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## Governor's School canceled statewide

By Lindsey Turner  
News Editor

MTSU's Governor's School for the Arts was eliminated due to a \$15 million budget cut in the Tenn. Department of Education, along with the eight other Governor's Schools statewide.

Governor Don Sundquist made the announcement Aug. 23.

"[The decision] was really tough," said Judith Morgan, information officer of the Tenn. Department of Education.

"There weren't any good choices we could make. These cuts were made because we

were forced to do them," she said.

The majority of the cuts were made in operational expenses, Morgan said. Two percent of the overall education budget is deemed "discretionary," and cuts are made there first.

"While the education budget seems very large," Morgan explained, "a lot of it is obligated by law and we can't cut it."

Other "discretionary" categories include travel expenses, high school test development, the Teacher's Academy for the Arts at Belmont University, summer vocational programs and proposed services to low-



performance schools. Elimination of the Governor's School saves the state \$750,000 annually. Terry Jolley, the director of MTSU's Governor's School for

the Arts, was notified of the governor's decision early Friday morning.

Jolley said he was extremely disappointed by the decision, but wants to extend his gratitude to all the students and faculty who made the program such a success in the past.

"I was under the impression they'd have it at least another year," he said.

"I can't tell you the number of e-mails and letters we have received from people who say it was the turning point of their lives."

Morgan said it's possible the program could be resurrected in the future, provided the

funding is available.

"The governor is hopeful that the general assembly will come back next year and pass some reasonable tax reform," she said.

Jolley - despite his hopes that the program will return to MTSU - fears there will be no office space left on campus for the Governor's School program if it is reinstated.

He has been involved with the program since it began 17 years ago, and was the director for the past year.

The program brought an average of 240 high school juniors and seniors to MTSU every summer. ♦

## Professor gives alum gift of life

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum  
Staff Writer

Teachers offer their students the gift of knowledge. For recent graduate Greg Maupin, an MTSU professor's gift will save his life.

Maupin and Mary Nichols, associate professor of Radio/TV/Photography, will both undergo surgery today at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Maupin is in need of a new kidney and Nichols decided over the summer to provide it.

"You don't have to be a saint to do this," Nichols said. "You just have to recognize the need and do something."

While Nichols is relatively new to the world of organ donation and transplants, Maupin, 30, isn't. Maupin's liver failed throughout his teenage years due to a genetic disorder. He received a new liver at age 18.

"I was telling Mary the other day, this is easy for me -

I've been through this once already," Maupin said.

It was Christmas time of Maupin's 18th year. He had been getting sicker and sicker as time passed.

"I looked like a pregnant man," he said. "My skin was yellow and I was so bloated."

If Maupin didn't get a new liver soon, he would die. He was placed on the donor waiting list.

Just three weeks later an unfortunate boating accident would take the life of a young man in Memphis who was the same age as Maupin.

"They were going under a bridge and he stood up and was decapitated," Maupin explained. Thus, Maupin received the organ he so desperately needed.

Maupin was put on a several medications to increase the likelihood his body would accept the liver, which took an unfortunate toll - it devastated his kidneys.

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## Who let the Raiders out?



The football season's first Raider Rally was kicked off with a performance by the Band of Blue. Coach Andy McCollum, his staff, cheerleaders and senior football players took the stage next, urging the Blue Raider faithful to be at Dudley Field in droves for the game against Vanderbilt tomorrow night.

The Baha Men, of *Who Let The Dogs Out* fame, then performed. The Bahamas natives play variations on a style of music called Junkanoo.

Photos by Rebecca Pickering | Staff

(Above) The Grammy Award-winning Baha Men perform at the semester's first Raider Rally.

(Right) Lightning jams with two members of the band.



Photo by Ken Robinson | MTSU Photographic Services

Kidney patient Greg Maupin and Amy Nichols, his donor, are scheduled for surgery today at Vanderbilt.

## Murphy Center marquee to be replaced

By Courtney Gundry  
Staff Writer

All who walk, drive or bike down Tennessee Boulevard in front of the Murphy Center pass by the run-down marquee towering over the street.

The sign has been out of operation since fall of last year. "It's just old and antiquated,"

said Ron Malone, manager of the Murphy Center.

The sign was erected in September 1984, nearly 12 years after the building opened in 1972. It contained only a "basic system."

According to Malone, it just wasn't worth replacing the old sign.

However, adequate funds

were needed before it could be replaced with a more high-tech system, thus the marquee remained unused.

A new sign is expected to be up and running by Sept. 12.

The new system is a Dectra Monochrome Outdoor LED Matrix Display from Dectronics out of Brookings, S.D. - one that is far more complex than

the old sign.

While the new marquee graphics will still be in black and white, the marquee will be able to display graphics, including starbursts and fades that the predecessor's system couldn't handle.

Dectronics will be sending specialists to give a full training session for those who will be

operating the sign in order to cover "all of the wonderful things that it can do," Malone added.

The sign is used for any event that takes place in the Murphy Center and - when working - is a good source of information for students who want to know what's happening on campus and when. ♦



Photo by Jason Cox | Staff

A replacement sign will be erected in September.

# WORLD BRIEFS

Compiled By Jason Cox - Assistant News Editor

## California town ordered to evacuate due to raging wildfire

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. (AP) Flames burned through houses and businesses after a fast-moving wildfire forced officials to evacuate more than half of this former mining town of 3,550.

Residents who fled Tuesday night with handfuls of belongings waited to hear if they still had homes.

They were ordered to evacuate after high wind fanned the blaze toward the town, about 200 miles north of San Francisco, said California Department of Forestry spokesman Steve Gasaway.

The fire had destroyed at least nine homes, businesses and garages. No injuries were reported.

About 100 miles to the south, a man suspected of starting a fire in which two firefighting pilots died when their planes clipped wings was expected to be arraigned Wednesday on murder charges.

The planes collided Monday over a blaze that may have broken out at an illegal methamphetamine lab in the woods near Hopland.

Frank Brady, 50, of Redwood Valley was charged with two counts of murder.

## FDA approves novel pacemaker-like device for heart failure

WASHINGTON (AP) Thousands of congestive heart failure patients may qualify for a groundbreaking new device, a groundpacemaker-like device that boosts the pumping power of their weakened hearts.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Medtronic Inc.'s InSync system Tuesday.

Pacemakers are widely used to zap hearts that beat too slowly or irregularly into a normal rhythm. But Medtronic beat two competing companies to the market a souped-up pacemaker that provides cardiac resynchronization, making a

struggling heart beat more normally by forcing its main pumping chambers to work together.

Cardiologists estimate as many as 650,000 patients could be candidates for the therapy.

## Plane crashes near Malaga airport in Spain, injuring dozens

MALAGA, Spain (AP) A passenger plane crash-landed on a road near the airport in this southern Spanish city, possibly killing three people, and injuring about 40, police said Wednesday.

The plane, with 41 passengers and three crew aboard, was traveling from Melilla, a Spanish enclave on the northern Moroccan coast, the spokeswoman said. She said several of the passengers were trapped inside the plane and that three were feared dead.

Firefighting units rushed to the scene of the accident, which occurred around 10 a.m. The

plane belonged to the Spanish Binter Mediterraneo airline, a subsidiary of national airline Iberia.

## Three Palestinians, one Israeli, killed in shootings

JERUSALEM (AP) Despite Israel's open-ended takeover of parts of a West Bank town, Palestinians fired mortars, machine guns and assault rifles from there at a nearby Jewish neighborhood overnight, drawing heavy Israeli return fire.

Elsewhere, three Palestinians and an Israeli were killed in separate shooting incidents early Wednesday. Among the dead were a Palestinian gunman, a Palestinian motorist police reported to have been shot by Jewish extremists, and an Israeli truck driver who was killed in a Palestinian shooting ambush.

The United States has demanded that Israel withdraw from the town of Beit Jalla and that the Palestinians hold their fire. ♦

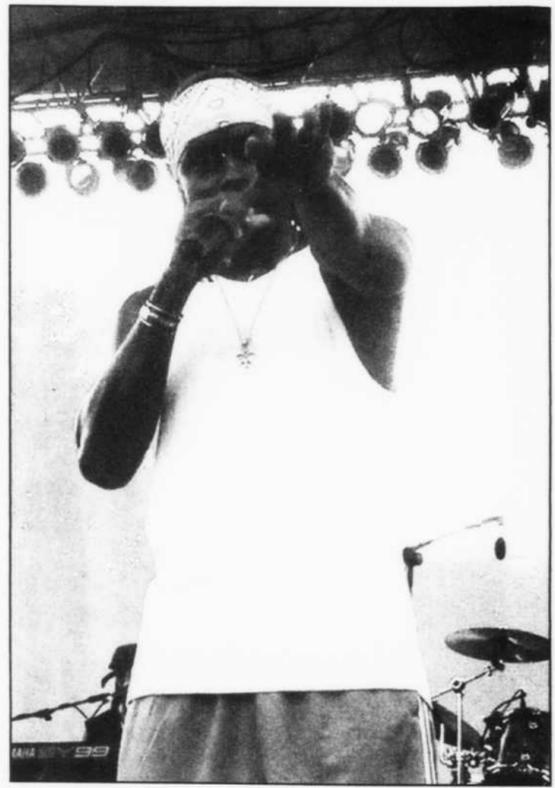


Photo by Rebecca Pickering | Staff  
The Baha Men came to campus yesterday to pump up students for the MTSU - Vanderbilt game today.

## Donor: Professor saw Maupin's need and 'wanted to help her student'

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Due to his failing health, Maupin left MTSU in 1999.

When Nichols saw him back on campus in November of 2000, he didn't look good.

"He just looked so tired," Nichols said.

Maupin was in the process of planning an organ donor awareness day on the MTSU campus and Nichols said she'd help. That got her thinking.

"My husband and I were driving home we started talking about getting tested."

Nichols and her husband Dan

Pfeifer, an associate professor of Recording Industry, both had the preliminary blood test done.

Pfeifer's blood type didn't match, but Nichols' did.

Nichols went on to the next step: a tissue type match.

She matched so well with Maupin that doctors immediately proceeded with overall-wellness exams on Nichols.

"There's nothing inside this body that hasn't been looked at," Nichols said with a laugh.

Nichols had Maupin in her first video production class at MTSU back in the spring of 1992.

"I just enjoyed that whole class experience," Nichols explained. "And Greg was a part of that."

Nichols kept in touch with many of her students over the years, including Maupin.

Generally, organ donors and transplant recipients don't know each other.

Maupin and Nichols agree they aren't even really close friends. Nichols simply saw Maupin's need and wanted to help her student.

"It's weird," Maupin said. "In a way, it's nice" to know the donor.

"Donors are unique individuals," said Bill Nylander, VU transplant surgeon. "They are willing to do things

others won't. They are heroes."

Kidney transplants are the most common transplant surgeries in the United States, according to the United Network for Organ Sharing.

Right now, 50,000 people are waiting for healthy kidneys, while about 13,000 people have received a new kidney this year.

Compared to other surgeries, kidney extraction operations are low risk for complications, Nylander said.

Nichols said this fact helped her make the decision to proceed. Also, a friend of Nichols' had recently donated a kidney to her husband.

"I called and talked to her and she

said 'Go for it.'"

After Nichols recovers, she plans to go straight back to her classes to complete the semester.

Maupin has to stay near VUMC for observation in case any problems arise.

"I've got to stay within spitting" distance for about six or seven days," he said.

He plans to come back to MTSU to get a teaching license.

He wants to teach middle or high school English.

To follow Maupin's and Nichols' recovery, go to [www.cafes.net/greg-maupinfoundation](http://www.cafes.net/greg-maupinfoundation). ♦

### Mandatory

## Student Organization Orientation Sessions



Tuesday, September 4  
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KUC 322

Wednesday, September 5  
5:00 - 6:00pm  
KUC 322

Organization presidents must attend one session to be registered as presidents with the Office of Student Organizations and Community Service.

For more info: call 904-8418 or come by KUC 306

## Myths and facts about organ donation

**Myth:** If emergency room doctors know you're an organ donor, they won't work as hard to save you.

**Fact:** If you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the number one priority is to save your life. Organ donation can only be considered if you die and after your family has been consulted.

**Myth:** When you're waiting for a transplant, your financial or celebrity status is as important as your medical status.

**Fact:** When you are on the transplant waiting list for a donor organ, what really counts is the severity of your illness, time spent waiting, blood type and other important medical information.

**Myth:** Having "organ donor" noted on your driver's license or carrying a donor card is all you have to do to become a donor.

**Fact:** While a signed donor card and a driver's license with an "organ donor" designation are legal documents, organ and tissue donation is always discussed with fami-

ly members prior to the donation. To ensure that your family understands your wishes, it is important that you share your decision to donate.

**Myth:** I am 60 years old. I am too old to be a donor.

**Fact:** People of all ages and medical histories should consider themselves potential donors. Your medical condition at the time of death will determine what organs and tissue can be donated.

**Myth:** My family will be charged for donating my organs.

**Fact:** There is no cost to the donor's family or estate for organ and tissue donation. Funeral costs remain the responsibility of the family.

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# OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Thursday, August 30, 2001

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From the staff

## Students, it's time to support your school

Not to put any pressure on the football team, but if you guys win against Vandy tonight, it will set the tone for the whole season.

There's going to be thousands of students and fans cheering on the team, probably more than any of them have ever seen - especially at an away game - and a win could mean newfound fans and greater attendance at the home games.

If you have never been to an MTSU football game, this would be a great time to get started. With more than 8,000 tickets already sold to MTSU fans, we will definitely make an impact at Vanderbilt Stadium.

The university has done a great job promoting the game and preparing pre-game activities.

Events began last night with the Baha Men and the Raider Rally and continue today with the "Take it to Vandy" Raider Relay, which will pepper the Centennial Park around the pep rally in Centennial Park around 5 p.m.

The school has done their part, and now it's our turn, as students, to help carry out our part of the deal.

Give in at least this once. If it hurts too badly, you'll never have to do it again. But maybe you'll be pleasantly surprised and have a good time.

Imagine the scene tonight if we beat Vanderbilt on Dudley Field. It will be absolutely crazy and exciting, and you likely will wish you could have been there to rub it in Vandy's face.

So, grab some friends and take the drive up to Nashville tonight. Stop in at Centennial Park and eat dinner at the pep rally while meeting new Blue Raider fans. Then head on over to Vandy and help cheer MT on to their first win of what could be an incredible season.

We'll be looking for you!

### Correction

Nick Fowler's column, "Bathroom Stall Graffiti," which ran in yesterday's issue, was mistakenly labeled as authored by Jason Cox. *Sidelines* apologizes for the error.

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## One ticket to Europe, please

### Ramblings of a Mad Woman



Remember those days of piling the whole family into the minivan and heading to Grandpa's house or the long plane ride to visit your relatives in California? How about when your mom planned out the whole vacation minute by minute:

Wake up: 8:30 a.m.  
Breakfast: 9:05 a.m.  
Sights: 9:20 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. . . . until you finally collapsed either out of exhaustion or annoyance?

Well, the days of yore are long gone. You're living on your own now, and maybe it's time you experienced the world the same way you're experiencing college.

It all begins in a dream, a purple haze. There's a fuzzi that sur-

rounds the time spent packing, hopping in the car and even those first few steps you take getting onto the airplane. In fact, it isn't until you open your eyes the next morning that the realization actually hits you . . . Oh my God! I'm alone . . . in Europe!

Horror stories fly about the backpackers missing in action, the dangers of walking alone at night in a foreign country, the muggers and pickpockets on trains and basically everything that surrounds a trip of this caliber. Well, I'm going to put your mind at ease and open it up to the possibility of packing a bag and heading off to a world unknown. While it is fun to sit in a five star hotel and talk all night with your friends from home, there's a certain excitement that finds its way into your unaccompanied adventures.

A little clarification seems necessary here. By alone, I don't mean sitting at the base of the Eiffel

Tower staring up feeling completely miserable. In fact, you'll rarely find yourself alone. Youth hosts provide a great means for getting to know people of all cultures and backgrounds. Most travelers won't chat up a group, but a solitary person sitting on the front steps downing bread and coffee is an easy target that lands great friendships.

Another perk of solo roaming is that you get to do pretty much whatever you want, whenever you want. You can sit on the bridges of Florence for hours reading, writing, or even just basking in the atmosphere with no one beside you whining about wanting to move on. It's a great teaching tool for those who are culturally inept, but longing to become knowledgeable. Museums, parks, statues, galleries, squares and even concerts open up a world of information and excitement.

Making it on your own in thrall that can't be

gained from the tourist sights. No one's there holding your hand as you get onto the underground hoping you're headed in the right direction, no mummies to make you lurch, and no one to ask (or tell you) where you're going and when you're getting home. In fact, if you don't come home, no one notices. Read that sentence again. While it does seem pleasing at first, it can also be your misfortune if you're not careful.

Don't take my words to ease, you still have to be cautious. There are the occasional mishaps of attracting a stalker that asks you to marry him, follows you across the city, and sends you provocative and misleading postcards that land right in the arms of your worrying parents, but that's a rare occurrence. So, next time you find yourself wondering what to do for the upcoming holiday, grab a bag and plane ticket, clear your way through the haze, and see the world through your own eyes. ♦

## There is life outside U.S. borders

### Cranial Smorgasbord



This summer I was fortunate enough to be able to go abroad to London for a month of study. Not only did I have the time of my life, but I also gained a new perspective on culture both foreign and domestic.

While England may not be one of the most exotic locations in the world, to an American who has never been out of the country, it is indeed an eye-opening experience. I always considered myself to be a bit more cosmopolitan than the aver-

age American, but I had no idea how isolated a culture American really has. Here more than anywhere else is "our" way considered the only way.

And, while I knew that there were other cultures besides ours, I didn't realize it until I experienced it for myself. While I was over there I realized that that was exactly what made the trip worthwhile to me. I really know now that these places are real. Big Ben is real. Westminster Abbey is real. Canterbury is more than a place in a poem and Shakespeare really walked along the streets of South Bank.

Without actually going out and seeing all these things for myself, there would still be some primal part of my conscious that disbelieved in the reality of these places. That same

part of my brain would still be telling me that American is the best-all-and-end-all of existence.

Also, I was able to realize that other cultures' practices makes sense to them. Take England's drinking habits, for example: many people have a beer or two at lunch, the same for dinner, and then hit the pub later on to drink with friends.

Now, what would we think about someone who did that in Murfreesboro? Yup. But in England, people are ostensibly more able to handle alcohol because they've grown up in a country that teaches responsible use instead of making it a form of rebellion for youth, which leads to irresponsible drinking in adulthood like America has done. Damn Puritans.

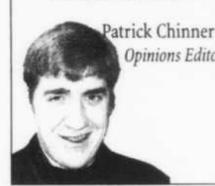
Some other things about traveling abroad

that will expand your cultural horizons - looking up a flagpole and seeing a different flag, seeing foreign soldiers, being the one who talks funny and no one can understand, being forced to adopt new words and phrases in order to communicate effectively, and of course, no decent hamburgers or service anywhere.

So, what I'm trying to get at, kids, is that believe it or not, there's a whole lot more world out there than just good ole America, so get out of the country at least once in your life and realize that we're not the only monkey in the tree, the only frog in the pond, and the only hair on a billy goat's butt. We are part of a symbiotic relationship with all the other cultures on our planet, so go out and realize it, already. ♦

## The danger that is Coke

### Canadian Bacon



Always the real thing? After this morning, I'll attest that the only real thing left by Coca-Cola is the stain on my favorite T-shirt.

After I sauntered over to Boutwell Dramatic Arts building from Kirksey Old Main, the heat and humidity took their toll on my body.

When I had finally reached the second floor of BDA for my communica-

tions class, I was near fainting. There was only one thought on my mind - find a frosty beverage to quench my manly thirst. There was but one place to turn: the Coke machine.

I opened my wallet, and to my chagrin, no cash. A kind classmate took pity, and handed me three quarters. Into the slot, press the button and wait.

After a seeming eternity, the rattle of the can being dispensed could be heard. I reached down and heard a hiss. I picked up nothing of it, but thought the can, raised it to pop the top, and felt a sticky wetness seeping through my shirt.

Yes, true believers, somewhere between the drop from the row of cans

and the roll onto the dispensing shelf my can was punctured, as was evident by a brown spot spreading like cancer over my chest.

To say I was miffed is quite the understatement. My primal screams of rage echoed throughout the halls. I now had a great thirst, a large brown stain, and I was in the hole 65 cents.

To make matters worse, I had to spend the next 15 minutes answering the question, "Why are you drinking your Coke on the side of the can? Are you trying to be different?"

While patiently answering this most annoying question over and over, I began to formulate how I could be repaid for this grave injustice.

Unfortunately, while I was plotting, another poor soul was taken in by the Coke machine from Hell.

Clearly something had to be done. I decided to take this matter to the top, and called the Coke bottling plant in Franklin. They referred me to the office in Brentwood, who in turn referred me to the sales office in Smyrna, who informed me that an official comment on the situation would not be forthcoming.

No comment from them, and no refund from MTSU. What's a student to do?

Carry a can of Dr. Pepper wherever I go for one thing. The prune-flavored goodness has never let me down. ♦

## Got one wife? Have another

### By Christen M. Gray

The Tech (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

(U-WIRE) CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - There are many laws in this nation that not only seem silly and pointless, but even go against the basic ideals our country was built on. A very interesting, and to most of us, very odd subject hit the headlines of the New York Times last Saturday. It is a theme that has shocked the nation for more than 100 years. That theme is polygamy.

After being outlawed in 1862 by the Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act, polygamy was officially given up by

the Mormon church, which had before then taught it as doctrine. The LDS Church issued a declaration in 1890 that it would suspend its activities. Though it is well-documented that many church-sanctioned plural marriages were performed after that date, the Mormon church has for the most part not practiced polygamy since 1904.

These days it is not the official Mormon church, but the self-styled "Mormon Fundamentalists" who maintain the practice of polygamy. The modern-day polygamists the public is most familiar with include Tom Green, who spoke regularly on television with his pregnant "child-

brides," 13 to 15 year old girls. After a fire leveled his house, the large family now lives off welfare. This disgusted the nation, and has become the stereotype for polygamy.

However, this is not the ideal or even the norm. Many polygamous families live quite self-sufficiently. Indeed, for any proper Mormon Fundamentalist, self-sufficiency is an integral part of life and as important as any other religious principle. In addition, most plural wives are of a more mature age. Indeed, it should be the act of marrying a 13-year old that is a crime, and not polygamy.

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## Oh Yeah! Kool-Aid Man time!

By Aaron Benor  
Guest Columnist

OK, time for a pop quiz . . . Identify the following thing: He's 26 years old. He's been featured on a prime-time cartoon. He's played baseball, driven go-karts, mastered the skills of break dancing, gone into outer space, and still had enough time to tone his muscles enough to be able to break through walls.

OH YEAH!  
It's the Kool-Aid Man.

Wow, I get shivers just from thinking of the Kool-Aid glory that is Wondrouz Man. No other icon has been so revered for so long (with the possible exception of the Dominos Noid. But where the hell did he disappear to?) So let's take a stroll down memory lane to examine the impact of the Kool-Aid Man.

Debuting in 1975 under the name of Pitcher-Man, this brainchild of the greatest advertising directors in the world has provided us with so many happy times (well, maybe that's the buzz from drinking pure flavored sugar talking).

First let me dispel the qualms of all you skeptics-I imagine that some of you don't worship the Kool-Aid Man as much as I do. To that I say "There's a million fine-looking corporate icons in the world, dude. But they don't all bring you lasagna to work. Most of 'em just represent a crummy product"

Now that we got that out of the way, let's delve deeper into the conundrum of KAM (yeah, it takes too much effort to type out Kool-Aid Man). Man, isn't that defeatist?

An interesting item I came across while researching this topic is that in 1994, the Kool-Aid Man got a makeover in order to achieve a more mature look. His face got thinned out a bit and his arms became more sturdy and defined.

His makeover, along with his cameo on the much-loved Family Guy, renewed interest in the floundering character. Now you can buy plush dolls, coin banks that shout "Oh Yeah" when you deposit change, the Kool-Aid Man comic book, and a plethora of other nostalgic items on E-Bay.

God bless the internet.

But I think the piece de resistance is the Kool-Aid Man Atari game. Now I'm no connoisseur of video games, but let me tell you: this game is the absolute worst. There is no premise whatsoever. But you know what? It stars the Kool-Aid Man, and thus, it is cool.

So in conclusion, I want you to take a few things away from this rant: a) There should be a Kool-Aid Man POG. Then my life would be complete. b) A box of rain will ease the pain and Kool-Aid man will see you though. And finally, c) the Kool-Aid Man > you. Notice my beautiful inequality, and remember, kids, mathematics is not a spectator sport. ♦

Got opinions? Tell us at [slopinio@mtsu.edu](mailto:slopinio@mtsu.edu)

# Americans not immune to mad cows

## The Way It Should Be



Pam Hudgens  
Editor in Chief

All year I have been avoiding all articles, news reports and anything else

about mad cow disease. Why? Because I like hamburgers, and I like steaks, and I knew that if I ever found out about this deadly disease, I would never want to eat beef again.

Today, during a discussion of the supply and demand curve, my economics professor ruined my avoidance technique and told me all of the

information I never wanted to know.

Bye-bye beef. Don't think we're safe just because we're America the Invincible.

For all you know, the next juicy T-bone you eat could infect you with mad cow disease.

Our government's testing for this disease is not adequate enough to reasonably determine if the

disease has entered our country. Germany was using the same testing system until recently and thought they were mad-cow-free also. Now they know differently.

They changed their testing methods and discovered that their old ones - the ones we are currently using in America - weren't covering a large enough number of cattle.

Are Americans safe from mad cow disease? From what little reading I've done, it seems like there's a good chance we aren't.

Mad cow disease spreads through the use of animal parts in animal feed.

In fact, even after Britain discovered mad cow disease and knew how it was contracted, they still

sent their cattle parts - in cattle feed - all over the world, including America.

So, yes, there is a chance that our cattle are infected, too.

Now I have to decide if I'm going to eat beef again. Realistically, I probably will. But every time I eat a burger now, I'm going to be watching for my mouth to start foaming.

Thanks, professor. ♦

# Surviving the 'Summer of Chandra'

By Christina Stephens  
*The Reveille (Louisiana State U.)*

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. - She had a friendly smile and a thick, dark, curly mane. She lived near Dupont Circle, an area full of interesting shops, cute restaurants and small coffee-houses. She was one of thousands in a similar situation - young and living in the political center of the country.

Her story wouldn't seem that special, but when she didn't make it home after her internship, she became a media icon.

And yet no one ever actually saw her.

Chandra Levy, the now-infamous missing intern, captivated news this summer with the force of a hurricane moving slowly over Capitol Hill.

Her story, and the talk of an affair with a congressman, his

alleged affair with at least two other women and the D.C. police's persistence that this was just a "missing persons" case hit closer to home for me than for many others.

Why? Don't laugh, but I was one of the thousands of students who worked in and safely maneuvered Washington, D.C., every day. You didn't hear about us because we didn't do anything out of the ordinary. We didn't have affairs or disappear.

We are the D.C. intern class of 2001, possibly the biggest cliché to come from the Beltway in a long time.

I spent my summer writing news stories in a city where news never sleeps. I even turned against the other interns and tried to dig up dirt on how Capitol Hill interns are trained and how Chandra's disappearance was affecting them.

If you think you got tired of the Levy case, imagine living where it was unfolding, a short walk from congressman Gary Condit's house, a Metro stop from the neighborhood where Chandra once lived and down the street from a park police combed looking for a trace of her, finding only a stray chicken bone. ("Could it be her? Maybe it's her!") The landmarks of the case became popular tourists spots as people in one breath said, "Let's go to the Smithsonian" and "Isn't that Gary Condit's neighborhood? Let's go see his house instead!"

The hype was so great that I was almost caught up in it as a source - a television crew tried to interview me when I covered a press conference about sex on college campuses. I suppose they wanted to ask me about my sexual habits because intern status

made me intriguing. They left me alone when I flashed my press badge.

As if interning in this city didn't become a joke after the Monica Lewinsky debacle, this mysterious Modesto, Calif., woman who never went home only made things worse. Believe me, people laughing and saying "Don't disappear now!" gets old very quickly.

The story was inescapable. A small weekly entertainment mag in D.C. christened this "SOC: Summer of Chandra." Our office jokingly started a pool to guess when she'd be found.

I'm ashamed to say that at times we let the sexiness of such a tabloid story interfere with the sadness of it - a young woman with a bright future was gone and we were joking about it as we aired her dirty laundry for everyone to see.

Yet despite the hype of the Summer of Chandra, I'd do it all again.

Yes, it's become the punchline of many jokes - the sort of thing that causes people to laugh crudely when they talk about it. My D.C. internship will both haunt and benefit me for a long time.

I'm not alone. Internships still are competitive despite the disappearance, with some organizations boasting more demand for these sacred jobs. Depending on who you ask, D.C. is home to between 10,000 and 20,000 interns each year.

Chandra was only one of those thousands of students. Is her story sad? Of course. It's the tragic sort of stuff that fills newspapers and television shows. But her story isn't typical. For most of us, it couldn't be farther from the truth. ♦

# Wives: Personal beliefs should not be regulated by government

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Anti-polygamy activists claim that the use of welfare by these large polygamous families is inherent to the lifestyle. This is just not true. A polygamous family has a much better chance at maintaining a steady income since every adult in the house could, in theory, hold a job. Then, even if one were to become unemployed, there would

still be money to take care of family necessities.

Also, often said of these plural wives is that they must be brainwashed to accept such conditions. One may accuse almost any religion of brainwashing to an extent, no matter what the practices are. But really, who hasn't heard the tired housewife wishing she could hire a replacement for a day? What housewife doesn't occa-

sionally want to escape her husband and children? Besides, many women are attracted to married men. If a man already married successfully, doesn't that make another marriage to him less of a risk?

Feminists may cry that polygamy is sexist and should be outlawed on the basis that it demeans women. Proponents of the practice claim that polygamy frees women.

Such an arrangement makes the choice by both partners to pursue a career less damaging to the family.

Samuel Chapman, a supporter of polygamy, explained that given the current surplus of women in the population, the competition that arises for men cheapens women. However, with polygamy, women no longer have to settle for what's left over,

and men must strive to show their best both before and after marrying. Thus, the value of women goes up.

This is not to say I am personally a supporter of polygamy, as I would not do it myself. So why not? Personal beliefs, views, tastes, and culture. However, I don't see why others can not practice polygamy if that is what they want.

The real question is not whether polygamy is morally right or wrong, but whether it should be illegal.

We are in fact in the minority among the nations in so avidly condemning a practice that is as old as recorded history. Should all of society have to live up to the moral standards of current popular Judeo-Christian philosophy? ♦

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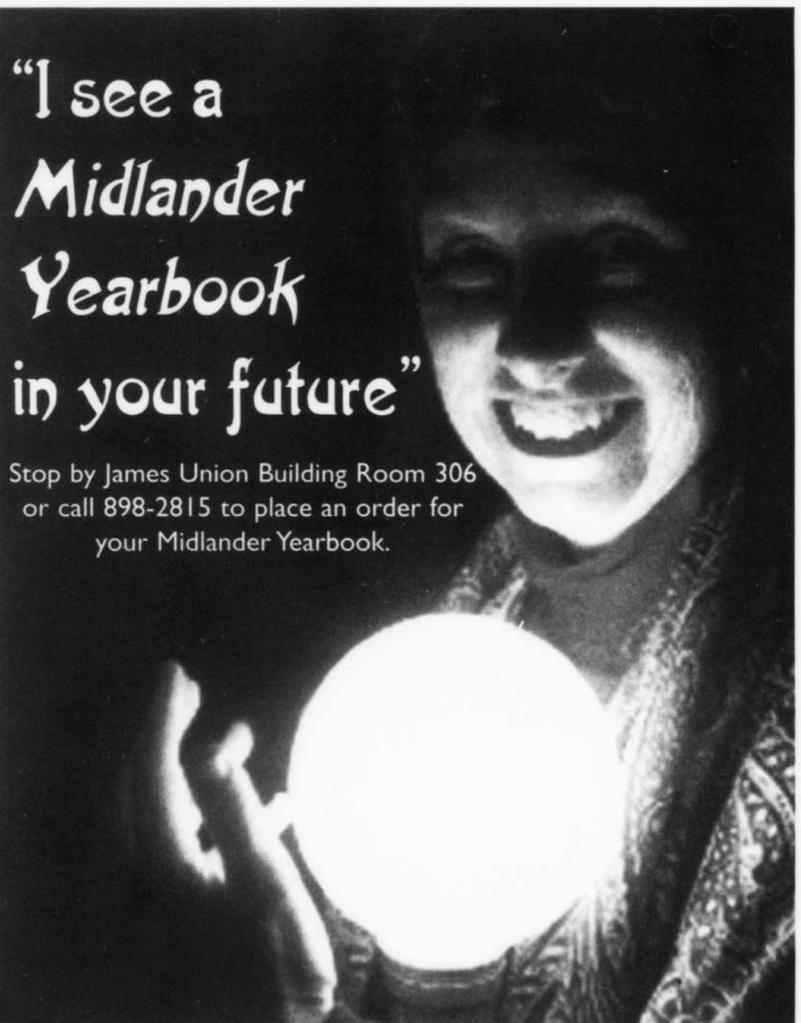
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## Dance program looks for "major" endorsement



Photos by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Members of the dance program at MTSU intensify modern dance techniques.

By Charlene Callier  
Features Co-Editor

Ever want to dance the night away and earn a living from it? The late night rehearsals and bleeding toes are only a few of the rewards that you get as a dancer.

MTSU's speech and theatre department plans to start a major in dance at the university in the near future.

"Dance would be an excellent Liberal Arts major," explains Ann Shea, associate professor of dance.

Shea says that officials in the program expect the university's art and entertainment programs to achieve a higher level

of leadership in the next 15 years.

"The performing arts is a booming business," Shea said. "In turn, an education in dance can prepare a student for a career as a choreographer, photographer, dance teacher or critic."

Shea said it is important for students to know that even if they choose a career outside of performing arts, they still may incorporate dance into their everyday lives by joining organizations or simply by practicing dance steps at home.

"Dance is an incredible vehicle for communication," she said. "It touches the mind, body and spirit."

The dance program offers a large range of ingenuity through the unique ensemble of staff that teaches.

Nancy Ammerman teaches ballet and dance history for the fall semester and teaches an additional class in dance appreciation in the spring.

"I truly like to get to know the students," Ammerman said. She teaches professional level ballet to students at the Nashville Ballet.

Ammerman anticipates better quality performances as a result of the new dance program because they will come from an increased intensity in training.

Debbie Belue, a new addi-

tion to the dance program, teaches Jazz II and says that she looks forward to seeing the growth of the students in her class.

Belue has a master of fine arts in dance from the University of Iowa and a bachelor of performing arts from Oklahoma City University.

Angela Armstrong teaches Jazz I, Modern and Jazz II and is an alumni of MTSU with a finance degree and a minor in dance and business administration.

She has a masters of science in health and physical education.

"I think the dance major will be phenomenal because it's

something the students want," said Armstrong.

She said that the university is losing a lot of students because they don't offer a dance major.

"I just plant the seed of encouragement and they run with it," said Armstrong.

"I feel lucky to have the dancers integrated with theater students," said Whitney Childs, a senior majoring in theatre performance.

"Dancing is really spiritual and it makes me feel better and healthier," said Childs.

She said the instructors take time out to help and embrace the students as well as the students helping each other.

"It's a tight family and you feel like you are a part of something great," Childs said.

Last November the new dance program performed "Bach Roads to Bluegrass," an exciting evening of modern dance and classical ballet.

MTSU offers modern dance, jazz and tap and ballet classes to students interested in the dance program regardless of their skill level.

Dance courses will also fulfill the required health, physical education, recreation and safety credits.

For more information on the dance program at MTSU, contact the speech and theatre department at 898-2640. ♦

## Open Mic Night .....

## ..... a Big Success

By Bethany Adams  
Staff Writer

Sounds of music and laughter emerge from the room as students walk into the Cyber Cafe.

Smells wafting from Burger King tickle the noses of those not carelessly sipping on black cherry lemonade.

Music fills the room, rang-

ing from Christian and blues to rap, rock and a capella. Even a bit of comedy invades the cafe space.

It's Open Mic Night at the Cyber Cafe, an event that takes place at 7:30 every Monday night.

Poetry readings, dramatic interpretations and computer-generated music were also among the entertainment this

week, the opening night for this semester.

Brad and Ben, and Jeff and Joe were among the first to step on stage, along with Denise Johnson and Jackson Price. Each had their own style. There was also some risky poetry by *Sidelines* own Risque Renee.

Mike LaBo, a recording industry major, has been performing at Open Mic Night for

two years, and says that it's easy to get in front of the crowd.

Unlike similar off-campus events, Mike finds that performing in front of his peers is comfortable.

"It's a good place to start playing in front of others because Jonathan is really good at encouraging new people to get up there," LaBo says, referring to Jonathan Fletcher, who

has been running the campus Open Mic Night for several semesters. "That's probably what he's best at."

Fletcher says anyone can perform at Open Mic, as long as they're serious about their talent. Any talent is welcome. He wants to promote no-barrier entertainment for MTSU students, so that it's a "positive place to be creative."

Beginning next Monday, audience members will be able to vote for their favorite artists. The overall winners will play at the final show and may even receive prizes.

Potential performers can sign up on the sheet posted on the front door of the Cyber Cafe. Anyone who fails to do so before 7:30 p.m. can contact Fletcher. ♦

# Murphy Center becomes comedy central

By Lisa Bess  
Staff Writer

Before stepping on stage, he emerged from the halls of the Murphy Center clutching a 20-ounce bottle of Diet Coke and waved the roaring crowd.

An audience of more than 500 stood and cheered as he took the stage, which was dressed simple and Puritan: black draped, black speakers, black floor.

"God bless you," the comic began as he removed the microphone from its stand.

The clever comedian? Darrell Hammond, a man whom many students here at MTSU watch weekly.

Students were able to see his act, which consists of multiple impersonations, in person Friday night, during their first official weekend at MTSU.

"They're able to bring in someone you would never expect to see at MTSU," said Carrie Pinter, a freshman majoring in psychology.

"It was really neat to have a well-known *Saturday Night Live* comedian come all the way to Middle Tennessee to perform

for MTSU students," said Philip Weaver, a junior and fan of Hammond. "It was really interesting to see his characters from the show in person."

Both Weaver and the rest of the audience — as well as Hammond's Diet Coke — remained in the comedian's grasp during the entire show.

His witty satire was specifically designed to accommodate the university audience.

Laughter rang throughout the auditorium as he poked fun at former President Clinton's suave personality and the sexual content of the Clinton scandals. Voices whooped at his mention of tequila. Other hot topics included: Al Gore's MTSU membership, U.S. societal problems, touring the Caribbean Islands, research in relation with President Bush, global affairs and concerns, terrorism, filtering slurs and T-Rex jokes.

Hammond's diverse grasp for language was evident as he spoke German, French and Spanish.

Hammond requested the lights be turned on so that he could be interactive with the

audience. The audience gladly participated.

Hammond showcased some of his more famous characters, including Clinton, Gore, Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ted Koppel. He even took requests from the audience and resurrected Phil Donahue and Chris Matthews.

"My favorite part of the show was Hammond's jokes about the Al Gore bashing," said John Smith, a senior psychology major.

"I thought it was funny and he does good voice impersonations of political characters," commented Dyland Royal, a student at Oakland High School.

For the last several years, Hammond has been performing stand-up comedy and impersonations throughout the country.

On film, he has lent his vocal talents to the recent animated version of *The King and I*. Hammond also has appeared on *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *The Late Show with David Letterman*, *Hollywood Squares*, MTV, Comedy Central, VH-1, and A&E's *Comedy on the Road*. ♦



Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

Darrell Hammond entertains students at the Murphy Center.

## Risque Renee on "Love"



This is Risqué Renee, dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft or as hard as you like it.

I would like to start this article off by saying thanks to everyone that read last issue and gave me some feedback, especially "Lady Luck" (If you ever e-mail me or call me and I respond to your question, I will give you a code name. This way you can get other people's opinions but keep them out of your business.) "Lady Luck" has asked me to define love for her. Here is a poem I wrote for you about my definition of love.

Dream of A Perfect Love  
When I look into your beautiful brown eyes, I can only see love

When you touch me, you send thrills through my body,

It feels like love.  
When I hear your voice, you talk directly to my soul,  
It sounds like love.

When you run your fingers through my hair, you touch my mind,

I can only think love.  
When I close my eyes, I dream you are so close to me,  
I see you and I making love.

When you reject me, hurt me, the pain is so great,  
It can only be love.  
Love is my inspiration; love came in the form of you.

My only wish was you could love me the way that I love you  
That would be a perfect love.  
What is Love?

There is a generic type of love that we all respond to, but true love can only be seen in the eye of the beholder. I can share my opinion of love, but you must find your own definition.

The most important thing of love is to love, evaluate, analyze, and set goals and standards for yourself. Once you have done this, you have set a firm foundation of love, and you are ready to receive and give love.

When I meet a prospect, I first research their religious background to see if we are at the same level. If you can't worship together, you can't survive together.

After that, I listen to all of the things he likes and concentrate

on all the things he dislikes.

I need to know if I am willing to work around the dislikes, because it's not fair to the other person to go into the relationship with the intent of changing that person. I also listen to my prospect's goals. Our goals need to run a parallel track.

If I want to be a major attorney in New York City and he wants to run a quiet ranch in Texas, we have a problem. Speaking of problems, if the opportunity ever comes for you to meet the parents then do it. In many cases children become extremely like their parents. This will give you a little glimpse into a future with your prospect. These are some of the things I concentrate on before and while I am in love.

Love is a beautiful thing, "Lady Luck." Love has a way of warming the soul and caressing the heart with the simple thought of a love. Love is essential in life, because life is love.

Love will bring you joy and make the heart cry at the loss of a love, but love lives forever.

You can't go wrong by giving love. The more love you give the more love you will receive. Love is also a seed that's sown that you shall reap.

Again, this is Risqué Renee, dropping sex, love and relationship issues to you as soft E-mail: risque\_r@hotmail.com ♦

### Campus Events

By Leslie Fike  
Features Co-Editor

**Saturday, Sept. 1**  
The Barn Gallery is showing a Faculty Art Exhibit from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-5653.

**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
The Office of Student Organizations and Community Service will be hosting the student organization orientation session in the Keathley University Center, Room 322 at 4 p.m. The Sept. 5 session will be at 5 p.m.  
For more information, contact Maggie Prugh at 904-8418. (All student organization presidents must attend one session in order to be updated for the 2001-2002 school year.)

Robert Lewis' exhibition, "Divine Gallery," is open in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery of the Learning Resources Center from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. The exhibit will be displayed through Oct. 11.

Auditions for the University Dance Theatre will be September 4 at 6 p.m. in the Tucker Theatre. For more information contact Ann Shea at 904-8392

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
The MTSU Debate team is hosting an open house in the Boutwell Dramatic Arts Building, Room 220 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the team is invited to stop by and meet current members and coaches.

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Michael Edwards  
Staff Reporter

## Let the game begin

As the Blue Raider football team prepares to take on the Vanderbilt Commodores tonight at 7 p.m. at Vanderbilt Stadium, it's important to note that even though this game could be the most important win in the history of MTSU football, this season is looking bright.

Sure, everyone is talking about tonight's game. Everyone knows that of all the games against "name" opponents that MTSU has a chance to beat, this is the most desired victory.

First, Vanderbilt is close in proximity. Second, Vanderbilt fans are always getting on people's nerves about how good "they would have been if..." Third, Vanderbilt is the rich private school up the road who gets all the respect in athletics, but has not earned any of it. People are tired of hearing that they can't win because of the rigorous academic standards. Quite frankly, Stanford and Northwestern are just as good academically and they excel in most sports, and occasionally in football. Both of those schools have played in the Rose Bowl since Vanderbilt last had a winning season.

But again, there are other games this year. For instance, Middle Tennessee was projected to win the Sun Belt Conference this season, and the second place team was picked to be the Idaho Vandals. Well, the Blue Raiders battle the Vandals Oct. 6 in Floyd Stadium. Did you know that Idaho had a higher rating last season than did Vanderbilt? Well, not only was it higher, but by a healthy margin. A measuring stick game will be the home opener against Troy State. Most people are thinking that Troy State is not a big name or in our conference. Both are true, but Middle Tennessee lost to Troy State in the first I-A season. The game was ugly and the Blue Raider defense was last in America, and it showed that day. MTSU can show just how far have they progressed in three recruiting classes and two seasons.

Last but certainly not least, is the conference championship. For the first time as a I-A school, MTSU gets to play for a conference championship. No, it's not the Southeastern Conference or the Conference USA, but if MTSU doesn't dominate the Sun Belt, the big conferences will never come calling. The winner of the Sun Belt gets to tune up the Super Dome in New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl and subsequent Super Bowl. The Sun Belt winner will play the third team out of the Mountain West, which includes Colorado State, Air Force and other well-known opponents.

The bottom line is that the Raiders have a big season ahead. The future of this program is riding on it. The Blue Raiders have a shot at being in the top 50 by end of the year. To borrow a line from a great general, now is the time for all good MTSU students to strap on their blue and be at tonight's game against Vanderbilt. ♦

By Shane Marquardt  
Staff Reporter

Sharks are the raiders of the sea, gray predators attracted to the sound of thrashing and the smell of blood, often attacking without warning in a wave of blue.

Vanderbilt has had plenty of warning for the Blue Raiders expected strike Thursday night, but the rush of blue and gray may be too much.

"If I had to go to war, I would want this team behind me," MTSU head coach Andy McCollum says.

The Raiders bring plenty of air support to Vanderbilt Stadium. With the arms of senior quarterbacks Wes Counts and Jason Johnson, they should enter with two guns blazing.

"I think these quarterbacks can match up with Florida's quarterbacks any day," Vanderbilt nose tackle Brett Beard said in yesterday's *The Tennessean*. "From what I've seen on film, I think they can both play."

Counts and Johnson have plenty of targets as well.

Junior wide receiver Tyrone Calico has caught a pass in every game he has played, and

had a catch so spectacular against Mississippi State last season that he received recognition for the Best Reception of the Year. Speedsters Hansford Johnson and Kerry Wright have the capability of breaking the game open, which bodes well for an offense that was ranked 16th nationally last year.

"This is a respect game," says All-American wide receiver candidate Kendall Newson.

Words that may not mean much to a Vandy team use to SEC competition.

"You earn respect by what you do on the field," says McCollum. "We have to look at this game as an opportunity."

Vanderbilt is taking the same approach and has defensive weapons to counter strike the Raider attack.

"Defensively, they've always been good, and they pipeline linebackers to the pros," McCollum says.

"Their defensive backs are very good," Newson says. "They cover well and tackle well, and they really run to the ball."

Vanderbilt will also have a talented offense waiting for the Raiders. And SEC size still plays a factor.

"Their offensive line is big-

ger than anyone we've got, and stronger than anyone we've got," McCollum says. "We are worried about everyone on the field. They have a great quarter-

back, great receivers, and great running backs."

The Raider defense will have to lend support if MTSU is expected to take a game from

Vanderbilt in Dudley Field.

"[If] the defense plays well we can have a tremendous season," linebacker Scotty Brown says. "The offense shouldn't have to win every game by itself."

"You look in the papers and everything says the defense was the weak part of our team last year," says defensive back Jykine Bradley. "We have to step it up for our offense and balance everything to give us a chance to win."

Experienced defensive players like defense tackle Curtis Daniely and defensive end Anthony Hood should help to slow Vandy with a new 4-3 defensive package.

Defensive end Tanaka Scott will be the focal point for a Raider attack that needs to prove itself.

"The chance to knock off a program like Vandy will only help our program," Counts says.

The chance will present itself Thursday night on Dudley Field, and MTSU must be prepared to attack.

"We're just ready to get this season started," Bradley says, "and are excited about playing Vanderbilt." ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff  
Coach McCollum and Lightning fire up the crowd at Wednesday's pep rally for the MT-Vanderbilt game.

## Kelly has become Mr. Dependable

### MT Media Relations

"We looked at one guy," says MT head coach Andy McCollum, "but he wanted to go to Texas A&M. Then we looked at another but he decided to go to Clemson. Then we looked at one more until he chose to go to Mississippi State."

And there was Middle Tennessee, on the verge of its first-ever season in Division I-A football, primed with running backs, two experienced quarterbacks, a senior dominated offensive line and a hungry defense, ready to do battle with the top programs in the country.

But a kicker?  
There was nary a one to be found.

And then Brian Kelly came along.

Although not signing until May of 2000, Kelly decided to come to Middle Tennessee. And thank goodness. Had he not, coach McCollum might have had to recruit somebody - anybody to take over the duties of place kicker last season for the Blue Raiders.

"We did not have a kicker going into spring ball last year," says McCollum. "But Brian is somebody we liked. He was an athlete and we're glad he chose to come here."

Kelly was no ordinary kicker however. As a matter of fact "kicker" was just one of the duties listed on his extensive repertoire coming out of

Sequoyah High School in Woodstock, Ga. He had played football, basketball and soccer, being named County Offensive Player of the Year during his senior season. But the football mentality seemed to be in his blood.

Not only was he charged with kicking duties - he holds the county record for longest field goal (55-yards), most field goals over 50 yards (3), most career field goals (23), most career points by a kicker (125) and most consecutive extra points (52), but he also finished third on his team in tackles and recorded an interception, a fumble recovery and one sack.

Being a native Georgian, just like Coach McCollum, who hails from nearby Marietta, may have had something to do with Kelly's decision to come to Murfreesboro as well.

But regardless of the state ties with the coach, Kelly's role on the Blue Raiders squad last season became an essential key in the team's winning record in its first season as a Division I-A program.

Already having proven himself with a rather powerful hoof, Kelly nailed his first five field goal attempts of the season and was well on his way to establishing himself as perhaps the best freshman kicker in Blue Raider history.

But the occurring achievement would not occur until the final game of the season last

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## 2001 Middle Tennessee Football Schedule

| Date     | Opponent            | Location         | Time      |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 30  | Vanderbilt          | Nashville, Tenn. | 7 p.m.    |
| Sept. 8  | Troy State          | Floyd Stadium    | 6 p.m.    |
| Sept. 22 | Louisiana-Monroe    | Monroe, La.      | 6 p.m.    |
| Sept. 29 | Louisiana-Lafayette | Lafayette, La.   | 7 p.m.    |
| Oct. 6   | Idaho               | Floyd Stadium    | 6 p.m.    |
| Oct. 13  | North Texas         | Denton, TX       | 3:05 p.m. |
| Oct. 20  | Mississippi         | Oxford, Miss.    | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 27  | New Mexico State    | Floyd Stadium    | 2 p.m.    |
| Nov. 3   | Arkansas State      | Floyd Stadium    | 2 p.m.    |
| Nov. 10  | LSU                 | Baton Rouge, La. | 7 p.m.    |
| Nov. 17  | Connecticut         | Floyd Stadium    | 2 p.m.    |



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### THURSDAY

#### Football

Blue Raiders at Vanderbilt  
Nashville, Tenn.  
7 p.m.

### FRIDAY

#### Cross-country

Blue Raiders at Belmont Invitational  
Nashville, Tenn., 5:30 p.m.

#### Soccer

Southern Mississippi Tournament  
Hattiesburg, Miss., 5 p.m.

#### Volleyball

Lady Raiders at UNC Charlotte Tournament  
Charlotte, N.C., All day

### SATURDAY

#### Volleyball

Lady Raiders at UNC Charlotte Tournament  
Charlotte, N.C.  
all day

### SUNDAY

#### Soccer

Lady Raiders at Southern Mississippi Tournament  
Hattiesburg, Miss., 1 p.m.

### TUESDAY

#### Volleyball

Lady Raiders at UAB  
Birmingham, Ala., 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

#### Soccer

Lady Raiders at UT Martin  
Martin, Tenn.,  
4 p.m.

# Volleyball plays in weekend tournament

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team will travel to Charlotte, N.C. to kick off the season Aug. 31.

The tournament is the season opener for all five teams involved.

The Lady Raiders have had preseason workouts and practices for three weeks. These workouts have required players to wake up at 5:30 a.m. Before classes started, the team participated in two-a-day practices. Now that classes have started, practices have been cut from six hours to three hours.

Middle was supposed to get into game rhythm and competition mode this Saturday with an alumni exhibition game. However, NCAA rules prohibited the game from being played. The Lady Raiders were left with an intrasquad scrimmage.

Head coach Lisa Kisse used

the time to assess her team and tried all different line-ups.

The biggest thing the players are trying to get accustomed to is the new rules.

"After four games of rally to 30 it became apparent that with the new scoring it would be much faster paced and probably more exciting game for the fans," co-captain Kelly Quinn said in her captain's log about Saturday's game. "It is also interesting playing with the new rule that allows the serve to hit the net and still be playable. With rally scoring and 'net-let' it puts a new twist on the game."

The Lady Raiders have five returning starters from last season's team. Junior co-captains, Katie Thiesen and Quinn will provide the leadership for the team. Also expected to play a big role in the Lady Raider offense at outside hitter is freshman Shakeithia Deckard.

Middle Tennessee isn't getting much respect in the Sun Belt Conference, however, as they are picked to finish dead last in the Eastern Division.

According to Quinn's journal, the Lady Raiders are focusing on defense.

"I can already tell that it [working on defense] is paying off," Quinn said. "We are pushing each other everyday to get better and we all know that intensity is key when the season starts."

"One thing that practice has been revolving around is defense. 'Defense, defense, defense!' 'Stay low!' 'Move our feet!' 'Hustle to the ball!' 'NO balls drop!' 'Have pride on our court!'" Thiesen said.

The Lady Raiders will face off with Virginia Commonwealth University,

Kansas, Providence and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

UNC-Charlotte put up seven wins last season in Conference USA. The team returns four starters and 10 players who saw action last season.

"I like the team we have this year," Marston said. "They are a versatile group. We have the players to do a lot of different things. They play hard and are willing to do what it takes to get better."

Kansas lost four of its top players from last season and has a relatively young lineup. Leading the way for the Jayhawks will be senior setter Molly LaMere. She tallied 1,295 assists last season and averaged 12.95 assists per game.

The Jayhawks finished the season with a 6-14 Big 12 record and a ninth place finish.

Providence is led by power hitters Sarah Katinger and Annie Cella. Katinger holds a school record with 504 kills in a single season. She had 502 kills last season. Cella posted 422 kills last season.

Virginia Commonwealth finished the 2000 season with an 18-12 overall record, the most wins in program history.

The team is very young with seven of the nine team spots taken by freshmen and sophomores.

Middle Tennessee is ready for competition and is confident it will do well this weekend.

"We will be ready for our first matches of the season at the Charlotte Invitational next weekend," Quinn said. "I know we will be pumped up!"

The Lady Raiders first game of the tournament is Aug. 31. ♦

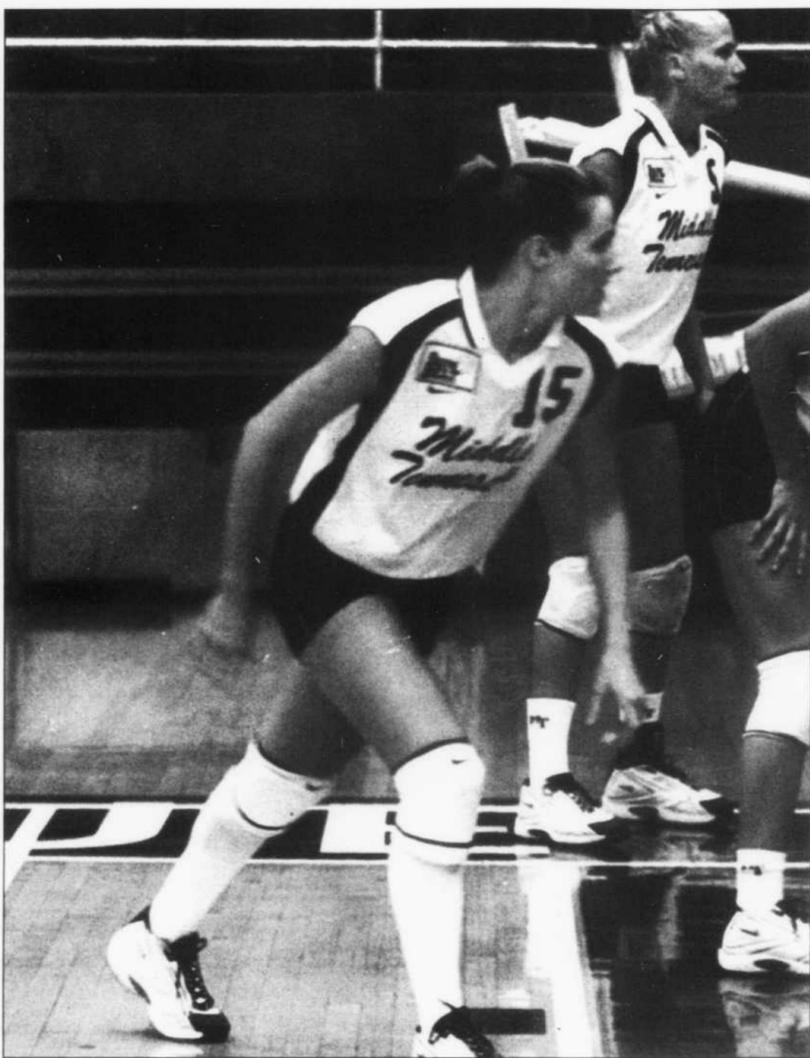


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Kelly Quinn and Katie Thiesen await the serve.

## Sports: Kelly kicking for Middle Tennessee

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year. It couldn't have been written any better. On a 33-degree night, after both teams had raced up and down the field lighting up the scoreboard, the stage was set for the then freshman.

Tied 38-38 against UL-Lafayette in the final game of

the season and a winning record lying in the balance, Kelly trotted on the field and split the uprights from 21 yards away to give the Blue Raiders the victory.

It was the perfect cap to a season in which Kelly went from an unknown to a prominent name among the MT scoring threats.

"I was extremely nervous last season," Kelly recalls.

"I didn't know what to expect. But I was fortunate. And I think I gained more confidence as the season went on, which is extremely important to a kicker."

Now, with the storybook season behind him and a locker full of that confidence, the

sophomore kicker says his expectations for this season have grown by leaps and bounds.

"I know what it's about this year," says Kelly. "Last year I had everything coming at me, but I worked hard over the summer and we've gotten better in camp and now I'm just ready to go out and play."

Going 11-of-13 in field goals last season and hitting on 39-

of-44 extra points (three of those misses came from 35 yards and beyond due to penalties), Kelly is also being touted as a contender for the Lou Groza award, the trophy that annually goes to the best kicker in the nation.

But don't bother him with post-season awards. Although he admits that the trophy is certainly a goal, it's not what drives him.

"I didn't even know what that was last year," says Kelly. "Field goal kicking is a matter of 'what have you done for me lately.' Last year can be improved upon. You need luck to go along with confidence and ability. My goal is to go out and not miss a one this year. Hopefully, with the offense we've got, all I'll have to do is kick extra points and not worry about field goals." ♦

## MT soccer prepares for first tournament with off-season three-a-day workouts

By Colleen Cox  
Sports Editor

The Lady Raider soccer team kicks off its season this weekend in the inaugural Golden Eagle Soccer Classic.

The team has had several intrasquad scrimmages in preparation for its regular season schedule. Head coach Scott Ginn also held three-a-day practices the first week of practice.

One thing is for sure; the players will be in shape when they get to the Southern Mississippi tournament. Ginn

also required each player to pass a fitness test before receiving a game jersey.

Middle has 15 new players to go along with 13 returning players on this season's team. The Lady Raiders are also a very young team made up of 12 freshmen and six sophomores.

"I think things look good where we are, especially with so many new players. The veteran players have done a good job meshing with all the young players," Ginn said. "I'm really proud of the veterans and how they have handled the situation with the coaching staff really

raising the bar in regards to fitness and quality of play. All of them have really stepped up and done a good job."

"The new players have come in and done well, picked up the system pretty well. Many of the freshmen are going to contribute," Ginn added.

Middle Tennessee will try to improve upon an 8-11 overall record last season.

The Lady Raiders held another intrasquad scrimmage Saturday in preparation for the tournament.

"We've had good practices, and the scrimmage went well,"

second-year head coach Scott Ginn said after the scrimmage. "We have come a long way as a team, and the competitiveness in practice has increased."

"We are much further along than I thought we would be with so many new players. Twenty-three players have passed the fitness test and that's terrific. It really shows the commitment they had over the summer in getting ready for the preseason."

Middle is scheduled to take on host Southern Mississippi Aug. 31.

Southern Mississippi com-

petes in Conference USA and finished with a 6-5 conference record last season. Its overall record was 9-8.

Southern Miss. has won both of its exhibition games this season defeating the Alabama Attack and Huntsville Kicks.

Tricia Wiles, a preseason All-Conference USA selection, leads the Southern Mississippi attack.

Nichols State will be the Lady Raider's next opponent of the tournament.

The Lady Colonels are under the direction of a new coach.

The team returns just seven players from the 2000 season and has brought in 13 newcomers for the 2001 season.

Nichols State finished with a 2-16 mark last season, dropping nine games by two goals or less and losing five one-goal games. The team also failed to score on 13 occasions.

Kim Robinson, Nichols offensive leader, returns along with Tyna Wells, midfielder, and Tracy Passafume, defensive specialist.

Middle Tennessee begins play in the Golden Eagle Soccer Classic at 5 p.m. Aug. 31. ♦

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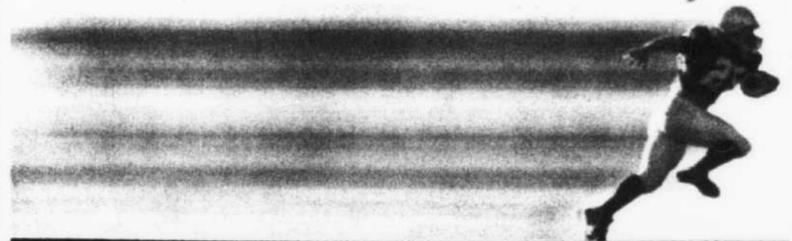
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| TB 33 Dwone Hicks (5-11, 225, Jr.)<br>24 Reshard Lee (5-10, 219, So.)<br>28 Don Calloway (5-7, 174, So.)       | DT 93 Thomas Johnson (6-3, 286, So.)<br>99 Kai ziegler (6-4, 285, Jr.)  | TB 8 RayPerkins (5-10, 186, So.)<br>2 Rodney Williams (5-11, 212, Sr.)     | NT 92 Brett Beard (6-3, 290, So.)<br>99 Matt Clay (6-2, 280, Fr.)              |
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