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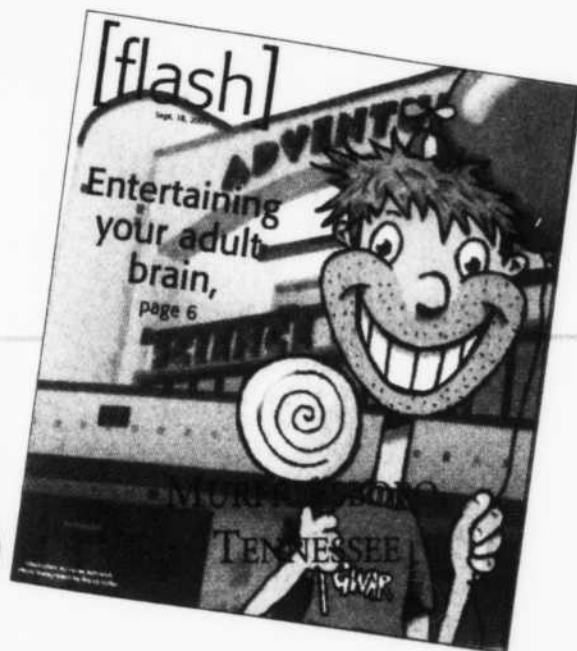


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Gunman takes hostages at Tennessee college

Man claims to be member of al-Qaida

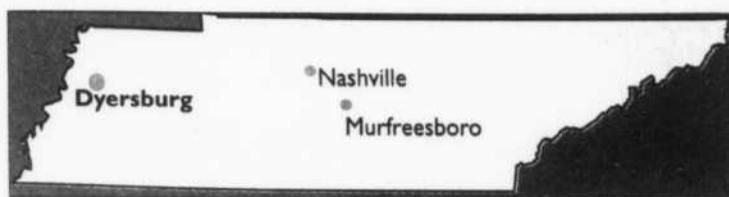
By Woody Baird
Associated Press Writer

DYERSBURG, Tenn. (AP) - A gunman who left a note saying he "wanted to kill some people and die today" took at least a dozen people hostage in a college classroom Wednesday afternoon, releasing three students several hours later,

authorities said. No injuries or gunshots were reported in the standoff at Dyersburg State Community College, about 75 miles north-east of Memphis. The gunman, believed to have a 9mm pistol and what looks like a butcher knife, had not made any demands - aside from water to drink - but said he will kill him-

self, Police Chief Bobby Williamson said.

The gunman claimed to be a member of al-Qaida, and Williamson said that although authorities have no reason to believe the claim, the FBI had been called in. Justice Department officials in Washington also said they had no evidence that the gunman



The gunman is holding the hostages at Dyersburg State Community College in west Tennessee.

was a member of the terrorist organization.

Police identified the gunman as Harold Kilpatrick Jr., a 26-year-old Memphis man who

was staying in Dyersburg with his sister. In the suicide note, left at his sister's house, he also said he didn't like Americans and had spoken with al-Qaida

leader Osama bin Laden, Dyersburg Police Chief Bobby Williamson said.

Williamson said there were 12 to 16 people in the classroom when the standoff began. The three students Kilpatrick released were all women, one of whom was pregnant. The teacher remained in the classroom.

Officers were

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Historian to discuss Elizabeth I

By Deanna Bauer
Staff Writer

Visiting professor Carole Levin will spend two weeks at MTSU speaking about one of the most powerful women in history, Elizabeth I.

As a Strickland Visiting Scholar, Levin will be giving a free and open lecture on today titled "All the Queen's Children: Elizabeth I and the Meaning of Motherhood."

Levin teaches history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and specializes in 16th century England. Her teaching focuses on the subtopics of cultural and women's history.

"I've loved history since I was a child," Levin said. "When I was a kid, my mom used to take me to the local library every week, and I used to read kid biographies."

Levin explained that her interest in Elizabeth I started in the library.

"I was maybe only 10 years old and I read a kid biography on Elizabeth and thought, 'What an amazing woman,'" she said. "I just never fell out of love with her."

Levin said that she hopes the audience will enjoy the lecture, learn something new and appreciate Elizabeth.

"She was a queen. She ruled unmarried. She had no role models to follow and she managed to pull it all off," Levin said. "I thought that was pretty remarkable. I still do."

Levin's lecture will focus on Queen Elizabeth's role as a female monarch in England.

"There was great pressure on Elizabeth to get married and have children, to have an heir, which she didn't do," Levin said. "So, I'm going to talk about her use of the rhetoric, 'All people of England are my children.'"

Levin will also discuss the rumors circulating during Elizabeth's lifetime, and still today, about the possibility that she secretly did have children, and what that implies about society's attitudes toward powerful women.

The lecture will include new material from Levin's research as well as information from the multiple books that she's written.

Her books include *The Reign of Elizabeth I* and *The Heart and Stomach of a King: Elizabeth I and the Politics of Sex and Power*.

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Climbing the walls

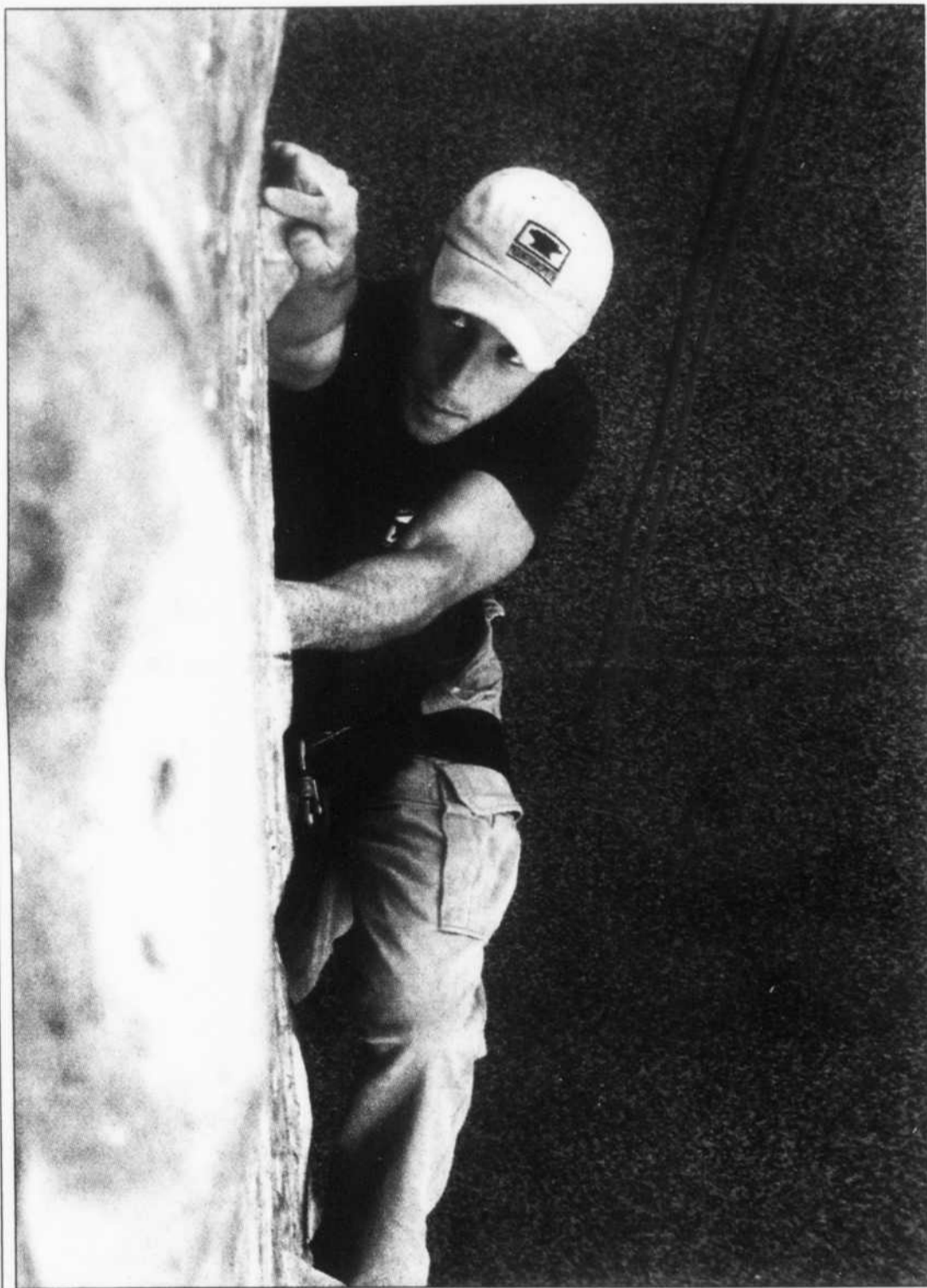


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Josh Stone, a master's candidate in health, physical science, education and recreation, scales the climbing wall inside the lobby of the Recreation Center. Stone also works for Outdoor Pursuits, which provides recreational adventures for students.

Administration hires consultant to aid Greeks

Director says outside input will be helpful

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Higher education consultant, Thomas Jelke, from T. Jelke Solutions, is currently on campus to review MTSU's Greek system and give advice for a more efficient and effective Greek community.

Jelke will be on campus through Friday and will be meeting with administration, faculty, Greek and non-Greek students to discuss any problems or concerns.

"It's just a complete review of the Greek system," said Gene Fitch, associate dean of student life. "He will be reviewing various documents like the bylaws and similar items and will see if they are addressing the need of the students."

Kim Godwin, director of Greek Life, said that his job is "to look and see from an outside perspective to see what the organizations are doing for the university and themselves as well as what the university is doing to support them."

"He will be looking at everything from recruitment, student councils and organizations, new member periods, our public relations and all kinds of other things," Godwin said.

Fitch said it is customary for

MTSU to have an outside consultant within the university. He said that the university just completed a review of the student programming department and that another consultant will come in next week to review the Student Government Association.

Godwin said the reason the administration decided to bring in the consultant was because the university went without a permanent Greek Life director for a few years before Godwin started.

"Over the last few years a lot of things have changed in such a short period of time," Godwin said.

"Sometimes an unbiased third party review can be helpful," Fitch said. "Someone who is independent of the university can point out things that we might have overlooked."

Fitch also pointed out that Jelke has worked with other universities and can provide a different perspective on how to organize the Greek community at MTSU.

"He knows what other campuses are doing and can compare MTSU to similar universities," Fitch said.

The meetings with Jelke will give faculty and students an opportunity to voice their opinions about aspects of the Greek community that are both positive and negative.

Jelke will finish his meetings and send a report detailing

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Arts, literary magazine accepting submissions for fall

Student, faculty work wanted

By Andrew Young
Staff Writer

The MTSU art and literary magazine *Collage* is accepting submissions from artists, writers and photographers for its fall 2003 issue.

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to submit their original artwork, photographs, sculptures, poetry, short fiction, journalism and other literary and artistic pieces for inclusion in this semester's issue.

Journalist Callie Elizabeth Butler is the editor of *Collage*, and said that she hopes for a wider variety of submissions from students.

"The goal this semester is to move beyond poetry, although that genre is obviously important, to other genres to get a greater literary array of work," Butler said.

Butler was the editor of *Scribbling Mob* for two years before taking the position as *Collage* editor.

Collage has featured art, photography, poetry and short literary works from the MTSU community for over 30 years.

This 32 page, glossy, full-color magazine is published twice annually through the Student Publications Office. Just about any creative or artistic endeavor that can be captured in a photo-

graphic or print medium can be submitted to *Collage*.

"Our goal in design is to create a publication with multiple appeals and perspectives," Butler said.

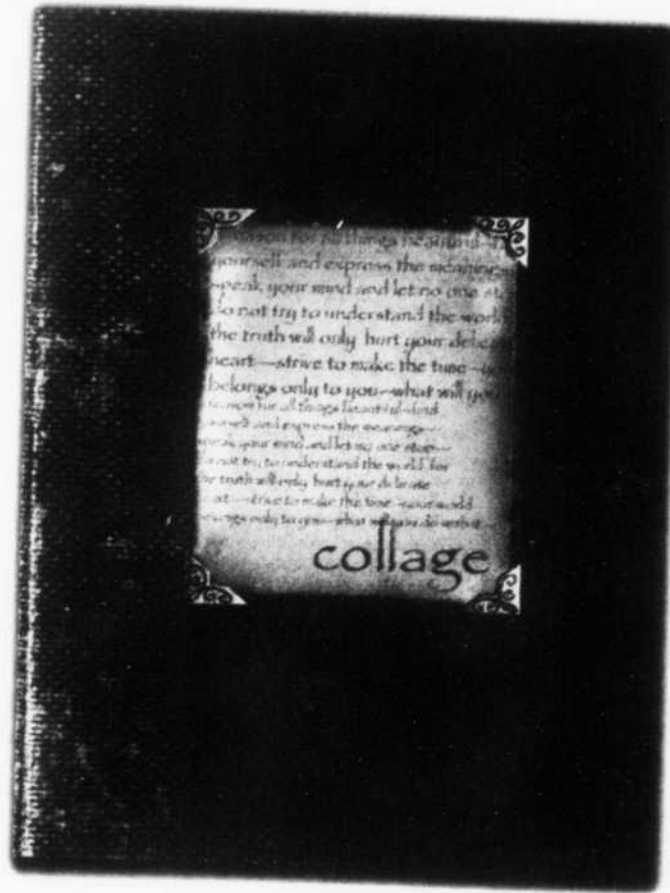
"The students, alumni and faculty submitting mold the theme," she said.

Up to three submissions are allowed per person. Submitted works are selected for publication through an impartial review process, where the identities of artists and writers remain anonymous.

Submitters whose works are accepted for publication will be notified by mail. The fall 2003 issue of *Collage* will be released in early December.

Collage is an opportunity for members of the MTSU community to express themselves creatively and receive recognition and exposure for their efforts. A published work in *Collage* is also a great addition to one's creative portfolio, Butler said.

The deadline for submissions is Oct. 10 at 4 p.m. You can pick up a submission form outside the *Collage* office, James Union Building, Room 308. Past issues are also available for the taking outside the office. ♦



Levin: Lecturer to examine film *Elizabeth*

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"I think everyone should know the history of women," Levin said.

"I think it's great for women, but it's great for everyone because everyone should know the history of not just the elite, but all people, women and men, different races, different classes."

"I love to bring history out there to people," she said.

In addition to the lecture,

Levin will spend time in the classrooms talking to history students, giving workshops to students and faculty and speaking at a showing of the 1998 film *Elizabeth*.

She will give a brief introduction and afterward discuss the inaccuracies in the film and what they imply.

Levin currently holds a long-term National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship at the Newberry Library in Chicago for 2003 and is the sen-

ior historical consultant for the "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend" exhibit, opening Sept. 30 at the Newberry Library.

The annual Strickland Visiting Scholar Lecture in History program was established in 1998 by the Strickland family in remembrance of Roscoe Lee Strickland Jr., a former history professor at MTSU.

The lecture is today at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall in the Business Aerospace Building. ♦

Greeks: Organizations to review changes

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problem areas in the Greek system with advice for solutions in two weeks.

The office of student life decided to hire a consultant to review the system last spring semester.

"We felt like it was just time to sit down and discuss the system we have in place here," Fitch said.

"It was a conversation that had been going on for quite a while before we made the decision [to hire a consultant]," Godwin said.

As far as Fitch knows, this is the first time a consultant has been brought in to examine the Greek system.

"Maybe they will say that we're doing all the right things and nothing should be changed," Fitch said. "I doubt

that will be the case though."

Fitch said that the university feels this review is necessary because they would like to keep up with current organizational trends that are occurring at other universities.

After the report is completed, Fitch said that the administration will go over the reports with all the Greek organizations and discuss the changes. ♦

Hostages: Gunman claims to be suicidal

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communicating to the gunman through student hostages on their cell phones, "but he won't talk directly to us," Williamson said.

Police said Kilpatrick is not a student or college employee. They were talking to his sister at the scene, but the gunman wouldn't talk to her, Williamson said.

"I think eventually he'll sur-

render," Williamson said.

A SWAT team and about five hostage negotiators were among the officers called to the scene.

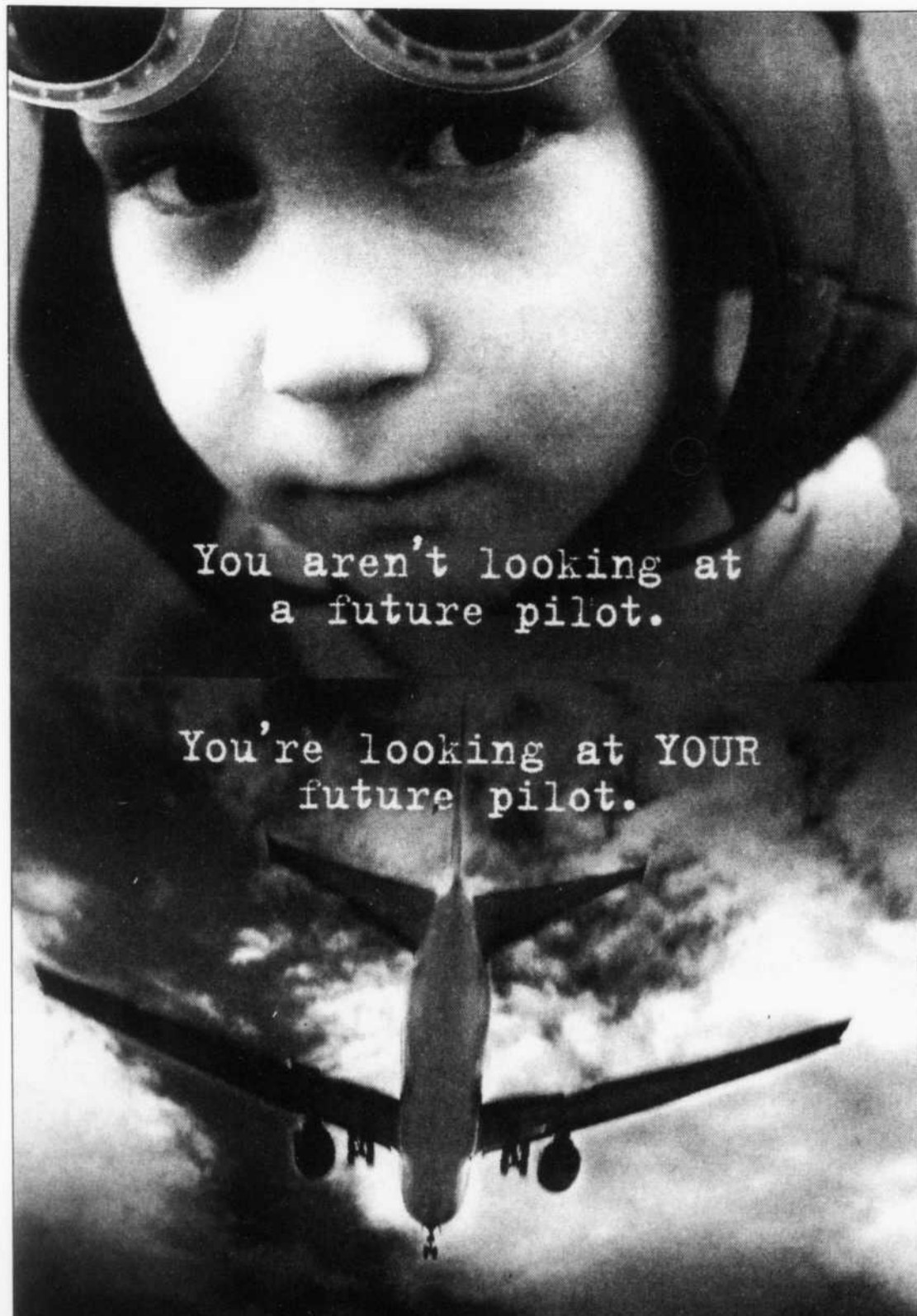
Athletic director Alan Barnett said that authorities cleared the campus of other students.

"Police ordered all students to evacuate, but employees could stay," Barnett said in a telephone interview. "We had students coming in since it happened, but everyone is gone

now."

From his office, Ken Teutsch, a media specialist at the campus Learning Resource Center, could see police cars near where the building where the standoff occurred.

"It's obviously very disturbing, very shocking, but on the other hand, we're not completely unprepared. There have been training and drills and that sort of thing," he said. ♦



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Compiled by Nick Fowler - News Editor



Spanish judge indicts Osama bin Laden

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Spain's leading investigating judge issued the first known indictment against Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 attacks on Wednesday, accusing al-Qaida of using the country as a base to plot the devastating strikes on New York and Washington.

Investigative magistrate Baltasar Garzon indicted 35 people for terrorist activities connected to bin Laden's al-Qaida network. In a nearly 700-page document, Garzon wrote that Spain served "as a place or base for resting, preparation, indoctrinating, support and financing" of al-Qaida.

The indictment charged bin Laden and nine others with membership in a terrorist organization and "as many crimes of terrorist murder ... as there were dead and injured" in the deadly Sept. 11 attacks.

House passes tax cuts to spur charity donations

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House on Wednesday passed more than \$12 billion in tax cuts to encourage charitable giving, while some Democrats said the bill's generosity will cost future generations billions in extra debt.

The bill, passed 408-13, is the legislative offspring of President Bush's effort to give religious organizations federal money and encourage them to take a bigger role in providing social services.

Majority Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the tax breaks will encourage \$45 billion to \$50 billion in additional charitable donations over the next decade.

Recall proponents ask to reinstate Oct. 7 election

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - California's top elections official and pro-recall forces urged a federal appeals court Wednesday to reverse course and allow the election to go forward as originally planned on Oct. 7.

Secretary of State Kevin Shelley told the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that it should stick to the Oct. 7 date because thousands of absentee voters

will be disastrous for America if your officials ... continue their aggression."

The speaker accused President Bush of lying to "your people and everyone" to justify the war against Iraq, adding that "the losses in your army ... makes your declaration of defeat and your retreat inevitable, if not today, tomorrow."

No evidence that Saddam involved in Sept. 11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Wednesday there was no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 - disputing an idea held by many Americans.

"There's no question that Saddam Hussein had al-Qaida ties," the president said. But he also said, "We have no evidence that Saddam Hussein was involved with the Sept. 11" attacks.

The president's comment was in line with a statement Tuesday by Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who said he not seen any evidence that Saddam was involved in the attacks.

Yet, a new poll found that nearly 70 percent of respondents believed the Iraqi leader probably was personally involved. Rumsfeld said, "I've not seen any indication that would lead me to believe that I could say that."

Saddam audio tape calls for attacks on Americans

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - In an audiotape broadcast Wednesday, a speaker purporting to be Saddam Hussein urged Iraqis to escalate attacks on Americans and called on U.S. and other coalition forces to leave the country "as soon as possible and without any conditions."

The speaker, who sounded like the ousted Iraqi leader, also urged America's international partners not to "fall prey in the traps of American foreign policy" and reject any plan for Iraq that legitimizes military occupation.

He called on coalition leaders "to withdraw your armies as soon as possible and without any conditions, because there is no reason for further losses that

will be disastrous for America if your officials ... continue their aggression."

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Government to parents: Stop asking for antibiotics

CHICAGO (AP) - The government has a new strategy for reducing the unnecessary use of antibiotics: Persuade parents to stop pestering pediatricians to write prescriptions for runny noses.

Health officials have already hammered on doctors to quit dispensing antibiotics in situations where they are practically guaranteed not to work, such as common colds. A straight-to-Mom-and-Dad campaign is next. The effort, announced Wednesday, is built around public service ads featuring pictures of cranky-looking kids and the headline: "Snort. Sniffle. Sneeze. No antibiotics please."

Overuse of antibiotics has led to the evolution of germs that are resistant to standard medicines, such as penicillin. Anyone who has recently taken antibiotics has an increased risk of coming down with a resistant infection.

Emmy fashions auctioned for charity in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jennifer Aniston and Edie Falco won't just look good at Sunday's Emmy Awards. They'll be doing good, too.

Gowns worn by the actresses and other TV stars at the ceremony or other awards shows will be auctioned for charity.

This is the second year of the "Clothes Off Our Back" fundraiser, created by actress Jane Kaczmarek, an Emmy nominee

for "Malcolm in the Middle."

More than 35 celebrities will donate their red-carpet outfits, including fashions from Prada, Vera Wang and Hugo Boss, Kaczmarek said. Proceeds benefit the Cure Autism Now Foundation and the Union of Concerned Scientists.

U.S. vetoes U.N. resolution to halt Israeli attacks

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States vetoed a U.N. resolution that called on Israel to halt threats to expel Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from the West Bank, saying it was "lopsided" and didn't condemn terrorist groups attacking Israel.

The Palestinians, who had generated wide global support for the resolution, said the vote showed the United States had lost its credibility as an honest broker in the Middle East. They feared the veto would be seen by Israel as a green light to move against Arafat.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon postponed a decision on the path of a security fence through the West Bank, a minister said Wednesday, a day after Washington warned Israel might lose part of \$9 billion in loan guarantees over the barrier.

The Israeli security Cabinet was to have met Wednesday to decide whether the security barrier should include several Jewish settlements deep in the West Bank.

Israeli government officials said John Wolf, a U.S. envoy to the Middle East, raised specific objections to a stretch of the barrier planned to cut into Palestinian territory south of the Jewish settlement of Ariel.

Clark enters crowded presidential race

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - Retired Gen. Wesley Clark enters a wide-open presidential race with no experience in elective office and no history on

domestic policy. But he offers Democrats one thing they crave: New hope of undercutting President Bush's wartime popularity.

"The most important issue in America today is our security at home and abroad. And that's what Americans seek," Clark said as he prepared to announce his candidacy at a boys and girls club here Wednesday. "I'm the best among any of the prospective candidates in terms of being able to work for America's security."

Clark, 58, will become the 10th candidate in a Democratic race that is up for grabs. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is the front-runner, but a solid majority of voters remain undecided and some party leaders believe the current field has underperformed.

Federal appeals court may reconsider ruling

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - In yet another twist in the back-and-forth saga of the state's recall vote, a federal court said it would re-examine a ruling by a panel of its own judges that postponed the ballot, pre-empting critics who were preparing to appeal directly to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attention turned once again to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday as state officials prepared to petition the whole court to overturn a three-judge panel that halted the Oct. 7 voting and suggested it could be folded into the March 2 presidential primary.

Candidates nevertheless forged ahead with previously scheduled campaign events and said they were continuing to plan as if the election was still going forward in three weeks.

"We know that there will be appeals and that this matter will be reviewed and appealed," said Gov. Gray Davis, the object of the recall effort. "I'm just moving ahead."

U.S. commander in Iraq says troops facing attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - The commander of the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq said in an interview published Wednesday that U.S. forces, already under pressure from a guerrilla-style resistance, now face revenge attacks from ordinary Iraqis angered by the occupation.

North of Baghdad, there were at least three separate attacks on U.S. forces with roadside bombs in less than 1 1/2 hours Wednesday morning. Witnesses reported injured soldiers, but details were unclear. The attacks hit U.S. Humvees about 12 miles north of Baghdad near al-Taji. While U.S. forces increasingly patrol Iraqi hotspots with American-trained local militiamen, citizens voice growing anger with tactics that are seen as heavy-handed and insensitive to Iraqi social and religious customs.

Former Merrill Lynch executives facing charges

HOUSTON (AP) - Federal prosecutors say three former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives helped Enron Corp. inflate its earnings with a loan the energy trader disguised as a sale, according to people familiar with the case.

Daniel Bayly, Robert Furst and a third, unidentified former executive, planned to surrender to the FBI Wednesday in Houston and then appear in federal court, the sources told. The Associated Press Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The three face fraud charges from a scheme in which Enron, with Merrill's knowledge, wrongly booked a short-term investment from the brokerage firm as profit from the sale of Nigerian barges. The income was then used to make Enron appear to have met earnings targets. ♦

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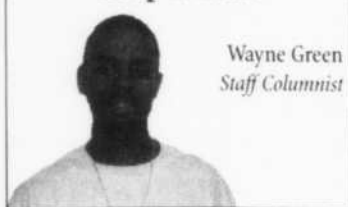
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There's more than one avenue to successful life

Keep It Real

Wayne Green
Staff Columnist



In today's society, the only stress that college is, people want to succeed, but tuition costs beg to differ. Most inner-city kids don't have adequate funding to go to a major university. With the rate that tuition is going now days it's almost impossible to go to a major university. Tuition at MTSU has

increased drastically.

Therefore, most students that are already in school experience difficulties as well as incoming freshmen. The biggest problems incoming freshmen face are financial problems, but they can affect any college student.

Consequently, students go to the financial aid department, and immediately seek help for their financial problems. The first thing advisers tell students is that they should take out a loan.

This is a great way to stay in school, but most students are not informed about the conse-

quences of getting a loan.

Most students aren't aware that when they receive a loan check, it's very important to not blow all their money.

Also, it is important for students to know that if they drop out of school or graduate, they will have to start paying the money back after six months of leaving school.

In addition, students must be advised that loans add up over time. Many students are in so much debt when they graduate that they can't make ends meet. In addition, the economy is on a downturn and jobs are becoming scarcer each year.

Sadly, students are not reminded of the harsh realities of life. As a result, most students get the financial aid checks at the beginning of each semester and go on a shopping spree – or worse, get credit cards. Most students feel that they are on top of the world, but are actually in debt before they are twenty years old. For that reason, a student should evaluate their own financial position.

Not only is it important for students to consider their financial status – it's crucial that potential students choose their own paths. If a person has a special skill that he does well, then

he should focus on that particular skill. For example, if a person knows how to do mechanical work on automobiles, then he or she should not abandon that particular skill.

If a person knows how to do construction tasks well, then he or she should not abandon that skill.

I'm not saying that college is not an avenue for success, but I'm saying that there are other ways to be successful.

College is a tool for bettering your future, but it should not be an obstacle. There are many ways people can go about reaching their goals.

My advice is to watch out for credit cards and student loans. I am proud that I had the proper guidance from my mother, not to make the same mistake as most students.

Finally, if there you are a student in financial debt, then I recommend you contact the proper advisers to help you find the best way to manage your finances. ♦

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Dealing death sentences

By Matt Rigney
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas – Last year, the Supreme Court found in a 7-2 decision that state judges can't hand down death sentences to state criminals. The high court, however, did not determine whether this standard should be enforced retroactively, that is whether or not death row inmates sentenced by only judges should receive new sentences from a jury. On Sept. 2, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the standard should. Because of this, more than 100 people will rightfully receive a new sentencing trial where juries will determine their fate.

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees every U.S. citizen a "speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed."

This clause applies to all criminal prosecutions, and the Ninth District appropriately applied this to the theory that the sentencing phase of the trial is part of the determination of guilt or innocence.

Warren Summerlin, the man at the center of the Ninth

Circuit case, was sentenced to death by a judge for the 1981 sexual assault and murder of a debt collector, according to *The San Francisco Chronicle*. The judge in Summerlin's case was later disbarred because of an addiction to marijuana. This is why the fate of a person cannot be left to a single person.

While a drug-addicted judge is an extreme example of why one person should not be held responsible for another's life, there are more viable reasons.

Judges hear hundreds of cases each year. Each of these murder cases has its own grizzly details, and after hundreds or even thousands of cases a judge sees in the course of his time on the bench, he may become desensitized to these acts of violence or the fact that the accused person has his own life. This could lead to a rubber-stamp type ruling in which the judge relies too much on precedent.

A jury that is one-of-a-kind will be more affected by the details of a case and the possibility that they might end someone's life. If a person deserves to die for a violent act, the jury will recognize that need.

Some bloodthirsty death penalty advocates argue that juries are more lax on criminals and would be less likely to hand

down a death sentence.

This may be true, but surely it would be better to under-assign death sentences than kill unnecessarily.

Not everyone might agree that the legal system should assign the least amount of death sentences possible, however. Some argue that a death sentence is a deterrent for would-be criminals to commit violent crimes.

This is not true.

Canada abolished the death penalty on July 14, 1976, according to the Canadian Coalition Against the Death Penalty. More than 20 years later, the Canadian murder rate is substantially lower than that of the United States. In 2001, the FBI reported 5.5 U.S. murders per 100,000 inhabitants. In Canada, that same statistic is only 1.78 per 100,000 citizens. To say that execution deters murder is denying the truth in order to justify undue killing.

These convicted criminals are not completely free of their sentences.

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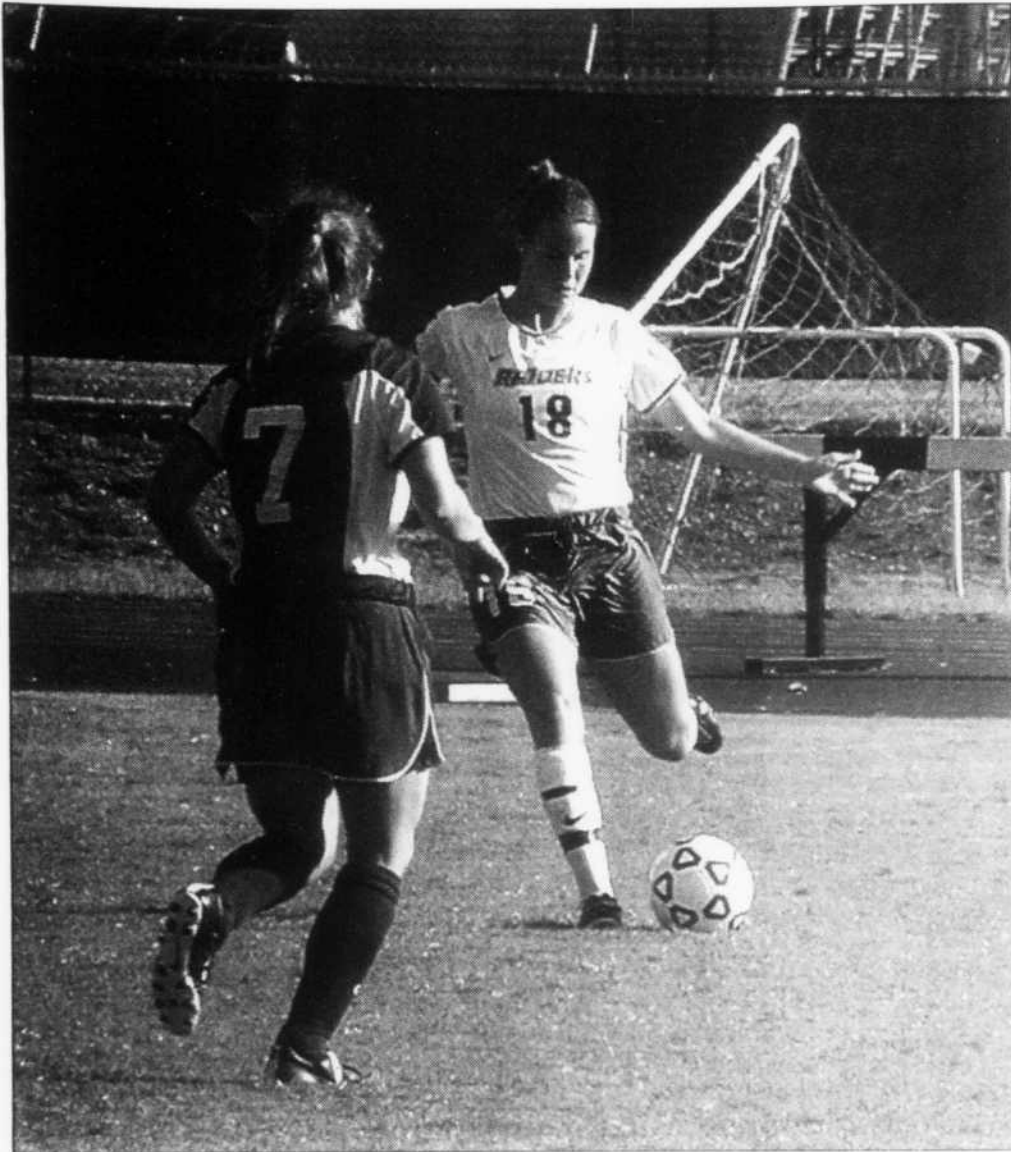


Photo by Micah Miller | Staff Photographer

Midfielder Jessica Northcutt prepares to pass the ball past Louisiana-Monroe defender Hope Davidson during the teams' matchup on Sept. 5.

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee soccer team will look to rebound from its winless road trip last weekend when it hosts Southwest Missouri State University and Birmingham Southern College this weekend.

"I think the biggest part of [the two losses] was our youth," MT head coach Aston Rhoden said. "We started seven freshmen who had never played on the road collegiately before."

MT suffered its first two losses of the season last weekend, 2-0 against the University of Southern Mississippi and 5-1 at Tulane University.

"The Tulane game taught us that little things do matter," Rhoden said. "We had opportunities to score, just like we did at Southern Miss, and we didn't put them away."

"We weren't as composed as we should have been," Rhoden added. SMS (1-4-2) enters Friday's game in the midst of a three-game road trip.

The Bears lost Sunday at SMS University 2-1 in overtime, the third overtime match SMS has

played this year.

Rhoden, however, doesn't believe the Bears' record reflects the team's talent.

"When we played SMS last year at their place, we lost to them 1-0 in a very close game," Rhoden said. "They have lost this year to good teams. I don't expect them to be a pushover by any means."

Freshman Chelsea Anderson leads the Bears with four points

for Rhoden and most of his players.

"There are a lot of players here [at MT] who know and have played with members of the Birmingham Southern team," Rhoden said. "The head coach, Keidane McAlpine, is one of my best friends and is someone that I coached since he played Under-12."

"They're not our rival, but the game has a lot of bragging rights to it," Rhoden said.

BSC (2-3-1) is also coming off a loss last weekend, a 6-0 defeat at the hands of Tennessee Tech University.

BSC was only able to muster nine shots compared to 20 shots for TTU.

BSC has been outscored 14-5 through six games despite goalkeeper Andria Gray's 45 saves.

MT takes on BSC Sunday at 2 p.m.

Despite last weekend's setbacks, Rhoden has been pleased with the performance of the Blue Raiders through the first five games of the season.

"I've been impressed with the maturity, this early in the season, of our new players," Rhoden said.

"Right now, we just have to develop a winning mentality," Rhoden added. ♦

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— Aston Rhoden
MT soccer head coach

and two goals, and goalkeeper Katie Holsopple sports a 1.06 goals-against average.

Holsopple and goalkeeper Alexis Stormo have played almost exactly the same amount of game time, but Stormo has given up nine goals compared to Holsopple's four.

The Blue Raiders play SMS Friday at 4 p.m.

While the Blue Raiders are certainly not overlooking SMS, Sunday's match against the BSC Golden Eagles holds extra meaning

Blue Raiders head to Missouri

McCullum, team looking for first win of season

By Wes Wyrick
Staff Writer

The winless Blue Raider football team travels west this Saturday for a showdown with another power conference school.

The University of Missouri Tigers, who are ranked No. 23 by the Associated Press, will be welcoming coach Andy McCollum's Middle Tennessee squad, who lost to Clemson University last Saturday 37-14.

"They're 3-0 and No. 23 in the country," McCollum said, "so we know the challenge ahead of us."

It's Missouri's first time being in the top 25 rankings since 1998.

Missouri, on the other hand, won their game last week with a 37-0 route over Eastern Illinois University. The Tigers posted 509 yards of total offense.

The Missouri defense is one of the best in the nation, ranked fourth nationally in points allowed.

Against Eastern Illinois, they blocked two punts and had three fumble recoveries in the shutout.

"I like the way they play defense," McCollum said. "They bring people. They're a big zone blitz team."

Missouri's 3-0 start is their first since 1981.

MT will try to slow down a potent Missouri offense, which is anchored by a large offensive line.

Their rushing attack has racked up 506 yards on the ground in the past two games.

This will be a challenge for the MT defensive line, which let Clemson travel freely with 194 yards rushing. The Blue Raider defense failed to get off the field last week as Clemson racked up more than 30 first downs.

This week bolsters a new type of challenge for MT.

Whereas Clemson had a

potent passing attack and did most of their damage through the air, the Tigers of Missouri prefer to stay a little closer to the ground.

Tiger running back Zack Abron scampered for 91 yards and two touchdowns against Eastern Illinois, making him second on the school's career touchdown list with 33.

Although the running attack has been clicking for the Tigers lately, quarterback Brad Smith is a Heisman candidate with potential.

Smith passed for 290 yards on 29 completions last week.

"He [Brad Smith] can run, he can throw, he can do a lot of things," McCollum said. "We've got to be disciplined, and we have to be relentless with effort."

The Blue Raiders end the three-game BCS conference road swing this week in Columbia, Mo. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. ♦



McCollum

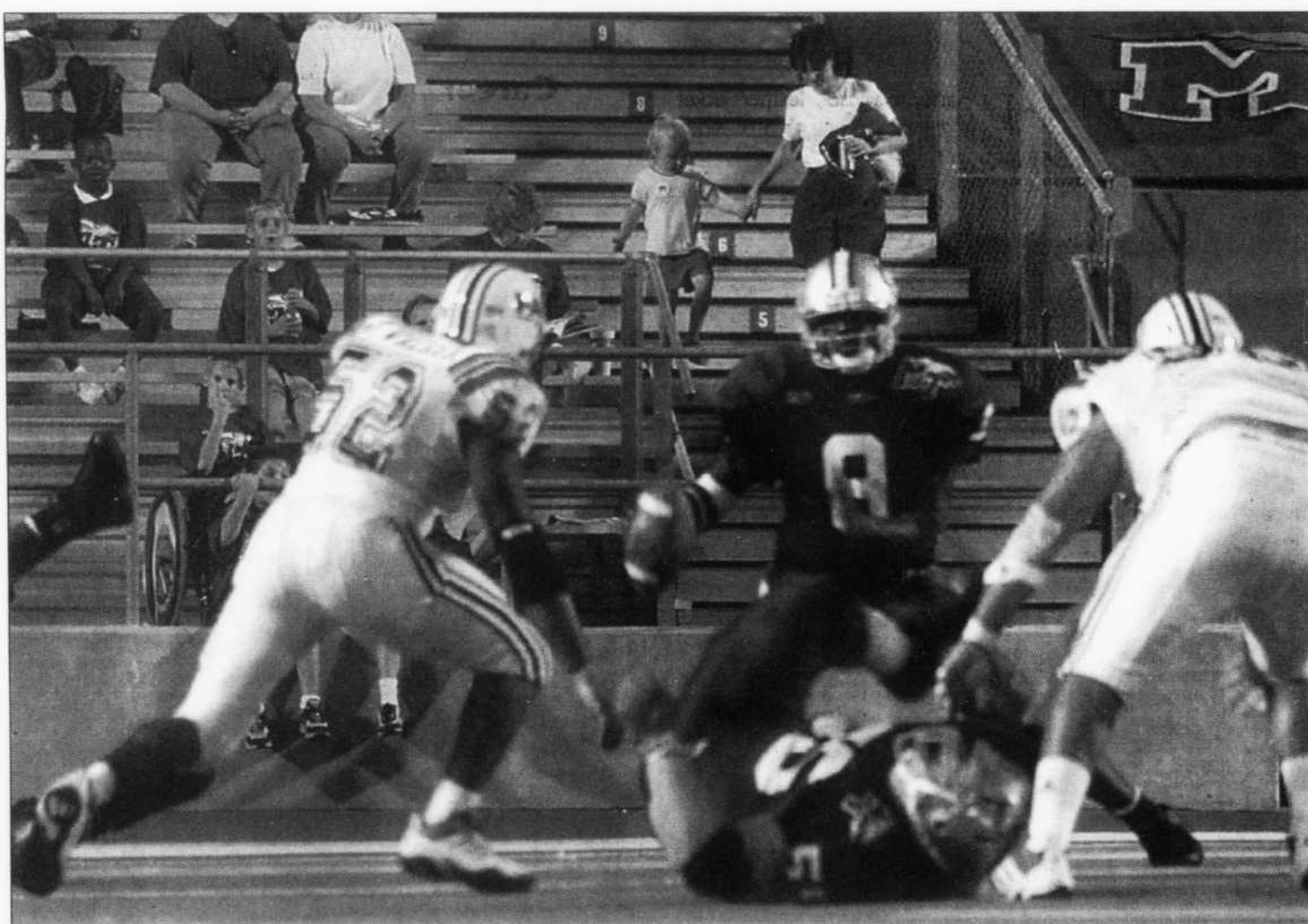


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Wide receiver Hashem Joyner tries to avoid being tackled while running the ball down the field against Florida Atlantic University. The Blue Raiders will travel to Missouri Saturday to take on the Tigers. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Memorial Field in Columbia. MT will be looking for its first win of the season.

Missouri offense looking strong

Sports commentary



Jon Leflew
Staff Columnist

Despite last weekend's 37-14 loss to Clemson, the Middle Tennessee football team's defense has been brilliant through the team's first three games.

Throughout the hardships for the team thus far, one constant has been the swarming Blue Raider linebackers and secondary.

Despite the team's 0-3 record, this group of defenders is looking to lead the Blue Raiders back to the top of the Sun Belt Conference; conference play begins Oct. 11 against New Mexico State University.

Brandon Lynch, who recorded a career-high 11 tackles

against Georgia, has been leader of this line-backing group of defenders. The senior weak safety has tallied a team-high 26 tackles on the season behind a strong opening performance against Florida Atlantic University, during which he recorded nine tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception, along with being named the Alexander Automotive player of the game.

Another Blue Raider defender who has made some noise this fall is Alvin Fite. Fite, a local from Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tenn., has amassed 24 tackles on the season. Fite turned in an impressive performance last week at Death Valley, coming up with 10 tackles.

Jonathan Bonner has been perhaps the biggest surprise for the defense. Bonner is only a sophomore, yet his hard work during spring practice turned the heads of coaches, much like

it has done for spectators this fall. Bonner has 23 tackles on the season, three of which came for a loss. He also leads the team in sacks on the season, coming away with one against FAU and one at Georgia.

While Bonner is the youngster for the defense, Will Martin is an active member of the secondary who has been around for a while. Martin, a senior who is the quarterback of the secondary, came away with a season high 11 tackles against Clemson last week, making his season total 19.

On the other hand, the University of Missouri has a tough defense along with an even tougher offense.

"They're a good football team," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "They've done great things in three years. They're 3-0 and No. 23 in the country, so we know the challenge ahead of us."

The Tigers are off to their

first 3-0 start since 1981 as head coach Gary Pinkel returns several starters on both sides of the ball from last year's 5-7 squad.

"What jumps out about them is that their defense plays hard," McCollum said. "They play with great effort, and that really stands out when you watch them."

While their defense may stand out to coaches, their offense is a monster that fans and media across the country have noticed.

Led by sophomore quarterback Brad Smith, who appears to be a star for many years to come, the offense lit up their first three opponents, outscoring them 94-22 thus far.

Last season, Smith became just the second player ever to pass for 2,000 yards and run for 1,000 on his way to honorable mention All-American honors.

Smith is a dynamic player

See Missouri, 8

Tourney begins Sept. 19

By Jonathon Long
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team returned home this week to host the Middle Tennessee Invitational Sept. 19-20.

Fresh off a win against Mississippi State University, the Lady Raiders (5-6) face Appalachian State University (2-7) in the second game Friday night at 7 p.m.

The tournament opener is at 4:30 p.m. with Murray State University (1-4) facing Western Illinois University (0-10) Friday afternoon.

"We are ready to win, especially at home," MT senior Latoya Brown said. "You can't underestimate anybody in the tournament [because] that's when you lose."

Saturday's schedule consists of a 10 a.m. start with Appalachian State and Murray State followed up by a 12:30 p.m. match-up between Middle Tennessee and Western Illinois.

At 4:30 p.m., Western Illinois will return for a matchup against Appalachian State.

A 7 p.m. match between MT and Murray State will close out the tourney.

Coming into the tournament, MT has an all-time record of 2-0 against Western Illinois, 1-1 with Appalachian State and 10-27 against Murray State.

Both Appalachian State and Western Illinois enter the tournament fairly new coaches. Chad Callihan of Appalachian State is in his first campaign as the Mountaineers' coach. Western Illinois coach Kym McKay is in her second year as the Westerwinds head coach.

Both bring in young teams looking to gain experience

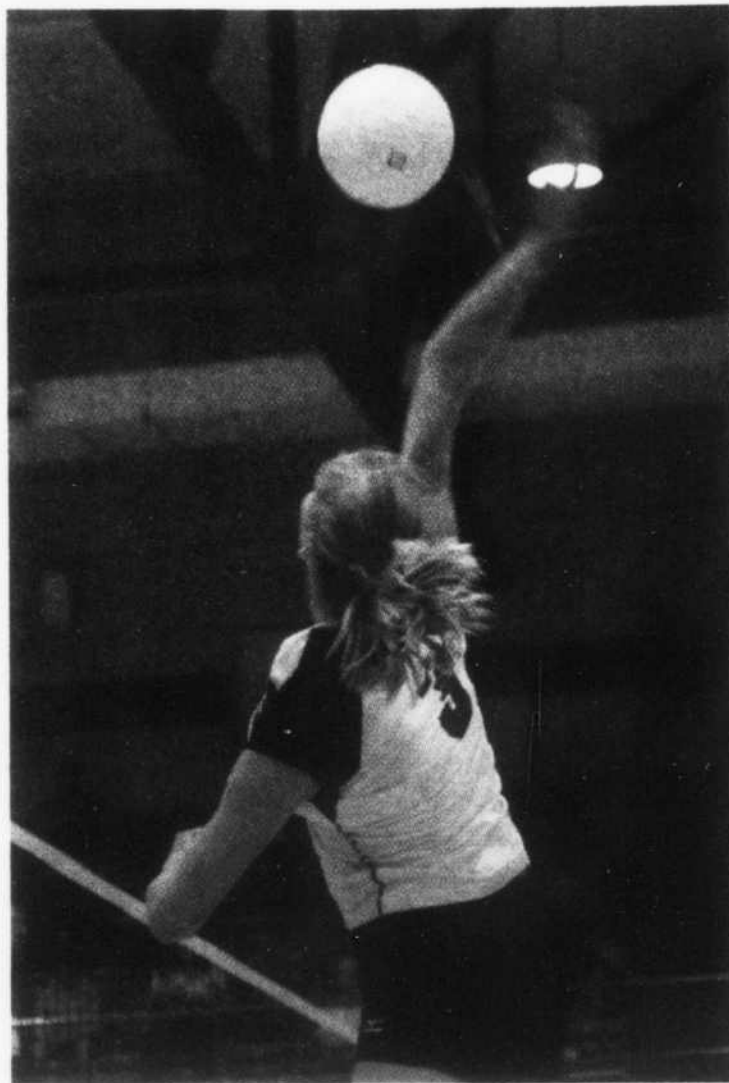


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Dara McLean spikes the ball against Belmont on Sept. 9. The Lady Raiders' next tournament will be on campus.

along with acquiring a key victory or two. Murray State enters the tournament after getting their first win Sept. 12 against Bowling Green State University. Preseason All-Conference member KeKe Deckard leads a distinguished class of newcomers and a solid core of returning players poised to defend their home court.

With two victories the Lady Raiders can come out of the

tournament with an even record headed towards Sun Belt Conference play.

"We have to play well," co-captain Deckard said. "I look forward to the home tournament. Hopefully, we'll have good crowd support."

The tournament will be played at the Alumni Memorial Gym. ♦

Missouri: MT defense looks to stop Tigers

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who has racked up the yards against virtually every defense he has faced, and he will look to do the same against a reeling MT defense this Saturday.

Along with Smith, the Tiger offense returns a senior tailback and several experienced receivers as well as a huge offensive line.

So, when will it end for the Blue Raiders? Barring an amazing defensive effort from the Blue Raiders or an illness striking Brad Smith, the only logical answer to this question appears to be: not this week. ♦

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Three SBC teams face Top 25 opponents

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

This weekend, five Sun Belt Conference football teams will be in action with three of the games against ranked opponents.

Arkansas State University leads the way in the SBC with a 2-1 record going into their game at the University of Tulsa 1-2.

This game will be used as a SBC conference match up. The last time the Indians began a season at 2-1 was 1986, when ASU made an appearance in the I-AA championship game.

ASU is coming off a 21-3 victory over Southeast Missouri State University.

Punter Jarod Little was named SBC Special Teams Player of the Week for his 41.5-yard average in the win last week. Currently, the Indians are ranked in the Top 25 in seven team stat categories.

The highest is No. 12 in total defense after only giving up 256.33 total yards per game.

Game time is set for 6 p.m. on Saturday night.

After losing to the Air Force Academy 34-21 last week, the road gets tougher for the University of North Texas.

This week, the Mean Green (1-2) travels to Southeastern Conference member, the University of Arkansas (2-0).

The Razorbacks are coming off a 38-28 upset of No. 5 ranked University of Texas in Austin.

Arkansas has moved up to No. 18 in the Coach's Poll and No. 15 in the Associated Press Poll.

However, there was a bright spot for UNT

linebacker Chris Hurd. Hurd received the SBC Defensive Player of the Week for his 21 tackles that tied a SBC record and caused two fumbles.

Arkansas leads the series 7-0 with the last meeting being a 42-16 victory in 1972.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday night.

The only SBC game on television this week pits the University of Idaho (0-3) going to Pac-10 member University of Washington (1-1).

Last week, UI was defeated by Boise State University 24-10. The Vandals are ranked No. 22 in the nation, only allowing 161.67 yards per game.

UW comes into this match-up ranked No. 21 in the Coaches' Poll and No. 19 in the AP Poll.

Both teams will be playing each other for the 38th time with the Huskies winning 41-27, last season.

The game starts at 2:30 p.m. Saturday and will be shown Fox Sports Northwest on tape delay.

The final SBC game against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette (0-3) goes to the University of Cajunns last (3-0).

The Ragin Cajuns lost last week to the University of Houston 21-14.

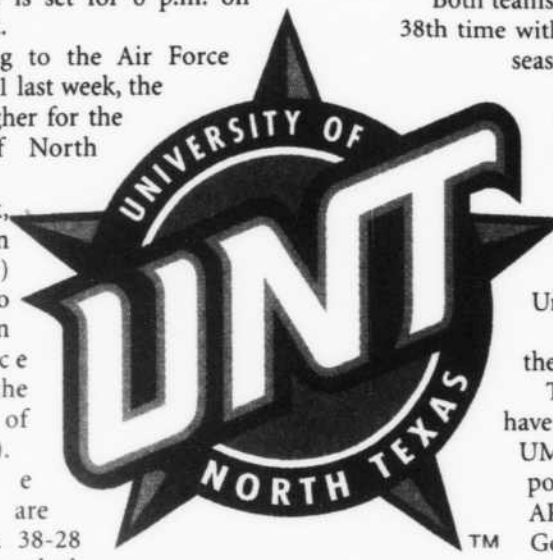
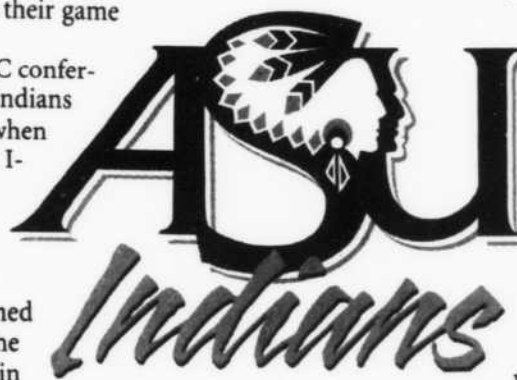
This is the third time both schools have played.

UM is ranked No. 24 in the Coaches poll and has also received votes in the AP Poll. Last season, the Golden Gophers defeated ULL 44-14.

The kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday night.

The final SBC game pits the University of Louisiana-Monroe (0-3) at home against Northwestern State University (2-1).

The kickoff is 7 p.m. Saturday night. ♦



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