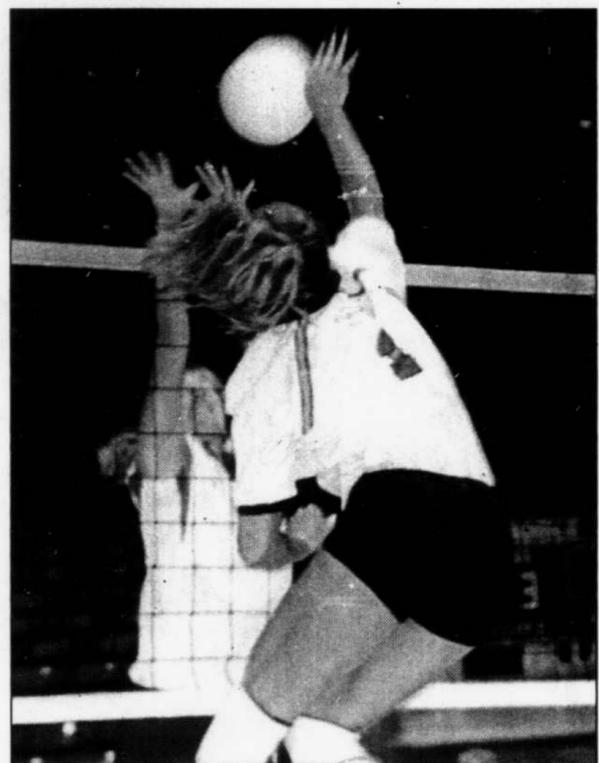


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Erin Hillstrom in MTSU's win over Belmont, see page 11 for story

MTSU Lady Raiders defeat Lady Bruins, improve to 8-7

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders improved their overall record to 8-7 with a 3-1 (15-8, 11-15, 15-3, 15-12) victory over Belmont University Tuesday night.

After trailing in the first match 4-2, the Lady Raiders scored five straight points to take a 7-4 lead. Kelly Smith had two kills during the run, and Erin Hillstrom contributed a block and an ace.

The Lady Bruins battled back, making the score 8-7, but this is as close as Belmont would get. Led by Kelly Smith, the Lady Raiders went on a 7-1 run, making the final score 15-7. Smith had three kills and a block during the run.

"We got the job done," Smith said after the game. "The match could've ended a lot quicker. We played with them a little bit."

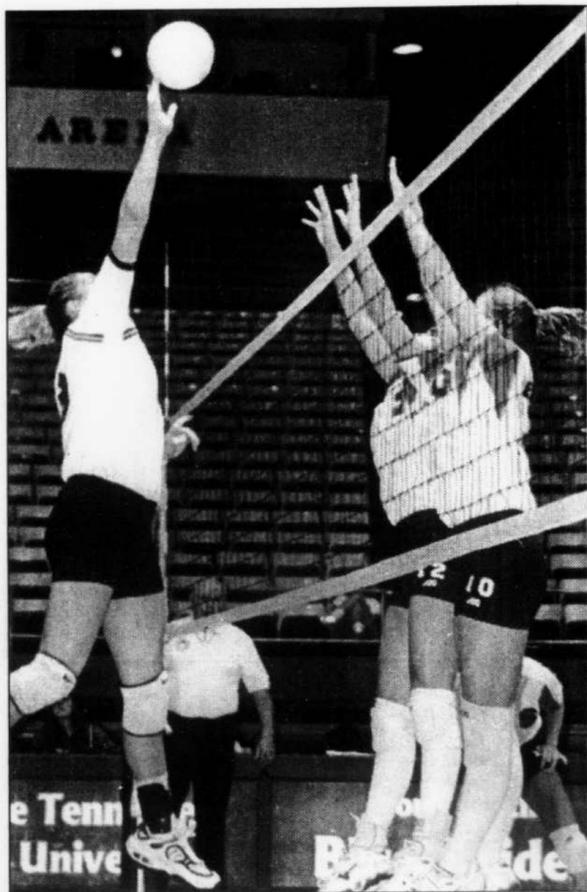
The Lady Raiders didn't fare as well in the second match. After battling back to tie the game three separate times, at 6, 9 and 11, Belmont scored the final four points, winning the match 15-11.

Lindsey Reece put Belmont up for good at 12-11 with a block, while Katie Nicholson scored Belmont's final point with an ace.

Unlike game two, the Lady Raiders fared well in game three. Behind the play of Smith and LaTresa Cunningham, the Lady Raiders ended match three quickly, 15-3. Smith contributed a block and a kill, and Cunningham contributed two kills.

The Lady Raiders earned a hard fought victory in game four. Led by Lindsay Pritchard, the Lady Raiders jumped out to a 13-7 lead.

Belmont scored five straight points, making the score 13-12. The Lady Raiders were finally able to get the serve back and finish off



Kelly Smith puts it past Belmont Tuesday

Photo by Zack Milligan

the match, 15-12.

Head coach Lisa Kissew was not pleased with the Lady Raiders' effort.

"This is the ugliest match I've seen this year. If we play like this this weekend, we'll get our ass

kicked. The tempo was not there, and our mind set was not good."

The Lady Raiders next play tomorrow at Tennessee-Martin. The next home game isn't until Oct. 16 when the Lady Raiders host Austin Peay at 2 p.m. ■

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Golf team finishes third at Precept Peach Invitational

Staff Reports

In the first golf tournament of the fall season, Middle Tennessee finished third at the Precept Peach Invitational after enjoying an early first round lead on Monday. The Blue Raiders shot a total of 577 (283-294) to finish seven shots behind tournament winner Alabama-Birmingham. The tournament was played at The Golf Club at Cuscowilla, Ga.

"We just didn't play as consistently as we did on Monday," head coach Johnny Moore said. "We still had three guys finish in the top 13, which tells you a lot about the quality

of this tournament. Overall, I am very proud of the way we played in our first competition of the year."

Senior Brett Alexander and sophomore J.R. Wade paced the Blue Raiders with two rounds of 71 to finish in a tie for fifth place. University of Tennessee transfer Matt McWilliams ended the tournament in a tie for 13th after shooting a five over par 75 on Tuesday.

The Blue Raiders will compete next in the Hillmans Robbins Memorial Invitational on Oct. 4 and 5. The tournament was scheduled to be played in Millington, TN, at Big Creek Golf Course, but has since been moved to a course in Tupelo, MS.

Players suspended during fraud investigation

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Four Tennessee redshirt freshmen football players have been suspended indefinitely as a result of an internal academic fraud investigation, according to ESPN.

ESPN reported Sunday night that it has obtained internal memos showing high-level administrators in Tennessee's athletic department were told of four tutors who may have done school work for at least five football players, possibly violating the university's honor code and NCAA rules.

Three of the players have transferred, according to ESPN. The alleged incidents date to 1995.

None of the information was passed on to the proper campus authorities charged with investigating possible rules infractions, said Malcolm McInnis, NCAA compliance officer for Tennessee.

"All of those incidents should have been investigated and resolved," McInnis told ESPN.

NCAA rules require member schools to follow school procedures in investigating and report any rules violations.

McInnis and Carl Asp, Tennessee's NCAA faculty athletic representative, say they did not know about the documents until contacted by ESPN.

"I should have been part of that loop," Asp said. "If the (memos) are in writing, I should have been copied and the notes passed on to me. I should be informed of anything, even if nothing's wrong."

Asp said Tennessee's internal investigation is focusing on Ron Payne, a longtime tutor who has worked with hundreds of football players for more than a decade.

Last December, she sent a memo to Dickey in which she said tutor Jenai Brown "admitted to me that she had been 'helping the guys with their papers.'"

Brown denied doing any work

for players she tutored.

According to memos obtained by ESPN, Wright cited five unidentified players she believed may have committed academic fraud - a defensive lineman, a linebacker, a receiver, a defensive back and a center.

The defensive back used an unapproved math tutor who admitted she had gone to his classes and taken notes, both "clear violations of rules," Wright said in a memo.

Wright left Tennessee for a better-paying job at Stephen F. Austin University in Texas, where she runs the tutoring program for all students.

"One reason I'm in Texas is because of that kind of thing," Wright said of the overzealous tutoring at Tennessee. "I worried that if I stayed there my reputation would be hurt."

On Saturday, Tennessee officials suspended redshirt freshmen Leonard Scott, Reggie Ridley, Keyon Whiteside and Ryan

Rowe before the seventh-ranked Volunteers' 17-16 victory over Memphis.

Athletics director Doug Dickey said in a news release that the school would hold the players out of competition until officials complete their own investigation.

"The University of Tennessee has received information which, if true, could affect the eligibility of four football players," said Dickey, who is unrelated to Gerry Dickey.

Tory Edge, a former Tennessee receiver who graduated in 1997, said he was aware of players who had papers written for them by tutors.

"Not with every tutor," Edge said. "But you get some guys who come up there just bleeding orange. They don't care - they just want to be around the football team. You got some young ladies who come up there who just think these guys are the greatest. And you got hormones flying and you got everything else going on except for academics." ■

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