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Mass Comm receives bomb scare

By Wesley R. Bush and Becky Peckering
News Editor and Staff Writer

Wednesday afternoon, while demonstrators were raising voices at the Genocide Awareness Project, police and firefighters responded to a bomb threat inside the Bragg Mass Communications Building.

At approximately 2:41 p.m., a male caller telephoned the Department of Public Safety and informed them that there was a bomb "at this location."

"The caller didn't specify where it was," said Ben Coman of public safety, "so it took a while to trace the call."

Cates said that the number was traced to a phone in Mass Comm but could not specify

which one because it is an active investigation. Firefighters and ambulances surrounded the building to restrict access but students inside were not warned of the threat or evacuated.

Several hundred feet away, firefighters awaited word from police who were quietly searching for signs of validity in the threat.

"Usually in these situations they would evacuate the entire building," said Captain Gaines, head of the district one fire department of the Murfreesboro.

Gaines said he was unsure why no one had left the building.

Public Safety is not releasing any more information at this time. ♦



Firefighters wait outside the Mass Comm building for instructions during a bomb threat while emergency vehicles provide a temporary blockade of traffic.

Happy birthday Scarlett

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff Writer

It has been just more than a year since Scarlett Commons opened its doors. Many have wondered about and some have experienced the splendor of these new on campus apartments.

The luxury of Scarlett Commons has appealed to many students because they are able to have an apartment and live on campus.

"Students have access to facilities in their apartments and students have their own private bedroom," said Associate Director of Housing Sarah Sudak.

"I chose Scarlett Commons because it's a heck of a lot nicer," said Freshman Scarlett Commons resident Heather Wilson.

"I wouldn't want to live in a dorm with one person not knowing in their. That's why I chose Scarlett Commons. I love it."

Scarlett Commons opened in August 1999, and according to Sudak their have been no problems to her knowledge with the facility this past year.

The biggest frustration with the residents seems to be parking, a problem that plagues all university students.

"We're not allowed to park in very many places," said Wilson.

Scarlett Commons residents are allowed to park in four different locations: their own reserved spot adjacent to the softball field and recreation center, the lot nearest the mass communications building and the parking lot nearest to Murphy Center.

The only new addition to the complex for this fall was a sitting wall that was added to the patio area behind the clubhouse.

Many students this year and last chose Scarlett Commons because it was more economical than an off campus apartment.

"You have your own kitchen and you can save money that way," said Jon Garrison a residential assistant at Scarlett Commons. "You only share your bathroom with one other person. There are four people per apartment but you all have your own individual room. It's really cool and you can keep things clean," said Garrison.

According to Vicki Justice Lowe, associate director of Housing, the 1999-2000 population of Scarlett Commons totaled 405 residents.

Of the 405, approximately 46 percent were freshmen. The remaining residents were classified as follows: 13 percent were returning students with less than 30 hours classified as freshmen, 16 percent were sophomores, 17 percent were juniors, 7 percent were seniors and 1 percent were master candidates.

This year, 401 students are residing in Scarlett. Of those, 31 percent are first-time freshman, 12 percent are returning freshmen, 26 percent are sophomores, 16 percent are juniors, 14 percent are seniors and 1 percent are master candidates. ♦



[Above] Students hold signs of protest in front of the Genocide Awareness Program on the KUC Knoll. Most students were peaceful during their protests, but at least one student had to be guided away from the exhibit. [Below] Two students pass by a GAP display of aborted fetuses.

GAP, protesters clash on Knoll

By Elizabeth McFadyen-Ketchum
Staff Writer

Mention the word abortion and opinions fly. Hang 10-foot-tall photographs of aborted fetuses on the busy campus of a university and passionate debate ensues.

"You crazy mother f****ers!" junior Coral Smith shouted as she threw down her bicycle, grabbed and shook the metal barrier separating the onlookers from the full-color display of aborted fetuses and the representatives of the images.

After an MTSU police officer gently pulled Smith from the barrier, Smith moved on yelling all the way.

"This is our campus!" Smith shouted to the crowd. "You should be screaming. You should be appalled by this."

In eerily intimate tones — barely above a whisper — representatives with the Pro-Lifers and Pro-Choicers throughout the day.

GAP, which is a division of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform (CBR) — a private organization created in 1990 fighting for "prenatal rights" — erects oversized photos of aborted fetuses, lynchings and Holocaust victims to inform students on college campuses across the nation that their view that abortion is a form of genocide.

Students, protesters, police officers, administrators, jewelry salesmen and petitioners for university

parking policy reform milled about on the Knoll. Some walked by stone-faced, some shouted, some watched, some debated. Everybody saw.

• The Debaters

"How can you equate a woman who might walk past this and might have had an abortion with Hitler?" a young woman asked Gregg Cunningham, the lead GAP representative.

"We're not equating her with Hitler," Cunningham replied. "We're saying doctors are behaving like the Nazi doctors."

"We think women are very often victims of abortion," Cunningham said. "Women don't have the same level of awareness... as a doctor does. (These) women haven't been to medical school... "I don't see the doctors," another student interjected.

Bill Raeth, a sophomore Aerospace major, posed another question.

"Why should a man have a say in what a woman can and cannot do with her body?"

"Because there's a second body involved here," Cunningham replied. "Let's help the woman instead of killing the baby."

"Back alleys and coat hangers" — a commonly discussed reason for keeping abortion legal in hopes of preventing women from self-aborting as was done historically by piercing the cervix with sharp objects such as woman hangers — came up over and



over throughout the day. GAP representatives and students alike had plenty to say.

The back alley issue is a clever rhetorical device," said Erica Rogers, a CBR representative from Ohio. "There never will be hangers and there never were."

"That's untrue. I had a family member in the 1930s..." a woman argued.

"Let me take that back," Rogers interrupted. "There were coat hangers, long ago. But even if it was outlawed now, doctors have the equipment anyway."

Another man walked by later and shouted without raising a step, "Shame on you. Shame on all of you."

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Volunteer hunting 'Til Dawn

By J. Michael Neal
Staff Writer

Although it's five months away, recruitment of volunteers is already underway for next years Up 'Til Dawn fundraiser.

Up 'Til Dawn was first brought to our campus last November when students raised \$21,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. MTSU was the second university to ever participate in this fundraiser. With others and

our success, Up 'Til Dawn is now appearing on 38 campuses.

The upcoming event will begin the evening of Feb. 23 at the Recreation Center, and will conclude the following morning. The 12 hours of festivities will include sporting events, live entertainment, assorted games, a massage parlor and lots of food. In addition, students will also have the opportunity to meet patients of St. Jude whose lives may be affected by our schools generosity.

Maggie Prugh, coordinator of the

Office of Student Organizations and Community Service hopes for record participation at the upcoming event. Although this year's goal of \$25,000 seems like a lot of money, Prugh reminds everyone that, "the daily cost to run St. Jude is over \$400,000."

To get involved with Up 'Til Dawn you can form a team of 4-8 and begin collecting donations. The goal for each team is \$750. After the collection process is complete, teams will receive an invitation to attend the celebration.

This year's event director is Kyle Mayhew, the associate director is Laurie Cook and the spirit chairs are Willie Nelson and Abby Epps.

If interested in participating, stop by Up 'Til Dawn on the Lawn on Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the KUC courtyard. Up 'Til Dawn volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and sign up prospective teams.

For more information contact Prugh at 904-8418, visit KUC 306 or send e-mail to uptldawn@frank.mtsu.edu. ♦

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush cast themselves as high-tech champions Tuesday as they competed for cash and endorsements from Silicon Valley chiefs. The vice president was raising \$3 million from about 300 valley executives, and he assembled a list of 100 industry supporters. Bush, who has raised twice as much high-tech money as his Democratic rival for the presidential race, claimed the backing of 400 "New Economy" leaders in a San Jose newspaper ad.

Hijacked Cuban plane crashes in Gulf of Mexico; nine rescued

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — A small plane that left Cuba with 10 people aboard Tuesday was hijacked before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico, authorities said.

One man was killed and the others were found clinging to debris and rescued by a cargo ship. The crew of the Chios Dream, a Panamanian-registered freighter, recovered one body and the survivors — three men, three women and three children — from rough seas 285 miles off the Florida coast about five hours after the plane took off, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

CIA admits involvement with plotters, assassins in Chile

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA is acknowledging for the first time the extent of its deep involvement in Chile, where it dealt with coup-plotters, false propagandists and assassins. The agency planned to post a declassified report required by Congress on its World Wide Web site Wednesday that admits CIA support for the 1970 kidnapping of Chile's top general for refusing to use the Army to prevent the country's congress from confirming the election of socialist Salvador Allende as president.

The kidnapping failed, but Gen. Rene Schneider was shot and died two days later, the day Allende's election was confirmed.



Photo by James Evans | Editor in Chief
President James Walker responds to a crowd of MTSU friends and family during a dinner held in his honor Tuesday night in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Government links 15 more deaths to Firestone tires

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifteen more traffic deaths have been linked to Firestone tires and 800 more people have reported tread separation, blowouts and other problems with the tires this month alone, the government said Tuesday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration now has received 2,226 complaints about the tires, which were recalled last month and have been linked to 103 U.S. traffic deaths and dozens more overseas. More than 400 U.S. injuries have been reported, up from 250 since Aug. 31.

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GAP: students protest exhibit

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• The Protesters

The posters were many, but the message was clear. With backs turned to the display in protest, a number of students quietly and peacefully opposed GAP's exhibit.

"I support First Amendment rights," one silent woman's neon orange sign read. "But I also support my own freedom of choice."

"Keep your rosaries out of my ovaries," another protester's poster board stated.

The protesters decided to silently oppose GAP.

"A lot of people who would be shouting are here, not talking," said protester Brooke Rodges, a senior English major. "I think we've talked enough. If we allow them to feed off of our energy, their cause will become the winner. And we don't want

that. I'm not going to change their mind. And they are not going to change my mind. So why don't we express what we think. I am unwilling to let anyone take that away from me. If we fight with each other then it looks like somebody is winning and it's not about winning."

Four MTSU police officers stood silently on the edges of the activity. The Baptist Student Union requested some MTSU officers be present to keep the peace should any problems arise.

"We're here in case anyone were to interfere or attempt to sabotage" GAP's display, said MTSU Police Maj. Roy Brewer. "Everyone has equal protection and the same right to express their concerns as long as its done in a peaceful fashion."

By the end of the day,

no arrests had been made and no citations had been issued by MTSU police.

GAP's display was supported by numerous campus organizations including the Baptist Student Union, the Catholic Center, Alpha Omega Campus Ministry, Chi Alpha Campus Ministry, Episcopal Campus Ministry, MTSU Right to Life and Viscous Cycle Campus Ministry. ♦

For further information:
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Burriss questions Internet safety

By Leslie Carol Boehms
Staff writer

There are many different views dealing with safety on the Internet. Whatever the opinion may be, it is a subject to be dealt with immediately, for the problem grows more massive by the second.

Larry Burriss, professor of journalism, conducted a video conferencing session Tuesday, which focused on Internet safety. The session aired locally on channel 9. The conferencing was directed at teachers and administrators in Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Marshall, Moore, Lincoln and Rutherford counties.

In his lecture, Burriss covered questions that frequently arise concerning the protection of young children and the Internet. He discussed such issues as Internet blocking software, teacher and parent resources for effectively using the web but also pointed out child-friendly sites.

Burriss feels that the Internet should be treated with the same rules as an ordinary civic community.

"You walk with your kids through the community, your real community. Take a walk with your kids also

through the cyber community and the cyber village," stated Burriss.

Burriss also points out that a guardian wouldn't leave a young child to play alone in a park or local mall due to potential danger and the frailty of that child. Therefore, he asked, why would a parent drop their child off in the cyber community to combat its dangers alone?

One important factor Burriss emphasized was computer placement in both home and school settings.

"My personal belief is that I see no need for the child to have a computer in their own room... now those are my family values," said Burriss. "If you have a computer in the home why not put it some place that everybody has access to it."

The basis behind this principle, according to Burriss is not for a parent or teacher to stand beside a child and watch what they are doing every minute they are online. Rather, the idea is to allow the guardian to make a conscious effort and stimulate interests with the Internet involvement of the child.

Burriss refers to this method as "Burriss not react." He suggests simply asking the child why they are

interested in a particular Web site instead of assuming they are there for the wrong reasons.

"Maybe they did in fact stumble along the site. Find out what the child thinks of that particular site."

Burriss also mentioned in his conference that part of the problem with advanced technology on the Internet is that students often know more information about computers than the parent or teacher does.

"Teachers are way behind their students," said Burriss. "Students in [the classroom] know more about [the computer], and know how to use [the computer] better than you do. We as parents, we as teachers are just not as up to date with it."

In order to deal with the gap in knowledge, Burriss suggested some Web sites to assist administrators. Some of the sites include the American Library Association and the US Department of Education.

"The department of education not only has a very good Web site for teacher resources," stated Burriss, "they also have free material they will send you."

If you have any questions on this topic for Burriss he may be contacted at lburriss@mtsu.edu. ♦

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Thursday, September 21, 2000

Murfreesboro, TN

From the staff Bomb coverup could have blown up in officials' faces

On Wednesday afternoon, a bomb threat was phoned into Public Safety.

In response, police and firefighters surrounded the area and started looking for evidence.

Students in the building were kept in the dark. There are recent reports that professors were telling each other to keep quiet about the issue.

Why weren't students told?

True, at least one Public Safety officer said he believed the threat was a false alarm—only intended to draw attention away from the Knoll.

There was no evidence to support this theory, however, and basically it was a very dangerous gamble with students at risk.

If students would have been told immediately, there could have been a stampede of

people trying to get out of the building. This may have been one reason authorities didn't tell the students.

But what if it hadn't been a false alarm?

Wouldn't you hate to be the officer responsible for the potential deaths of hundreds of students because of a hunch?

A better solution would have been to calmly evacuate the building, and then tell the students what was happening.

That didn't happen, but fortunately everything still worked out in the end.

This is just one instance of the amount of absurdity that this institution spends on keeping things quiet and secret.

Knowledge and information is power. Why not give this to students so that they can make better decisions?

Secrets only breed corruption.

Editor-in-chief misrepresented staff in column

By Jenny Cordle and Courtney Huckabay
Staff Writer and
Features Editor

As a representation of the staff mentioned in James Evan's column, "Off the Record," which was published Monday, we would like to clarify a few discrepancies concerning the misrepresentation of the *Sidelines* staff as "anti-Greek."

No reason exists for Mr. Evans to speak with the staff about so-called stereotypes.

To our knowledge, no staff member has ever claimed to be "anti-Greek," nor does any staff member hold "prejudices" that would affect the tone of any

article.

His column painted an inaccurate picture of our staff sitting around trashing the fraternities and sororities while he stands over us and tries to convince us that we are wrong in our "prejudices," but to no avail.

Inaccuracy at its best.

He then proceeds to apologize for the "irresponsibility" of the staff members in the past, as if he just magically got the editor-in-chief position without any past *Sidelines* experience.

The bottom line is, as long as we are objective in our coverage, it is irrelevant how we feel personally.

Mr. Evans should speak for himself if anyone at all. ♦

Clarification

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

A few individuals on the staff have expressed concern to me about my editorial that ran Monday entitled, "Persecution of 'Greeks' is Wrong." Those members have told me that they felt I misrepresented the staff and their feelings toward Greeks.

I feel that what I wrote about the staff may have been misleading and as such was misinterpreted by some of the staff, so I would like to clarify my intentions.

There are staff members who are openly anti-Greek or have been in the past, but it is a very small minority of the staff. In fact, there are only four members out of approximately 50 that I know who hold stereotypes against the Greek community.

However, I do not believe that any of those staffers has ever written a biased story or tried to influence a person writing a story. At best, those staff members have written columns expressing their opinions, or have kept relatively quiet about their views unless asked.

I also made it unclear that I have been a member of this staff for nearly four years, and I have written and been responsible for the past. I have covered the Greek community in the way I have even held my own stereotypes. I have changed my way of thinking, and that was the result of my column Monday.

I don't want anyone to think that I have a "holier than thou" attitude, because I know I have made plenty of mistakes. I'm sure that I will make plenty more. That's part of life.

I sincerely apologize to any former or current staff member of *Sidelines* who took offense to my words. I want to say again that the staff members I was referring to are an extreme minority.

I hope that everyone can accept this clarification and apology for what it is. I welcome criticism from anyone who feels that I am distorting the truth. ♦

Correction

In the story "School planes may be in air by end of week" that ran yesterday, it was reported that two MTSU plane crashes happened earlier this year. Only one of those crashes was actually MTSU related. *Sidelines* regrets the error.

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MTSU's stall deprives students of scholarships

Modern Dysfunction



Rob
Evans
Staff
Columnist

Attn: All MTSU Students who graduated from a Kentucky High School after 1999
Re: You may be receiving money
Maybe...

In 1998 the Kentucky General Assembly passed an act that gave performed-based scholarships to graduating high school students. The only catch? You had to attend a college in Kentucky to receive the scholarship.

So every person who decided to leave Kentucky didn't get the money, which in itself is a lame attempt to prevent the brain drain that every state claims happens to their brightest. Well, if this indeed happens, where do all of these brains go? But that's for

another day.

But what if you "had" to leave the "Big Blue Country" to pursue you major, you know, Recording Industry for example?

Well guess what, you got screwed. That is until recently.

After much badgering by students like myself (of course someone had to take the credit), the General Assembly decided this past spring to extend the KEYS scholarship, as it is called, to those students on the Southeast Common Market program.

All states were sent some sort of legal letter this spring or early summer telling them to look at, sign it and return it by August 31, and then the Bluegrass State would pay the students "earned" money.

If only it were so simple.

Seems that most all institutions managed to return the paper, legal document, whatever it was, within the many months time period allocated. All except for MTSU...

Letters to the Editor

Football players need to straighten up

To Whom It May Concern:

They say "some things never change," and I guess it's true, at least when it comes to the "jock-mentality" of (dare I say it?) most football players.

The crude, over-bearing, arrogant attitude with which several Blue Raiders strutted into Corlew cafeteria on Monday, September 11th at 5:40 p.m. was almost noxious in its stupidity.

It was the exact same behavior I saw when I attended UTM in 1975 -- the football players 'there and then' were stiff-necked jerks.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu. Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Especially given that the MTSU has a record of 0-2, the players 'here and now' should be worried about licking their wounds rather than lord-ing their physical "largeness" over their fellow classmates. One oaf cut in line, another jerk hacked an open-mouthed cough right into another student's face, and there was the usual profanity.

But what really caught my eye and made me want to kick a couple of overgrown punks in the ass were the two phlegm-wads in line, in front of myself and a young lady of an obviously timid and demure nature, whom one of these football-fairies turned to.

"Did you touch my butt?", he asked, all wide-eyed with shock and concern. Obviously, and

very quickly she indicated that she had not, but he persisted. "Yes, you did," he said as his equally stupid teammate aped a grin. "I feel so violated," he finished, at which point I could have pointed out that the violated feeling he was experiencing was probably left over from Florida two days before when the football team transformed into silly-putty.

There has been a lot of talk lately about supporting MTSU and the football team -- heck, I had plans to bring my ten-year-old son up from Jackson for a game. Now I don't know.

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Nothing says love better than a quick boink in the hay

Miss Mom

An advice
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Just prior to her first date with a "gorgeous" man she barely knew, a fellow older student and divorcee shared with me the tactics she would employ when attempting to seduce the near-perfect stranger.

"After all...it has been a reeally long time," she claimed. In the same breath, she added, "I hope he likes me."

I proceeded to tell her that this particular conversation reminded me of an exchange of letters between myself and my younger brother who was, at the time, attending RPI in the late 70s. I had forwarded a letter inquiring into the status of his love life, and, in return, he responded by writing, "I only take what I need to survive."

As early as the 1970s, I have learned that there exists an unwritten law that intercourse will most likely occur between the first and third date. From what I have witnessed or heard through friends, these purely physical relationships soon fizzle when the sex "gets old" and both parties realize they have nothing in common.

As an observer, I also noticed that approximately 99% of these relationships exhibit a three-stage development: "Nothing says love better than a quick boink in the hay;" "What the hell did I ever see in this guy/girl?" and "Maybe if I ignore him/her, he/she will go away."

Disliking what I have seen and personally experienced in the past, I've come to the conclusion that I shall never again begin a relationship with a date.

Pressures, pretenses and promises always seem to accompany the early stages of dating, but if one enters into friendship first, both parties can be at ease and discover whether or not they are intellectually and spiritually compatible.

A mental contract outlining a realistic time frame in regards to abstinence will allow one to develop such a friendship. Once the contract has ended, one can re-evaluate the relationship and decide whether or not he/she wishes to take "it" to another level.

This plan of action not only allows one to slowly develop intimacy between both partners, but also allows one to maintain self-respect and gain a friend if one wishes not to become seriously involved.

Even though I have consigned myself to begin a relationship as a friend, I will never allow myself

be alone with the other person. It is best to socialize in a group setting or to meet in a public place. If one must be alone with their friend, be sure to let others know who you are with, where you are going, the number where you can be reached, and make periodic check-ins to let someone know that you are fine or that evening plans have changed.

According to Azell Murphy Cavaan's March 1999 article in the *Boston Herald*, 25 percent of college women will experience date rape. The March 1995 issue of *Rolling Stone* asserts that 84 percent of all rapes are committed by a perpetrator who was acquainted with the victim.

Keeping wits sharp is another important factor when meeting someone new. Using alcohol to ease the evening's tensions may result in an awkward or dangerous situation.

In addition, *Campus Watch Newsletter* journalist Jenna Santangelo writes that 60 percent of STDs were contracted by women who were under the influence of alcohol.

Paying your own way will allow one to control the evening's activities as well as eliminate the pressure to "owe" the other party.

Talk is cheap. Skip the dinner and movie normally associated with dating. A mouthful of food or eyes glued to the screen will not allow for con-

versation. Engage in activities that will give both parties time to talk, such as museums, group hikes and coffee houses.

Never discuss sex. Talking sex gives mixed signals and may result in receiving unwanted advances. If the other party exhibits premature verbal ejaculation when you have expressed a wish not to, realize that this person is being disrespectful. Leave and don't look back.

Never kiss your friend on the lips. A kiss on the cheek will do nicely because a kiss these days apparently acts as a prelude to sex.

I realize that my advice is a rather puritan approach on dating.

However, I guarantee that when both parties consent to intercourse after an appropriate time to establish friendship and intimacy, protected sex can be the quintessential enhancer to an already healthy relationship.

By the way, my friend did engage in sex with her date, he didn't live up to her fantasies, and she is refusing to return his calls. ♦

Need advice? Contact Miss Mom at slopino@mtsu.edu.

Andrew Owusu goes for the gold

Triple jumping to Australia

By Courtney Huckabay
Features Editor

Every four years, the Summer Olympics roll around and audiences are captivated by the stunning talents of so many around the globe. Kids sit in front of the TV in awe of the swimmers and runners, dreaming that one day they too might be an Olympic hero. For most kids, those dreams dwindle with age and maturity, but not for 28-year-old Andrew Owusu.

MTSU's very own graduate student is representing the country of Ghana at the Summer Olympics in Sydney, Australia. Owusu made the 16+ hour flight, filled with layovers, to Sydney last Wednesday and is set to compete in the triple jump for the first time today.

Today may be the first time Owusu has competed for such a grand title this summer, but he is no rookie to the game. Owusu has trained for this event since he began college and he competed in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta as well. He was a finalist in the '97 World Championships in Athens, Greece, was an eight-time All American while at Alabama, he won the African Championships for triple jump three times in a row and ranks among the top 10 triple jumpers in the world. "Every season I give it my all," said Owusu, not giving away any of his training secrets.

Owusu completed his undergraduate work at the University of Alabama and seized the opportunity to participate in the '96 Olympics. "I never thought I would make it [to the Olympics] when I started school in Alabama, but I kept working hard while I was on the track team, and I did."

The second-time Olympian came to MTSU because he felt he "still had more to give to track and field." And he didn't want to give up on his education either. "I didn't want to stay out of education. I didn't think that would be a positive thing to do academically." So with a little pushing from his trainer, MTSU track and field head coach Dean Hayes, Owusu decided to obtain his doctorate and keep training here.

"Andrew has a real level head," said Hayes, who was a judge for the '96 Olympics and coached an Olympic team in '88. "And he's easy to coach and work with because he wants to work hard and get better. He likes to compete, but he also knows that track isn't life, he has other goals and career ambitions. He's a real team person."

"I feel very happy here," Owusu said. "The

members of the HPERs department have been very supportive of me—not just in my track efforts, but also in my life and career. Being a GTA for the HPERs department and being able to work with the best triple jump coach in the world has been so great."

Imagine knowing for a whole year that you would be going to the Olympics to see how you measure up to the best athletes in the world...this is what Andrew has been doing since last September. Owusu triple jumped in the African Games last year and made the A Standard, which then automatically qualified him for the 2000 Olympics. So Owusu didn't even have to go to Ghana to compete in the preliminaries for a space in the Olympics, he already had it made.

"I'm more excited than nervous, especially since I've been to Atlanta and to the World Championships twice, and I have more experience now. I'm just grateful that this opportunity was possible, and I have Coach Hayes to thank for that."

When asked if the change in season had him worried, Owusu just shrugged it off. "It's spring in Australia now, so it will be cooler there than it is here. The cold affects my performance negatively, but all I can do is try to adapt to it and do my best."

Owusu also has other things on his mind during the Games, if one can believe that. Ghana has nominated him as a candidate for the International Olympic Commission Athletes Committee, a very prestigious honor. All of the Olympic athletes vote on the candidates for the Committee, so Owusu has to make his face and name known. Although no actual campaigning is permitted, Owusu said there is nothing to stop someone from mingling and meeting new people—in other words—networking. So Andrew will be dividing his time between jumping and shaking hands in the land down under.

"That's a very big question," Owusu answered after being asked if he was planning on going for the gold again in four years. "You never know what'll happen between now and then. I just don't know." Owusu did say that he'd like to teach at a college later on down the road. And there's always the possibilities that the IOC could bring him. "The IOC may open other avenues for me that I may not even know of right now."

Be sure to watch for Andrew Owusu tonight during the track and field portion of the Olympics. He will then go on to compete in the qualifying round on the 23rd and the final round for triple jump will be on the 25th. ♦

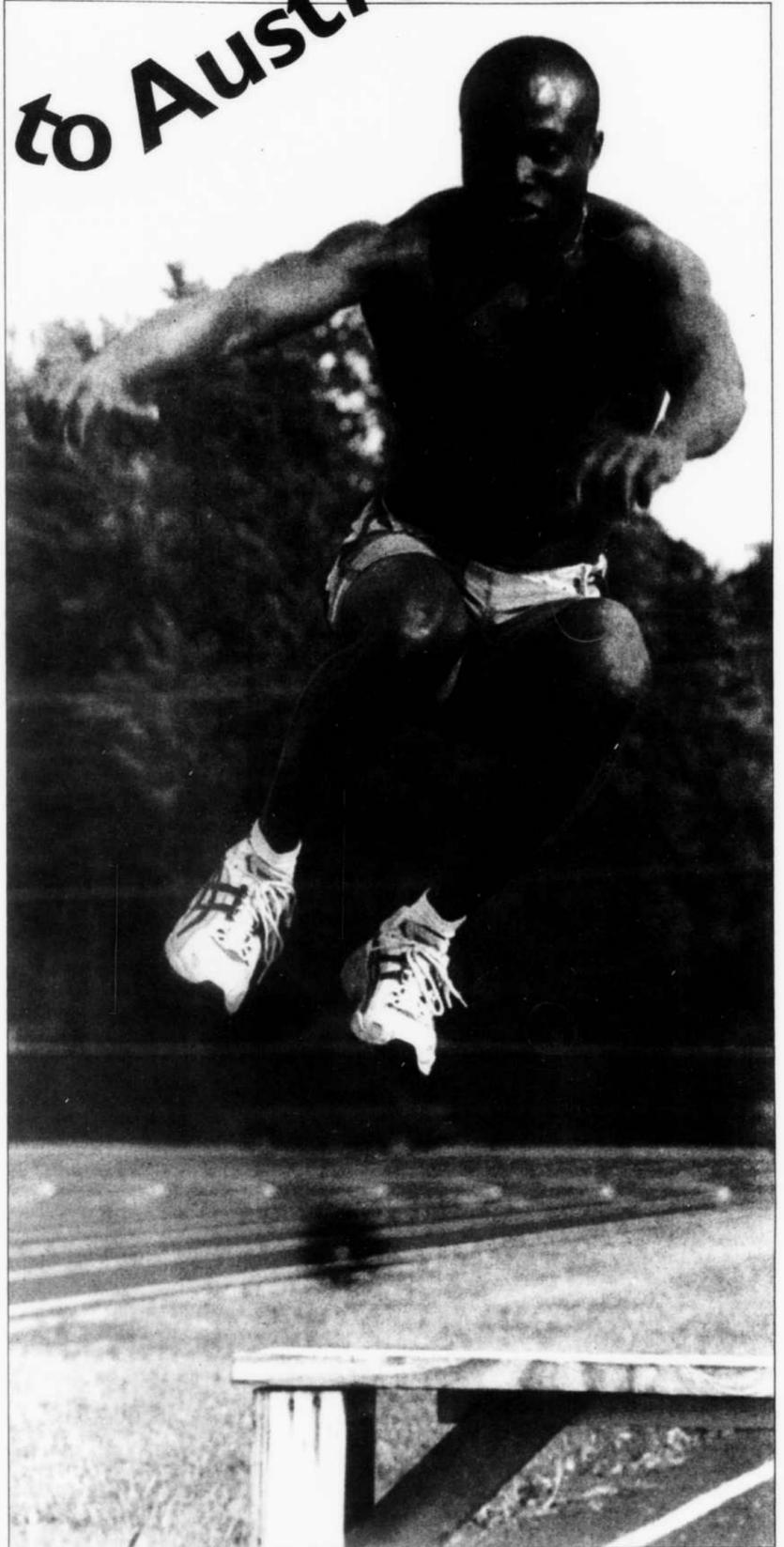


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Andrew Owusu prepares for his chance at the Gold. Owusu triple jumps today in the Olympics, representing his home country Ghana, but with MTSU in his heart.

Running for life

Student sponsors child in cancer run

By Sara Vaughn
Staff Writer

Over and over the students at MTSU show that not only are they dedicated, intelligent, witty, creative and talented in their many fields, but they are also determined, compassionate and work hard for things they believe in.

Mark DeZalia, a senior graduating in December with a degree in Microbiology, exemplifies all of these qualities.

You could even call him greedy or money hungry and this would be true because he needs \$1,200! And soon! DeZalia is currently a member of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training. The LLS is an organization dedicated to fighting blood-related cancers. The TNT is sponsored by the LLS and is a way to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise millions of dollars each year for research and aid for those who suffer from any blood-related cancer.

"It's my last semester of school, training for the marathon and trying to raise money and find a job...it's a lot to undertake, but it's keeping me busy," said DeZalia, who gets up nearly every morning before dawn to run the Greenway. "And on Saturdays, the team members have a group run at 6 a.m. that is 15 to 20 miles long," said DeZalia.

The main driving force behind DeZalia's strength is Michael Medlin, a 6-year-old who lives here in Murfreesboro. "He was diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma at the age of two," said DeZalia, "and right now he is on chemotherapy maintenance treatment at Vanderbilt University."

"All of the challenges in my life instantly became trivial when I learned of Michael and realized that he had more courage at the age of 6 than I have ever had," said DeZalia.

Running allows me to remove myself from the stresses of my day and concentrate on only one thing. It is the most Zen activity in which I have participated.

- Mark DeZalia



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On his daily run, Mark DeZalia thinks of the difference he'll make in Michael Medlin's life. Mark runs everyday in order to prepare for the 26-mile marathon in October.

Each TNT member is assigned a local "patient hero" at the beginning of training and run a marathon wearing a hospital band displaying the name of this special person, whether a child or an adult.

"My required fundraising goal is \$2,800, but my personal goal is \$3,500," said DeZalia. "Also I am required to finish the marathon in six hours, but my goal is to finish in four."

DeZalia will run 26.2 miles on Oct. 22 at the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C. This is one of three events sponsored by the LLS/TNT.

"This year is the 25th anniversary of the marathon," said DeZalia. "And there will be about 25,000 runners from across the nation."

"There are about 40 members on the TNT in the Nashville area and about 150 in the entire state," said DeZalia. "And there are also teams in Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga in addition to the 52 chapters in the nation."

DeZalia has a background in swimming, so to do this run has been a personal challenge. "On the days that I don't think I can run another mile, the thought of Michael struggling for his life makes me keep going," he said. "When I'm in pain, I have the luxury of stopping. Michael does not have that option," he said.

Originally from Bentonville, Ark. and the University of Arkansas, DeZalia was also involved in Swim for Philadelphia in 1997, for AIDS research. He also participated in a Breast Cancer Walk in Nashville this past spring.

DeZalia was first introduced to the TNT program on April 29 of this year while he was working at the Inaugural Country Music Marathon in Nashville. "The enthusiasm of all of the marathon participants was contagious," said DeZalia. "They were smiling, cheering and giving each other encouragement at the starting line."

"Needless to say, I was inspired by the sight and signed up the next week," said DeZalia.

Thanks to the fundraising of LLS and TNT, the survival rate for children and adults like Michael Medlin has changed from 4 percent in 1960 to 80 percent today. "This figure is encouraging, but more research is needed to help those 26,000 who die each year of these diseases," said DeZalia.

"My major concern right now is raising the rest of the money needed, which is another \$1,200," said DeZalia. "Any money that I don't raise comes out of my pocket." College students are not the wealthiest people in the world, this is true, but "every tax-deductible gift, regardless of size, will bring hope to families touched by leukemia, lymphoma and Hodgkin's disease," said DeZalia.

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ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

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

Sept. 21

Everyone is invited to attend a Gallery Talk by Phil Vander Weg at 1 p.m. in the Art Barn Gallery. There will also be a closing reception for Mr. Vander Weg from 4-6 p.m. in the Art Barn.

The Murfreesboro branch of the American Association of University Women and the Office of Multicultural Affairs hosts a Voter Registration table in the lobby just outside the KUC Grille from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information contact Melinda Johnson-Lickiss at 898-2536 or mlickiss@mtsu.edu.

The Green Party meets at 4 p.m. in the KUC Room 313. Contact Katie Sellers at 907-9692 for more information.

The University of Tennessee, Memphis Health Science Center will be on the MTSU Campus from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in KUC Rooms 324, 322A, 322B, 322C, 314 to answer questions and talk with students about programs in the health sciences.

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service are offering several technical training and certification classes this fall. One course, AutoCAD, will be held on Thursdays from Sept. 21 through Dec. 7. It is worth three CEUs and costs \$325.

Contact Saeed D. Foroustan in the department of engineering technology and industrial studies for more information.

Sept. 23

Raft, kayak, or funyak the scenic Hiwassee River with Campus Recreation. The cost is \$12 for students and \$15 for guests. Contact Jenny or Mitch for more information at 898-2104.

Sept. 24

Campus Recreation is going rock climbing on the scenic Cumberland Plateau. Spend the day in beautiful Tennessee countryside. Contact Mitch or Charla for more information at 898-2104.

Sept. 25

June Anderson Women's Center is offering a Math Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Room 204. Eliminate math anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 26

The Division of Continuing Studies and Public Service for MTSU offers the course "A+ Certification Training Program." The course is held on Tuesdays from Sept. 26-Nov. 28, from 6-9 p.m. and is worth three CEUs. Tim Beckett teaches the course in Mod F, Rooms 101 and 102. The cost is \$449 for the course.

Come learn to rock climb and belay the right way with Campus Rec. at 6 p.m. Call Jenny or Mitch at 898-2104 for more information.

Sept. 27

June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Test Anxiety Workshop from 3-4 p.m. in JUB Room 204. End test anxiety in one session! Call 898-2193 to register.

Sept. 28

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty, and staff (men are also welcome). Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

Captain's meeting for intramural volleyball at 5 p.m. in the Campus Recreation office. Call Chris or Warren at 898-2104 for more information.

Runner: Thoughts of sick child keeps DeZalia going

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If you would like more information on how to make a contribution or join the team, check out DeZalia's website at the following address: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~mnd2a>.

There you will find other informational links or you can make a contribution

online, which only takes a few seconds.

You can also make checks payable to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and send them to the following address: Mark DeZalia, 236 Indian Park Dr. Murfreesboro, TN 37128 by Sept. 30.

So take a few minutes and put your busy life in perspective. While some of us worry about getting a paper typed or

studying for a test, think about your fellow students like Mark DeZalia or the neighborhood kids like Michael Medlin.

After all, we are students-and faculty-of MTSU. We are all examples of talent, intelligence, compassion and dedication to a great many things. Micheal Medlin won't know you personally, but his family will know who you are. ♦

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Raiders look for first road win since 1998

By Michael Edwards
Staff Writer

Looking for their first win against a Division I-A football opponent the Blue Raiders will head to College Park, Md., Saturday to take on the Maryland Terapins.

Of all the games this season against top football programs, this may be the best chance for the Blue Raiders to get the upset for which they are looking. The Terps, however, are coming off a loss to the Mountaineers of West

Virginia and could be out for blood.

According to the New York Times, the Blue Raiders and the Terps are separated by only 15 places in their computer index, which is a component to the Bowl Championship Series standings.

Middle Tennessee is rated 99, while Maryland sits at 84.

"We've gone from the Big 10 to the SEC and now to the ACC," Blue Raiders head coach Andy McCollum said. "This is another big opportunity for our football team."

Questions are still raised about the Blue Raiders' quarterback situation, although redshirt junior Wes Counts threw for 260 yards last week against Murray State, while backup Jason Johnson was relegated to the sideline nearly the whole game.

When Middle Tennessee has the ball

The Blue Raiders will feature a balanced attack this week if the Maryland defense allows them to do so. Versus the Racers, the Blue Raiders rushed for 273 yards on 51 carries, while passing for 260 yards on 35 attempts.

Suddenly, the offense that was nearly all pass last year has become a smash-mouth football team.

"We try to be a balanced attack," McCollum said. "People think we are a pass happy attack. We are going to take what you give us."

Sophomore Dwone Hicks leads the way for Middle Tennessee and remained on pace for his first 1,000 yard rushing season. At the moment, he sits at 312, an average of 104 yards per game.

The powerful tailback rushed for 64 yards on 15 carries against the Florida Gators and 134 against Illinois.

The recently eligible true-freshman Don Calloway managed a solid per-

formance in his second football game at the college level. The 5-foot-8 Calloway rushed for 91 yards and two touchdowns in the Blue Raiders offensive field day against Murray State.

The passing game, unfortunately, has been dominated by inconsistency.

Illinois surrendered over 260 yards of passing, while Florida shut down the pass giving up only 139 yards. Obviously, the caliber of the opponent's defense had a great deal of influence.

If the Blue Raiders are going to win this game, they are going to have to exploit the Maryland defense, which has been nothing better than suspect all year. Temple University rang up over 400-yards in a 17-10 Maryland



win — 339 of the yards came threw the air.

Temple quarterbacks also managed to complete 25-of-37 passes. The Temple Owls pounded out 104 yards on the ground, including six sacks, which totaled a loss of 51 yards.

In the Terps second game of the year, Maryland held the Mountaineers

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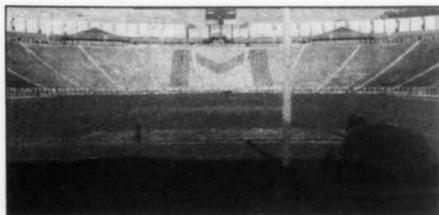


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Raiders head to Byrd Stadium this weekend.

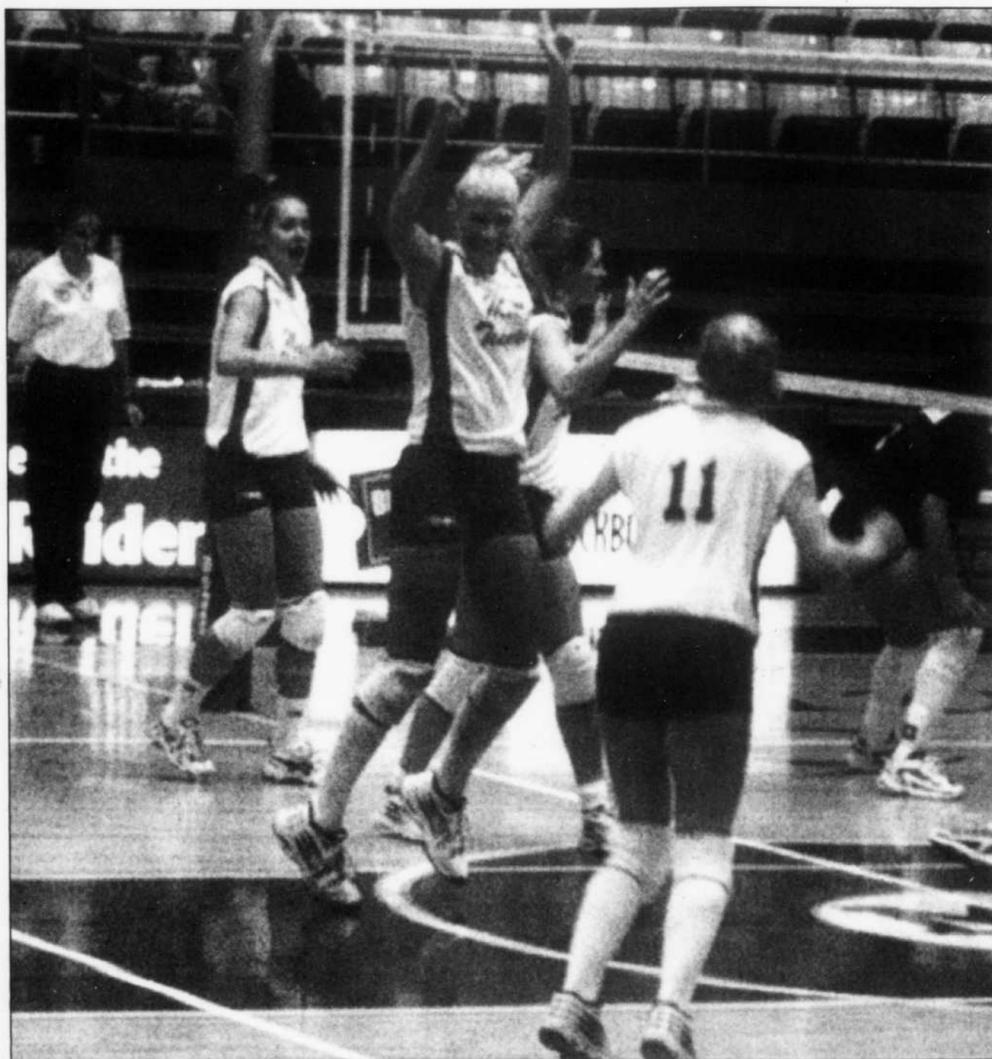


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Lady Raiders celebrate after scoring a point against UTC.

Blue Raiders spike UTC

By Colleen Cox
Staff Writer

The MTSU volleyball team swept Tennessee-Chattanooga 3-0 (15-13, 15-9, 16-14) Tuesday night.

The Lady Raiders took the second game easily, but struggled in the first and third games. They had to overcome five-point deficits in both of those games.

"We came out slow," Lady Raider head coach Lisa Kisee. "We're trying something different this year, practicing on Sunday and taking off Monday. I was wondering how it would affect us and it did a little at the beginning."

Sophomore Katie Thiesen led the Lady Raider offensive attack with 17 kills. Senior Lindsay Pritchard added 12 kills with a .400 attack percentage. Sophomore Erin Hillstrom recorded a double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs.

Sophomore Jennifer Hignite led the defensive attack with eight blocks, two of which were solo. She also had a .750 attack percentage.

"Jennifer blocked really well," Kisee said. "We're trying to use her more offensively, we're just being too tentative. I've got to get Goldie (Bilyeu-Sears) to set her."

Sophomore Kelly Quinn and Bilyeu-Sears, a freshman, again shared the setting duties. Quinn finished with twenty-six assists while Bilyeu-Sears had twenty-three.

Senior Abby Hartup made her first appearance of the season after breaking her hand earlier this year. She had seven digs.

"I'm so happy to see Abby play again," Kisee said. "She played great."

The Lady Raiders host Florida International in Sun Belt Conference play September 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Murphy Center. ♦

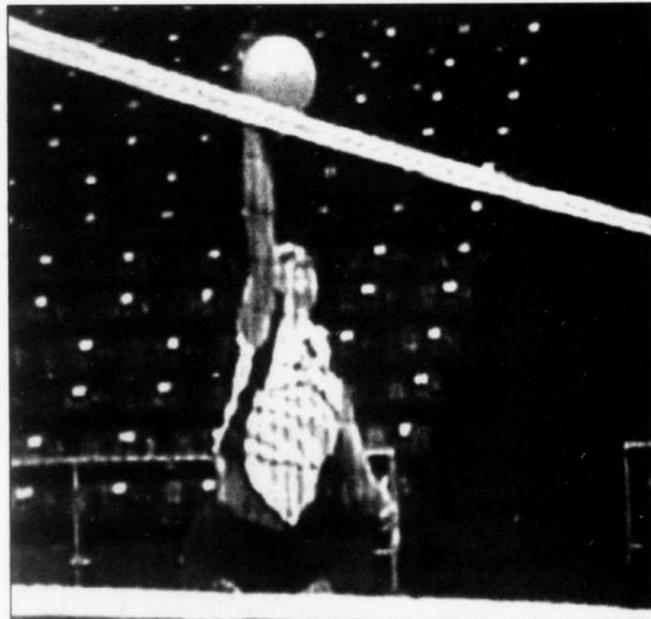


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Friday night, the Lady Raiders will host Florida International.

Former Blue Raider ready to take on the world

By Rachel Parrish
Staff Writer

Maurice Green

The man who ran 9.79 in the Grand Prix last year for the world record. The man who is the current outdoor 100m champ. The man whom Ghana looks to to bring home the gold.

The man who MTSU graduate student, Christian Nsiah isn't too impressed by. After all, Green is his competition.

"Every time I see him," Nsiah said. "I just say 'Hi,' and go on my way. All I can think about is that this is the guy that beat me before. I've run against him many times—so it's not like I'm awed by him. We do the same thing."

Christian Nsiah

The man with times of 10.1 and 20.0 to his credit. The man who has competed in worldwide track and field meets. The man whom Ghana looks to to bring home the gold.

"Can he do it?"

"I don't know the answer to that," said Nsiah, matter-of-factly. "We'll all just have to wait and see."

Meticulously, he folds his clothes and lines them neatly into his suitcase. Tomorrow he's leaving for his 114th track meet — the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

There, he will be competing in the 100-meter dash and 4x100-meter relay against the fastest men on the planet.

Isn't he just a tad stressed?

"No way," said Nsiah, emphatically as he turns down the Bob Marley crooning in the background. "I hardly ever get stressed about running or anything else. Never do I let myself get to the state of being stressed."

He then wipes off a pair of already spottless track spikes and lines them in his bag.

"However," Nsiah admits, "at times I do get frustrated when things start to pile up. There's a great difference between stress and frustration."

And what, exactly, does this Olympian do when things start to pile up?

"I run and oh yeah, this helps, too" said Nsiah, as he points proudly to his Sega, that is stored next to a wide array of African, reggae and gospel CD's. "Video games help me relax."

Nsiah, 6-foot-3, 175 pounds, looks for all the world to be a pro basketball player. A former OVC champion and MTSU track and field graduate assistant, Jahez Salahuddin, worked with Nsiah on his starts this season. He says he admires Nsiah for his dedication to the sprints despite his height.

"It's hard to compete with shorter sprinters when you are so tall," Salahuddin said. "I respect him for his outstanding ability to step up to pro-

fessional competition. He's a phenomenal athlete who's extremely dedicated."

Nsiah talks about his own height and weight.

"I know I'm skinny," said Nsiah, good-naturedly. "So my diet is simple—I try and eat as much as I can and stay away from the junk. At this point, I need all the muscle I can get."

Though Nsiah has competed all over the world, this will be his first trip to Australia.

"From what I hear it's pretty cold there, but it's okay. It won't really bother me," Nsiah said. "I've been training for a long time and I feel prepared and besides, I'm sure it's not as cold as Finland."

Australia

The country BKA Down and Under. The place where only the most talented athletes will compete against each other for the gold medal. The place where the showdown between rivals Green and Nsiah will ultimately take place.

Who will be the world's next fastest man?

"I'm ready," said Nsiah, as turns up Bob Marley's "Buffalo Soldier" and zips up his suitcase.

Look for Nsiah to compete in Sydney's Olympic Games on Friday, Sept. 22. ♦

MT Media Relations

Daniel Klemetz and Robert Gustafsson qualified for the National Clay Court doubles main draw on Tuesday with a pair of victories.

The National Clay Courts is one of the three prestigious collegiate grand-slam events.

The duo defeated Penn States Jamie Gresh-Steve Vander Westhuyzen by an 8-2 count to advance to the qualifying round where they took an 8-5 win over Carsten Bitschkus-Leopold Grundig of Loyola Marymount.

Gustafsson returned to the team after initialing deciding to turn pro at the end of the last season before changing his mind to return for his junior year. Klemetz is coming off the most successful season ever for a Blue Raider freshman.

The main draw will begin on



Robert Gustafsson

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Thursday. Both are also competing in singles. Klemetz, ranked 81st in the country is in the main draw for Thursday while Gustafsson as well as Oliver Foreman will be attempting to qualify on Wednesday for the main draw. ♦

Football: Raiders hit the road

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to 276 yards rushing. That is not going to win many games and it did not win this game. Maryland fell 30-17, despite recovering three of six West Virginia fumbles. West Virginia managed to throw for 165 yards on 22 passing attempts.

The defensive line for the Terps is not the biggest by far. Across the defensive front, Maryland averages 6-foot-3 in height, and only 272 pounds. The Blue Raider offensive line, which averages 6-foot-4, 292, should be able to control the line of scrimmage.

Maryland's linebackers, however, are perhaps some of the best in the ACC.

They will feature anywhere from three to four linebackers, who are all

returning. Juniors Aaron Thompson and Marlon Moye-Moore lead the attack followed by sophomore E.J. Henderson and redshirt freshman Mike Whaley. The group averages 6-foot-1 and 228 pounds.

When Maryland has the ball

The Terps boast one of the best tailbacks in the country — Lamont Jordan.

Unfortunately, the preseason Heisman Trophy candidate has totaled two games what Dwone Hicks had in less than one.

Jordan has rushed for 100 yards on 40 carries. He has scored only two touchdowns. Jordan is the all-time leading rusher at Maryland and currently ranks 15th on the ACC's list. He

is 22 yards behind Virginia's Terry Kirby.

Middle Tennessee put up their best run defense performance in a long time last week, as the Racers managed only 62 yards on the ground on 26 carries.

"[Jordan] is somebody we will have to be at our best to slow down," McCollum said. "He's a Heisman Trophy candidate, and they just don't give that title to anybody."

The Gators and Illini, however, combined for 443 yards on the Raider defense.

Another problem for Middle Tennessee could be Maryland's quarterback, Calvin McCall. The sophomore has passed for 153 yards per game this season but has not thrown for a touchdown. He has completed 59 percent of his passes.

The Blue Raiders finally managed to put a great deal of pressure on the

quarterback last week, as they sacked Murray State three times. The Blue Raiders' Tanaka Scott recorded a sack along with Terrence King and Chris Gatlin.

"I'm never going to be satisfied on the defensive side of the ball until somebody doesn't score on us," McCollum said. "We probably had two or three plays on defense that chaps me [against Murray State]."

Middle Tennessee's defensive line averages 6-foot-2, 283 pounds along the front, while the Maryland offensive line averages a mere 6-foot-4, 287 pounds.

Defenses have been able to shut down Jordan by putting seven and eight men on the line of scrimmage, which should leave the passing game open. Nevertheless, Maryland has managed an average of only 184 yards per game and no passing touchdowns. The Terps have only converted a dismal six of 25 third downs as well.

Statistically, the Raiders have an edge in nearly every aspect of the game. Middle Tennessee, according to the Sagarin Rating, has played a tougher schedule as well, which is ranked 26 nationally.

What will happen

This will be the game.

Middle Tennessee will get over the hump and knock off the Terapins on the road. The Blue Raiders can not stop the Maryland running game and

Maryland can not stop any aspect of the Middle Tennessee offense.

The Blue Raiders will get a 48-yard field goal to seal the deal. Hicks and Calloway will again shine, as Middle Tennessee rolls in the upset 45-42 as thousands of people bust their lip on their tailgate trying to catch the Middle Tennessee bandwagon.

How it can be seen or heard

Kick off is set for 5 p.m. C.S.T. The game is not on television, but tickets are still available for those intending on traveling to the game. WMOT 89.5 FM will carry the game live on the radio with Dick Palmer and Preston O'Neal calling the game and Chip Walters reporting from the sidelines. ♦



Dwone Hicks runs over a Murray State defender for a touchdown.

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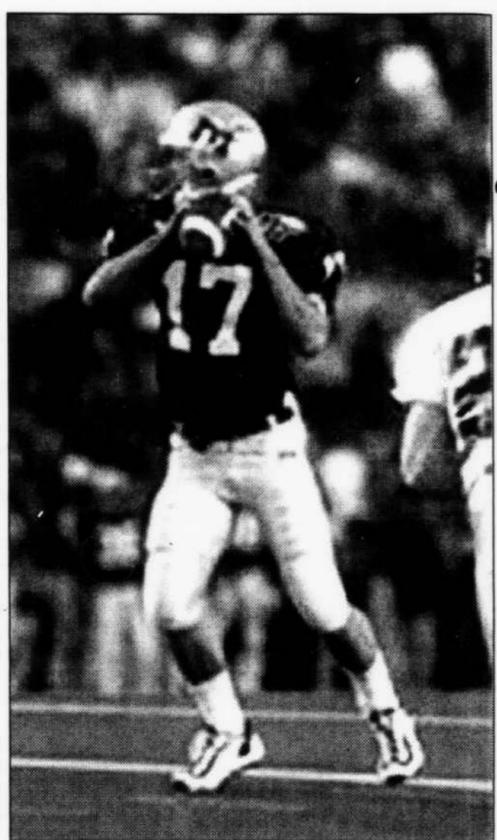
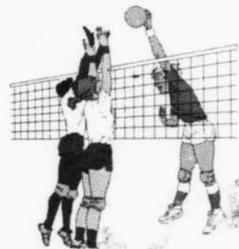


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Wes Counts drops back for a pass vs. Murray State.

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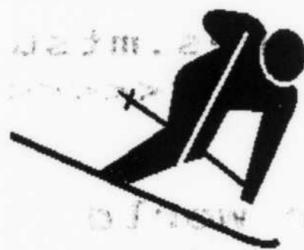
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