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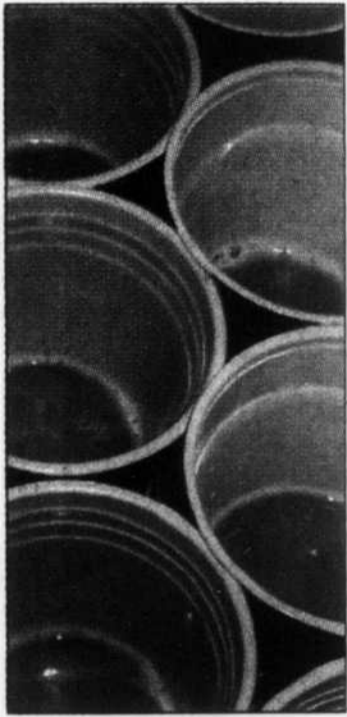
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Alumni Drive from Blue Raider Drive to Friendship Street will be closed for the fall semester for road improvements. With the closing of Alumni, there will be no access to the Library parking lot. During the construction period, the northern part of the parking lot by the Honors Building will be changed from green to white. The southern end of the lot by Ezell Hall will remain green for students. You will not be able to access the campus via Womack Lane.

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# Running on empty

Murfreesboro spends the weekend looking for gas



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor  
The Swifty gas station on Memorial Boulevard felt the pressure of the gas shortage Saturday. Cars lined up down the busy street to get their share of Murfreesboro's remaining gasoline. A combination of factors in the wake of Hurricane Ike left at least 85 percent of the stations in the Nashville area without gasoline Friday, and the problem isn't solved yet.

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# Wine tasting raises funds

By BYRON WILKES  
Community News Editor

Murfreesboro citizens were given a chance to taste a variety of wines and bid on items at A Fine Wine Affair, a fundraising event held on Sept. 19 at the Oaklands Historic House and Museum.

Guests paid \$45 for a wine glass and also got to pick from a smorgasbord of delicious finger foods, from salmon and caviar to butternut squash puree and crouton shooters.

"Guests will get a special Oaklands House wine glass and get to taste eight different types of wine," said John Lancaster, executive director of Oaklands Historic House and Museum. "Actually, I've only been working here for a short while. This event is really the results of Nancy Pitts' efforts."

Pitts is the marketing director and events coordinator for Oaklands.

"I moved to Murfreesboro about two years ago from California where there is a considerable market for wine, and wine tastings are frequent," Pitts said. "I thought, why not have [a wine tasting] here?"

This marks the second year A Fine Wine Affair has been held, and patrons hope that it will continue.

"We had discussed other ideas about making an event like this," said Tony Johnston, who holds doctoral degrees in enology and in viticulture and teaches at MTSU. "But eventually we settled on this one and it evolved into what it is now."

The wine tasting was accompanied by a silent auction, in which guests bid on items provided by numerous vendors. The items included a sundry of items, from different bottles of wine and assorted aperitifs, to jewelry and Tennessee Titans tickets.

Seating was provided for guests outside, while the auction, food and wine were inside. Guests meandered back and forth while enjoying the splendor of Oaklands.

"It's crucial to let the community know how important Oaklands is, not

**"We try to promote a wine for those wives who just want to come home and have a glass after a long day."**

RUBY TOMSETT  
SPOKESMAN FOR MAD HOUSEWIFE WINE

only historically, but architecturally," Pitts said. "This event is also trying to build awareness of the historical gem we have here in



Photo by Byron Wilkes, community news editor  
Guests visit the sampling table at A Fine Wine Affair.

Murfreesboro." Vendors provided items for free, and the money raised from the wine tasting will help restore the Lytle House, which was moved to

Oaklands piece by piece. The funds will help renovate the small house, which lies a few yards from the main Oaklands plantation

building, into a one-room schoolhouse so that visitors can see what it was like for children growing up in a different time to get an education.

Wineries that provided wine for sampling took the opportunity to give selling points of their wines.

"Every woman knows how stressful it is to keep up with everything," said Ruby Tomsett, Mad Housewife Wine of Rainier Wines spokesperson for Tennessee. "We try to promote a wine for those wives who just want to come home and have a glass after a long day."

# MT center to tackle childhood obesity

By FAITH FRANKLIN  
Assistant News Editor

MTSU is creating a Center for Physical Activity and Health in Youth with a \$335,043 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services grant, U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon announced.

The center's purpose is to fulfill the need to improve physical fitness of the youth in Middle Tennessee.

The lack of physical activity among today's youth has been a contributing factor to childhood obesity.

"Two-thirds of the amount of children in Tennessee are obese," Gordon said. "Being obese not only harms their quality of life, but also ultimately raises the cost of health care."

MTSU Professor for Health and Human Performance Don Morgan will serve as the program's director. Morgan compiled research for the grant application from the Center for Disease Control.

In the nation, only 44 percent of males and 28 percent of female students in grades ninth through 12th receive the recommended amount of physical activity each week.

"Right now in Tennessee, there is a large percentage of

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# Students contribute to agricultural research

By EMMA EGLI  
Contributing Writer

MTSU's new 435 acre farm, formerly Guy James Farm, held a field day to showcase current student research being orchestrated in its facilities.

The event, which was open to the campus community as well as the general public, focused on hay-wrapping techniques currently being researched by MTSU students.

"We believe more than anything that research enhances the teaching mission," said School Director Warren Gill. "Our focus is the students, and these are all student projects."

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture's Ag Enhancement Program is sponsoring the agricultural business and agricultural science haylage study. The TDA gave a grant for the study of wrapping hay in plastic to improve the quality of the hay.

According to a presentation at the field day, using plastic wrap to preserve hay has just recently received new attention although it's not a new technique.

Gill said that wrapping wet hay in airtight plastic, preserves longer than regular hay, not to mention the superior quality hay is better for cows' health.

"The cows just love this stuff," Gill said. "It's more nutritious for them because it's packed with protein."

Because the hay is wrapped airtight, it is allowed to ferment, which maintains sug-

ars from the fatty acids in the hay. This process then results in a lush bale of haylage that is healthier and tastier for the cattle.

This is the first time that beef cattle on diets of plastic wrapped haylage have been researched and observed, according to Jonathan Black, senior agriculture science major and the student responsible for the research project.

Starting next month, the calves being observed will be split into groups and fed either regular hay or the haylage. Their behavior will then be monitored to see if there is a dramatic difference between the groups.

"We want the calves to be more relaxed," said Angela Smotherman, senior horse science major and one of the students involved with the research. "We don't want them anxious and running around because they lose weight that way, and when they are relaxed, they will gain more weight."

The main goal of the haylage research project is to see how beneficial this new technique will be to farmers.

However, one drawback of producing wrapped haylage is the cost. The hay-wrapping machine alone costs around \$20,000, not including the added cost of \$3 worth of plastic per bale.

While the wrapping system has significant financial implications, those involved with the project believe such an investment will result in an important turnover.

"At the end of the day, pro-

ducers want to know how much they are going to gain from this," Black said. "With good results, it will be clear that it's definitely worth it."

Visitors to the field day got to witness firsthand the haylage-wrapping machine in action.

Wrapping the bales in six minutes, the machine is expected to save farmers a great deal of time in the fields.

With several other studies currently taking place, it is clear MTSU's farm laboratory's goal is for students to develop important hands-on skills.

Other current research includes dairy, horse and plant science studies, all offering experiential learning for students.

"We plan to develop our farm laboratories, especially this one," Gill said. "It will prove to be a sustainable student and community asset."



Photo by Alex Treneff, staff photographer  
Warren Gill hosts a presentation during agriculture field day to inform guests on hay procedures.



Photo by Alex Treneff, staff photographer  
Patrick Keyser discusses the benefits of producing wrapped haylage and how it is healthier for cattle to consume.

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students that do not get the recommended level of physical activity," Morgan said.

In Tennessee, 66 percent of students in grades ninth through 12th fail to meet the recommended level of physical activity and 63 percent of high school students do not attend physical education classes.

"These are sobering statistics," Morgan said. "It is important for our community, here in Middle Tennessee and the state to promote physical activity and healthy life habits."

The mission of the center will be accomplished through three main areas of research

and program initiatives.

The primary role will be to conduct research identifying the benefits of adopting a physically active lifestyle during childhood.

The second focus of the center will be to increase the physical function of youth impaired with asthma, diabetes and neuromuscular disease.

The final goal of the center is to develop strategies and programs to aid families, schools and community organizations with promoting physically active lifestyles as well as support the uses of sport programs to teach life skills and pro-social behavior.

The health of the youth in Tennessee affects the entire state on an economic level.

"With obesity comes additional health

costs, health costs that not only affect individual families, but often times run up Tennessee and affects others," Gordon said.

Targeting health issues at an early age can be more cost effective, as well as provide the citizens of Tennessee with a better future.

"I believe that it is a wise investment of time, effort and money to try to promote physical activity to kids now," Morgan said. "Rather than deal with the health problems that occur when children become adults."

"They are the future citizens of Tennessee, and we want a healthy and vibrant group of kids becoming adults," Morgan said.

The program is still in the planning stages, but is scheduled to begin a camp for summer 2009.

Morgan will work with local community agencies to host a sports camp at MTSU for children with physical disabilities.

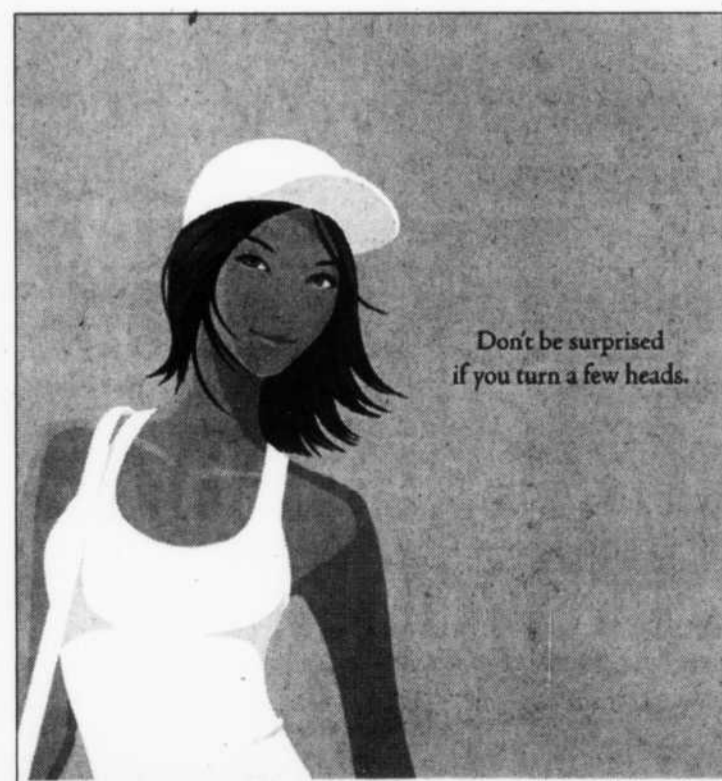
In addition to the camp, there will also be lecture series and a statewide multimedia campaign to promote physical activity for children and their families.

"MTSU is in unique position to help a lot of children," Gordon said.

Students can get the word out that obesity is a problem, "but also offer some ways to go about dealing with it," Gordon said.

"Together we can play a role in making the children in middle Tennessee healthier and active," Morgan said.

For further information, please contact Don Morgan at dmorgan@mtsu.edu.



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# Panic leads to Middle Tennessee gas shortage

By SARAH LAVERY  
Editor in Chief

It was an unsettling, recurring sight over the weekend. On Memorial Drive Friday afternoon, drivers lined up from Clark Boulevard to Old Fort Parkway, some even getting out of their cars to chat with a fellow gas-hunter during the wait, all hoping to inch their way into an overcrowded, run-down Mapco.

Middle Tennessee found its way onto national news networks as the gas shortage—which had been worsening in the days after Hurricane Ike—reached a pinnacle point. The results of the shortage became all too familiar and apparent the past few days. Dozens of cars crammed into a station, lines of cars stretched along some of Murfreesboro's busiest streets, blank price signs and plastic bags proliferating fuel pumps became common sights.

"It's been scary, because you don't know exactly when and where you're going to be if you run out of gas," said Matt Frierson, senior political science major. "I think we should just let it play out. If people keeps filling up their tanks and emptying the tanks in the ground, it's going to have to be regulated."



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor  
The Swifty on Memorial Boulevard was one of the few stations with gas in the area Saturday. The line of cars spilled out onto the busy street.

On Sunday, the shortage and ensuing panic seemed to be letting up, but state and industry officials have warned that it will most likely persist for the rest of the week.

The University BP on Middle Tennessee Boulevard has unleaded and premium gas available Sunday and said it was not expecting to run out this week. The Kangaroo

station on South Rutherford Boulevard wasn't so lucky, though. As of press time, it had been out of regular, mid-grade and premium since 6:15 p.m., and an employee told *Sidelines* that it would not get another delivery until Tuesday. The Circle K on East Main Street got its supply of unleaded back Saturday.

At least 85 percent of the

stations in the Nashville area were without gasoline Friday morning, according to estimations by the AAA Auto Club South.

On the eve of Ike, drivers began stockpiling their supply. And that, panicked with the subsequent panic and a sharp drop in fuel deliveries to the state, is the root of the problem, according to state

and industry officials.

Because gasoline travels the pipeline at an average speed of 3 to 5 miles per hour, it could be several more days before Nashville's supply fully catches up to demand, *The Tennessean* reported.

In a statement late Friday, Gov. Phil Bredesen called this a "tough time" for the area and encouraged motor-

ists to conserve gas as much as possible during the next few days.

"I think people are just rushing the stations and creating a type of mass hysteria," said Kisha Ledlow, senior sociology major. "If people keep filling up like they are now, than gas stations are just going to continue to run out of gas."

## Fraternity steps up for Alzheimer's

By ALEX MOORMAN  
Assistant News Editor

Tau Kappa Epsilon is holding a 'Memory Walk for Alzheimer's' and 'The College Knowledge Comedy Tour' to help raise awareness and funds to fight for a cure for Alzheimer's.

The Memory Walk for Alzheimer's will take place on Sept. 27 at 9 a.m. in the Center 27 Murfreesboro Lot located in the square. The College Knowledge Comedy Tour will also take place on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Tucker Theater. Razzal and the Roteers will be the performers.

"I think that it's a great opportunity to shed light on Alzheimer's and get the community and the campus involved in making a difference," said

Shawn Grimes, the president of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Members of Tau Kappa Epsilon will have a booth to sell tickets for the comedy show and recruit volunteers for the memory walk in the Keathley University Center starting

**"Alzheimer's doesn't just affect the person suffering from the illness. It affects us all."**

Tyler Zhorne  
Vice president of Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tuesday, Sept. 23 until Friday, Sept. 26.

Robert Becker, public relations chair for Tau Kappa Epsilon, said they are walking for a cure and any amount of money or public support from the students would be

another step towards a cure.

Tickets for The College Knowledge Comedy Tour will be \$5, and all of the proceeds are given to the Alzheimer's Association for research on finding a cure.

The Alzheimer's Associa-

Ronald Wilson Reagan was the 40th President of the United States. He joined Tau Kappa Epsilon in 1929 while working on his degree at Eureka College in Eureka, Ill. In 1994 the former president disclosed that he had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's earlier in the year. He died ten years later at the age of ninety-three.

"If we help now, than it will have an affect on what Alzheimer patients have to face in the future," said Tyler Zhorne, vice president for Tau Kappa Epsilon.

The Alzheimer's Association defines Alzheimer's as a progressive and fatal brain disease. As many as 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's today. The disease destroys brain cells, causing problems with memory, thinking and behavior severe enough to affect work, life-long hobbies or social life. Alzheimer's gets worse over time, and it is fatal. Today, it is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States.

"We want people to realize that Alzheimer's doesn't just affect the person suffering from the illness it affects us all" Zhorne said.

tion is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. The mission of the association is to eliminate Alzheimer's through the advancement of research, to provide and enhance care and support for all affected and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

"Ronald Reagan is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon," Grimes said. "He was also diagnosed with Alzheimer's so that's definitely one reason we got involved in this but it's not just because of that, we really feel that with enough support we will help find a cure."



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A Tau Kappa Epsilon brother promotes Alzheimer's awareness

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**Headstones, Hearses, and Heartaches: Mourning Customs Exhibit**

Held at Oakland's Historic House Museum, 900 North Maney Avenue, Murfreesboro. Victorian mourning customs will be explored.

**Mourning by Candlelight** at Oakland's Historic House Museum Held at Oakland's Historic House Museum, 900 North Maney Avenue, Murfreesboro. A tour of Evergreen Cemetery and Oakland's Mansion by candlelight will be given by reservation only.

**Campfire Concert Series**

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s'more fixings for sale.

**The Flatt Sisters**

Friday, Sept. 26 at General Bragg Trailhead (1540 W. College St.). Free for all ages. Listen to three-part harmony on songs like Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy and sing along to folk and gospel favorites.

**Honky Tonk Exhibit**

Baldwin Photographic Gallery. Being displayed now through Oct. 16. Exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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# OPINIONS

## FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD

### Gas shortage becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy

Middle Tennessee is facing a remarkable gas shortage.

Remarkable in part because there doesn't appear to be any rational explanation for why so many pumps remain bagged, while cars line up and police direct traffic wherever stations actually have gas.

The problem appears isolated to Middle Tennessee for reasons no one can satisfactorily explain.

The best guess of an official with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency is that we're experiencing a reverberation from last week's run on gas, which was stoked by fears Hurricane Ike would wreck the gas supply line.

Last Friday everyone rushed to buy gas before Ike hit, and the price jumped dramatically over the course of a few hours; panic begat more panic as Middle Tennessee ultimately bought four times as much gas as it normally would in such a short period.

Happily, Hurricane Ike didn't disrupt the gas supply too terribly at all. And the wholesale price of gasoline has actually been declining - It recently fell below \$100 a barrel for the first time in months.

But with the Dow swinging wildly by several percentage points this week and Wall Street in the worst turmoil seen since the Great Depression, nerves are on edge. And not all of the stations that were drained by last weekend's run on gas fully replenished over the course of the week.

So come Friday, with everyone looking to gas up for the weekend, lines formed and pumps were again bagged.

What looked like another run on gas quickly became a self-fulfilling prophecy; people panicked and realized their fear of a fuel shortage.

The press may deserve some of the blame for fanning the flames of panic as the situation intensified.

The Tennessean's Web site had a live camera on a Nashville gas station where you could watch cars sitting in line, as well as a growing list of dry gas stations.

By Friday night, they could've listed stations that actually had gas instead, and the list would have been shorter. AAA reported that 85 percent of stations were out that evening.

TEMA says almost 1.5 million gallons of gas are being sent south from New York over the next week, and the pipeline that supplies gas to the area is flowing at full capacity.

Hopefully we'll see a full recovery this week.

In the meantime, Governor Bredesen says he's encouraging the attorney general's office to make full use of state consumer-protection laws. The office has received almost 3 thousand complaints of price gouging over the last week, but has only 12 investigators in the field for the entire state.

Those convicted of unduly inflating their prices face thousand dollar fines, plus restitution.

Still, three years ago, after Katrina, the state received over a thousand complaints, but only obtained one conviction.

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## FACES IN THE CROWD

### How long did you wait to get gasoline over the weekend? Does the shortage frighten you?



Yi

"45 minutes in Bellevue. I wasn't scared because I only usually fill up three times a month. I can wait."

Jonathan Yi, freshman nursing



DeVan

"I drive very rarely and try to ride my bike whenever I can."

Nick DeVan, graduate Education



Wrenn

"I didn't get any gas this weekend. I bought a full tank...before the price got really high."

Whitney Wrenn, junior psychology



Ashby

"It's scary to see people lining up and blank gas signs, but it happens."

Sam Ashby, freshman political science

Compiled by Byron Wilkes

## Issues need to get real

Wedge arguments divide and conquer the electorate

In an election year, we're all familiar with cultural wedge issues: Matters that aren't a top priority in terms of national policy, but that still garner heavy attention from pundits, pollsters and anyone planning to vote, really.

A few classic examples are abortion and gay marriage. These perennial issues function as a sort of litmus test for political candidates, and are impossible to sidestep. Further, the "right" answers are subjective, because they hinge on faith and personal values.

The Bible calls homosexuality "abomination," and some find that reason enough to outlaw it.

Tangent: The same book, Leviticus, also says eating shellfish is an abomination, yet no candidate rails against that. Another thing often overlooked - this country was purportedly founded by men in wigs because they didn't want the church to tell them what to do.

That aside, the general basis for argument against same-sex unions is religious, and therefore murky. The same is true for abortion. My experience with that debate is that it boils down to a question of when human life begins. Because we can't definitively know, some people defer to faith.

And that's fine, at least until politicians put their words in the mouth of God in order to drive these wedge issues home in an election. Mind, the faithful could argue that's the fault of mortals, not heaven.



Savage blowout Daniel Potter

But no matter. It's nasty that something as seemingly well-intended as Christianity is routinely twisted into a divisive political instrument, yet that's the status quo in a country where atheists almost never hold public office.

What's even more frustrating is how similar wedges are driven into unrelated and substantially more

**"Climate change is upon us, and it has arrived well ahead of schedule. Scientists' projections that seemed dire a decade ago turn out to have been unduly optimistic..."**

MICHAEL POLLAN  
BERKELEY PROFESSOR AND AUTHOR

important issues - Issues where there is empirical evidence of what is correct and what is plainly stupid.

Perhaps the most important of these is global warming. We are killing ourselves by doing nothing, because, well, anthropogenic climate change isn't actually happening. I mean, they don't know, like, for sure, right?

Wrong. To quote the author and professor Michael Pollan:

"Climate change is upon us, and it has arrived well ahead of schedule. Scientists' projections that seemed dire a decade ago turn out to have been unduly optimistic: the warming and the melting is occurring much faster than the models predicted. Now truly terrifying feedback loops threaten to boost the rate of change exponentially..."

"In the judgment of James Hansen, the NASA climate scientist who began sounding the alarm on global warming 20 years ago, we have only 10 years left to start cutting - not just slowing - the amount of carbon we're emitting or face a 'different planet.'"

Yet despite these dire

Also on the environmental front, another issue that pits vehemence against reason is the ceaseless cry of "Drill Drill Drill!" from the McCain/Palin ticket. From the Center for Economic and Policy Research:

"The U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects that such drilling would add some 200,000 barrels of oil per day at peak production in about 20 years. This is about 0.2 percent of world production, and the EIA describes this as too small to have any significant effect on oil prices."

There's no question here: Drilling will not solve our current energy crisis. Yet a growing number of McCain supporters rev their engines at the claim gas prices will soon sink like polar bears.

Tangent: Much of the argument for domestic drilling is based on the need to curb our dependence on foreign oil. This seems to largely ignore the more realistic prospect of curbing that dependence by instead developing renewable energy technology here. Irritating.

Bottom line: Wedge issues are used to divide and thus conquer an electorate. But where there is clear evidence differentiating useful from meaningless, the decision shouldn't be complicated.

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## LETTERS

### Advertisement does not promote rape

Mellow Mushroom Advocates Rape? C'mon, grow up.

Now how do you argue that running a racy ad contributes to rape? Do you think just because you are a "non-traditional student," that when a "traditional" male student sees a half-naked woman it makes him want to rape someone?

To make this comparison is simply ludicrous. If seeing a half-naked woman makes men want to rape women then surely seeing a fully naked woman (like on the internet) would turn EVERY man into a rapist!

It's time to grow up a little, non-traditional student. It's time to stop denying sexuality as a part of everyday society. Just because you think that the advertisement is "distasteful" or "trashy" does not affect your ability to turn the page and ignore the ad.

I commend the editor for reminding her readers that Mellow Mushroom has the First Amendment right to run their ad in *Sidelines*.

Though I do not advocate the illicit portrayal of women, I do advocate the intended ability of the First Amendment that we all benefit from. Just because you think something is distasteful does not negate the legality of something, and for that, I'm sure Larry Flynt would be proud.

-M. Tyler Willman, senior Aerospace

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## CORRECTION

In the Thursday, Sept. 18 issue, one of the Bush Legacy Tour cutlines displayed incorrect information regarding a building.

The cutline should have read "People view the Bush

Legacy Tour bus outside of the Tennessee State Capitol." Instead the cutline referred to the state capital as the Nashville courthouse.

*Sidelines* regrets this error.

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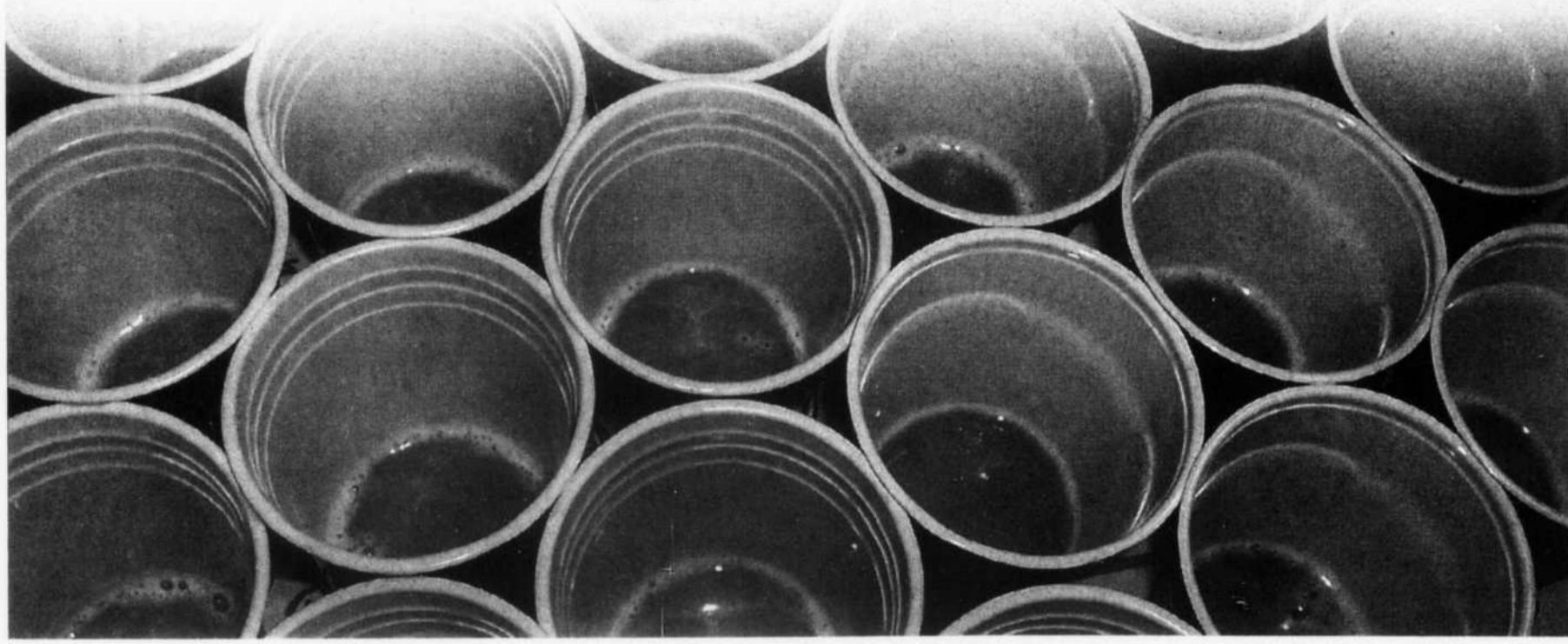
# FEATURES



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## THE CONSEQUENCES OF altering the mind



### Students try to decide whether drugs and alcohol are worth the consequence

By JESSICA PACE  
Contributing Writer

In my senior year of high school, my English teacher, out of curiosity, asked our class of 30 students how many of us were planning to experiment with drugs and alcohol in college. All but one student's hand went up.

With the freedom that awaits students at college, some come to school with the inclination and intention to experiment with mind-altering substances. With a few exceptions, this inclination fits naturally into many students' days. The question of if they are going to get drunk or high at some point is like asking if they are going to get dressed that day.

Moreover, locating "the goods" is not a difficult feat. "If I wanted them right now, I know where I can get pot, I know where I can get coke, I know where I can get acid, I know where I can get 'shrooms," says a freshman journalism student who wishes to remain anonymous.

According to Judicial Affairs, the office where students are sent for violating school policies, the number one problem on campus is alcohol-related cases that happen within residence halls and on Greek Row.

Judicial Affairs keeps statistics on campus violations and releases them once a year. Last year, there were 371 alcohol-related incidents reported.

Assistant Dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services Laura Sosh-Lightsy says that punishment for students involved differs

from case to case.

"It depends on prior discipline on how serious the offense on the people affected," Sosh-Lightsy says. "For the first time, you get disciplinary probation and an alcohol education class. The second time, you get extended probation and counseling. The third time, you're suspended for a semester at minimum, and suspension length only increases from there."

Tennessee state legislature has also made a new law requiring that an individual's parents are notified if he or she is caught drinking under 21 years of age.

Campus police, who could not be reached for comment, have a separate legal process when dealing with students involved with drugs and alcohol on campus, though Judicial Affairs always receives a report.

There are a multitude of reasons attributed to why

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ANONYMOUS STUDENT  
FRESHMAN JOURNALISM MAJOR

students run the risk of getting caught but knowing that alcohol and narcotics are illegal on campus.

"Some people just want to experiment to say they've done it," says one freshman English major who wishes to remain anonymous. "For others, the pressure of college is too much."

"Students are away from home, so they're learning who they are and what



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According to gdcada.org, adults 18-25 have the highest rate of current cocaine use.

they're about," Sosh-Lightsy says. "They have a newfound freedom. Also some have low self-esteem and use alcohol to mask the issue, thinking it makes them more socially apt."

Many students simply see drugs and alcohol as a source of fun, according to

an anonymous junior Span-

ish major. "The appeal of drugs and alcohol as a way to be cool is usually over after high school," the Spanish major says. "By the time you're in college, if you're doing drugs, it's because you enjoy them."

Many of the students I talked to say that alcohol, whether an individual is 21-years-old or not, is a pop-

ular choice because some students find it a pleasant substance that goes hand-in-hand with activities such as tailgating and sex.

There are dangers involved with alcohol consumption like drunken driving and alcohol poisoning, but the fact that MTSU is a dry campus may have a negative influence on students' use of alcohol.

"A dry campus creates a stressful environment," the freshman journalism major jokingly says.

Many students agree that there is some validity in his remark, saying that a wet campus could potentially reduce disasters like drinking and driving outside of school. They say that students would be more inclined to stay in their dorms and drink with friends rather than venture out to massive parties to drink and possibly drive back to campus while intoxicated.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, one sophomore student went to an off-campus party, where he consumed upward of 10

drinks. His night ended with an overnight hospital visitation after he was assaulted by four others at the party.

He was cited for underage consumption and must appear in court in November, but he expresses no concern that nothing is being done to penalize the people who attacked him.

"What seemed at the time like an assault were really just drunk guys beating each other up," he says.

Regardless of negative consequence, campus policies and police, it seems students are going to consume alcohol and narcotics.

"It's a tricky subject, but I think discipline is administered appropriately," Sosh-Lightsy says.

Realistically, most students are not going to avoid drugs and alcohol entirely. But whether it is through one's own good judgment or the threat of campus policy, individuals will hopefully learn how to budget their mind-altering substance use so their education won't suffer.

### CALENDAR

movies, music, nightlife and more

#### Movies

9/22-9/26 - Kung Fu Panda - KUC Theatre @ 7&10 - \$2

#### Music

9/22 - Rodney Crowell w/ special guest - The Basement @ 8 - \$15

9/23 - Hot New Singles, Donna Beasley - The Basement @ 8 - FREE

9/23 - Eleven Red - The Muse @ 7 - \$5

9/24 - Eve of Shadows, Acrasia, TieDown, Teddy Roosevelt - The Muse @ 7 - \$7

9/25 - Big Time Entertainment, Wrong George, Freight Train Deluxe, Another Way to Bleed - The Muse @ 7 - \$10

9/26 - Bad Sailor & Transcenders - The 'Boro @ 8

9/26 - Autumn Mourning, Los Cobra, Lee Harvey Grizwold - Wallstreet @ 9

9/26 - Remain, Brave New Whore - The Muse @ 7 - \$12

9/26 - Breathe Carolina, Every Avenue, Brokencyde, The Morning Of - Rockettown @ 6 - \$10/pre-order, \$12/door

9/27 - The Incredible Heat Machine - The 'Boro @ 8

9/27 - Nashville Metal Music Awards Pre-voting Show feat. KrazyEndSane - The Muse @ 8 - \$10

9/27 - Maylene and the Sons of Disaster, A Static Lullaby, Showbread, Confide, Attack Attack - Rockettown @ 6, \$12/pre-order, \$14/door

9/28 - Jonny Fritz w/ Caitlin Rose and the Relatives - The Basement @ 9 - \$5

9/28 - Allison Simmons, The Lasting, The Danya Powell Band, Blackwater James, Christopher Joel, The Twilight Drive, The Medders, The Vibro Kings - Rockettown @ 5:45 - \$10/pre-order, \$12/door

#### Other

9/24 - Live Trivia Night - Wallstreet @ 8 - First prize \$50

9/28 - Hair o' the Dog Brunch - Wallstreet @ 11 a.m.

Compiled by Katy Coil

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To submit upcoming movies, concerts, campus entertainment or any other events for the calendar, send an e-mail to [sfeatur@mtsu.edu](mailto:sfeatur@mtsu.edu)



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor

(Left) University police alert The Office of Judicial Affairs when students are caught using drugs and alcohol. (Right) According to Laura Sosh-Lightsy, assistant dean of Judicial Affairs, punishment for students who violate campus rules about alcohol and drugs can range from disciplinary probation to semester-long suspensions.

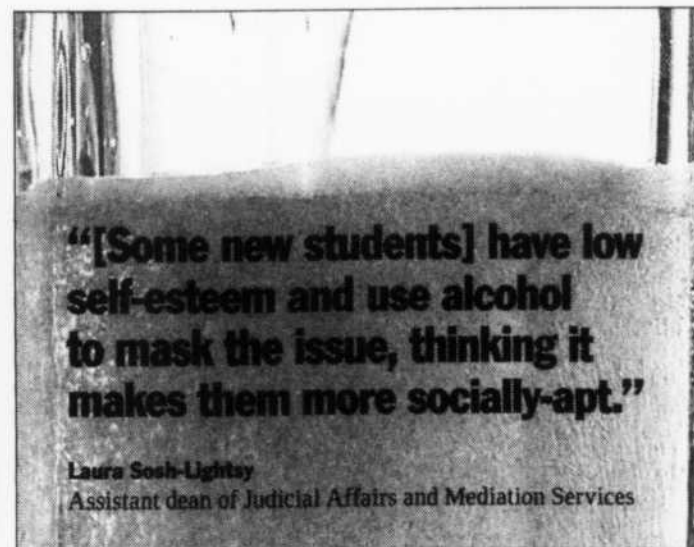


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Laura Sosh-Lightsy  
Assistant dean of Judicial Affairs and Mediation Services

# SPORTS

## Blue Raiders fall to Red Wolves, 31-14

By CASEY BOWMAN  
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first time since 2002, the MT Blue Raider football team lost to Arkansas State on the gridiron.

In a game that was seemingly dominated by the Red Wolves from the opening kickoff to the final whistle, MT couldn't take advantage of scoring opportunities, and only mustered two touchdowns, falling 31-14, Saturday.

MT, now 1-3 overall and 0-2 in conference play, have a big hole to dig themselves out of, and they can thank ASU, for making that hole a little deeper.

Offensively, the Blue Raider running game was ineffective once again, managing only 44 yards for the game on 25 carries, averaging a dismal 1.8 yards per carry.

The first half of the game saw the Blue Raiders squander away multiple scoring opportunities, as MT successfully drove deep in ASU territory on three occasions, but freshman kicker Alan Gendreau missed on a 44-yard field goal attempt, and both quarterbacks Joe Craddock and Dwight Dasher turned the ball over twice with interceptions deep in the red zone.

While the Blue Raiders were failing to put points on the board, ASU was not. The Red Wolves moved the ball effectively all day long against MT's defense. ASU quarterback Corey Leonard threw two first half touchdowns, connecting with running back Reggie Arnold on a 17 yard strike to give the Red Wolves the early lead. After a 35-yard field goal by Josh Arauco, Leonard connected with tight end David Johnson on a 14-yard touchdown pass to give ASU a 17-0 lead at the end of the first half.

The second half saw the MT offense come to life in the red zone, but it was much too little, too late.

ASU's opening drive to start the second half deflated the MT defense, as Leonard led the Red Wolves on a 13-play, 74-yard drive that consumed 8:35 off of the clock, and ended with another touchdown connection to Johnson, this time from two yards out.

Down 24-0, MT finally struck paydirt with 2:19 remaining in the third quarter,

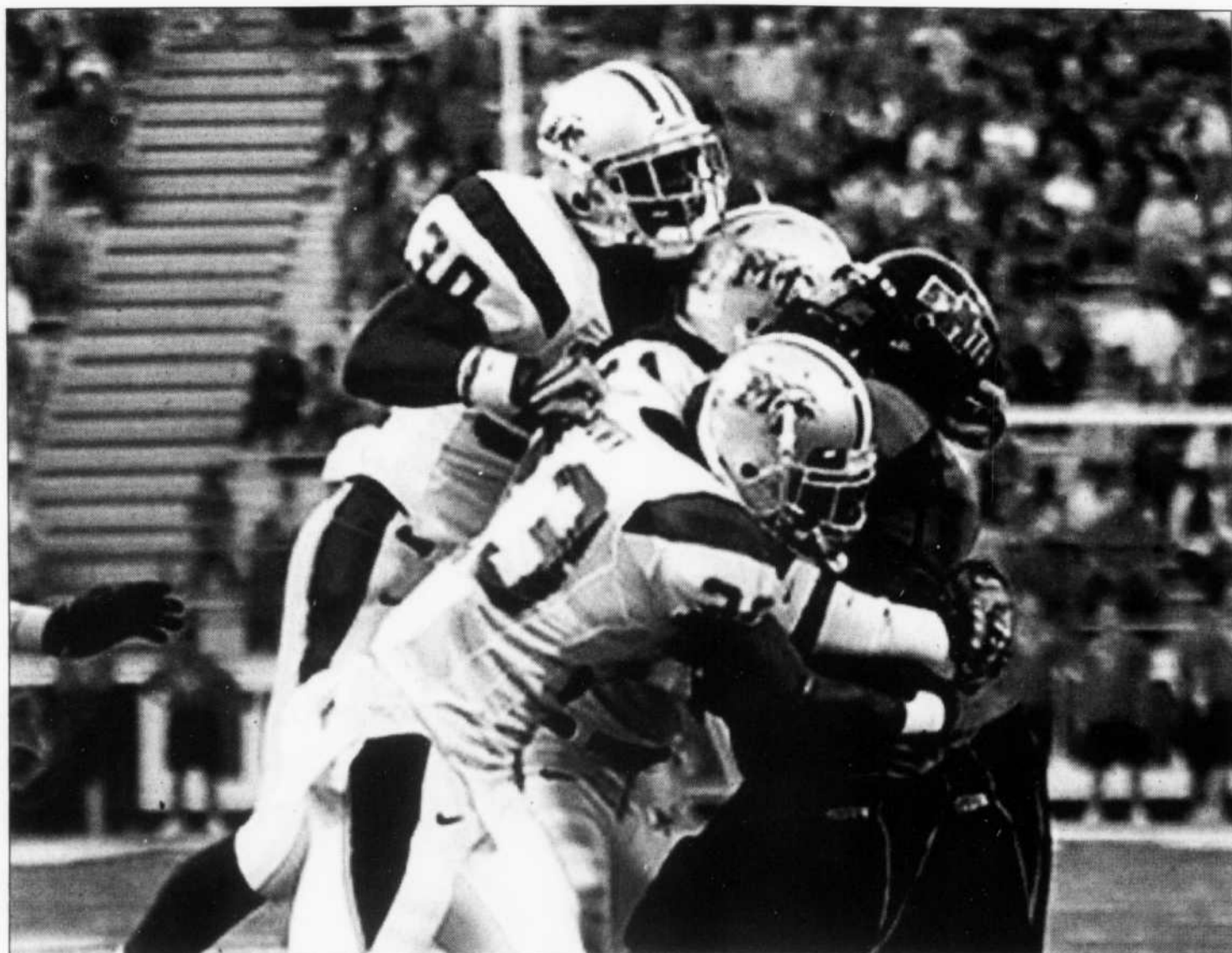


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The Blue Raiders were unable to come up with an answer for the Red Wolves' offense. ASU gained 440 total yards against MT.


while running back Phillip Tanner crossed the goal line on a two-yard scamper.

ASU immediately retaliated though, when running back Derek Lawson capped off another long, clock grinding drive with a 14-yard touchdown run. For the game, ASU's talented backfield was mainly kept in check, but MT's inability to make key stops kept the ASU drives alive, which in the end spelled out doom for the Blue Raiders.

If there was one bright spot for the Blue Raiders on Saturday, it was the re-emergence of wide receiver Patrick Honeycutt.

Honeycutt, who had made some big plays early in the season for MT, exploded against ASU, tallying a career-high 11 receptions for 94 yards and the Blue Raiders' only other touchdown, which came midway through the fourth quarter when Dwight Dasher connected with Honeycutt from three yards out.

While Dasher did throw a touchdown, senior Craddock took the majority of the snaps for MT, ending the night with



### Top Performers

**OFFENSE**

**WR Patrick Honeycutt #17 r-Jr.**  
11 receptions, 94 yards, 1 TD

**DEFENSE**

**s Kevin Brown #33 So.**  
7 tackles (0.5 TFL), one pass break-up

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

**P David DeFatta #37 r-Jr.**  
4 punts, 45.2-yard average, one inside 20

more impressive stats to add to his resume for this season, throwing for 268 yards while completing 25 of 35 passes. He was, however, unable to throw a touchdown pass for the first time this season.

In the end, ASU was the better team, and finally got over the hump that they call Middle Tennessee.

While things look dim for the Raiders now, they will have no time to sulk. The "Black-

out Game" will be MT's next contest—a home game against Florida Atlantic that will be broadcast on ESPN2.

The game is scheduled for a 7 p.m. kickoff on Tuesday, Sept. 30.

## Titans wrangle Texans, remain undefeated

By TERESA M. WALKER  
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Tennessee Titans remain undefeated. They're still working at perfection.

LenDale White ran for two touchdowns, Kerry Collins threw for another and Tennessee rolled over Houston 31-0 for only the third time in franchise history.

"It's a long way to go, but 3-0 is a good start," Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse said after getting his first full sack this season. "There's still a lot of room for improvement."

The Titans last won their first three games in 1999 — their first season in their current stadium — and in 1991 while still in Houston and playing as the Oilers. With this victory, they now have beaten the team that replaced them in Houston seven straight times and in 11 of 13 games.

The Texans (0-2) wanted to provide an emotional boost to their hometown,

where most people remain without power more than a week after Hurricane Ike hit. The hurricane forced the postponement of the Texans' home opener. The Titans sympathized with what the Texans have endured with coach Jeff Fisher praising the Houston effort.

"It's hard to imagine what they went through. It's hard to imagine for us basically what the population has gone through there in south Texas. For them to pull together like they did and fight to the very end, I think the whole organization, players coaches, staff and their friends should be commended for it," Fisher said.

The Texans, who next visit Jacksonville, had their chances and even led 3-0 on a 44-yard field goal by Kris Brown.

But they scored only 12 points despite getting inside

the Tennessee 14 six times, the last with 5:12 left when they were stopped short on fourth-and-4 at the Titans 10. Houston coach Gary Kubiak wasn't happy with a couple of dropped TDs in the first half.

"You can't come in a place like this and do that. We had our chances in the first half to make some big plays. We

were poor on third down and missed some third downs. Overall, we were poor in the red zone," he said.

The Tennessee defense sacked Matt Schaub three times, Michael Griffin had two interceptions and Cortland Finnegan sealed the victory by returning Schaub's third pick 99 yards for a TD and a franchise record.

"We did bend, but we did

not break," Finnegan said. "That was one of the great things."

Collins started his second straight game with Vince Young watching from a box and threw an interception on his first pass. But the 14-year veteran threw for 189 yards, making him the 15th NFL quarterback with at least 35,000 yards passing in his career.

"It's a nice milestone. But we've got work to do," Collins said after they managed one field goal in the second half.

Houston rookie Steve Slaton became the first running back to top 100 yards against the Titans this season and scored his first pro TD on a 6-yard run. He had nine carries for 104 yards in the first half with 50 coming on one carry. But he was stopped short on fourth-and-goal from the Tennessee 3 with 7:06 left and finished with 117.

Jacques Reeves picked off Collins' first pass and ran to

the 14. But Andre Johnson dropped a pass from Schaub in the end zone before Titans defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth sacked Schaub on the next play. A false start penalty pushed them back farther as Kris Brown kicked a 44-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead.

Texans linebacker DeMeco Ryans receiver Justin McCareins, and Houston got to the Tennessee 4 before stalling as Schaub dropped a snap, then missed Johnson in the end zone and had another incompleting. Johnson also dropped a second pass in the end zone later.

Collins bounced back. He completed four of five and even scrambled 12 yards for a first down in a 77-yard drive capped by a 2-yard TD run by White for a 7-3 lead the Titans never lost. He tossed a 9-yard TD pass to Bo Scaife for a 14-6 lead at the beginning of the second quarter.

A 17-yard completion to McCareins in the second quarter put Collins over 35,000 yards.

## ASU loss leaves MT behind in SBC race



Outside the Pocket  
Chris Martin

Following a disappointing trip to Jonesboro, Ark., the Blue Raiders face an uphill climb when it comes to winning the Sun Belt Conference Championship.

The 31-14 loss to Arkansas State puts MT's SBC-record at 0-2. Last season, two losses earned SBC teams nothing more than a seat at homecoming bowl games in December and January.

Last season, Troy and Florida Atlantic tied for the best conference record with 6-1 marks. Even then, Troy did not earn a bowl bid because the Owls possessed the head-to-head tiebreaker. If six wins are going to be needed to win the conference title this year, MT is already just playing for pride, not championships.

Starting the conference schedule early has forced the season into damage-control mode after the first third of the season. MT's first three conference games—Troy, ASU and FAU—are against perhaps the three best teams in the entire SBC.

Troy was picked by SBC head coaches to finish second in the conference and always plays well against MT since the Blue Raiders are one of the Trojans main SBC rivals.

ASU beat Texas A&M on the road to open the season and has gone on to post a 3-1 record with its only loss being a 27-24 defeat at the hands of an always tough Southern Miss squad.

FAU won the conference last season and was the pre-season favorite to win it again in 2008. The Owls returned almost everyone of importance from '07, including preseason Offensive Player of the Year Rusty Smith and preseason Defensive Player of the Year Frantz Joseph. FAU also placed eight players on the pre-season All-SBC first team with five of those selections coming on defense.

The scheduling factor is even more apparent when one considers that MT has been a part of the only two conference games this season. It's unfortunate MT has dug itself into a hole this early in the season, because the 2008 campaign looked to possess a lot of potential.

Sandwiched between the two conference losses, the Blue Raiders put together two morale-boosting wins—a victory over Maryland and a near win at Kentucky. However, the ASU loss really puts a damper on the hopes for MT.

If the Blue Raiders had beaten the Red Wolves, they could come into their Sept. 30 game against FAU with a 2-2 overall record and a 1-1 SBC record. Instead, they will be attempting to salvage the season against the Owls, which will be a difficult task.

# Blue Raiders get first home win, knock of Ole Miss 1-0

By DAVID POWELL  
MT Athletic Communications

Middle Tennessee went ahead moments before the stroke of halftime through a Shan Jones wonder strike and the Blue Raiders held strong in the second half as they defeated the Ole Miss Rebels 1-0 at Blue Raider Field on Friday night.

The Blue Raiders were coming off a 3-0 loss to Oral Roberts at the Tulsa Soccer Invitational on Sept. 14, a tournament in which the Blue Raiders also picked up their first win of the season with a 1-0 shutout of the host Tulsa Golden Hurricane two

days previous.

MT scored following a dramatic sequence in the closing seconds of the first half through an amazing goal by forward Shan Jones. With just seven seconds remaining until halftime, midfielder Jaimee Cooper struck a long shot from straight-away 30 yards that was deflected directly into the path of Jones.

The freshman struck a looping first-time strike into the corner of the goal as the clock hit just two seconds remaining for her team-leading fifth goal of the season.

"Shan's goal came at a great time in the game," MT Head Coach Aston Rhoden

said. "Many goals are scored towards the end of each half as teams lose concentration and we took advantage of that. It gave us a lot of confidence going into the locker room at halftime and we wanted to come out in the second half and get another goal."

Ole Miss pushed forward towards the end of the match and created several chances where there could have been equalizer if not for a combination of superb Blue Raider defending and poor finishing.

Although their dangerous forwards threatened throughout the second half,

Ole Miss's best opportunities to level came in the final ten minutes. In the 82nd minute the Rebels crossed the ball into the area from the near side only to see it pinball off several players from both squads and finally onto the foot of Abbie Curran. The forward's low strike split two defenders but ended up in the arms of well-positioned Blue Raider goalkeeper Kela Casiple.

"I think our defense, including our goalkeeper, have played well so far this year," Rhoden said. "Ole Miss tried to get a goal and we came under a lot of pressure for the last few minutes. Our

defenders played strong and cohesive and helped preserve the shutout for us."

Ole Miss almost pulled out a dramatic winner in the 89th minute but the Blue Raider defense, who had been stellar all night in shutting down the opposition's forwards, saved the day for the home side.

MT allowed a corner kick to bounce clear in the area and the two resulting shots were blocked by two defenders only for the ball to run onto the foot of Ole Miss forward Taylor Cunningham.

With the Blue Raiders seemingly stranded out of position Blue Raider mid-

fielder Jaimee Cooper was on hand to provide a first-class sliding tackle to preserve MT's first victory at home in 2008.

"It is great to get a win at home and it was even more special because it was against a quality opponent like Ole Miss," Rhoden said. "I think the team played really hard and they executed our game plan well. It is a step in the right direction going into [Sun Belt] Conference play."

The Blue Raiders return to action next Friday when they travel to Miami, Fla. to take on the Florida International Golden Panthers. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

# Tulane hands Blue Raider volleyball second defeat of season

By JESSICA STAUFFACHER  
MT Athletic Communications

Middle Tennessee battled Tulane on Sunday but could not pull out the win falling 3-2 as the match came down to the wire.

The Blue Raiders (10-2) won the race to eight in the fifth set taking a 7-6 lead on a kill by Asberry and then making it 8-6 after an attack error by Tulane (8-4).

Middle Tennessee continued to play well and took an 11-8 lead after a kill by freshman Stacy Oladinni and a block by Oladinni and freshman Lindsey Cheatham.

After taking a time out, the Green Wave would score four unanswered points to take a 12-11 lead. MT and Tulane continued to battle and with the match tied at 14 the Green Wave pulled out a 16-

14 win taking the match on a service ace.

"We had many opportunities to win the match especially in game 5 and an experienced team like Tulane capitalized on our mistakes," Head Coach Matt Peck said.

Senior Ashley Asberry guided the Blue Raiders throughout the match ending the day with a career high 20 kills and just one attack error

for a .760 hitting percentage. Defensively, the Murfreesboro, Tenn. native had five block assists which all came in sets four and five.

As a team, MT had 60 kills for a .227 hitting percentage with 60 digs and 13 blocks. Tulane had 58 kills for a .208 hitting percentage with 57 digs and 11 blocks as a team.

Junior Ashley Mead added assistance with her 15 kills

and one solo block and two block assists. Oladinni ended the day with seven kills and four block assists as most of her kills came at crucial times in the match.

This is the first non-3-0 match the Blue Raiders have lost since Sept. 9, 2007 when MT fell to Missouri State 3-1.

MT led Tulane throughout the first set with the Green Wave keeping it close but the

Blue Raiders won the race to the halfway point leading 16-13. The Blue Raiders continued to perform well taking the first set by a score of 25-19.

MT trailed by two most of the set after tying only to fall behind again as Tulane led 15-13 at the halfway mark. The Green Wave began to

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## Blue Raiders FROM PAGE 6

Despite already falling behind in the conference race, there is one glimmer of hope for MT.

This season, the SBC is incredibly deep. Prior to the season, it looked as though FAU would be a shoo-in for the New Orleans bowl, but it doesn't look like that will be the case.

The Red Wolves have jumped out to a strong start

and appear to be a force to be reckoned with.

Troy has also looked impressive thus far despite the fact some thought it would slip following the graduation of several key players from the '07 squad.

Louisiana-Monroe was picked to finish third after finishing the season on a 5-1 tear that included a win over Alabama, and the Warhawks nearly upset Arkansas this season, leading the Razorbacks until 1:22 left in the game.

Louisiana-Lafayette is no slouch and will certainly add an unexpected loss at least SBC team's record. ULL has already nearly upset Illinois, losing 20-17, and dominated Kent State 44-27.

Outside of North Texas and Florida International, six SBC teams look talented enough to win the SBC title, and the fortunate thing for them is they don't already have two conference losses on their records.

# Cowden advances to Division II finals

By JESSICA STAUFFACHER  
MT Athletic Communications

Sophomore Richard Cowden has advanced to the finals of the Division II Southern Intercollegiate Championships hosted by the University of Georgia.

Cowden began the day with a 6-4, 6-3 quarterfinal win over USC-Upstate's Javier Tori.

Then the Durban, South Africa native, advance to the

finals after defeating John Wolff of Wake Forest in a match that lasted close to four hours. Cowden won the first set 7-6 (5), then lost the next set 6-7 (7).

Cowden held on in the third set taking the match by winning 7-6 (2).

"Richard is play great tennis right now," Head Coach David McNamara said. "He is finding ways to win and beating quality opponents.

This weekend will put him in very good position for the ITA All-American Championships next weekend."

Cowden and sophomore John Peers lost their doubles match 8-3 to Marcos Olivares and Alex Ahlgren of East Tennessee State in the quarterfinals of Division I doubles.

Cowden will play Sheharyar Wali of Lander in the Division II finals today at 8 a.m.



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# U.S. takes home Ryder Cup for the first time since '99

By DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — U.S. captain Paul Azinger sprinted up the stairs to the clubhouse balcony and grabbed the biggest bottle of champagne he could find to join an American celebration he felt was a long time coming in the Ryder Cup.

They didn't need a miracle putt or an amazing comeback like their last victory in 1999. They didn't even need Tiger Woods.

Strong as a team and equally mighty on their own, the Americans rode the emotion of a flag-waving crowd and their Kentucky heroes on Sunday to take back the Ryder Cup with a 16½-11½ victory over Europe.

Kenny Perry, the 48-year-old native son who dreamed of playing a Ryder Cup before a Bluegrass crowd, delivered a 3-and-2 victory that was part of an early push that swung momentum toward the U.S. team.

"I figured this was going to define my career," he said. "But you know what? It made my career."

J.B. Holmes, legendary in these parts for making his high school team in tiny Campbellsville as a third-grader, showed off his awesome power with two final birdies that set up the Americans for victory.

The clinching point, appropriately, came from Jim Furyk.

He felt hollow six years ago at The Belfry as Paul McGinley made a par putt that clinched victory for Europe, the first of three straight victories that extended its domination of a passionate event that Americans once owned.

For all the birdies and spectacular shots over three inspirational days at Valhalla, the Ryder Cup ended with handshake.

Miguel Angel Jimenez conceded a short par putt, giving Furyk a 2-and-1 victory and the Americans the 14½ points they needed to show they can win on golf's biggest stage — and without Tiger Woods, out for the year with a knee surgery but staying involved by text messaging Azinger

throughout the final day.

This truly was a team effort.

"They just took an everything-to-gain attitude into this competition," Azinger

**"I figured this was going to define my career. But you know what? It made my career."**

**Kenny Perry**  
U.S. Ryder Cup team member

said. "And I couldn't be happier."

Anthony Kim set the tone by handing Sergio Garcia his worst loss ever in the Ryder Cup and keeping him winless at Valhalla. Boo Weekley galloped off the first tee using his driver as a toy horse, drawing laughter for his antics and cheers for his birdies.

Hunter Mahan, who criticized the Ryder Cup earlier this year as a money-making machine, was the only player to go all five matches without losing at Valhalla. His match was the only one to reach the 18th green, all because of a 60-foot birdie putt from Mahan that slammed into the back of the cup on the 17th hole.

He wound up with a halve against Paul Casey, and a new appreciation for this event.

"It's an incredible, incredible experience," said Mahan, who went 2-0-3 and tied a U.S. record for most points as a captain's pick. "I wish every golfer could experience this, because it's amazing."

Ben Curtis and Chad Campbell, the final player picked for this U.S. team, won the final two matches against Lee Westwood and Padraig Harrington for a lopsided score that for the last three years had been posted in European blue.

It was the largest margin of victory for the Americans since 1981.

Despite his misfit collection of stars — from the backwoods Weekley to the street-smart Kim — perhaps no one made a greater impact on the U.S. victory than Azinger.

It was his idea to overhaul the qualifying system, which

he felt was keeping the Americans from fielding their best team. He also doubled his captain's picks, and those four players produced one-third of the points.

time either of them had ever missed a match in the Ryder Cup. Even more peculiar was putting three of his strongest players at the bottom of the lineup — Ian Poulter, Westwood and Harrington.

The Ryder Cup was decided as their matches were in progress. Their points never had a chance to matter.

"It always hurts," Faldo said.

Faldo at least was validated by taking Ian Poulter, who had only two top 10s all year. The brash Englishman was the only European to play all five matches and went 4-1, tying the record for most points by a European captain's pick set last time by Westwood.

Even so, there was something missing from this European team.

For years, the team built its reputation by having the most laughs, making the

most putts and learning to play together for points. This time, that defined the Americans.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was Europe's best players.

Garcia and Westwood failed to win in the Ryder Cup the first time in the Ryder Cup. Harrington, coming off a summer in which he won the British Open and PGA Championship, now has gone nine consecutive matches without winning. He is 0-7-2 the last two times.

Phil Mickelson had another losing record in the Ryder Cup, winning only one hole in his 3-and-2 loss to Justin Rose. But he spent the first two days showing the ropes to Kim, the youngest player on the U.S. team at 23.

Kim took it from there.

He birdied three of his first four holes and annoyed Garcia — another turnaround — by refusing to concede even 2-foot putts and challenging a ruling on the sixth hole. He went 3 up through seven

holes, and the scoreboard was filled with red scores belonging to the Americans, who led in eight matches early on the final day.

Europe chipped away, however, until it was clear the Ryder Cup could down to a big-hitting rookie.

Holmes was all square with Soren Hansen after they traded birdies through the 15th hole and tension began to build. Holmes tugged on his black glove, waggled his driver and hammered a tee shot on the 511-yard 16th that set up a birdie and a 1-up lead.

On the next hole, he sent another powerful drive well to the left, but it bounced up a slope, through the gallery, over a cart path, and kept right on rolling back into the short grass. His wedge spun back to 3 feet to set up the victory.

It had been eight long years since the Americans could celebrate like this, and they get two years to enjoy it.

## Volleyball

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pull ahead as MT had a hard time catching up. Tulane tied the match at one all after taking the second set 25-18.

After two sets the two teams were both hitting .281 but Tulane had seven more kills than the Blue Raiders. MT did have four team blocks to the Green Wave's two after being led by Mead with one solo and two block assists.

The Blue Raiders began the third set slowly as Tulane took an early 8-4 lead. Tulane would go on a 6-1 run increasing the lead 14-5 midway through the set.

MT began to close the gap thanks to three kills by Oladinni and a block by Oladinni and Yancey making the score 22-17. The Blue Raiders continued to get big points but could not even the score falling 25-22 as Tulane took a 2-1 lead in the match.

Asberry had 12 kills in 15 attempts with no errors for a .800 hitting percentage after

three sets.

The Blue Raiders rebounded to begin the third set and led Tulane 14-9 midway through the set. Tulane tied the set at 21 but the Blue Raiders took control and won the set 25-21 on a block by Clark and Asberry.

Headed into the fifth set, Asberry had just one error with 16 kills for a .750 hitting percentage. Defensively, she had four block assists in the fourth set after not netting a block in the previous three sets.

As a team, MT had 51 kills and 11 blocks while the Green Wave had 48 kills with 10 blocks as a team.

In sets three and four, the Blue Raiders had 10 more kills than Tulane but the Green Wave.

The Blue Raiders will have the rest of the week off to prepare for the opening of conference play on Friday, Sept. 26. MT will play rival Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. in Bowling Green, Ky.

## SHORTAGE

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Regardless, price gouging and market speculation make for nice scapegoats, but it seems unlikely they're at the root of this debacle. More likely what we're experiencing is a sign of things to come.

Look around and see if there are more empty desks at our commuter college. At least one staff member here

at Sidelines telecommuted for this issue for fear of being stranded without gas along highway 231.

Fear seems to be what got us into this mess. Those of us in the press would do well to resist playing that panic up in the future.

The rest are going to have to be brave. And maybe buy a bike, or look into carpooling.



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