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There will also be a detour just past the Greenhouse for those who are traveling east on Blue Raider Drive. Detour signs will be posted.

For those who ride the Raider Xpress, please check mtsu.edu, under "Transportation" for the temporary changes to the routes.

Another faculty member leaves MT

Journalism professor joins staff of Winston Salem State University

By ALEX MOORMAN
Assistant News Editor

Phillip Jeter, journalism professor at MTSU, will be transferring to Winston Salem State University in North Carolina this fall to assume the position as the chair of the department of mass communication.

"My position here was temporary and initially it was only supposed to be for one year as the Geier visiting professor," Jeter said. "Then an offer was made last year for me to stay one more year so I did."

"Some people would say I'm moving up in positions but I'll have a lot more papers to sign and reports to write but I'm not sure if it's an improvement or just a change," Jeter said.

Jeter said that since his employment for MTSU was only temporary that when the offer arose for him to transfer to a school with longer-term employment, he had to just make the choice that seemed best at the time.

"An opportunity for me to stay at MTSU did develop fairly lately but it would just be the offer to stay here another year with temporary

employment," Jeter said.

"I'm really going to miss the students at MTSU. This is the first place I have worked that the students actually show up on the first day of class and have great work ethic."

"I'm going to miss my colleagues as well. They are wonderful people. Based on that alone I probably would have stayed but again you have to make the best decision you can at the time."

"Working with Dr. Jeter has been great. I'll be sad for the school of journalism because he's been a calming force," Carol Pardun said, director of the school of journalism, who is also leaving by fall semester.

Jeter also said he's certainly going to miss the flexibility because he's a big night person and he'd come into work at 11 and not leave until three in the morning. Those are the kinds of things he said he'd miss the most.

"I was sort of looking for a job but only in certain geographical areas," Jeter said.

He said that he got a couple of offers in the Western region but having already battled the cold before he wasn't interested in leaving

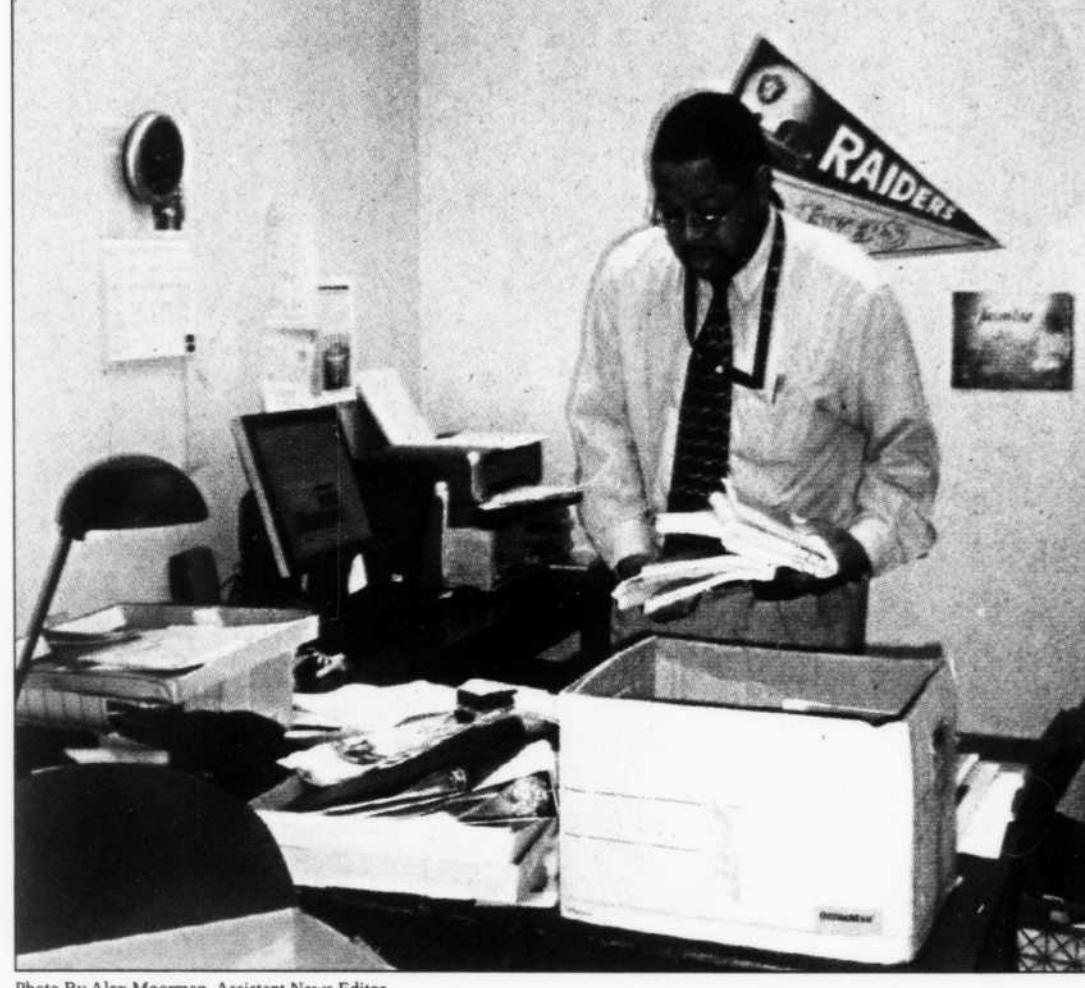


Photo By Alex Moorman, Assistant News Editor

Phillip Jeter prepares to move his office to North Carolina after his recent position appointment.

the warmer area.

At Winston Salem State University Jeter will have responsibility for the faculty and student advising. He's also a big advocate in recruitment so he'll be going to high schools and trying to bring

students to the university.

Jeter has worked for United Press International in the Buffalo, New York Bureau as a news writer, television news with the Chicago Public Television station and was given a newspaper edi-

tor faculty internship at the state newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina.

"He gets along with all of his colleagues and is so knowledgeable in his field he will be a greatly missed," said Pardun.

MTSU alumnus creates 'bandFind' to help musicians connect, network

By TIFFANY GIBSON
News Editor

A new Web site called bandFind, created by Chris Purifoy, MTSU alumnus, allows musicians to connect and communicate nationwide.

BandFind is a Web site that allows musicians of all styles and genres to find other musicians to meet, share and network with.

"The idea is that it is a comprehensive network for the entire industry, whether you're an intern or a professional," Purifoy said. "We tried to cover everything they [musicians] would need in order to connect with one another."

Purifoy launched bandFind in April 2008, after two years of planning and perfecting his vision of the Web site.

"I was going to MTSU and I had been working with a girl doing artist management and she was a singer/songwriter that wanted to fire a guitarist she was working with," Purifoy said. "This guy was a brilliant guitar player and the problem was she couldn't replace this guy with someone of the same caliber."

"I guess I realized at that point there was a real need for contact for musicians, and I began to form this idea," Purifoy said.

After Purifoy came up with the concept of bandFind in November 2006, he soon received the opportunity to present his business plan to his entrepreneur

professor, Robert Lahm.

"He knew he wanted to find a better way to connect with other people who had professional interests in music," Lahm said. "Creating an actionable idea is the hard part, I know Chris struggled mightily and valiantly to actually implement the idea, but Chris rose to that challenge."

Lahm said Purifoy's initial business plan, as a class assignment, was one of the best he has seen from a student.

"Chris is a fountain of ideas, and now having launched bandFind, I am sure that he knows what I have been talking about: ideas are easy, doing them is what's time consuming," Lahm said. "I think it's obvious to those who know him that Chris will be a serial entrepreneur."

Purifoy said that bandFind is made up of two sections - a social network and professional branch.

The social network deals with regular artists who have the opportunity to participate in "bandFind invite", a feature that sends out invitations for jam, writing and recording sessions.

"It offers utility in the form of making things easier for each type of individual talent from musicians, guitar players, drummers, bass players or being in a band and finding singers," Purifoy said. "It's kind of like being on Facebook and sending someone a poke."

The professional branch of bandFind allows people



Graphic By Alicia Wilson, Production Manager

to sign up and take part in several of the different categories the actual profession of the music industry offers.

"We have broken it up into several different categories such as live sound recording, publishing, creative services, photographers and graphic designers," Purifoy said. "We also have physical product like manufacturer, distribution and sales."

Purifoy said the professional side allows people to connect without having to deal with the fans.

"No one has a problem with the fans, because they're the reason our industry works, but this isn't about promotion like MySpace or Facebook," Purifoy said. "It's about being serious about what you do."

Brian Solomon, bandFind networking director and se-

nior recording industry music business major, said that bandFind will spare people from settling on a mediocre player because they don't know anyone else that plays a particular instrument.

"Musicians will no longer be limited to the people they know," Solomon said. "This alone infinitely increases the chance for success."

Solomon began working for Purifoy in the summer of 2007. He is one of many employees that strongly believes that this Web site will continue to grow into something revolutionary.

"15 were brought in to work for us over the last year and only five of them are really getting paid good, but they do it because we all really believe this is going to

Obama plans to expand faith programs

By Jennifer Loven
Associated Press Writer

Democrat Barack Obama said Tuesday he wants to expand White House efforts to steer social service dollars to religious groups, risking protests in his own party with his latest aggressive reach for voters who usually vote Republican.

Obama contended he is merely stating long-held positions — surprising to some, he said, after a primary campaign in which he was "tagged as being on the left."

In recent days, with the Democratic nomination in hand and the general election battle with Republican John McCain ahead, Obama has been sounding centrist themes with comments on guns, government surveillance and capital punishment. He's even quoted Ronald Reagan.

On Tuesday, touring Presbyterian Church-based social services facility, the Democratic senator said he would get religious charities more involved in government anti-poverty efforts if elected.

"We need an all-hands-on-deck approach," he said at Eastside Community Ministry.

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DOES RACE STILL DIVIDE US AS A SOCIETY?

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Brother's support helps one MTSU undergrad

By MICHAEL STONE
Features Editor

For some students, the decision to go to college comes for their parents encouraging higher education. For some, it comes from wanting a better life for themselves.

Dedrick Antone Mitchell went to college because, believe or not, his brother Corey Mitchell grew up watching "The Cosby Show."

As young boys growing up in the projects of south Memphis, Dedrick and Corey didn't have many privileges. Their father worked as a mechanic and their mother worked in a factory.

The brothers were never really close because they were born seven years apart. So they both went on their separate ways as young boys and "did their own things," Dedrick says.

When Corey began to play basketball as a young adolescent, Dedrick was living the action-figure lifestyle of someone still in the single digits in age. When Corey was finishing up his high school career, Dedrick began to play pee-wee football.

As high school graduation approached for Corey in 1997, he had already made the decision to further his education because of an influential black-American on television.

"My family grew up watching 'The Cosby Show' on TV," Corey recalls. "I saw what he had from being a doctor and I wanted that so bad."

Corey says, from his observations, the way black Americans went to college was from either sports or academics.

"I figured I could do both, so I worked really hard at both," he says.

And with that hard work, Corey was awarded an academic scholarship to Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, becoming the first member of his family to attend college. He was also a member of the Rust basket-



Photo By Michael Stone, Features Editor
Dedrick studying for his Intermediate Accounting I class.

ball team.

Meanwhile, Dedrick was preparing to start his high school career as well as his high school football career.

"Before high school, I never really took football seriously," Dedrick says. "It was just something to do to get out of the house and exercise."

An unfortunate, life-changing event, though, would lead Dedrick to the award of "Best Offensive Lineman" for the White Haven Tigers.

On June 16, 2000, during the summer before Dedrick's freshman year of high school, his father was robbed and killed while working at his automotive shop, Mobile Klean Rite.

"I had just got done vacuuming the upstairs of my dad's shop, and I walked downstairs and he was laying face down on the ground," Dedrick remembers. "I thought he was just unconscious because there was no blood, so I called 911 and the ambulance came. When they took him away, that's when I knew he was dead."

With his father dead, and his brother — who transferred to UT Martin after a semester at Rust — away at college, De-

drick now had no close male role model in his life.

Corey knew he had to be there for his brother, or he would "end up like 90% of the kids his age in his neighborhood — nowhere."

"With the death of our father, I knew I had to act as Dedrick's guiding light," Corey says. "I started to come home about 5 or 6 times a semester and just hang out with him at home. I saw him going through the same things I went through when I was his age."

And as the bond between the brothers grew with their father's death, so did Dedrick's passion for football.

"When my dad died, I channeled all that frustration into football," Dedrick remembers. "The police were getting nowhere and I knew they weren't going to find the guy. Every time I'd line up on the line, I'd treat the guy opposite me like it was him and put all I had into beating him."

Brian Rosman played football at White Haven with Dedrick.

"Dedrick was a good teammate," Rosman remembers. "We were running partners

and really motivated each other."

Rosman says Dedrick rarely talked about his father, and only did when he brought it up.

"When his dad died, his brother had the majority of influence on him," Rosman says.

Dedrick continued to play football, and hoped that he would be offered a scholarship to college for doing so. But it wasn't until one weekend during his junior year of high school that he made the decision to go to college regardless of whether he got a scholarship or not.

"Me and my brother aren't that much different, so I knew he could make it in college," Corey says. "I brought him up to Martin one weekend and showed him the collegiate lifestyle, because I knew the only way that he would be driven to go to college was to see it for himself."

Corey says the main purpose of the weekend was to talk with Dedrick.

"He hung out with me and my friends and we talked about all the advantages of colleges and getting out on your own and doing things



Photo Courtesy Dedrick Mitchell
Dedrick with coach Nick Saban at a football camp.

with your life," Corey recalls.

Dedrick says he will never forget that weekend.

"That was my first time really getting away from home,"

Dedrick remembers. "Just seeing him having his own place and being away from mama was such a rush. I met all his friends and they told me all about college. They all told me how much they wanted me to be successful."

Dedrick was now more driven than he had ever been. He was going to go to college no matter what. Unfortunately, though, he wasn't offered a football scholarship as his football and high school career were coming to an end.

"When I didn't get a scholarship, I wasn't discouraged at all," Dedrick says.

So out went the college applications, and back came the acceptance letter from Memphis, UT Chattanooga, UT Knoxville and UT Martin. One college, though, sent him a letter saying that he would have to be on a waiting list to get in. And that college was Middle Tennessee State University.

"They rejected me and I wanted to find out why," Dedrick says. "I've never really faced rejection like that and I wanted to prove that I belong at that school."

Lynn Palmer explains the process that Dedrick had to go through to get accepted.

"No student is denied initially," Palmer explains. "If they don't meet the guaranteed admissions, they have an opportunity to complete a personal statement that goes before the admissions review board."

Dedrick proved to the student admission board that he deserved acceptance.

"I went to my English teacher, Mrs. Black, and she

helped me write a really good paper, because I wasn't too good at English" Dedrick remembers.

And a few weeks later after sending his personal statement back in, he received another letter from MTSU, only this time it was some very good news.

"I got the mail that day and I saw the Middle Tennessee stamp on the envelope," Dedrick recalls. "I wasn't scared at all because I knew I had worked really hard on that paper and done my best. I was just anxious."

The letter was an approval letter. Dedrick was going to MTSU.

Dedrick Mitchell started school at MTSU in the fall 2004 semester. Since then he has been working towards his bachelor's degree in accounting.

Upon graduation, he plans to go into the Navy to pay off his student loans. After he serves, Dedrick plans to go to graduate school, become a certified public accountant, earn his doctorate in accounting and teach at the collegiate level.

"It's been a long journey to the point I'm at right now," Dedrick says. "I've been through countless situations where I should be out of school, but I've always found a way to overcome that and stay in school."

Corey went on to earn his doctorate in pharmacy from Xavier University and now manages the Wal-Mart pharmacy in Carlton, Texas, and Dedrick says that his brother's accomplishments have driven him to do even better.

"It's been tough to follow in his footsteps, but I realize I'm paving my own path and know that I will make him as proud of me as I am of him."

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Sorry Obama, but you can't make all the voters happy

On Tuesday, Barack Obama discussed his plan to expand Bush's faith-based programs in order to help those in need. However, Obama recently stated before that he wasn't certain on his stance about the programs and would have to look into them in order to make a decision.

While Obama stressed his view on the programs, Republican candidate John McCain said that he planned to keep the programs in tact.

With Obama's recent statement about expanding the programs, it seems he has rethought his position on the programs in hope of recruiting more conservative Christians' votes.

It also appears that Obama is using the expansion of these programs as a tactic to clear his own religious image, referring to rumors of a Muslim background.

An associated press Yahoo news poll in June proved that people who attend church at least once a week are more likely to support McCain than Obama.

In addition to evangelical Christians making up a quarter of the electorate, they also are credited with keeping Bush in office for two terms, which could be

a factor Obama is looking at closely now.

Obama is like a little kid in a candy store that is trying to support everything, but in actuality is standing for nothing. He needs to realize that there is no way to make everyone happy.

In fact, religion should not even be a factor when it comes to serving his country. Look at John F. Kennedy, our first Catholic president, who managed to restrain himself from emphasising his religion because it had nothing to do with helping his country.

God shouldn't have anything to do with helping someone financially unless they ask for some kind of spiritual guidance.

People who receive support and help from these programs are asked kindly to pray and participate in church activities, and when some refuse they are kept distant from the volunteers helping them in the first place.

These programs do provide help to a great deal of people, but the administration in charge of them seems to have hidden agendas to convert people to Christianity, which clearly violates the separation of church and state.

Iran reveals Bush's worst, again

President continues to terrorize Americans into complicity

Much has been made by now of the Bush administration's sexed-up case for invading Iraq.

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, the former Democratic presidential candidate from Ohio, went so far last month as to seek impeachment hearings against Bush for misleading the country into war on false pretenses.

Funny how the possibility of impeachment gets taken less seriously here than the last time it came up, but maybe it's better this way – President Cheney? Fear!

Regardless, the war has become a huge liability for Republicans, with many in Congress opting to retire this year rather than stick around on what they anticipate will be a losing side in November.

Ironically, despite the Iraq war's lack of popularity, national security from terrorism remains the one issue where Republicans still beat Democrats in polls, though it's been sidelined for some time now.

For presumed Republican presidential nominee John McCain's part, one of his advisors remarked last week that a terrorist attack in the United States would "be a big

advantage" for his campaign. Indeed, anything to get the people worried about security – it was key to Bush's reelection, after all.

Still, McCain's campaign would apparently best prefer Bush just shut up, hide and take his pitiful approval ratings with him.

Mr. McCain needn't worry though – George has him covered, and is already hard at work on returning the War on Terror to the limelight.

At this moment the United States has commandos on the ground pursuing "high-level targets" in a covert bid to agitate the leaders of that long sought-after connection between Iraq and Afghanistan that we know as Iran.

This from Seymour Hersh,

who reports in the current New Yorker about the Presidential Finding that set into



Puttin' Up Results
Daniel Potter

motion the aforementioned operation in Iran.

Hersh says the idea here is if our soldiers capture or kill the right guys, Iran's government will flip out, and in doing so provide some kind of casus belli – an excuse for us to launch larger military incursions into Iran.

Never mind last year's National Intelligence Estimate – the combined report of America's military experts – which determined Iran abandoned its nuclear ambitions years ago. For that matter, never mind the immorality of trying to conceal this first blow, in order to market the ensuing war as defensive.

This kind of thing is nothing new.

The Bush administration already demonstrated not only contempt for the rule of law, but blatant disregard for America's future when it led the country into the nightmare of waste, destruction, and national shame we know as the Iraq War.

Perhaps the only thing more disgraceful is that we're allowing the man responsible to finish out his term in office.

Speaking of which, let's get back to why Dennis Kucinich's effort to impeach

Bush failed. Two words: Nancy Pelosi.

Pelosi, the House Democratic leader, actually signed off on Bush's latest adventure in Iran. How could she impeach the president for doing exactly what she continues to authorize him to do?

The thinking here, Hersh told NPR's Terry Gross on Monday, is that most Democrats in Congress figure they're already in such great shape for the coming election that any rocking of the national security boat risks throwing some advantage away to Republicans.

In other words, even though Bush will be remembered as one of the most despised presidents in American history, he continues to terrorize people into complicity.

Here in lies perhaps the greatest crime of his administration – Not only did he do all of these incredibly destructive, wasteful things, and drag America's reputation along without shame, but he forced us to act like it was right.

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FACES IN THE CROWD

Do you think that Barak Obama is supporting Bush's Faith Based Program to get votes from Conservative Christians?



Gonce

"I do think he is supporting that organization to help pull in votes but it is a violation of the separation of church and state."

James Gonce, senior biology major



Herrod

"It is extremely possible that he is supporting it so that he can get votes."

Hannah Herrod, junior psychology major



Sharp

"He probably just feels that if we support schools and things of that nature, there shouldn't be a problem supporting churches."

Nick Sharp, senior English major

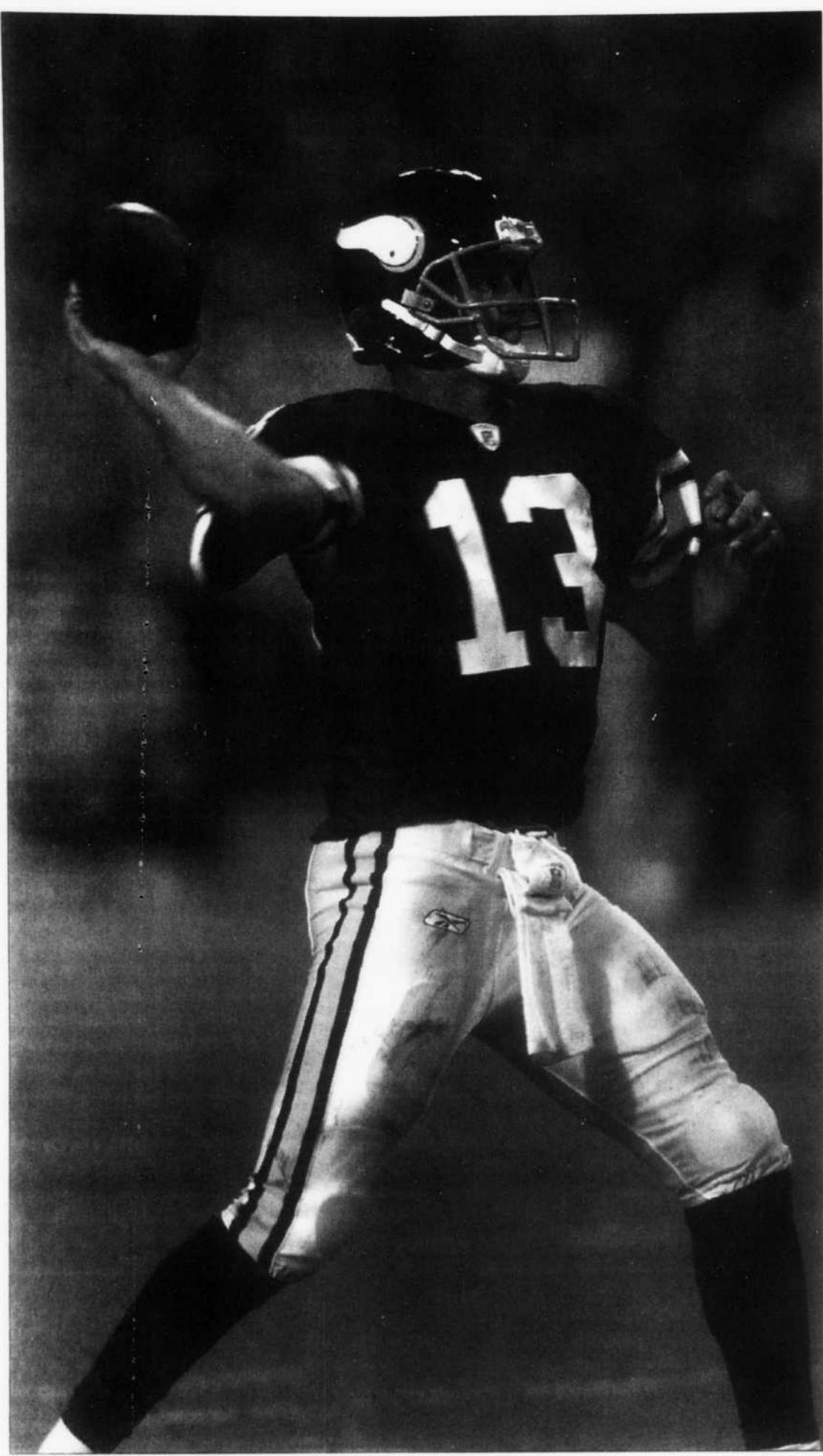


Photo Courtesy of MT Media Relations

Kelly Holcomb graduated in 1996 from MTSU after being a four-year starter for the Blue Raiders.

OBAMA FROM PAGE 1

The event was part of a series leading into Friday's Fourth of July holiday aimed at reassuring skeptical voters and shifting away from being stamped as part of the Democratic Party's most liberal wing.

He said the connection of religion and public service was nothing new in his personal life.

Obama showed he was comfortable using the kind of language that is familiar in evangelical churches and Bible studies by calling his faith "a personal commitment to Christ." He said that his time as a community organizer in decimated Chicago neighborhoods, supported in part

by a Catholic group, brought him to a deeper faith and also convinced him that faith is useless without works.

"While I could sit in church and pray all I want, I wouldn't be fulfilling God's will unless I went out and did the Lord's work," he declared.

His talk on faith in the battleground state of Ohio came a day after a speech on patriotism in Missouri, another November election battleground. Wednesday, he travels to Colorado Springs, Colo., a hub of conservative Christian organizations, for a speech focused on service.

With 80 percent of Americans saying they identify themselves with some religion, Obama's campaign has struggled with the topic.

Comments critical of

America by Obama's long-time pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, caused a firestorm during the primaries and brought Obama's brand of faith under scrutiny because of Wright's adherence to black liberation theology. Obama also has battled false

but persistent rumors that he is a Muslim; they have been kept alive on the Internet despite his repeated talk about his longtime devotion to Christianity.

Still, the Obama camp notes that some evangelicals feel passionately about aggressive environmental stewardship, an issue more commonly associated with Democrats. Others find appeal in Obama's message about ending messy political divisions.

Purifoy said that with bandFind growing rapidly, he hopes to have the professional side of bandFind finished within two months.

"We are in Murfreesboro right now looking for apartments, because we all live together and work all day," Purifoy said. "We will be moving to Nashville in August to get a house to work out of."

Since bandFind has a presence of record labels and musicians in almost every major music city, Purifoy said communication is not limited anymore.

"We hope to bridge the gap between some of this mundane pop stuff and the real talented and inspired music, but in order to do so these people have to come together."

CRIME BRIEFS

June 26, 2008 at 9:04 a.m.

Traffic

Smith Hall

Lana Evans was issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

June 26, 2008 at 1:58 p.m.

Theft

Davis Science Building

Subject said someone had stolen books from his office.

June 27, 2008 at 12:02 p.m.

Traffic

Alma Mater Drive

Kentral Moore was pulled over for driving the wrong way down the road.

June 29, 2008 at 10:08 p.m.

DUI

Alumni Drive

Justin Roper was pulled over for 3rd offense DUI, driving on a revoked license 2nd offense, violation of implied consent law and driving an

unregistered vehicle. Passenger Ryan Williams was arrested for outstanding warrants and mitigated criminal littering. The other passenger, a white female, was arrested for two active juvenile petitions.

June 23, 2008 at 3:50 a.m.

Evading Arrest

Alma Mater Drive

A warrant was issued for Timothy Brumit for evading arrest.

June 24, 2008 at 8:33 p.m.

Traffic

Off Campus

Freddy Wright was arrested for driving on a revoked license and possession of an altered license tag. Along with Wright, Belinda Perry was arrested with outstanding warrants.

June 24, 2008 at 9:58 p.m.

Theft

Gracy Hall

Theft of property from a dorm room.

June 25, 2008 at 2:39 a.m.

Alma Mater Drive

Joseph Collier and Sana Kader were arrested for indecent exposure.

June 25, 2008 at 9:57 a.m.

Vandalism

Bell Street Lot

Subject reported that her vehicle had been keyed.

June 25, 2008 at 10:25 a.m.

Assault

James Union Building

Subject said that an employee was getting irate with the chief cook.

June 30, 2008 at 12:31 a.m.

Theft

Miller Horse Coloseum

Complainant requested to speak with an officer because they had something stolen over the weekend.

Holcomb among five others inducted into MT Hall of Fame

By RICHARD LOWE
Sports Editor

Former MT and NFL quarterback Kelly Holcomb is among five former athletes to be inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame on Sept. 6, as announced by MT's Athletic Department this past weekend.

Holcomb will be inducted alongside Joe Campbell, Jerry Beck, John DoDoo, and Paul Goebel.

Holcomb was a four-year starter for the Blue Raiders (1991-94), guiding the team to a 25-6 record in the Ohio Valley Conference, including the 1992 OVC Championship. He left MT as the career leader in passing yards, passing attempts, and total offense. He passed for more than 200 yards 12 times and he threw for more than 300 yards three times and he did all of this in a run-oriented offense. Holcomb completed 58 percent of his passes during his career, which still ranks fifth in Blue Raider history.

Holcomb also holds the school record for consecutive passing completions in a game with 13 against then-No.1 ranked Florida State University. Holcomb played for Hall of Fame coach, James "Boots" Donnelly, who recruited Holcomb out of Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, TN.

Holcomb will be apart of the largest class ever to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. In years past, the inductees were limited to three but because of the number of nomi-

nees and votes from committee members, the number of inductees grew to five.

"We have an outstanding class this year but that is always the case," Jim Simpson, director of the Blue Raider Varsity Club, told to GoBlu-eRaiders.com. "We have so many former greats out there that still deserve recognition and we believed this allows us to start moving forward on recognizing some of the deserving individuals."

Campbell is a former teammate of Holcomb's. He is MT's first two-time all-American

Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. That victory was the first NCAA tournament win for the Blue Raiders and is still regarded by many as the greatest victory in the program's history. DoDoo won the OVC Indoor triple jump in 1978 and 79, and the outdoor triple jump in 1977, 78 and 79. He was also named OVC Track Athlete of the Year in 1977. He was a part of the "Grasshopper Gang," a group of Blue Raider jumpers who were nationally known for their exploits in the long and triple jump. DoDoo's record leap of 54 feet-and-one-half inches in the OVC outdoor triple jump still stands.

Goebel was the first Blue Raider tennis player to play in the NCAA Tournament. Goebel had many great seasons for Middle Tennessee but perhaps the most memorable was the 1993-94

season when he teamed with Fred Niemeyer as a dominant doubles tandem. They were ranked as high as No. 5 nationally before finishing that season 15th. One of the highlights of the season was beating the No. 1 doubles team in the nation at the O'Charley's Tournament in Knoxville.

The induction ceremony will take place Sept. 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Kennon Sports Hall of Fame Building and is open to the public. After the ceremony, the 2008 Blue Raider football team will be taking the field against the University of Maryland at Floyd Stadium.

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