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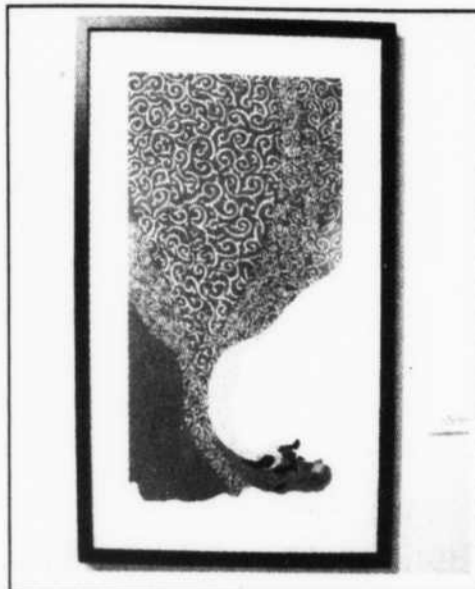
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The art of Masaaki and Chikako Tanaka has been displayed across the country, in cities including New York, Boston and Chicago. The techniques of the husband and wife stand in contrast, with Masaaki Tanaka very outgoing and Chikako Tanaka more subtle.



Photos by Blake Arnold | Art Director

The works of the Tanakas will be on display in the Art Gallery until Nov. 3, with a reception Saturday, Oct. 28.

## SGA hopes dead period will improve school spirit

By Wesley Murchison

Campus Administration Editor

In an effort to help students get more involved in campus activities, the MTSU Student Government Association overwhelmingly passed legislation to create a dead period at MTSU Thursday, Oct. 19.

A dead period is a one-hour block of time in which all classes are suspended for the free use of students.

"It is going to allow student organizations to bring in a whole new wave of students who won't necessarily be able to participate," said SGA Senator Gretchen Jenkins, who sponsored the resolution.

The intention of the dead period is to make it more convenient for students to participate in student activities on campus by suspending all classes for one hour on a weekday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., at least four times per semester.

"It is almost not worth the time if you're only going to do it twice," Jenkins said about reasoning for an amendment passed to the resolution increasing the minimum number of dead periods each semester from two to four.

"One of the reasons to have [the dead period] during the day is for commuter students," Jenkins said as to why she chose between the hours of 10 in the morning and four in the afternoon. "A lot of times we have meetings late at night and late in the afternoon and that deters students from wanting to participate."

"Increased participation in student activities would increase school spirit and morale," reads Resolution 8-06-E.

Jenkins clarified the point that the Scheduling Center, which is the office that would have to approve the resolution, would probably not avoid scheduling classes during the dead period. Professors would be required, instead, to cancel their classes for that block of time.

Other resolutions passed during the meeting included requiring the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association basketball tournament visitors to park at the new Rutherford Boulevard lot with a reserved Raider Express bus to shuttle them to the Murphy Center, the construction of a crosswalk on MTSU Boulevard connecting two sidewalks near the new gravel lots off Rutherford Boulevard and a new concrete walkway in front of the Health Services Building.

## Art of Japanese persuasion adorns walls of Todd Gallery

By Andy Harper

Campus Life Editor

Works of two internationally known Japanese artists are currently being displayed in the Todd Building Art Gallery through Nov. 3.

The works of the artists, Masaaki and Chikako Tanaka, have been displayed throughout the United States in cities including New York, Boston and Chicago. Masaaki Tanaka's artwork features prints and Chikako Tanaka's artwork features fine-brushed paintings.

"We don't often have an opportunity to see work of other cultures," said Lon Nuell, art professor and gallery director. "We recently presented works by Mexican-Americans which had a great community response. Similarly, we hoping the Japanese artists will expand our own vision of what other cultures and artists have to offer."

Like most artists, the Tanakas have specific interests in subject matter, Nuell said.

"The art is strongly set in the Japanese culture and festivals," Nuell said. "The artists use a penetration of color and shape to make things come alive."

According to Nuell, Masaaki Tanaka uses a more outgoing approach to his art, using subjects like festival fireworks and dancing dragons.

"Chikako is much quieter in terms of work," Nuell said. "She is very surreal. Many of her figures appear to be floating and she creates a little bit of mystery."

Both artists have been influenced by their travels throughout the world.

"They have a sense of composition and detail," Nuell said. "They incorporate various styles and create images that work."

Students' responses to the gallery and works have been favorable so far.

"The students are fascinated by what they see in the gallery," Nuell said. "Especially art majors, who understand the silkscreen technique that Masaaki uses."

The technique, Nuell said, sometimes requires Masaaki Tanaka to spend up to one month carving a stencil for only one color of a print.

The process for choosing artists to be displayed in the gallery consists of either people making suggestions or artists applying to be displayed.

"In the case of the Tanakas, a suggestion for them

to be displayed was made by professor [Kiyoshi] Kawahito in the economics department," Nuell said.

The artists live just outside of Japan. Masaaki Tanaka was born in Tokyo in 1947 and married his wife after both graduated from the Musashino Art University in the early 70s.

"Chikako was an artist when she and Masaaki married, but after they had children, she spent time raising her family [rather] than producing artwork," Nuell said. "After her kids had grown, she decided to pick back up her work."

In addition to art, Masaaki Tanaka is also a survivor of cancer. According to Nuell, Masaaki suffered from cancer of the esophagus, most likely caused by toxic printing materials.

"He is very cautious now," Nuell said. "He uses water-based, nontoxic ink and we are showing him how to use nontoxic photo screening to create some effect."

The gallery will be displaying Masaaki and Chikako Tanaka's works until Nov. 3, and will also feature a free reception which the artists will attend Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. until noon.

## Pulitzer Prize winner to visit MTSU

By Christina Runkel

Staff Writer

If Franklin D. Roosevelt were alive today would he read David McCullough's works? What about Napoleon? Heck, even Charlemagne might even enjoy a good read of "1776." They ought to, because, for McCullough, leadership is defined by how well you know your history.



McCullough

McCullough, two-time Pulitzer Prize winning author, will be giving a lecture about the "Qualities of Leadership" Tuesday night in the Tucker Theatre.

But don't let your memory of the long, boring history class drive you away.

McCullough describes the history that many Americans grew up hearing in a storyteller's voice rather than the dry, monotone lecture of classroom.

According to McCullough, a leader needs to be honest and have common sense, both of which

are sorely lacking in today's society. He also believes that leaders need to have a sense of their history, specifically pointing out George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman - all of whom loved and studied history.

Robert Hunt, MT history professor, notes McCullough's skill of describing historical events in a way that can be related to today's students.

"One of the things McCullough does well is that he is a good storyteller. His story telling is in the mainstream of what most Americans like to see. In his stories themselves, he brings out the trials of the people," Hunt said.

In "John Adams" McCullough tells the story of a famous president, but also shows Adams as a man with shortcomings.

In the first chapter, McCullough writes, "John Adams was not a man of the world. He enjoyed no social standing. He was an awkward dancer and poor at cards. He never learned to flatter. He owned no ships or glass factory." McCullough's colorful past may have contributed to his type of historical writing that reads more like a novel. McCullough attended Yale at the same time accomplished authors John

O'Hara, John Hersey and Brendan Gill were instructors.

He often ate lunch with Thornton Wilder, after and playwright, and became inspired to write after reading a quote Wilder gave to the "Paris Review."

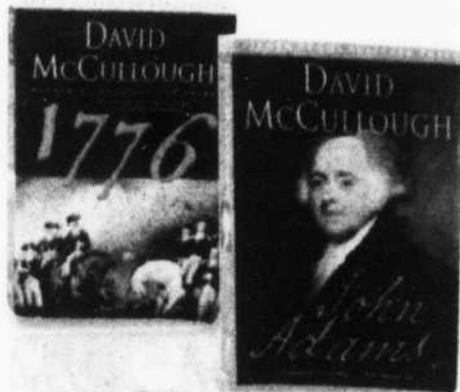
"I imagine a story I'd like to read in a book or see performed on the stage and if I find nobody has written it, I write it so I can read it in a book or perform it on the stage," Wilder said.

After graduating with an honors degree in English literature, McCullough began writing historical books, starting with "The Johnstown Flood." His son once told him, "Pop, I don't think you're going to be a great writer, because you had such a wonderful childhood, and all of our great writers have supposedly had miserable childhoods."

McCullough's books have never gone out of print and he is sometimes referred to as "America's Historian" - much to the chagrin of academic historians such as Bernard Bailyn, Gore Vidal and Ken Burns.

McCullough will speak to the historically curious Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Tucker Theatre. His lecture will be followed by a question and answer session and a book signing.

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# Health care in trouble, panel decides

By Josh Daughtery  
Staff Writer

Tennessee health care is in trouble, according to a consensus reached at the Rutherford County Candidates' Forum for Tennessee Health Care Thursday night, where a panel comprising medical professionals and state representatives spoke on the topic.

The panel discussion was held at the Patterson Park Community Center and moderated by Mark Byrnes, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Discussions such as last week's forum raise awareness for important issues, said Lori Smith, organizer Tennessee Health Care Campaign.

Forty-six million people are uninsured across the nation, despite health care safety nets that are in place to provide basic care, said Lori Smith, organizer of the Tennessee Health Care Campaign.

"Our safety net isn't providing that and people are dying," she said.

The three major problems with health care are access, cost and quality, said Richard Braun, director of the Cumberland Clinic in Crossville, Tenn., who participated in the forum. The health insurance industry is failing people because the companies are more worried about cost rather than helping people, he said.

"Health care is a basic human right," Braun said. "TennCare, which was once a model for the country, is now failing."

The state needs to look for a way to make the new health care programs CoverTN and AccessTN work, said Brian McGuire, legislative director of the American Association of Retired Persons. He said the concern is the benefits package and what kind of insurance people are able to get.

"The answer for health care is going to be at the national level," he said.

Rebecca Loveless, a physician assistant in various hospitals in Rutherford County, said she looks at things differently than other panel members since she works in the emergency room.

Though the TennCare cuts were good, reform is still needed, Loveless said. She cited several instances in which benefactors would use their



State Representatives and medical professionals participated in the Rutherford County Candidates' Forum last week. From left to right: Rebecca Loveless, Brian McGuire, Richard Braun, Mark Byrnes, Kent Coleman, John Hood, and Oscar Gardner.

TennCare benefits to receive drugs that are covered under the plan, but them sell the medicines for money.

"Health care is going down a very dangerous spiral," she said, adding that the remedy to the cycle should be a system of checks and balances.

The health care system needs more transparent pricing, said Rep. Kent Coleman (D-Murfreesboro). He also said there does not need to be any discrimination of product price based on the patient's medical condition.

"The only competition we have in

the system right now appears to be the competition to reduce costs and no competition to improve the quality of care," Coleman said.

The state is going to be faced with many challenges with CoverTN, said Rep. John Hood (D-Murfreesboro). The legislature is trying to resolve the TennCare problem in order for everyone to have affordable health care.

"[CoverTN] is not a cure all for everything, but it's a start," Hood said.

People are seeing the results of unhealthy lifestyles with the cost of

health care. The culture of health care needs to be changed, said Oscar Gardner, a Republican candidate for State House District 49.

"We have to pass down to our children that a lifetime of physical activity is important," he said.

The state needs to find a way to implement large insurance pools of similar people in order to keep the costs of premiums down.

"The governor [Phil Bredesen] eliminated 170,000 [people] from TennCare, but yet illegal aliens continue

to get free health care on the backs of the taxpayers. Why is that? I can't answer that question. We need to fix it," Gardner said.

Audience member Mary Sue Bennett posed the question of what happens to the people that fall through the cracks of TennCare and other state insurance programs.

The people that are getting hurt are the ones with a chronic illness, and part of the reason we have this problem is the amount of money the states willing to pay, Coleman said in response.

## Amnesty International chapter puts on dual-purpose benefit

### Student-hosted event raises money to aid Katrina victims, raise Darfur awareness

By Faith Franklin  
Staff Writer

MTSU students hosted an event to raise awareness for Amnesty International Friday night at Bluesboro Rhythm and Blues Co., a local bar and music club.

The benefit, An Evening of Art, Wine, Dine and Awareness, was to raise funds to aid in the student group's recent projects.

Amnesty International is the world's largest

human rights organization that is supported largely by local efforts, such as MTSU's student chapter.

The purpose for Friday night's events was to "highlight two key issues and to recruit new members," said Anna Manley, a junior political science major and director of the student group.

One issue addressed was the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts that seem to have been forgotten, Manley said. The funds of the event will be used to fund a trip to New Orleans on Nov. 2 for the

MTSU student group to meet up with members of other Amnesty International chapters.

Speakers also highlighted Amnesty's work with the Darfur initiative that includes hosting a Save Darfur awareness rally and candlelight vigil.

The evening's events included a showing of art from 2003 MTSU graduate Lori Hammett and performances by Will See and Nick Sharp. The Homegrown Band, Chace of Muzik Mafia and MTSU graduate Big Fella also performed.

Amnesty International's MTSU student chapter

exists "to raise awareness about human rights violations not only internationally, but across our nation as well," said Ginger Eades, a senior criminal justice major and member of the group, who was present Friday night.

"Students should get involved [in Amnesty International because] it most exemplifies the core principles of a humanitarian," said Helen Caddes, a senior political science major and women's rights coordinator for the group.

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# MTSU Student wins \$50,000 on 'Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?'

By Wesley Murchison

Campus Administration Editor

Many students have to make some serious financial decisions during their college career, but not like Jeremy Ives did last Friday when he sat across Meredith Vieira contemplating the answer to a \$100,000 question on the game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Jeremy Ives, Recording Industry Manager major, decided to walk away from that \$100,000 instead of losing \$25,000 while participating in "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" last Friday on WUXP at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone keeps telling me to invest it, buy a house or something," Jeremy said in a phone interview about what he is going to do with the money. "I have some debt. I'll probably pay some of that off."

Ives picked up where he left off from Thursday's episode at the \$25,000 question. The question was "In May 2006, a barn in what U.S. state was demolished as part of the FBI's ongoing search for Jim Hoffa? A) Illinois, B) New Jersey, C) New York, D) Michigan."

Ives opted to use his "Phone-A-Friend" lifeline to call his brother Jason after deliberating

over the question for several moments. His brother said he was "100 percent" certain that the answer was Michigan.

During the show, host Meredith Vieira joked with Jeremy for giving him the right answer.

"I took him out to dinner," Jeremy said. "A week after I was on the show he came down here to a hockey tournament. I think we are even seven."

Ives used his "50/50" lifeline to remove two incorrect answers in the next question: "The prehistoric catastrophe is believed by many scientists to be an early specimen of which of these animal types?"

After getting the last question correct, Jeremy decided to skip the \$100,000 question. "In Tom Wolfe's book, 'The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test' chronicles a 1964 road trip made by what author?"

Instead, he used the "Switch the Question" lifeline that is only given to contestants after correctly answering the \$25,000 question.

Even four months after the show was recorded, Jeremy still thought that Tom Wolfe's contemporary Hunter S. Thompson wrote the book.

"It shows you how much I know," Jeremy said.

The new \$100,000 question was "Which of these leading ladies has never appeared in a film directed by Woody Allen? A) Demi Moore, B) Holly Hunter, C) Charlize Theron and D) Victoria Ryder."

Ives contemplated the answer for a while, but eventually decided to "Walk Away," which is an option to keep the money one has already won.

"I was thinking, 'obviously I got 50 now, which is great, but it is not as good as it could be,'" Jeremy confessed. "I said to myself, 'come on, don't be an idiot.'"

"I just was clueless. I've never seen a Woody Allen flick in its entirety in my life," he said.

Jeremy admits he was "just joking" about being nervous on set and added that it surprised him how calm he felt while sitting center stage in that chair.

About being nervous, Jeremy said that he was just joking, the crew and staff of the show were extremely nice and that he was surprised he was as calm when he was sitting in the chair, center stage.

# Honors lecture to examine blame-shifting in catastrophes

By Josh Hudson

Staff Writer

Monday's honors lecture series will focus on where the responsibility lands for a dealing with the consequences of a natural disaster.

Harold Whiteside, a psychology professor, will deliver the lecture, which is titled "How Do We Decide Who to 'Blame' for Natural Disasters?"

"Basically what I will be speaking on is responsibility attribution, which is the process we go through to place blame on someone or something," Whiteside said.

There are several factors that are considered when determining the level of responsibility, Whiteside said.

One factor is deciding if the result of the act was unintended, such as if someone acted in a way that brought about a result they never could have foreseen.

However, if someone is aware that the negative consequence is a possibility and acts anyway, that tends to garner more blame, Whiteside said. More anger is directed toward an individual who acts with ill intentions than when the actions of one who is responsible are justified, such as in the case of self-defense.

All people have an attribution bias, Whiteside said. This means when someone sees something wrong, they find it easy to blame, and become angry with another, but if responsibility lies with themselves, they are more

likely to blame the result on someone else or a circumstance outside of their control.

"It has to do with a person's locus of control," Whiteside said. "Those who have an internal locus of control believe that they are in control of their lives and choose their own destiny. Those with an external locus of control believe their life is controlled by outside circumstances they have no control over."

Whiteside said he also plans to speak on a tendency of the majority after a natural disaster: blaming the victims.

"People sometimes place fault with the victim," Whiteside said. "For example, when Katrina happened, people would say things like, 'They knew it was below sea level. Why did they live there?' It all goes back to foresight. There were levees in place; nobody could have foreseen an event like that."

Whiteside's lecture will address more than just natural disasters.

"I hope people will walk away from this lecture and see that they have these same reactions in their everyday lives, especially [toward] those they are close to," said Whiteside.

Whiteside received his Doctorate in social psychology from Oklahoma State University and has taught at MTSU for 34 years. Monday will mark his 12th honors lecture given.

The lecture will begin at 3 p.m. Monday in the Paul W. Martin, Sr. Honors Building, Room 103.

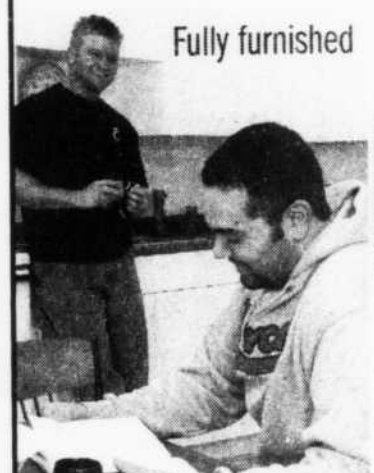


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# Study: 'Daily Show' breeds negativity

## Parody program also helps viewers understand politics

By Noel Rodriguez-Pak  
Staff Writer

A recent study found "The Daily Show," a news parody program on Comedy Central, could have a potentially negative effect on the outlook of politics for today's youth.

The study showed that people ages 18 to 24 that watched "The Daily Show" knew more about politics than others in their age group, according to Jody Baumgartner and Jonathan S. Morris, who conducted the East Carolina University study. However, that same group tended to have a negative outlook on politics.

At MTSU, students had differing opinions about the show in relation to the study's findings.

"I think that it's a good thing for people to see a negative view on politicians because [politicians] always try to spin the press to having everyone believe that everything they do is legitimate," said Derek Dell, a senior accounting major. "It puts a realistic and honest view on things."

The study showed that soft news had threatened the integrity of the democratic process by overemphasizing trivial events, downplaying significant public affairs issues, and oversimplifying the complex reality of these issues.

"I don't think that it's fair to say that 'The Daily Show' is putting a negative spin on things because there are so many avenues of information made available to people," said Graduate Student Jamey Arnold. "People with some sense should know better than to expose themselves to just one source and claim to be an 'expert' or knowledgeable on politics."

The reaction to "The Daily Show" is a two-sided coin. Some argue that the show, and others like it, create merely an illusion of their viewers' comprehensive political understanding.

Others, though, say the shows have exposed what would be a typically inattentive audience to traditional hard news.

"It seems like 'The Daily Show' is helping attract a younger audience, but some people need to

realize that it's all hype," said Lisa McNeal, alumna of political science. "It's like watching certain television stations that slant either right or left; they only show one side and if it's the only thing that you watch, then it becomes the only thing that you allow yourself to believe."

"For example, President Bush is always seen as an 'incompetent idiot,' but he must be doing something right because he was elected for a second-term," McNeal said.

The study also showed that "The Daily Show" is influencing the way people think about traditional "hard news" media, as well as their view on politics.

According to the study, the show portrays a distrustful and a cynical view toward politicians. The show capitalizes on the fact that

viewers do not feel overwhelmed by politics when the complex system is being mocked through humor.

"The Daily Show" did not have a completely negative impact on the viewers, the study found. Viewers that watched the



Photo courtesy of comedycentral.com

John Stewart is the host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central, a satirical news program targeting the 18- to 24-year-old demographic. A recent study found that the show breeds viewer negativity toward, but a greater understanding of, politics.

show had a greater understanding of politics than their counterparts.

Some viewers also did not limit themselves to watching "The Daily Show," but sought other sources for political news. They were also able to under-

stand the electoral process, as well as feel more confident about politics in general.

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Compiled by Faith Franklin, Staff Writer



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# OPINIONS

## From the Editorial Board

### We tried to write a headline, then we realized, "Who cares?"

The problem with the East Carolina University study on the "The Daily Show's" negative impact on its audience is that the apathy was already there. It is often said that age groups vote in percentages of their age. That is to say that 80 percent of 80-year-olds vote while 18 percent of 18-year-olds vote. And that is just in national elections.

If anything is making this generation of cool eye the voting booth with suspicion it's the fact that MTV calls itself music television but airs nothing but celebrity reality. I mean, what can make someone more cynical about reality than the life of a celebrity? (Hint: It's just low-production television with really good PR).

The truth is, shows like "The Daily Show" don't make people apathetic. These shows are appealing to a generation that fosters apathy as an extension of its image. What is ironically sad about this audience is that "The Daily Show" is much funnier when one is more informed about politics. That is why it should be no surprise to hear that many reputable journalists – such as Terry Gross, host of National Public Radio's "Fresh Air" – adore the show and its partner in parody "The Colbert Report." For these journalists, these examples of parody represent a way to not taking themselves too seriously. This is because, once again, many of the jokes that John Stewart and the rest make are not funny unless one knows what is going on.

When was it decided that humor is the cause of cynicism? One would think laughing at corrupt politicians would empower the people and demean the powerful – perhaps even enough for a national grassroots movement to take back the government? Here's for hoping.

However, we digress. Therefore, to our apathetic readers who have chosen not to vote or get involved in political activity, here is the low-down, dirty truth: Politicians lie to you. Broadcast networks spin the news. And "The Daily Show" is comedy. But really, does anyone care?

## Negative ads mislead; make informed choices

With just two weeks left until the midterm elections, candidates are attacking their political opponents in an effort to sway the votes of those who are still undecided. Much debate has arisen about the effectiveness of these negative ads. Voters usually vote for a candidate, but negative ads attempt to convince the electorate to vote against one particular candidate.

There are two types of negative advertising within political campaigns: those ads that reveal bad decisions by a politician, and ads created only for character assassination.

A candidate who voted for something like an exorbitant tax increase would fall victim to honest negative advertising. Character, assassination advertising is used to demonize one candidate.

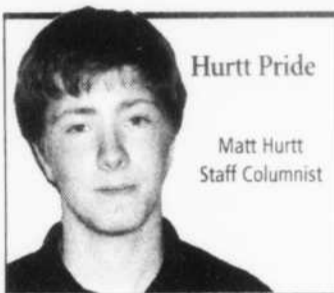
This character assassination method does one of two things: for those who already strongly support one candidate over another, attack ads from that candidate find success in demonizing his or her opponent, making the charged voter base hate their candidate's challenger; for those who are undecided, it often turns them away from voting altogether.

To relate this to Tennesseans, it would be easiest to examine the U.S. Senate race.

Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., Democrat, and former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker, Republican, have been attacking each other since the August primary.

Ford describes Corker as an illegal alien-hiring businessman with only his interests at heart. Corker paints Ford as the immoral spawn of a Memphis political machine.

While these accusations are based somewhat in truth, it is important that the voter know what is and is not true. Candidates do several things to obscure truth when attacking his or her opponent. Voters need to be aware of these things, and exercise caution when watching a negative ad or looking over a negative mail piece:



Hurtt Pride  
Matt Hurtt  
Staff Columnist

Candidates often accuse opponents of voting against important issues – like education and children, two particularly delicate issues. They take out of context a particular vote and expound upon it.

It is important for voters to look up the legislation and read it in context.

Candidates often misquote their opponent by slyly truncating a quotation from their opponent. Taking one word out of a statement can change the whole meaning.

Voters must find the actual statement and form their own opinion.

Candidates often make huge leaps of faith in order to connect their opponent with some scandal or disgraceful act.

Always study up on those issues. Oftentimes, that candidate has little to do with the actions of others.

The importance of free and democratic elections is immeasurable. It is each American's duty to go to the polls and make informed decisions. While negative campaign ads often turn away those undecided voters, it is important, nevertheless, to take into account the information presented in negative advertising.

Lastly, a word of advice: never meet a candidate for any office before you have first made up your mind. Politicians are trained in deception. Charm works great on your grandmother, but politicians know how to manipulate discussions and thoughts using charm. Do not be charmed into making an uninformed vote.

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"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

## Marriage amendment fueled by fear

This Halloween, be afraid, be very afraid: your neighbor might be gay.

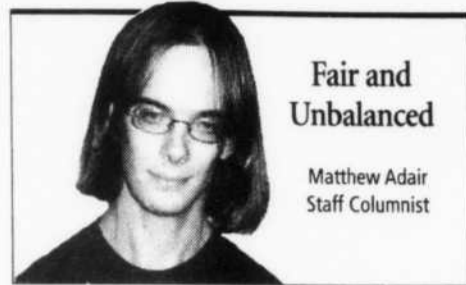
A new study from the Williams Institute on Sexual Orientation Law and Public Policy has found that the number of same-sex couples living in Tennessee has increased 33 percent since 2000, matching five other states that are proposing to ban gay marriage by constitutional amendment this November.

It's a fairly dramatic increase, and most are chalking it up to the fact that more people are more willing to be open about their sexual orientation than in past years. Which is wonderful – I'm sure we've all been taught that honesty is the best policy, and being honest about who you are is necessary to speaking the truth about just about everything else.

Some, like former State en. David Fowler, R-Signal Mountain, are shaking in their boots because of this honesty. While they keep a calm face for the camera and insist that the growing visibility of gay and lesbian Tennesseans as neighbors and not some mysterious "other" doesn't affect their convictions or those of their constituents, they're really pretty scared.

If they weren't afraid, why would they bring out James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family, to preach to the choir about supporting the ban?

Dobson, as well as others, seems bent on making it look like everyone who opposes



Fair and Unbalanced  
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their amendment is a dangerous radical wanting to bring about the end of the world as we know it when in reality, a growing number of churchgoers believe that their God isn't one to close doors on anyone, so why should they?

There is a lot of heated debate here, with a lot of people who are confident on where they stand. I lack an intimate understanding of the Bible, and I would be foolish to try and familiarize myself with it in a matter of hours in order to argue against someone using it as his or her evidence.

What I do understand is that, while we are a state and a nation governed on the rule of the majority, we also respect and consider the interests of the minority. People of nearly every political persuasion can also agree that this nation was founded on the principle that the government should keep its nose out of private affairs as much as possible.

Most importantly, we must understand that the ones forcing the issue of gay marriage are the very people who are opposed to it existing

at all. There has been no rush to legalize same-sex marriage in Tennessee, and only a few cases have come before courts in this state regarding same-sex partners who want to be legally married. The people opposing the amendment aren't forcing something that many Tennesseans disagree with. They only want to keep the debate open to find a way for everyone to reach an agreement.

Leaders like Dobson and Fowler would rather lie to us and convince us that a culture war is on; would rather kill the debate in its infancy instead of asking us to use our own faith and our own good judgment to decide what the right thing to do is. Instead of opening a discussion about what the word of God means and what faith is asking from us like the free-willed, intelligent beings we are, they prefer to follow blindly and never ask if they're doing what's good.

We shouldn't live in fear, especially of whether our neighbor is attracted to men, women or both. Regardless of if we think homosexuality is morally permissible or not, it should be a decision we come to ourselves, and it is one that we should allow others to decide for themselves as well.

After all, who's afraid of talking about love?

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## Letters to the Editor

### Immigrants work harder without griping

To the Editor:

In response to Lauren Street's letter, ["Convince 'illegals' to demand better pay," Oct. 19] I would like to respond with the following:

Ignorance knows no limits. Setting aside the blatantly racist aspects of Street's commentary, I am amazed at her grasp of the illegal immigrant issue. How does one become so well versed on the economics and motivation of employers and farmers?

Having managed a fast food restaurant, I had the opportunity to welcome several of our south-of-the-border friends to a new and often better life. By the way, anyone from this half of the world is an American. While I sometimes questioned the authenticity of the documents, every employee hired by me or the company for whom I worked met the requirements set down by our government.

In addition, every employee hired by me or the company for whom I worked was paid at least minimum wage and overtime. They were also given equal opportunity to advance. In fact, one of my new hires is now a shift manager earning about \$9 per hour.

In my experience, the primary difference between an immigrant, and a citizen is that the immigrant has yet to be corrupted by the entitlement attitude infecting the citizens of our country. No matter how menial the task, an immigrant will gladly perform it, while the citizen will complain and gripe the entire time. I am sure Street may find some example where she was discriminated against, but before she fires back, she should ask herself how she would respond to her boss asking her to go clean feces off of a bathroom wall.

David Lyon  
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### Administration's policies should cost votes

To the Editor:

Matt Hurtt suggests that if the Republicans lose control of the House it will be because they failed to fulfill their 1994 "Contract with America." ["Breach of 'Contract' may hurt Republicans," Oct. 19.]

The effective memory of the electorate is notoriously short; it is unlikely that more than a small fraction of 1 percent of the voters this November will even recall that "Contract" when they go to the polls.

There are plenty of much more current misdeeds and failures of the Bush administration to turn the voters away, such as the unjust and illegal war that the president got us into on grounds that all turned out to be lies; or the illegal program of domestic spying and wiretapping; or the energy policy crafted by Enron and Big Oil; or the "Clear Skies Initiative," the real and intended effect of which was to disable the anti-pollution laws and leave polluters free rein; or the "Healthy Forests Initiative" to allow virtually unrestricted clear-cutting; or the "No

Child Left Behind" law designed to undermine public schools.

Above all, the "prosperity," more than 100 percent of the benefits are going to the very rich, with the rest of us being worse off.

President George W. Bush said recently that they will not allow the Democrats to get control. If that is true, it surely means that the Republicans are prepared to fraudulently alter the vote totals in those districts where there is no paper trail, and to resort once again to thuggery to keep Democrats away from the polls where there is a paper trail. If they are able to do this, then they may retain and even increase their majorities in Congress; but if the votes are counted as cast, they are in trouble.

Bret Hooper  
Class of 1979, 1984 and Special Graduate Student

### Take measures to prevent vote tampering

To the Editor:

With the advent of more electronic ballots in the latest elections, surely we trust that our votes will be counted accurately. However, you will be mistaken to believe that machines will solve the problems of butterfly ballots and other election mishaps. Don't get me wrong. I like using voting machines as opposed to filling in the bubble on a sheet of paper, and I love the feeling of pushing the final vote button fulfilling my duty as a citizen of this great country.

However, we cannot just assume that our vote counts in the election upon submission. Remember, machines were made by imperfect human beings who make errors and are subject to partisanship. An error can be made in the imputing of language for the machine, or an extremely partisan individual may tamper with these machines. Because of these potential problems, as Americans we should put forth measures that protect votes.

First of all, voters should receive a receipt after they vote. By providing a tangible piece of paper, voters can verify that they did, in fact, vote for whom they intended. The Federal Election Commission and state commissions, or some oversight board, should perform random, surprise audits of precincts to check that election procedures are followed properly. If the FEC and the Tennessee Elections Commission can audit political party contributions, why can't they audit elections? All parties with candidates can have representatives at the locations where the audits take place. If problems do occur, the FEC or local commission can grade the severity of the irregularities.

For example, the FEC can take actions by throwing out the election results and allowing communities, allowing the precinct to vote again. By implementing some of these measures, we can ensure that elections reflect the views of the citizens.

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# FEATURES

Monday: *Campus & Community*

## Students take the night watch Patrol becomes 'eyes and ears' of campus when sun goes down



Photo by Blake Arnold | Art Director

Student patrol corporal Ashley Tabolinsky and field training officer David Shinn patrol the second floor of Cope Administration Building as part of their nightly beat.

By Becca Cook

Contributing Writer

It's late at night and the street lamps are dim. Night classes have ended and a few scattered students are making their way in the dark to their cars, residence halls or another building on campus. Walnut Grove is full of mysterious noises and the Quad seems to be extra quiet.

This scenario is real for MTSU students every night. The tendency to leave a night class or meeting and walk alone in the dark is common to students. Many shuffle toward their cars or rooms at night without giving much thought to their surroundings.

Although the campus is statistically safe, the Department of Safety encourages students to take advantage of the free escort service provided by the department.

MTSU's Student Patrol Division, better known as the Raider Escorts, consists of 10 students who provide services such as escorting or patrolling buildings on campus. Sgt. Tom Wright heads the unit.

"The student patrol is the eyes and ears of the Public Safety Department," Wright says.

Although many members of the student patrol are criminal justice majors or minors, there are exceptions. Tony Bunker, a junior

computer science major, is one of the exceptions.

"I've been working for student patrol for seven months now, and I love every day of it," Bunker reveals. "It's very rewarding to get smiles from people just for being around. There aren't many other jobs on campus where you can actually bless someone's night."

Wright has nothing but praise for his patrolmen.

"Many of our students get their start here and go on to the big time," he says. "It is a chance for them to get experience in the field."

The student patrol is on duty from 6 p.m. to midnight every night of the week.

"If you feel unsafe walking past those times, you can still call the police department and have a full-time officer drive you," Bunker points out.

Students needing an escort have several ways of getting in touch with Bunker or one of his fellow escorts.

"Our escorts are completely free and can be reached by calling the police station at 898-2424 or simply using one of the emergency call boxes scattered around campus," Bunker explains.

The escort service provided by the student patrol does more than just escorting. Student patrol officers are in charge of securing buildings at night and unlocking in the morning.

"The student patrol has helped us solve many crimes in the past," Wright explains.

### Think you want to be a Student Patrol Officer?

For those interested in applying to become an officer with the MTSU Student Patrol, look over the following requirements and see if you qualify:

- U.S. citizenship
- High school graduate or equivalent
- No criminal record
- No release or discharge (other than honorable discharge) from any office of the armed forces of the United States
- Enrollment in at least one semester of classes during each semester, with the exception of the summer terms.
- Enrollment in at least one class during the summer session.
- Willingness to work a minimum of 18 hours (three evenings) per week, including some holidays and weekends as the need arises.

Additionally, applicants who are considered for employment will have their fingerprints taken by MTSU Public Safety. Fingerprints will then be reviewed and filed by the TBI and FBI. Applicants will also pass a background investigation. Interested applicants should submit an application to MTSU Public Safety.

Source: <http://police.mtsu.edu/employmentstudentpatrol.htm>

With the student patrol around, criminals have their work cut out for them. The community stays safe thanks to the work of our men and women in blue.

For many students, awareness of the Raider Escorts provides relief and security.

"The escort service makes me more confident about whenever my girlfriend has to walk across campus at night," says sophomore Gray Sanborn. "It really helps to know that whenever I can't walk her back to her dorm that she'll be safe."

The major question that comes to mind is why more students aren't using the service.

Trina Daniel, a senior psychology major, doesn't think she would use the service.

"I would never put myself in a situation to need one, and I wouldn't want them to think of me as a wimp for calling them," she explains.

Bunker and his fellow escorts would rather students call them than to make the trek across campus alone.

"If someone has to walk alone at night, we would much rather them call us for an escort, just to be safe. Walking alone just isn't worth the risk," he says.

For the student who insists on not using an escort, there are other options and ways to ensure safety on campus, including the Raider Xpress, which runs until 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 6 p.m. on Fridays.

With their own private fleet of blue looking out for them, however, there should be nothing left for students to worry about — except perhaps the big test next week.

## Bike thefts can be easily prevented

By Stacey Carr

Staff Writer

A bicycle is perhaps the most efficient way to get around campus — that is, if you can find it when you get out of class.

Since the beginning of this semester, there have been nine incidents involving bicycle theft on campus, which is closely in step with past semesters.

"On average there are 20-30 bikes stolen a semester," said campus police detective Matt Foster. "It is not uncommon."

While stealing a bicycle may seem like a childish and petty crime, it's serious business on the MTSU campus, as a stolen bike can be both profitable and useful to the thief.

"You get a group that goes around and steals them and sells them for parts, and then you get people that steal them to ride," Foster said.

While it might seem easy to spot your bike if you see Joe Stickyfingers riding it through the Quad, Foster said many students don't even pay attention to the most basic details about their precious two-wheelers.

"It's amazing to me that a lot of people don't even know the brand of their bike," he said. "They can tell me if it's red, blue or green, and that's it."

It also makes one wonder how many of these people just thought they lost their bicycles.

There are success stories, however, amidst the thefts: Last week, for instance, a bike that was stolen in front of the Keathley University Center was recovered and returned to its owner.

According to Foster, education is the key to preventing such simple crimes on campus. There are specific steps that students can take in order to help ensure their bike's safety.

Campus police offer a bike registration process in which students are encouraged to take part. Students provide the bicycle's make, model and serial number and then receive an identification sticker to place on their bike.

"That way, if [a bike] does come up stolen and we can locate it, then we can trace it," Foster said.

It's also important for each bike owner to write down the serial number and know the make and model of his or her bicycle, so that if it does come up stolen, it can be reported effectively.

Oh, and don't expect to find your bike waiting for you after class if you don't lock it up. As part of increasing bicycle awareness, Foster wants students to know that strong, secure locks are the best way to prevent having your bike stolen.

"The cheaper the lock, the more likely it will get taken because it is easier to snap the locks," he said. He recommended the U-Bolt Kryptonite lock for students.

While bikes are being stolen at an average rate, it is possible to reduce that rate drastically with some simple steps to register bikes and a little common sense. That way, you won't get stuck walking when you could have been cruising.

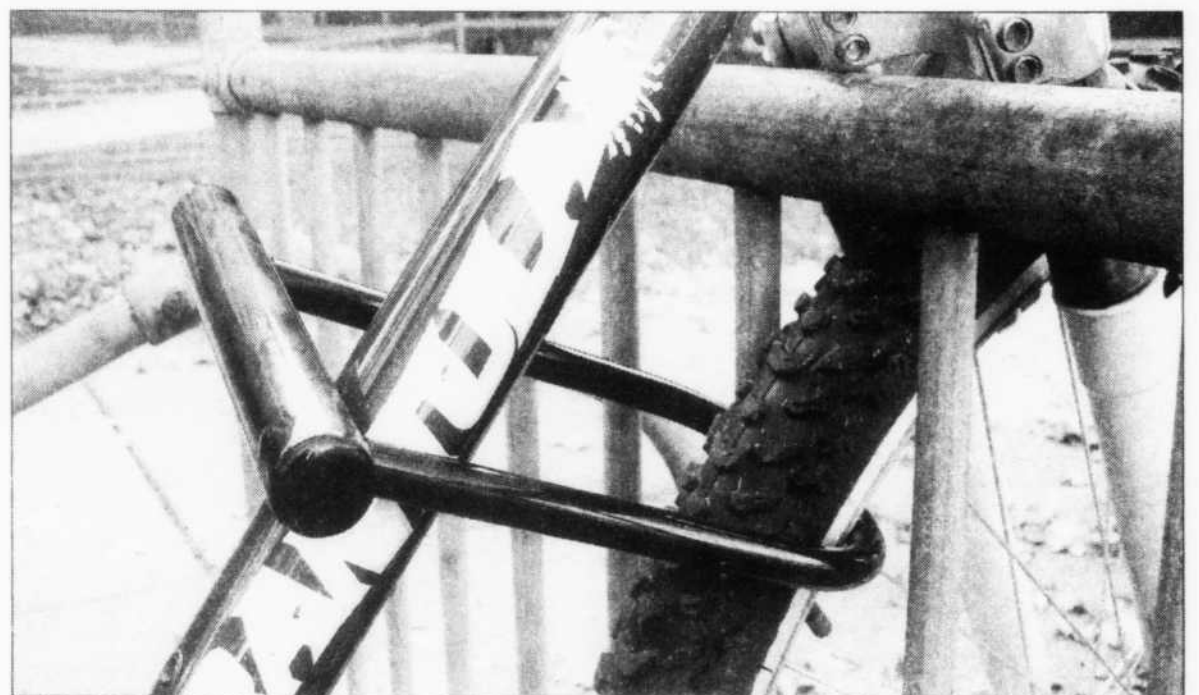


Photo by Colby Sledge | Features Editor

MTSU Public Safety recommends using a U-Bolt lock like the one above to ensure your beloved bicycle doesn't fall through the hands.

### Location of bike thefts this semester

There have been nine bike-related thefts throughout the campus since the start of the fall semester through Oct. 15. Below are the days the thefts were reported to MTSU Campus Police and the locations of the incidents as indicated on the map to the left:

- Sept. 5 Mass Comm Building
- Sept. 7 James E. Walker Library (bike tire)
- Sept. 14 Coaches' Parking Lot
- Sept. 17 Gore Hall
- Sept. 18 Lyon Hall
- Sept. 23 Telecom Building
- Sept. 25 Stark Agriculture Building
- Sept. 25 Wright Music Building
- Oct. 10 Kirksey Old Main

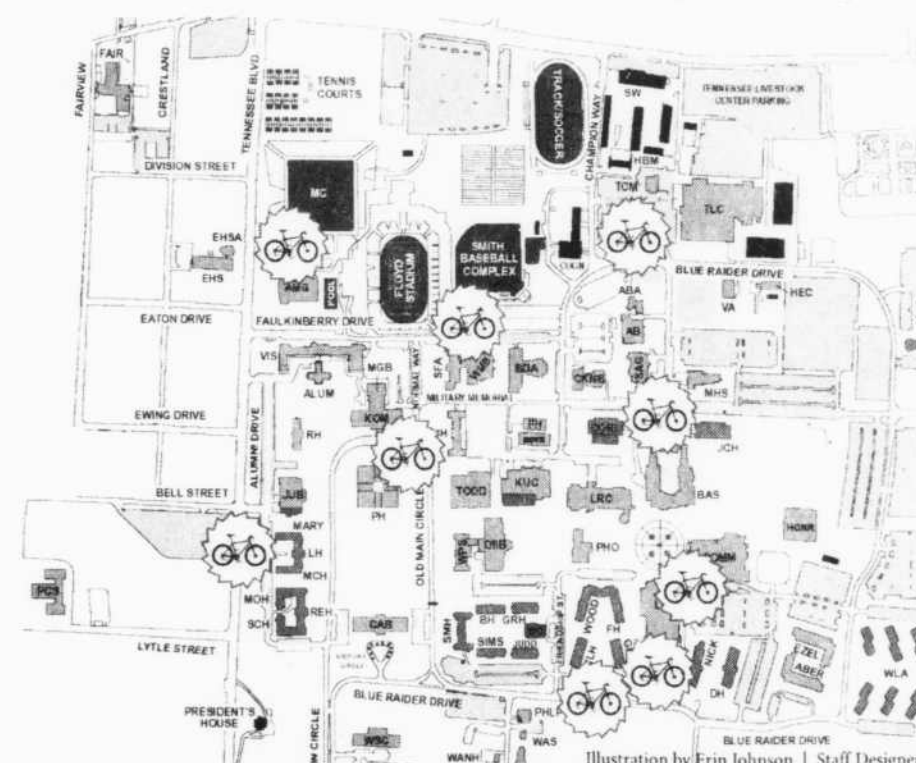


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# SPORTS

## Raiders rally to defeat ULM

Saturday, October 21  
**MT 35**  
**ULM 21**

Next Game at  
 Louisiana-Lafayette,  
 October 28

By Casey Brown  
 Staff Writer

MONROE, La. — Winning on the road is never an easy task, especially when said win occurs in come-from-behind fashion.

Middle Tennessee was up to the task, however, as the Blue Raiders used a second-half offensive outburst and key stops on third down to defeat Louisiana-Monroe 35-21 at Malone Stadium Saturday.

In yet another statement to the rest of the Sun Belt Conference, MT overcame three early turnovers and posted 21 unanswered points in the second half to stun the Warhawks, who held a 21-14 advantage at halftime.

"We didn't panic and come in at halftime yelling and screaming," MT head coach Rick Stockstill said. "We were smart about it and we made adjustments."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Blue Raiders engineered an 84-yard, 11-play drive behind the arm of quarterback Clint Marks, who completed all six passes of the drive.

MT scored the game's first points when Marks capped the drive by finding Jay Robinson for a 7-yard touchdown strike, Robinson's first career TD as a Blue Raider. Colby Smith's extra point attempt put MT up 7-0 just over a minute into the second quarter.

With a defense that had not allowed a touchdown in 31 consecutive drives against Sun Belt opponents, it appeared that points would be tough to come by for the Warhawks.

ULM wasted little time in getting on the board, however, gaining 80 yards in nine plays. The score was knotted at 7-7 when Errol Hogan marched in from two yards out for the Warhawks.

On the next possession the Blue Raiders picked up where they had left off, this time utilizing the solid MT rushing attack

to methodically drive down the field into the red zone. Demarco McNair plunged into the end zone from three yards out to increase the Blue Raider lead to 14-7 on his seventh carry of the drive.

ULM was again able to level the contest, however, when Calvin Dawson's 3-yard run capped an 8-play, 80-yard drive. On the ensuing possession, a rare Eugene Gross fumble at the Middle Tennessee 29-yard line returned possession to the Warhawks.

The home team wasted little time in capitalizing, cashing in one play later when ULM quarterback Kinsmon Lancaster found J.J. McCoy for a 32-yard touchdown.

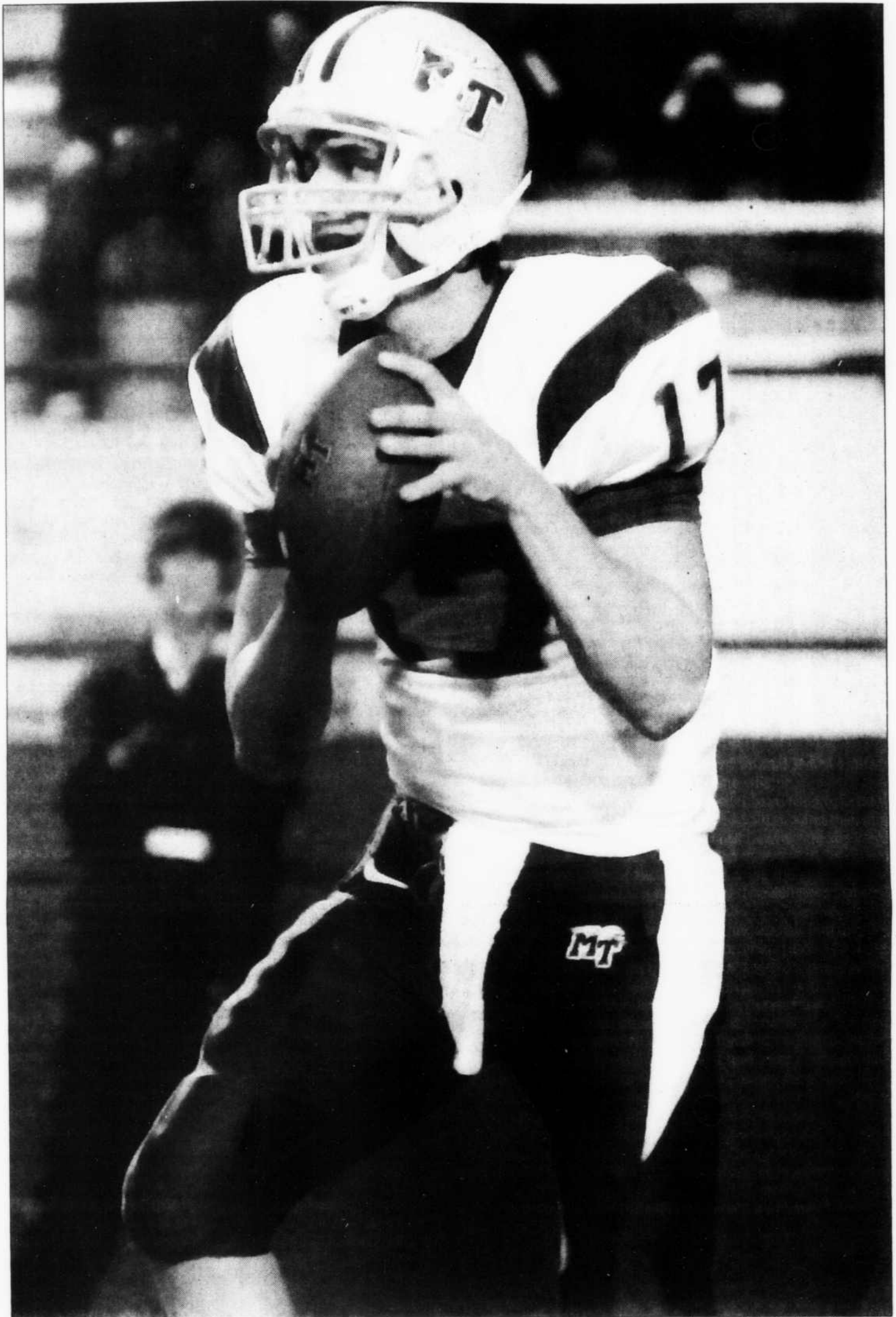
At halftime, a large number of late-arriving MT fans coincided with a reversal of fortune for the Blue Raiders. The defense forced a three-and-out on the first possession, and Gross led a 51-yard drive, culminating in the senior's 37th touchdown as a Blue Raider.

With the score all square at 21, the game began to break open for MT. Freshman Desmond Gee took a 54-yard Marks pass all the way, allowing the Blue Raiders to regain the lead. Gee finished with six receptions for 109 yards and a touchdown, making him the first 100-yard receiver under Stockstill.

The outcome was secured when McNair broke an 8-yard run with 6:38 remaining to give MT a 35-21 advantage. McNair established a personal best in single game yards with 91, on 18 carries. Gross found similar success on the ground, contributing 101 yards on 21 carries.

Marks was bitten by the interception bug again but otherwise posted good numbers, going 19-of-24 for 234 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Emotions ran high after the final horn sounded, as the Blue Raiders approached the bleachers, where a very vocal group of MTSU students serenaded the team with the school fight song.

With an important victory in the books, Stockstill and his staff will now turn an eye to Louisiana-Lafayette, next week's opponent and most likely some of MT's stiffest competition for an SBC crown.



Senior quarterback Clint Marks completed 19 of 24 passes for 234 yards and two touchdowns as Middle Tennessee beat Louisiana-Monroe 35-21 in Monroe, La., Saturday. Photo by Jay Richardson | Chief Photographer

### Louisiana-Lafayette sneaks by FAU 6-0; ASU routs North Texas

By Clarence Plank  
 Sports Editor

Louisiana-Lafayette 6 at Florida Atlantic 0

ULL (4-2, 1-0) only a needed a couple of field goals from kicker Drew Edmiston to beat FAU 6-0 Wednesday night on the road. ULL won its first Sun Belt Conference game of the season as quarterback Jerry Babb was 11-of-21 passing for 84 yards and one interception. Running back Tyrell Fenroy gained 97 yards on 18 carries. In the fourth quarter ULL scored on a punt return, but it was called back due to a holding penalty. ULL has won four straight games.

FAU (2-5, 1-1) quarterback Sean Clayton and went 8-of-15 for 62 yards in the air. Clayton was later replaced by Rusty Smith, who was 10-of-19 for 88 yards.

Next week: ULL will host Middle Tennessee Saturday at

home. FAU will host Arkansas State Saturday.

North Texas 10 at Arkansas State 29

ASU (5-2, 3-0) running back Reggie Arnold scored three touchdowns and rushed for 121 yards as ASU beat North Texas Saturday. Arnold carried the ball 25 times and scored all of his touchdowns in the second half. Quarterback Corey Leonard was 11-of-19 for 187 yards and one touchdown. Leonard also rushed for 77 yards. ASU outrushed UNT 279-160 as the Indians compiled yards of total offense.

UNT (2-5, 1-2) rallied but came up short after a penalty wiped out a touchdown and ASU sacked UNT quarterback Daniel Meager on fourth down.

UNT running back Jamario Thomas rushed for 119 yards on 21 carries.



### Raiders' newest secret weapon: Gee-52 long range stealth bomber



The Cynic

J. Owen Shipley  
 Staff Columnist

MONROE, La. — MT's first trip to ULM since 2001 had all the elements of a battlefield struggle with tactical bombers, parachuting supplies and, yes, even a secret weapon.

A low-level flyover by a B-52 during the national anthem foreshadowed the strange battle to come. Coast Guard helicopters swarmed the skies as a parachuting mascot bearing the game ball swooped in from above. ULM, it appeared, was trying to shock-and-awe the Blue Raiders into giving up.

The flyovers and aerial acrobatics were impressive, but the empty crowd made the effort seem misapplied. The fact that Malone Stadium holds over 30,000 fans but was close to 26,000 shy of a sellout made the pre-game psych-out laughable.

Imagine a 185,000-lb plane capable of carrying 38 tons of military payload (including nuclear weapons and cruise missiles) — and now imagine it parked at Disneyland, and painted like the Austin Powers jet.

The Warhawks themselves, at 1-4 on the season, aren't exactly a terrifying opponent. And though they played well, it quickly became apparent that MT's war wasn't with the Warhawks, but with themselves.

The old routine of turnovers and mistakes had MT reeling by the end of the second quarter as the 'Hawks clawed their way from behind. Offensive turnovers and somewhat relaxed play by the defense kept MT from playing to their potential early on.

ULM's 21-14 lead was not only surprising it was shocking. As a team, MT hasn't allowed more than six points in a game to any

unranked opponent, and this conference matchup was supposed to be a defensive struggle.

I don't know what the coaches said at halftime, but I do know it was something the Blue Raiders hadn't heard it in previous seasons. This was normally a game MT would have let slip away.

The suddenly dependable Blue Raiders came out on fire in the second half and pounded Monroe with 21 unanswered points. After they held ULM to four yards on their first drive, MT continued to dominate the 'Hawks throughout the second half, limiting them to just 49 yards on offense.

Gross and McNair took that momentum and led MT down the field on a 56-yard scoring drive to force the tie.

From the press box you could hear the ULM coaches next door screaming louder and louder every play. Much of what they said wasn't fit for print, however, and you'll just have to take my word that they were angrier than Ike Turner on PCP.

The biggest surprise of the game had to be the emergence of true freshman Desmond Gee as a receiver. The tailback's previous best receiving game consisted of two catches. Saturday's performance saw him break 100 yards on six catches, and his fourth quarter 54-yard touchdown catch was nothing short of breathtaking.

The pass from Marks was the kind most receivers give up on as being overthrown, but Gee hit some unknown sixth gear and found a way to get under the ball and into the end zone.

More incredible than his accelerating ability is the fact that Gee, at under 5'7", is the smallest player on the field and often smaller than much of the crowd. Even so, the undersized runner plays fearlessly and has a knack for producing tough yards. His number being called so often showed that Stockstill's coaching staff is still finding new ways to use MT's limited talent pool.

For the second game in a row the coaches exploited the talent of a unique player by making changes in the way they get him the ball. Damon Nickson played that role two weeks ago, as he pulled in 187 return yards against Louisville. ULM seemed to take care not to kick to him, but the one kick he got he turned into a 35-yard return.

# Intramural Soccer Playoff Schedule

## IFC A Soccer Playoffs

Monday at 9:30 p.m.

PIKE (A) VS. K A on Field 4

BETA (A) VS. SAE (A) on Field 5

Winners play in the finals at 11 p.m. on Field 4

## IFC B Soccer Playoffs

Monday at 7 p.m.

Pi Kappa Phi VS. SAE (B) on Field 4

Sigma Pi VS. ATO on Field 5

Winners play in the finals at 8:15 p.m. on Field 4

## Tuesday Men's A Soccer Playoffs

(Group 1) Kurds VS. Free Agents at 7:30 p.m. Field 4

(Group 2) Don Thava Team VS. Latin Lovers at 9 p.m. on Field 4

(Group 3) Team 1 VS. Easy C at 7:30 p.m. on Field 5

(G1 winner) VS. Top Gunz at 9 p.m. on Field 5

(G2 winner) VS. (G3 winner) at 10 p.m. on Field 4

G1/Top Gunz winner VS. G2/G3 winner at 11:15 p.m. on Field 4

## Wednesday Men's B Soccer Playoffs

(Group 1) BTS VS. Felder First Floor at 9 p.m. on Field 5

(Group 2) Britain VS. Saint Mina at 10 p.m. on Field 4

(Group 3) Better Than You VS. Alpha Omega at 11 p.m. on Field 5

(G1 winner) VS. Blue Crew at 9:45 p.m. on Field 4 Oct. 25

(G2 winner) VS. (G3 winner) at 9:45 p.m. on Field 5 Oct. 25

G1/Blue Crew winner VS. G2/G3 winner at 11 p.m. Oct 25

## Wednesday CO-REC B Playoffs

Blue Team VS. White Team at 8 p.m. on Field 4

At 9:15 p.m. on Field 4  
Blue Team/White Team winner VS. NE Southcentral United

## Thursday Women's Soccer Playoffs

(Group 1) Were Not Greek VS. Alpha Omega at 8 p.m.

(G1 winner) VS. A D Pi at 9:15 p.m. on Field 4

(Group 3) Lady Agents VS. Alpha Chi Omega at 8 p.m. on Field 5

G3 winner VS. G2 winner at 10:30 p.m. on Field 4

## Thursday CO-REC A Playoffs

(Group 1) Blue Crew VS. C-Town at 9 p.m. on Field 5

(Group 2) Hot Pockets VS. SuperFreaks at 10 pm on Field 5

G2 VS. G3 at 11p.m. on Field 5

# MT women's tennis doubles team goes undefeated at June Stewart Invitational

By Clarence Plank  
Sports Editor

Ann-Kristin Siljstrom and Marlene Chemin were the only duo that was undefeated Sunday in the June Stewart Invitational in Nashville, Tenn.

Out of a field of 17 teams, Siljstrom-Chemin was 4-0 in the round-robin format. They defeated University of Louisville's Jo Ann Van Aard and Maria Klokotsky, 8-4.

Blue Raiders Hala Sufi and Claudia Szabo lost to Arizona State's Rebecca Rankin and Nadia Abdula, 8-5 and MT's Elvira Yusupova and Stephanie Parkinson lost to Louisville's Natalia Baez and Bianca Gorbera, 8-3.

In singles action Middle Tennessee was winless, losing in seven straight sets. Baez lost to Pooja Kommireddi 6-3, 7-5. Chemin lost to Gorbea 6-1, 6-2 and Nadia Abdula won over Siljstrom 6-3, 6-2. Vanderbilt's 89th ranked Amanda Taylor beat Yusupova 6-1, 6-4. Florida International's Maria Pazo beat Szabo 6-0, 6-0. FIU's Priscilla Castillo beat Parkinson 6-1, 6-0 and Murray State's Rachael Lask beat Yusupova 6-1, 6-4.

Middle Tennessee won five of six doubles matches and one singles match Saturday. Sufi and Szabo won both their doubles match against Arizona State's Roxanne Clark and Laila Abdula, and defeated Louisville's Lauren Imre and Robyn White, 8-3.

Chemin and Siljstrom beat both of their opponents Arizona State's Nadia Abdula and Sabrina

Cappannalo and Gorbea and Baez, 8-6, respectively.

MT's Parkison and Yusupova split their doubles matches. They beat FIU's Pazo and Marijan Cutnik, 8-5, but lost to Louisville's Klokotsky and Van Aard, 8-3. Chemin was the only Blue Raider to win a singles match. She beat Arizona State's Amanda Martin 6-3, 6-2.

Vanderbilt's Catherine Newman defeated Blue Raider Sufi 6-1, 6-0. Yusupova lost to FIU's Castillo 1-6, 0-6 and Szabo lost to FIU's Shilla D'Armas 3-6, 0-6. Kommireddi lost to Vanderbilt's Hannah Blatt 1-6, 1-6. Arizona State's 50th ranked Clark beat Siljstrom 4-6, 2-6, while FIU's Pazo beat Parkison 1-6, 1-6.

Sufi won her singles match Friday, beating Arizona State's Rebecca Rankin 6-4, 6-1. She lost to Louisville's Klokotsky 5-7, 1-6. Yusupova beat Vanderbilt's Caroline Ferrell 6-0, 6-3 and lost to Louisville's Van Aard 4-6, 4-6.

Szabo lost to Vanderbilt's Courtney Uley 0-6, 2-6, then to Arizona State's Abdula 0-6, 0-6. Siljstrom lost both of her singles matches. She lost her first match to Vandy's 17th ranked Amanda Fish and lost to FIU's Egle Petrauskite 3-6, 6-1, 2-6. Kommireddi lost to Louisville's Gorbea 3-6, 3-6, but hurt her ankle and went out 2-4 to Murray State's Lask.

Chemin dropped both of her singles matches. She lost to FIU's Maria Vallasciani 1-6, 0-6 and then fell to Louisville's Baez 6-7 (9), 3-6, 1-6. Parkison lost to Arizona State's Laila Abdula 4-6,

1-6 and to Vandy's Liberty Sveke 1-6, 2-6.

In doubles action Sufi-Szabo beat FIU's Paula Zabala and Castillo, 8-4. Siljstrom-Chemin beat Vandy's Taka Berstrand-Ferrell 8-4. Yusupova-Parkison lost to Vanderbilt's Blatt-Newman, 8-2.

The June Stewart Invitational was the last game of Middle Tennessee women's fall tennis schedule.

## June Stewart Invitational Results:

### Singles

Natalia Baez (U) def. Pooja Kommireddi (MT), 6-3, 7-5  
Bianca Gorbea (U) def. Marlene Chemin (MT), 6-1, 6-2  
Nadia Abdala (ASU) def. Ann-Kristin Siljstrom (MT), 6-3, 6-2  
(89) Amanda Taylor (VU) def. Hala Sufi (MT), 6-3, 6-3  
Maria Pazo (FIU) def. Claudia Szabo (MT), 6-0, 6-0  
Priscilla Castillo (FIU) def. Stephanie Parkinson (MT), 6-1, 6-0  
Rachael Lask (MS) def. Elvira Yusupova (MT), 6-1, 6-4

### Doubles

Rebecca Rankin-Nadia Abdala (Arizona State) def. Hala Sufi-Claudia Szabo (MT), 8-5  
Ann-Kristin Siljstrom-Marlene Chemin (MT) def. Maria Klokotsky-Jo Ann Van Aard (Louisville), 8-4  
Natalia Baez-Bianca Gorbea (Louisville) def. Elvira Yusupova-Stephanie Parkinson (MT), 8-3

## A message from the MTSU Masters Swim Club after meet

Just like Elvis, the Middle Tennessee Masters Swim Club was "Taking Care of Business" at the Greater Memphis Masters Swimming Fall Invitational Open. Four of the 30 members of the MT Masters Swim Club competitive swim team competed at St. George's Independent School in Collierville, Tenn. Several swimmers were inspired by their trip to Graceland before the meet.

MT swimmers turned in a great performance. The Meet was held Oct. 15, 2006, and started at 2:30 p.m. Three swimmers placed and one swam exhibition:

### Male Division:

#### Chad Farmer

100 yd. Freestyle :55.07 1st

50 yd. Freestyle :25.59 1st

50 yd. Flystyle :25.39 1st

#### Adam Beasley

100 yd. Freestyle 1:10.03 1st

50 yd. Breast :32.02 1st

50 yd. Fly :25.63 2nd

### Female Division:

#### Bethany Powell

100 yd. Freestyle 1:13.82 1st

100 yd. I.M. 1:21.82 1st

50 yd. Freestyle :32.13 1st

50 yd. Back :32.85 2nd

### Other upcoming meets include:

\* Washington State University Pullman, Wash.  
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31, 2007

Music City Masters (Red & Green Meet) Nashville, Tenn.  
Dec. 2, 2006

University of Tennessee Meet  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
Dec. 2 and 3, 2006

Barbara Steven's Invitational  
(Western KY) Bowling Green, Ky.  
Jan. 21, 2007

\* TAM Postal Meet  
San Rafael, Calif.  
Jan 1 - 31, 2007

Auburn Invitational  
Auburn, Ala.  
Feb. 17 and 18, 2007

Iron Man Mike Invitational  
Lexington, Ky.  
Mar. 24 and 25, 2007

East Coast Swim Club  
Championships  
Atlanta, Ga.  
Mar. 30 and Apr. 1, 2007

United States Master's  
Championships  
Washington D.C.  
May 19 and 20, 2007

The MT Master's Swim Club is now offering memberships for the 2007 season. You must be 18 plus years old to join. The next meet will be the 2006 Louisville Short Course Meet held Nov. 4 and 5. This meet is the third leg of the TYR Grand Prix series.

For further information about the MTSU Master's Swim Club, contact: phone (898-2255) or email: (pfootit@mtsu.edu).

## HOUSING REAPPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR FALL 2007 / SPRING 2008

The Housing and Residential Life Office is now accepting housing reapplication forms from returning students for the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 academic year. Students are encouraged to reapply for housing as early as possible, particularly if they are requesting to move to a different location on campus next year, as new assignments are made by application date.

Students requesting to remain in their same location on campus next year will be given first priority to do so as long as their reapplication and \$300 prepaid rent deposit are received by the deadline. The reapplication deadline with priority for the 2007/2008 academic year is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007 at 4:00 PM.**

Students need to complete a reapplication form available in the Housing and Residential Life Office, pay the \$300 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor, and return the reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Students also have the option of reapplying for housing with priority online at [www.mtsu.edu](http://www.mtsu.edu). The \$300 prepaid rent is paid by using a credit card, MasterCard or Visa, or by completing an online check. There is an additional \$19 nonrefundable service fee charged by the third party for processing the payment online. Please note that the amount of the prepaid rent deposit has increased to \$300 for the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 academic year.

To obtain a **HOUSING REAPPLICATION FORM**, please come by the Housing and Residential Life office during office hours, 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday, in the Keathley University Center, Room 300.

\*\*Summer '07 Housing Applications are also available in the Housing Office. Reserve your summer space now by completing the housing application and submitting it with the \$125.00 prepaid rent deposit. It is not too early!!

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