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Contest of champions



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The Contest of Champions, the oldest high school band competition in the state, was held at MTSU Saturday. As host, MTSU's Band of Blue performed a Halloween show for the high school bands.

Health career fair in JUB today

More than 40 organizations present at event

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Social work majors and students in health-related fields, like nursing, have the opportunity to attend the Nursing/Health Professionals Career Day today.

The career fair starts at 10:30 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m. in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room.

The Career and Employment Center and the School of Nursing are sponsoring the event. Planning for the event began in August of this year.

"The Nursing/Health and Professionals Career Day was

get a chance to meet employers who will be on hand to answer questions about future job opportunities.

Some of the employers will be the Regional Medical Center in Memphis, Special Kids, Inc., the U.S. Navy, the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Williamson Medical Center, University Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital, Stone Crest Medical Center, the Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Health Alliance of Greater Cincinnati, Community Care of Rutherford County and Jewish Hospital Health Care Services.

Some of the more well-known employers attending include St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, the Tennessee Department of Health, Community Development, Tennessee Department of Health, Mid-Cumberland

first held in 1974," said Martha Turner, director of the Career and Employment Center. "It was originally only started for nursing students; however, in the 1990s, we expanded the day to include all health care professions."

Professions included in the Career Fair are social work, dietetics, counseling and recreational therapy.

"There will be 40 employers and five graduate/professional schools represented at the fair," Turner said.

Students will have an opportunity to receive information from graduate and professional schools such as the Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia, Samford University McWhorter School of Pharmacy, the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and Western Kentucky University College of Health and Human Sciences.

Interested students will also

"Interested students who are in healthcare related fields should bring a resume and a smile to the Career Day,"

—Martha Turner
Director of Career and Employment Center

Employers will have information on hand about their jobs and students will have the opportunity to ask questions and present their resume. Currently, the health care professions are in high demand across the United States.

"We will have 90 nursing majors graduating in the 2003-2004 school year," Turner said.

"Interested students who are in healthcare-related fields should bring a resume and a smile to the Career Day," Turner added.

For more information about the career fair contact the Career and Employment Center at 898-2500. ♦

Prof published in top physics journal

By Jess McKelly
Staff Writer

MTSU biology professor Steve Howard will soon have an important research paper published in the world's top physics journal.

Howard noted that the publication, *Physical Review Letters*, is probably the most difficult journal to get accepted in for publication.

"What we have done in our paper is we've looked specifically for the potential of harmful mutation to accumulate in the DNA of viruses," Howard said.

Howard is a population geneticist/evolutionary biologist on the biology faculty at MTSU. The co-authors of the article are theoretical physicists from the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil.

"It is a wonderful feeling to walk into an area and say, 'Last night, we made an important discovery,'" he said.

Howard said that he became interested in a particular problem several years ago and because of the nature of that problem, a collaboration was initiated between himself and two theoretical physicists from Brazil. The three scientists took a biological problem and attacked it theoretically, using mathematical models.

"All organisms have a genetic code containing instructions for building more organisms," Howard explained. "And if these instructions become corrupted, most of the time it causes problems for the organism."

These mutations, or random changes in the genetic code, can accumulate in DNA over generations, eventually corrupting the organisms to the point where the population can no longer sustain itself.

There are two ways that an organism can slow down the accumulation of harmful mutation: genetic recombination, which is the re-assortment or reshuffling of genetic material, and natural selection, the process by which only the organisms that adapt best to the surrounding environment survive.

In most cases, these processes can prevent the DNA from accumulating harmful mutation. But despite this those types of mutations can still continue to accumulate, under some conditions.

Their mathematical models reveal that, under certain conditions, natural selection can actually accelerate the rate of mutation.

"This is a surprising and unexpected result, because a selection usually reduces the potential for mutation to accumulate," he said.

"The really exciting thing is that if we're right about this, it could help us understand how to accelerate mutational meltdown in viruses like HIV," Howard explained.

Mutational meltdown, when the virus accumulates so many mutations that it can no longer replicate and spread, is a potential solution to the problem of viruses.

"This is not a cure for AIDS, but it does give us a new direction. It opens up another door for attack on this [disease]," Howard said, noting that it is too early to tell for certain if their models are completely correct.



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Steve Howard is a geneticist and evolutionary biologist at MTSU.

The paper was submitted and accepted for publication in *Physical Review Letters*. Scientists around the world hold *Physical Review Letters* in high esteem as a publication that accepts few papers.

Howard has never met them but has communicated with them through the Internet.

Physical Review Letters can be found online at <http://prl.aps.org>. ♦

Oldest known photos of Murfreesboro on display at Gore Research Center



Photo provided by Albert Gore Research Center

This photo was taken from the cupola in courthouse square looking down East Main Street. The photo is believed to be from the mid to late 1860s.

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The oldest known photographs of Murfreesboro were recently donated by two retired school teachers to the MTSU Albert Gore Research Center.

The photographs were donated by Don and Sheryl Jones of Arvada, Colo., on Oct. 24. There were 10 images in all, including a political cartoon. Two of the photographs appeared to be copies of each other.

When appraised, the eight different photographs donated to the center were valued at \$8,000, according to Lisa Pruitt, director of the Gore Research Center.

"The pictures date, we believe, around the mid-to-late-1860s," Pruitt said. "We haven't had them long enough to do any real research."

Sheryl Jones found the photographs in a secondhand bookstore in Colorado almost 20 years ago and bought the album for a

couple of dollars out of curiosity. While at a workshop recently, Sheryl showed the pictures to a historian who recognized them as being rather important.

"Whoever took them to Colorado wrote Murfreesboro on the back," Pruitt explained.

Some of them are pictures of the Courthouse Square, and others appear to have been taken from the cupola in the middle of the square.

One image shows what appears to be a Union encampment in the middle of the square. Pruitt said they think the picture was taken towards the end of the Civil War because of the wear that can be seen on some of the stones encircling the encampment.

Another photo taken from the cupola, a dome structure for observation, looks down East Main Street in the direction where MTSU was eventually built. Other photos contain handwritten notes marking the building "where ma was born" and some of the different churches

around the city. The political cartoon included with the photographs depicts a black girl blowing bubbles. The cartoon comes from *Harper's Weekly*, a very popular 19th century publication.

"What's interesting to me is that the person who made this [album] included this cartoon," Pruitt said.

She was also curious about all of the pictures being street scenes. Cameras were not common technology and most photographs taken at the time were portraits. Unlike today's cameras, photographs required long exposure periods and any movement would cause a blurring in the picture.

In one of the street scenes where people can be seen, Pruitt noted that they must have known the picture was being taken because they were not blurs in the picture. They stood still the entire time the film was being exposed.

See Photos, 2

Photos: Pictures valued at than \$8,000

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Upon closer inspection, Pruitt said there were black people in that same photograph. This discovery led her to conclude that the pictures were probably taken after the Civil War was over and the slaves had been freed.

Other photos contain images of what appear to be slave quarters on a plantation, but Pruitt said they would have been vacant because the war was probably over.

Copies of the photographs will be given to Bradley Academy for exhibition and negatives will be made and kept by the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Pruitt is still working on formatting the pictures to be put up on the Research Center's Web site so students and faculty may view them at any time. She hopes to have them up before Thanksgiving.

Visit the Gore Research Center on the Internet at <http://janus.mtsu.edu>.

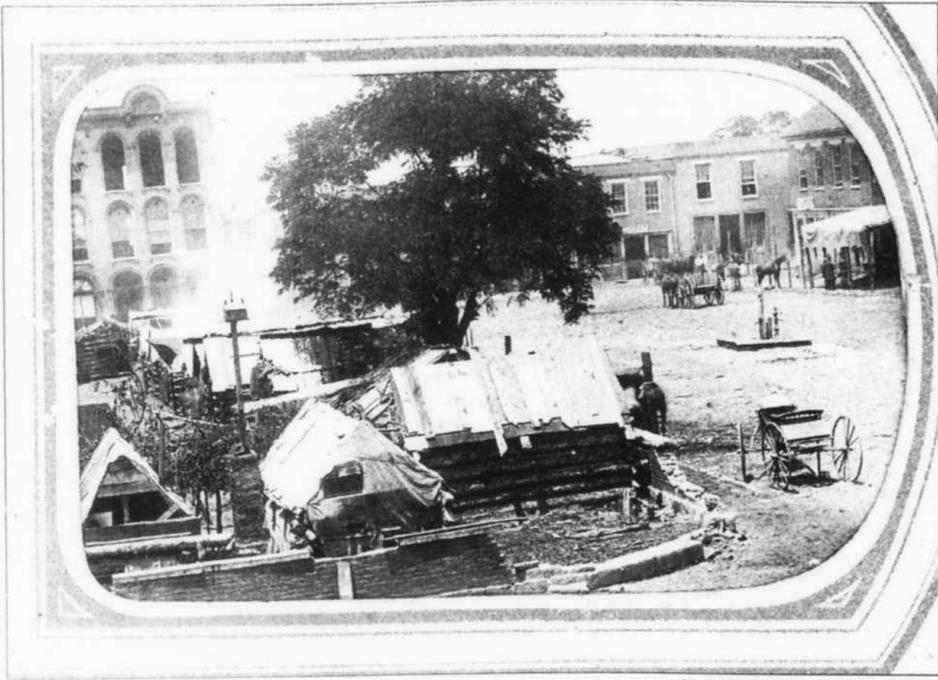
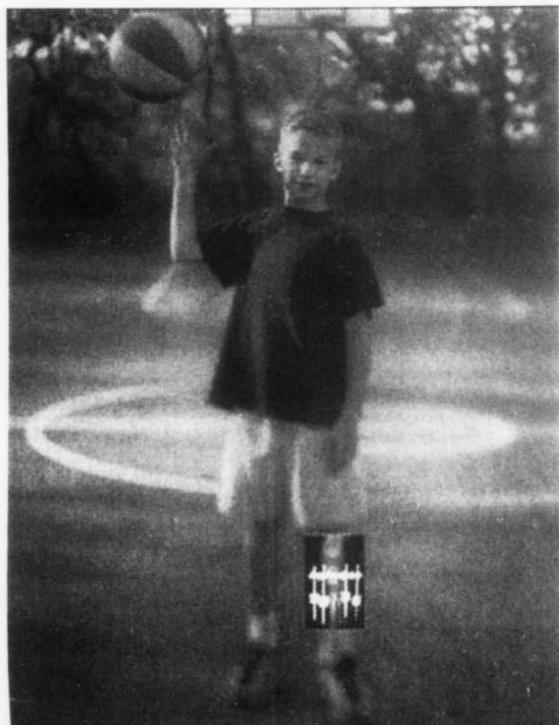


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This photo is believed to be of a Union encampment toward the end of the civil war because of the wear on the stones. Also visible are the pipes that make up the well.

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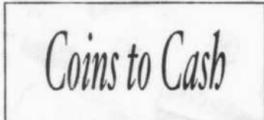
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the 'boro's best 2003 ballot

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Best Murfreesboro musician

Best place to hear live music

Best place to play live music

FOOD & DRINK

Bar with the best bartenders

Best cup of coffee

Best mixed drinks

Best happy hour

Best beer

Best atmosphere (restaurant)

Best atmosphere (bar)

Best breakfast

Best Mexican food

Best oriental food

Best sit-down meal in town

Best service (restaurant)

Best service (bar)

Best drunk/stoned food

Best grab-and-go lunch place

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Best place to spend a Friday night

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Best place to spend a weeknight

Best place to pick up a date

Best place to take your date

Best place to cheat on your date

Best place to dance

Best place to rent videos

Best place to experience local culture

Best place to see local art

Best place to sit, chill out and read

All ballots due Friday. You can submit your ballot to [flash] several ways. Drop it off at the Sidelines office in the James Union Building, Room 310. Mail it to Sidelines at 1301 E. Main St. MTSU Box 8, Murfreesboro, TN 37132. Fax it to (615) 904.8193. Download the ballot online at www.mtsusidelines.com and e-mail it to sflash@mtsu.edu or borosbest@hotmail.com. Just whatever you do, send in your ballot. Call (615) 898.2917 if you have any questions.

From the Editorial Board

Second [flash] show rocks, see you next time

The second *Sidelines* and [flash] sponsored show went off without a hitch Saturday night. Plan Beat, Folk Medicine and Big Fella and Te Arthur put on a fantastic show for the kids at Wall Street.

It's certainly good to see that the MTSU and Murfreesboro community supports its local music.

Big Fella's "Chicken and a 40" is truly an anthem for the ages. The audience certainly responded enthusiastically to the chorus. I dare say they've experienced the joy that is a meal of fried chicken and 40 ounces of your favorite beverage.

Folk Medicine provided video games for their fans to play before and even during the show.

We'd like to see more of this at shows. Sometimes we get bored just listening to the music. Rock and roll makes excellent background music for Super Mario Kart.

Those students who attended the show got to see Big Fella jump on stage with Folk Medicine and belt out phat rhymes to the band's funky beat.

Plan Beat provided some excellent tunes to warm the kids up for Folk Medicine and Big Fella and Te Arthur.

In the past, [flash] has only told you about up and coming local bands. Now, we are able to help these guys put on a good show for you, and for us. Think of it as our way of giving something back to the Murfreesboro community.

We also hope to see more of the *Sidelines* staff at the shows. Shame on you for not showing up.

And how about the faculty. We want to see more of our professors at the shows. Many of the performers are MTSU students. They show up to class – the least you could do is attend one of their shows. You might bond. Would it be so bad to make friends with your students?

This was the second *Sidelines* and [flash] sponsored show. The first show was at the Red Rose and was equally spectacular.

The next show is in December, and we sure hope to see you guys out there shakin' your bum. It will be a good time, we promise.

Be there, or be square. ♦

Christians not persecuted in America today

Speaking of Which



David Cotton
Staff Columnist

Despite the fact that the United States is still an overwhelmingly Christian nation, the Christian right in America feel they're some how being persecuted.

Not persecuted in the reign of Nero, being thrown to the lions sort of way, though. Too often, when the Christian right complains of mistreatment, it actually laments the demise of the special treatment they once received.

No Christian in this country is persecuted simply for their beliefs. As long as free speech remains a valued ideal in this country, none will ever be persecuted.

Freedom of religion has to pertain to all religions and freedom of speech to all sides of debate. But the

sad fact is the Christian right doesn't always tolerate opposing views.

The latest uproar is over a special on ABC titled *Jesus, Mary, and DaVinci* that resurrects an old theory that Jesus had a wife. Varying interpretations of the life of Jesus is nothing new, and while this may conflict with the views of some Christians, it is hardly the attack on Christians that right-wing pundits that Joe Scarborough claim it is.

To portray theological discussion as an attack is disrespectful to those who have truly suffered for their faith. Cecilia of Rome was suffocated or beheaded, possibly both, for her Christian faith. That's an attack; a show you don't have to watch isn't.

The worst examples of this exaggerated idea of persecution centers on Christianity's role in public institutions. Issues of prayer in school, the use of the word God in the Pledge of Allegiance, and governmental posting of the Ten Commandments

have all made the headlines recently.

First of all, to portray a ban on organized or instructor-led prayer service as the removal of all prayer in school is ridiculous. Silent prayer is not alien to Christianity, and no student needs a teacher's permission to give a little thanks before lunch or request a little help for the math quiz.

But to standardize prayer would emphasize one faith. Just because we are a democracy doesn't mean the minority forsakes its rights for the wishes of the majority. Few school prayer supporters would continue their support if the prayers included the Hindu or Muslim faiths.

The Pledge of Allegiance containing the word God is hardly the worst problem facing our fair democracy these days, but neither would it be a catastrophe if it were taken out. A pledge that doesn't mention any deity will not instantly transform the nation's people into a god-

less horde. Public faith seemed unshaken for the 62 years the pledge was recited without God.

Without a doubt, the most pathetic display of the Christian right's martyr complex was the furor over the Ten Commandments monument in an Alabama judicial building. Chief Justice Roy Moore, disregarding any concerns over the separation of church and state, defied a court order to remove the monument. When it was removed, a great wailing and gnashing of teeth accompanied it. Protesters cried that America's Christian heritage was under attack.

But another important American heritage is our legal system, in which we are all equal in the eyes of the law. The courtroom is the last place where there should be any sort of semblance of religious favoritism. For those who say the commandments are displayed only in respect to their historical influence on Western law, I have a compromise to sug-

gest. Maybe we should allow the display of only the commandments that are reflected in our laws and American secular morality as well. You know the ones: Thou shalt not kill, steal, etc. No one can argue against these sentiments.

But "no god before me" seems to overstep the court's authority. Having the right to worship any graven image you wish is the American way, but who would want to be tried before a judge who believes your god is that graven image?

As much as some might wish otherwise, it is not the role of the state to instill any type of religious instruction, nor is it the state's place to limit it. But to claim that not having the right to force your views on others is the same as being denied your faith – that is un-Christian, un-American and untrue. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines' occasional watch for muttonheads.



Defending your father's name carries with it certain connotations – ancestry, honor, pride.

A little of that is lost when the scuffle is about a drug deal gone awry 15 years ago. However, it really becomes an idiotic fight when you learn you're beating up the wrong man and keep it up anyway.

In Barnstable, Mass., Michael W. Perry has been arraigned on felony charges stemming from a fight he instigated Oct. 25, after his father pointed out a man who "screwed him in a drug deal 15 years ago," investigating officer Sgt. Sean Sweeney said.

The two Perrys were in the drive-through line of a fast-food eatery when, after being told this, the younger Perry allegedly tore out of the car toward 48-year-old Richard Florence and his 15-year-old daughter Tansi.

Young Perry commenced with the fisticuffs, and turned Florence's right side black and blue and punched both his eyes to the point where they bled and swelled shut.

Here's the real kicker – soon after the beating began, the elder Perry realized he had made a mistake, and also ran over to the scene, where he put himself between his son and Florence to stop his son from punching the man. Eventually the son did,

but not before allegedly saying, "You're lucky we didn't kill you, you n-word," Sweeney said.

Therein lies the rub. Instead of just being charged with aggravated assault, obscene crimes against humanity and negligence resulting from an oversized sense of duty, young Perry now has to deal with felony civil rights charges (no, we're not making that one up).

In Massachusetts, all crimes are bad, but some are more bad than others – beating up a black man if you're white, for example (although, for the record, the elder Perry is the son of a black man, making the more violent Perry the grandson of a black man).

Although the younger Perry made that ridiculous comment at the end of the fight, his actions weren't racially motivated. He was just trying to defend his father in the most idiotic way possible.

Whatever charges are brought on Perry's day in court, the district attorney needs to send him to Shawshank for as long as possible, so the Perrys can learn what it's like to settle a score. ♦

Original story reported by the Boston Globe, Oct. 28.

Halloween pranksters step over line



Half Naked

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

It seems that Halloween pranks never die.

Last week, a 13-year-old created quite a stir in Warren, Mich., with a jack-o-lantern she carved "just for laughs," according to a story by www.clickondetroit.com.

Christina Hall carved "F— Off" into a pumpkin, and then placed the pumpkin on her porch.

Naturally, neighbors were outraged. Hall's next-door neighbor Carrie White contacted both the mayor and police about the incident.

Obviously, nothing could be done.

Whatever bad judgment the incident involved, it's not illegal to carve profanity on a pumpkin any more than it is illegal to speak profanity.

Though the incident is immature (if she were, say, 18, I'd think it was funny, but a 13-year-old carving "F— Off" into a pumpkin is most likely a thwarted attempt at being cool), Hall and her jack-o-lantern are protected by the First Amendment.

Freedom of speech does extend to pumpkins.

While I commend Hall for being more creative than just carving a happy face, I must admit her alternate design was in poor taste. If she were in a college dorm or something, I could understand – the odds of small children wandering around is slim to none. However, in a neighborhood, it's just human decency to exercise restraint and courtesy.

I'm impressed that the local authorities recognized Hall's First Amendment rights, despite popular opinion from her neighbors.

The family removed the pumpkin in question on Thursday because of the controversy it created.

In an equally bizarre incident last week, a boy in Dover, Del., was injured in what was allegedly a drive-by pumpkin throwing.

On Oct. 26, 15-year-old Daniel Hill was walking with two friends when a car sped by. One of the occupants of the car threw a pumpkin out of the window, hitting Hill, according to an Associated Press story.

Hill has a ruptured liver and a bruised lung, and is in serious condition.

I cannot help but wonder at what point it seemed like a good idea to throw a

pumpkin out of a moving car.

Obviously, Halloween usually comes with a few childish pranks. Houses get rolled and egged, and teenagers too old to trick or treat and those who don't wish to be bothered by taking their younger siblings trick or treating smash other people's pumpkins and destroy Halloween decorations.

Though I don't in any way condone those activities, it never comes as a surprise when those things happen.

However, this time someone went too far.

I guess if you want to drive around throwing pumpkins out of a car, that's your prerogative, but when you endanger someone else, it's time to grow up.

Halloween should be a time of walking around in clothes you would never normally wear, eating tons of candy and doing whatever else to pass the time you can think of that doesn't involve taking someone's candy or inflicting bodily harm on anyone else. ♦

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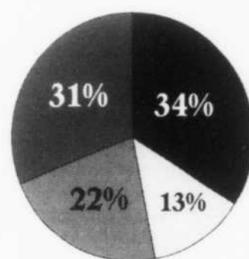
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Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "Have you ever driven drunk?" Here's what you had to say:



- Yes – There was that one time ... (34 percent, 30 votes).
- Yes – It's a weekly challenge to get home alive (13 percent, 11 votes).
- No – I always secure a designated driver (22 percent, 19 votes).
- No – I don't even drink (31 percent, 27 votes).

Be sure to visit www.mtsusidelines.com to vote in next week's poll: "Do you plan to intern before you graduate?"

Lesson in getting elected



Reality Check

Justin Wax
Staff Columnist

The year was 1888, and Republican Presidential candidate Benjamin Harrison was challenging incumbent Democratic President Grover Cleveland. The main issue in this election was taxes. Some things never seem to change.

What was out of the ordinary in 1888 is that the Democratic President was campaigning against raising tariffs (taxes), while his Republican challenger was in favor of the tax hike. Oh my, how the Democratic Party used to be the party of the people.

The election turned out to be very close, but Benjamin Harrison won the election. By getting the most votes? Nope. He became president by winning the electoral college.

According to the U.S. National Archives Records and Administration, Harrison failed to win the most votes, but he did win the electoral vote, which was all that mattered.

The 2000 Presidential election was a modern controversy of the electoral college. Vice President Al Gore narrowly won the popular vote, and Governor George W. Bush barely won the electoral vote. Therefore, Bush won the election.

So what is the crazy world of politics is the electoral college? According to NARA, "The Electoral College was established by the founding fathers as a compromise between election of the president by Congress and election by popular vote."

In modern English, this means that America elects the president through a mixture of democratic and republican principles. The United States is a democratic republic. While it's true that free nations are often referred to as democracies, Americans pledge allegiance to "the flag ... and the Republic for which it stands."

Here are the democratic and republican principles used to elect the President. Tennessee has eleven electoral votes because we have two U.S. senators and nine congressmen (in accordance with the population of Tennessee). The candidate that wins Tennessee by earning the most votes wins all eleven electoral votes. Thus, the winner of Tennessee has won the state in democratic fashion, by winning the most votes. But in order to win the presidency, the candidate has to win at least 270 electoral votes in republican fashion.

Some of you may be whimpering, "Why can't the guy with the most votes just be the President?" Well, if you want the man or woman with the most votes to win, all he or she basically has to do is win California, New York and a few other key states. In that situation, Tennessee would have no say in who would govern us as president. All a candidate has to do is play to New York, California, and a few other states, and he or she would win almost every time. Sound like a good idea to you?

California and New York together have a population of about 52.7 million. Tennessee, Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado, Virginia and Georgia have a combined population of just 31 million.

To be elected president you must win at least 270 electoral votes. Each state has at least three electoral votes (two U.S. senators plus one congressman). Some have only three, such as North and South Dakota.

With the electoral college, every state has a voice. Some states have a louder voice than others because more Americans live there, but the electoral college guarantees even the smallest states have a chance to impact the presidential process and have a voice in who governs the 50 United States. Our founding fathers were more intelligent than what many of us thought.

An interesting fact about the electoral college is that every controversy (where a candidate won the electoral college but lost the popular vote) involving a Republican and Democrat always resulted in a Republican winning the Presidency (Rutherford B. Hayes, Harrison, Bush).

What do Democrats have to say about all this? Perhaps it sounds something like this: "Once upon a time there was a vast right-wing conspiracy..." ♦

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Remember why you chose MTSU



Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist

Someone asked me the other day if I was proud to go to MTSU, and I replied by saying yes.

This person looked shocked and proceeded to tell me I should show school spirit by going to football games. It really upsets me that some people believe there is only one way to support their school. Are these people really proud of their school or just the football team?

I am proud of my school, but it's not because of our sports teams. I am proud because of the education I am receiving

and the community atmosphere of the campus.

To be totally honest, I could care less if we won any football games. Maybe I would have a different outlook if I understood football – or any sport for that matter – but I don't. I also don't feel the need to understand them because it won't help me to reach my future goals, which is why I'm here in the first place.

I guess you could say I show school spirit differently than most people. Showing spirit to me is making good grades, cleaning the litter off the court-ways and telling hard-working employees that I appreciate their assistance and dedication to the students.

To some, school spirit is supporting our sports teams, and that is great for them. It brings students, former students, and the whole community of

Murfreesboro together. Going to the games is fun for a lot of people, but it just isn't for me.

If you are like me and can't stand sports, it doesn't mean you, can't show school spirit. There are so many ways to show school spirit. You just need to ask yourself what school spirit means to you, and don't be afraid to express your answer.

There is no right or wrong way to show school spirit; it's just a way to show pride in your school. Because everyone has different ideas of what school spirit means, it gives our campus spice, and in a lot of ways our different ideas can start the changes and improvements that our campus needs in the years to come.

Everyone should show some sort of pride for MTSU, because if you choose to go here there had to have been something you liked about the education, cam-

pus or sports that piqued your interest. You didn't just draw a random college out of a hat and go.

You chose after a long hard process of deciding what college was going to be the best for you. Even if MTSU was your last choice, this college did see potential in you when other colleges looked past you. If MTSU didn't accept you, would you have a chance for your dreams to come true?

You still should have pride for this school that has given you that chance. Be thankful you chose MTSU.

So be loud. Be proud. Be blue in whatever you do, because this school is all for you. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Modern slaves don't have rights

To the editor:

Is slavery really still alive in the United States? The slaves Shana Hammaker describes in her column ("Slavery still alive in U.S.," Oct. 29) are lawbreakers. They pay smugglers to sneak them into the United States instead of following the rules and regulations for legal immigration set forth by our government.

When one knowingly and blatantly breaks a law, he should be fully prepared to accept any and all repercussions that follow. In my opinion, any mistreatment doled out by these smugglers or their cohorts is justice in its purest form. On the other side of the coin, businesses that knowingly engage in the utilization of illegal laborers should be held responsible for their actions and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The illegal entry of immigrants into this country should be thwarted by requiring more stringent enforcement of current immigration laws and by "beefing up" our border patrols.

Also, the unemployed, legal citizens of the United States need to heed the example of previous generations' sacrifices and accept these low paying and so-called "menial" jobs in order to provide the example of hard work for their children. I have no problem with legal immigration, for this is what has transformed this country into a major player in world events.

While we should look around at what is the erosion of respect for the law of the land, we should also be able to see our own part in that process.

Chuck Mason
Senior
Business Management

Premarital sex not bad for everyone

To the editor:

Everyone is entitled to their own opinions and beliefs on sex and I respect them, no matter what they are. The article ("Saying no to sex in a just do it world," Oct. 27) shows that there are many people out there who are waiting until they get married to have sex, which is great if that is what's right for you.

I thought it was nice to hear from people about why they are waiting, but I still have a problem. The writer, Stacey Wacaster, made it sound like everyone who has had pre-marital sex did for the wrong reasons or regrets it, which is not true. She quoted an MTSU senior male who said, "Not waiting was one of the biggest mistakes of my life. [Having sex] added a lot of stress, responsibility, and guilt to my life. I'm waiting until marriage now."

This is one person's response about their sexual experience. I know a lot of people, including myself, who had a great experience and it didn't bring stress or guilt to my life.

The article also stated that students often have sex because they want to feel loved, wanted or needed. I'm sure that, in some cases, that's true. However, that is not the reason for me or a lot of other people. I had sex because we were in love and we were ready to experience that with each other, married or unmarried.

I respect a person's decision to wait until they are married to have sex, just as I would hope they respect my decision not to.

Jessica Walden
Junior
English major

Career Achievement Award Nomination

The Career Achievement Award is given by the MTSU Foundation to current MTSU faculty and includes a \$5,000 prize. The criteria for the award are: currently hold faculty rank, have a minimum of ten years of full-time service at MTSU at the rank of full professor OR have fifteen years of full-time service at MTSU, and exhibit profound, sustained, and high quality contributions to the University and the profession in a number of the following areas: teaching, educational innovation, publication and research/creative activity, public service, university service, service to the profession.

Nominations may come from faculty, administrators, students, and alumni. Candidates must be nominated by a minimum of five individuals, at least three of whom must be full-time faculty or academic administrators. Nominations may be submitted on this form or in other written form. Nominations should be directed to: The Career Achievement Award, Office of Executive Vice President and Provost, ATTN: Faye Johnson, Room 111 CAB, MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132. Nominations must be received by November 17, 2003.

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Forming a Flourishing Future

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

College careers as a student don't last forever (despite rumors to the contrary).

From classified ads to job fairs, all sorts of services are out there for job-searching students. One way to make this career seeking carousel ride a little less bumpy is through the method known as job networking.

Simply put, networking is catching those you're close to and allowing their contact ties to work towards building yours. Networking help can come from professors, classmates, friends or family.

Often a professor provides the fuel for an internship, which accelerates the gas on a full-fledged career.

Chuck Aly, a 1999 graduate of MTSU, knows that scenario strikingly well. He began by working three years at publicity company FORCE/Shock Ink, then six years at *Music Row* magazine (a music industry trade publication) - while going to school part time. After some freelance writing, he is now the associate country editor of national trade magazine *Radio & Records*. All of these jobs were the result of building upon relationships with either established personnel or business contacts.

"My first job was at a company where I'd been interning," Aly says. "Having been a publicist who talked to media outlets led to my second job. As a result, my current job came at me from several different angles - various people I knew in the industry helped."

He goes on to emphasize that although it may be a good idea for some, networking isn't necessarily a thing people set out to do. It can be a common result of working with, meeting, interviewing and associating with people in an industry over a period of time.

Once into a company, Aly advises, figure out what the ultimate mission of the company is and work to advance it. Don't refuse to take on menial tasks or difficult challenges just because they're not in the job description. The real job is to promote the plan of the company. Remembering and working towards that goal will ultimately reap rewards.

Martha Turner, director of MTSU's career and employment center, stresses the importance of networking as well.

"Networking through personal referrals lends credibility to the candidate," she says. "It may open doors that would otherwise be closed."

However, she goes on to say that most employers prefer professional recommendations over personal ones. Students and graduates of MTSU may establish their credential files with recommendations in the career and employment center for referral to potential employers.

According to Aly, networking is by far the best option.

"An internship got me in, and the friendships and reputation built since have kept me in," he says.

Aly provides these networking tips:

- Get an internship.
- Work hard.
- Don't give up.
- There are no back doors.
- Get a foot in the (front) door.
- Stick around! The longer you're in, the better the contacts serve you.

"When I was out of work, the want ads did me absolutely no good."

If you do utilize networking to land a job, don't slack off once there. Then, pay it forward - use the position to help others, just like you were helped.

To contact the career and employment center call 898-2500 or visit www.mtsu.edu/~career/. ◆



The good, the bad and the in-between Students reflect on internships

By Julia Reynolds
Staff Writer

Every year MTSU students take time away from campus to work in internships or co-ops. These students trade syllabi and textbooks for on-the-job experience that can't be duplicated in a classroom while getting a sneak peek into the workplace of their chosen fields.

Recently, four MTSU students sat down with *Sidelines* to reflect on their internship experiences. Their candid comments showed that internships offer invaluable learning opportunities, although not always in the way students expect.

Adrian Holt

Taking a year off from classes to work in a co-op program was well worth the delay in graduating for Adrian Holt. Holt, an engineering major, spent all of 2002 working full time at Calsonic North America in Shelbyville, Tenn.

"Calsonic was a great place for experience," Holt says. "I learned basic industrial/manufacturing engineer duties like AutoCAD facilities layouts and new product launch layouts. I performed time studies for setting labor standards, developed capacity charts and worked with contractors for equipment relocation/installations."

After his year at Calsonic, Holt believes strongly in internships and co-op programs.

"I feel that everyone, especially in an engineering field, should experience a co-op," Holt says. "It should be required to have at least a summer internship in your related field."

"Calsonic hired me on part-time after my co-op was through, and has even offered me an excellent position and pay when I graduate in December."

Justin Brodrick

"It was the best political experience of my life." That is how Justin Brodrick describes his recent internship experience. Brodrick, a politi-

cal science major, spent last summer working in the California State Legislature.

"I did the internship during the budget crisis and the huge political surge that was the recall election," Brodrick said.

Brodrick worked for the legislature rules committee and as sergeant of arms. He provided security for open sessions, committee meetings and conversations between lobbyists and members of the legislature.

Because of the scope of his duties, Brodrick had a remarkable vantage point on the internal workings of a state democracy.

Brodrick saw first hand the reactions of the legislative members to what he termed "the climax of political flack, and the political travesty called the California recall election."

"Sometimes the truth becomes relative in the wheel that is government," Brodrick said. "A lot of people lose themselves in the wheel and forget who they are."

"It takes people of character and people who really love politics to enjoy what they are involved in," he added.

"I believe it was among the top three experiences of my life. I never felt more alive," Brodrick said of his internship.

Sonya Lester

Recent MTSU graduate Sonya Lester had an internship experience markedly different from that of Holt and Brodrick.

Lester, a management information systems major, worked an unpaid internship at a radiology software company the summer before her graduation.

She felt that her initial interview with the person who would become her internship supervisor went well.

"At the end of the interview she asked me if I would also like to learn about 'the business end of things,' in addition to learning about technology," Lester said.

Lester agreed that she would like to learn about the company's business, expecting to see how contract agreements and sales were conducted. She was surprised and dismayed to find out what the interviewer had really meant by "the business end of things."

"My initial responsibilities were taking inventory of office furniture and organizing employee files for the human relations department," Lester said.

"It was completely unrelated to my degree. I wasn't learning anything," she added.

As a result of her experience, Lester had good advice for students considering internships.

"Know exactly what you will be doing and make sure it is what you want to do."

She also believes that she should have done her internship earlier in her degree plan.

"Don't wait until the summer of your senior year," Lester said.

"Three months is not long enough to get any

experience unless you are doing an internship every summer."

Sarah Iunghuhn

Sarah Iunghuhn feels that her internship supervisors would have benefited from taking some of the courses she has taken recently in business management and communication.

Formerly a recording industry major, Iunghuhn worked for over a year at a major country artist management and talent agency in Nashville before changing her major to mass communication.

"I helped answer phones and send out charts," Iunghuhn said about her job responsibilities. "I also was in charge of putting together and sending out press packs and also took on special projects as they came up - as soon as one of our artists requested something."

Near the end of her internship, she also managed most of the press releases for legendary country band Alabama.

Iunghuhn has mixed feelings about her internship.

"I met many interesting people and made contacts for my future," Iunghuhn said.

However, her relationship with her managers wasn't always easy.

She described her supervisors as "two gentlemen who did not do well teaching a young female."

"I wasn't given opportunities to shadow and learn," Iunghuhn said. "I was supposed to 'grow' with the company but the only growing came from me teaching myself. I guess what I did learn is that no matter how honest and true you are to everyone and yourself there are still going to be those who are not and always think you are out to get them. It is very hard to see eye to eye with someone like that."

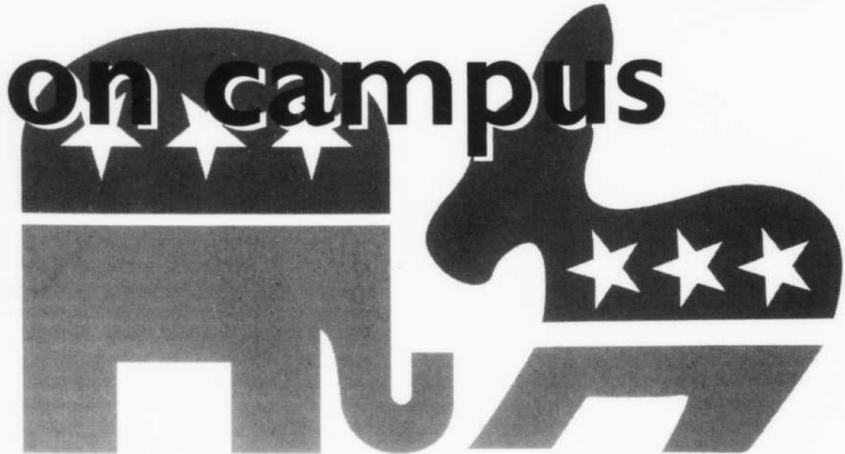
Overall, Iunghuhn doesn't regret the internship.

"I wouldn't have changed it for the world," she said. "I learned a lot about myself, the recording industry and how an organization works." ◆



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Politicking alive and well on campus



By Michaela Jackson
Staff Writer

Amidst the student groups on campus oriented around pure enjoyment, there are some that set themselves apart as making a difference on campus in the area of politics.

Chief among these political organizations are the college Democrats, college Republicans and MT Solidarity, a socialist group.

These groups, all founded on the principles of citizenship training and political activism, are a vivacious part of campus life in many ways.

For example, Solidarity, through their "Boot the Bell" campaign, was largely responsible for the removal of Taco Bell from campus because of their use of exploited labor, according to the group's faculty advisor, Michael Principe.

The newest of the groups, the college Democrats, actually rose like a phoenix from the ashes of a previous attempt to start a chapter at MTSU. Like Solidarity and the college Republicans, the college Democrats are part of a larger national organization.

According to student co-founder Jacob Holt, the purpose of the college Democrats is three-fold: Holding voter registration drives, furthering voter education by showcasing guest speakers and actively participating in elections by becoming involved with the campaigns of local Democratic candidates.

Some students even go on to become involved professionally in politics, as was the case with one-time student body president and president of the college Democrats Bart Gordon. Gordon is now a U.S. Representative for the sixth district in Tennessee.

The college Democrats also do a fair amount of traveling, venturing to states such as Kentucky and Louisiana to be involved in elections there.

With a current membership of 42 people, the college Democrats are always looking for new members.

The oldest of the campus political organizations, the college Republicans, has been in operation for more than a decade.

Faculty advisor Bill Ford states their purpose as "helping young people become better cit-

izens" by undergoing "citizenship training" and ultimately "voting intelligently."

Ford emphasizes student involvement over faculty direction.

"Leadership has to come from the students, not from the faculty," he says.

Being actively involved in the college Republicans is quite a time commitment — as much as five to ten hours a week, according to Ford.

MT Solidarity also plays a large role in campus and community politics. While attending to voter education and registration, Solidarity's primary focus is activism.

Regarding "Boot the Bell" and other acts of political and social persuasion, Principe says that Solidarity seeks to promote "economic justice issues." In this spirit, MTSU is one of only two campuses in the state (the other being Vanderbilt University) to be a member of the Worker's Rights Consortium, which takes a stand against such social maladies as sweat shop labor.

Solidarity certainly does not neglect their civic duties to their political representatives, though, as evidenced by their active participation in Ralph Nader's Green Party campaign in the last presidential election.

While their methods of expression vary significantly, all three groups have stuck closely to their party's original ideology.

According to the Democratic National Committee Web site, Democrats believe that while the capacity of government is limited, government should be a force for good and a source of hope.

Their fundamental conviction is that Americans must not only be free, but they must live in a fair society. They also believe it is the responsibility of government to help the nation achieve this fair society.

The Democratic Party paints itself as "the people's party," and tries to be as inclusive in its memberships as possible.

Not surprisingly, equality is at the heart of the Democratic ideal.

According to the Republican National Committee Web site, Republicans believe that "individuals, not government, can make the best decisions; all people are entitled to equal rights; and decisions are best made

close to home."

The Republican oath says "the proper function of government is to do for the people those things that have to be done but cannot be done, or cannot be done as well by individuals, and that the most effective government is government closest to the people."

The oath also says the party supports equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin.

Their Web site also says that Republicans believe in free enterprise and the encouragement of individual initiative and incentive.

In regards to social issues such as abortion and homosexuality, Democrats are typically viewed as liberal and Republicans as conservative.

Socialists favor heavy government involvement in both social and economic issues. According to Thomas M. Magstadt in his textbook *Understanding Politics*, socialism favors collective and governmental ownership over individual and private holdings.

Socialists also take a strong stand for equality. The Young Democratic Socialists Web site states that socialists try to develop a democratic and progressive majority. Groups the socialists want to recruit to their cause include progressive democrats, gay and lesbian activists, people of color, Greens, labor activists and feminists.

"We have come together because we don't think there is currently room in U.S. politics for our vision of a society based on solidarity, instead of greed. We are going to make that room," they write on their site.

Whatever a student's political leaning may be, MTSU has organizations that support those philosophies and offer a place to learn more about the political system and socialize with others of like-thinking.

For more information about joining the college Democrats, email mtsucollegedemocrats@yahoo.com.

Those who wish to join the college Republicans can contact Ford at 898-2030.

Those wishing to join MT Solidarity should contact Principe at 898-2907 or send an e-mail to principe@mtsu.edu. ♦

A Ship's Biology



Photo courtesy of Claudio Cambon

The work titled, "A Ship's Biology," by documentary photographer Claudio Cambon, is on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the McWherter Learning Resource Center until Dec. 4. Cambon will lecture on Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in LRC, Room 221. Exhibition is free and open to the public.

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Monday, Nov. 3-14
Registration for Spring
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James Union Building, Room
123
For information, call 898-
5094.

Nov. 3, 4 and 12
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Keathley University Center
Theater
Various topics in health
For information, call 898-
2104.

Monday, Nov. 3
Nurses/Health Career Day
JUB, Tennessee Room, 10:30
a.m.
For information, call 898-
2500.

Honors Lecture Series
Peck Hall Room 109A, 3 p.m.
"America: The Bio-Political
Spectrum"
Speaker: Dr. George Murphy
For information, call 898-
2152.

Tuesday, Nov. 4-5
JUB Can Jam II
Wiser-Patten Science
Building, Room 220, 6:30
p.m.
For information, call 898-
5964.

Sunday, Nov. 9
"MTSU On the Record"
WMOT-FM 89.5, 7 a.m.
"Waterworks!"
Guest: Karen Hargrove
For information, call 898-
2919.

Monday, Nov. 10
Honors Lecture Series
Peck Hall Room 109A, 3 p.m.
"Problems of Health Care in
the U.S."
Speaker: Foster Amey
For information, call 898-
2152.

Slide/Lecture Presentation by
Photographer Claudio
Cambon
Learning Resource Center,
Room 221, 7:30 p.m.
For information, call 898-
2085.

Thursday, Nov. 13
Anti-Drug and Anti-Terrorist
Awareness Day
Forrest Hall, 9:30 a.m.
For information, call 898-
5702.

Monday, Nov. 17
Honors Lecture Series
Peck Hall Room 109A, 3 p.m.
"The Day the Music Died.
How the Music Business is
Changing"
Speaker: Beverly Keel

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Monday, November 3, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

MT netters prepare for in-state rival APSU

By Brad Jameson
Staff Writer

Austin Peay State University women's volleyball team visits Murfreesboro Tuesday to challenge the struggling Blue Raiders in their last non-conference match of the season.

The Blue Raiders (11-16) have struggled this season, amassing losing streaks of seven and four games at different points in the season. The team is 4-6 in its last 10 games.

Despite their up-and-down season, MT comes into the match against the Lady Goves rolling off a 2-game winning streak coming from wins over Tennessee Tech and fellow Sun Belt Conference member Florida International.

MT was down 2-0 against the Golden Panthers of Florida International (11-13, 3-8 Sun Belt) in Miami on Sunday afternoon,

but managed to rebound and win the next three games to take the 3-2 win.

Senior Karisse Baker led the MT attack with 23 kills, followed by redshirt junior KeKe Deckard with 14 and freshman Victoria Monasterolo with 10. Redshirt junior Goldie Bilyeu led the team in assists with 50.

Leading the MT defense was freshman Megan Sumrell with 19 digs, followed by Bilyeu with 15 and Monasterolo and sophomore Kimberly Moeller with 11 each.

Florida International took the first two games 30-24 and 30-28. The Blue Raiders then mounted a comeback to take the last 3 games 30-27, 30-22, and 15-8, sealing only their third Sun Belt victory in 10 conference matches.

APSU comes to Murfreesboro with a 12-13 overall record, and are currently coming off a loss to Murray State. The Lady

Goves are 1-3 in their last 4 matches.

The Austin Peay squad is led on offense by senior Amy Walk, who has scored 303 kills. Walk is followed by junior Sarah Schramka who has 281 kills.

Leading the Lady Goves in assists is junior Jamie deTurck with 975 on the season. Junior Julie Burkhalter leads the squad on defense with 374 digs, and is followed by Walk with 350. ♦



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Lady Raiders Volleyball			
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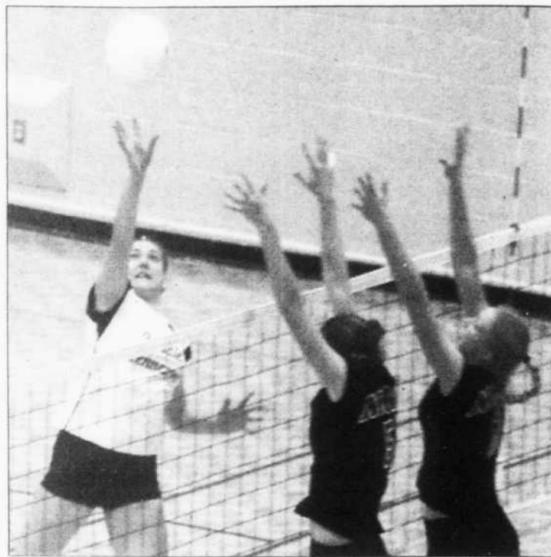


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Outside hitter Dara McLean volleys the ball back to two New Mexico State players on Oct. 19.

Blue Raiders fall short to Utah State 40-21

By John Leffew
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders traveled to Logan, Utah, on Saturday to square off against the Utah State Aggies in a key Sun Belt Conference matchup.

After losing to North Texas last week, the Blue Raiders looked to pick up a key victory on the way back to contention for the conference championship.

However, the Blue Raiders ran into cold weather and a hot team in Utah, losing 41-20 in below freezing conditions.

"I wish I could use the weather conditions as an excuse, but I can't," head coach Andy McCollum said. "They played in the same conditions we did."

Quarterback Travis Cox and running back David Fiefla led the Aggie offensive attack.

Cox completed 22 of 34 passes on his way to 301 passing yards and three touchdowns.

Fiefla had 23 carries for 101 yards and a touchdown.

The Aggies gained 495 yards of total offense.

"Defensively, I'm the most disappointed I've ever been," McCollum said. "In these conditions, you've got to be able to stop people, and we didn't stop people."

While the MT defense had a hard time stopping the Aggie offense, the Blue Raiders also sputtered on offense.

The Aggies rushed out to a 35-0 lead before MT could mount a scoring drive as the Blue Raiders failed to cross midfield until late in the second half.

Utah State took an early 7-0 lead when defensive tackle Michael Gines returned a Andrei Hates fumble 4 yards for a touchdown.

Two other big plays accounted for the remaining scores by the Aggies in the first half.

Raymond Hicks hauled in an acrobatic catch for 49 yards to set up Fiefla's touchdown run, making the score 14-0.



Photo courtesy MT Media Relations

MT wide receiver Jerrin Holt fights his way through the snow and the Aggie's secondary on Saturday.

Barry Tolti then gave the home team a 21-0 lead, catching a 59-yard touchdown pass from Cox to make the score 21-0 at the half.

Cox completed his second touchdown pass with just more than a minute gone by in the second half, a 24-yard completion to Chris Stallworth.

The Aggies padded their lead 10 minutes later as Cox com-

pleted his final touchdown pass to Kenny Coleman, increasing their lead 35-0.

The Blue Raider offense put up all 20 points in the fourth quarter, the first of which came on a Pedro Holiday touchdown catch from Clint Marks.

Just seconds after this score, the Aggies scored on another big play, as Travis Davis rushed 69 yards for the touchdown.

A Don Calloway rushing touchdown and a late Kerry Wright touchdown catch made the final score 41-20 in favor of the Aggies.

With that touchdown catch, Wright set the Blue Raider single season record for receiving yards, passing Kendall Newson (945 yards in 2000). Wright needs 32 yards to become the first receiver in school history

with 1,000 receiving yards in a season.

With the win, the Aggies retain second place in the SBC standings. The Aggies (3-6, 3-1) have three remaining conference games.

MT will host SBC foe Troy State this Saturday at Floyd Stadium. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. ♦

Prep football begins playoffs

By David Hunter
Asst. Sports Editor

Starting this Friday, one of the best sporting events in the state takes place with the TSSAA High School Football Playoffs.

The single-elimination playoffs are divided into five different classifications with 32 teams in each bracket.

The BlueCross Bowl from each class will take place at Floyd Stadium Dec. 5 and 6.

I graduated from Oakland High School here in town in 2001. During my sophomore year in 1998, I saw one of my greatest sporting events ever when the Pats beat Hendersonville 46-24 for the state championship.

There are some members of the *Sidelines* staff that were attending Hendersonville at that time, including editor in chief Patrick Chinney, opinions editor Wendy Cox and copy editor Jason Caldwell.

It still amazes me that this subject is brought up inside the *Sidelines* office. This shows how much high school football affects us. It's football in its purest form.

You do not have to worry about high salaries like in the National Football League, or the Bowl Championship Series like in college football.

I still follow the Pats. I do not get a chance to go to any of their games anymore.

However, I do watch the highlight shows on the local television stations on Friday night.

This week, the Pats travel to Lincoln County in the first round. Oakland finished the season at 4-6 last Friday night.

Lincoln County is a perfect 10-0 and one of the favorites to win the Class 5-A title. The Falcons beat the Pats 51-0 on Sept. 3.

However, if the Pats fall short, I hope for any school other than Riverdale to win the title.

Before the birth of Woodman High School in the past few years, Riverdale and Oakland were the only two high schools here in town.

I just hope the title comes back to Rutherford County. Brentwood High defeated the Warriors last year in the finals and took the title to Wilson County.

Last year, I did not get a chance to go to any of the title games.

However, I did watch some of the games on television.

The state finals is also a great chance to see future Blue Raiders in action.

High school is how football should be played. ♦

Lady Raider competes in two sports

By Colby Sledge
Staff Writer

LaToya Brown apparently does it all at Middle Tennessee. She jumps. She runs. She blocks. She throws.

Add in the fact that she will receive her aerospace degree in the spring, and she might even fly — or at least make sure everyone else can.

"It's become a possibility," Brown said of her plans to become an air traffic controller after graduation.

Brown is a two-sport athlete at MT. In addition to volleyball, she is a member of the women's track and field team. She currently participates in the heptathlon, a seven-event competition that ranges from long jump to shot put. Her main events are high jump and the 100-meter hurdles.

In fact, Brown's reputation in track and field preceded her when she came to MTSU from Christian Brothers University, a Division II school in Memphis that doesn't have a track team.

"I found out when I got here that I was on the track team," she said.

In her senior year at Wooddale High School in Memphis, Tenn., LaToya qualified for the TSSAA Girls Track State Tournament in high jump and long jump. She was named track MVP at WHS three years running from 1997-1999 in addition to being voted volleyball MVP in 1998 and 1999.

Brown played volleyball at CBU from 1999-2000 before coming to Murfreesboro to study aerospace. When she arrived, she offered her services to MT volleyball coach Lisa Kissee.

Despite Brown's athletic achievements in high school and at CBU, Kissee found that LaToya had some catching up to do.

"She had a lot to work on when she first came here," Kissee said. "I would joke with her sometimes that she could hit the ball with her head as well as she could with her arms. There were timing issues, her arm swing, her elbow was too low, her wrist snap — there was just so much that she had to learn, but she's just an incredibly hard worker."

Even LaToya admitted that she started seriously playing volleyball a little late.

See Lady Raider, 10



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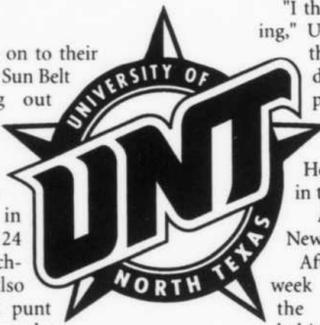
Lady Raider LaToya Brown is a two sport competitor. She is on the track team and the volleyball squad.

North Texas leads SBC, New Orleans bound

By Chris Glasser
Staff Writer

North Texas held on to their one game lead in the Sun Belt standings, shutting out Troy State 21-0 Thursday night.

Running back Patrick Cobbs, who leads the NCAA in rushing, ran for 124 yards and two touchdowns. Cobbs also returned a blocked punt for a touchdown as the Mean Green (6-3, 4-0 SBC) remained unbeaten in the Sun Belt Conference, strengthening their position for the New Orleans Bowl. The North Texas defense also played big, forcing 5 turnovers and sacking Troy State quarterback Aaron Leak 3



times.

"I thought our defensive effort was outstanding," UNT head coach Darrell Dickey said. "I thought we made some great plays on defense, and I'm proud of the way they played."

The win kept them a game up on Utah State, who beat Middle Tennessee 41-20. Here's a look at the rest of the action in the SBC:

Arkansas State defeated New Mexico State 28-24.

After getting shut out last week against Utah State, the Indians rallied behind two third quarter touchdowns passes from Elliott Jacobs to defeat NMSU.

The Aggies still had one chance on their last drive,

but quarterback Buck Pierce's pass at the Indian 18-yard line fell incomplete with 36 seconds left and ASU ran out the rest of the clock.

The Indians (4-5, 2-1 SBC) moved into a tie with Utah State for second place in the SBC, while New Mexico State dropped to 2-7 and 1-4 in conference play.

Southern Miss defeated UL-Lafayette 48-3.

Southern Miss jumped out to an early 21-0 lead and never looked back, overpowering the Ragin Cajuns in all aspects.

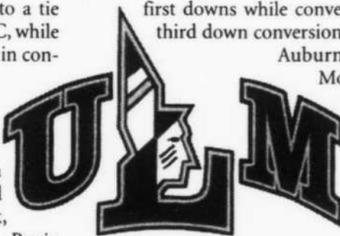
Quarterback Dustin Almond threw for 187 yards and 3 touchdowns and running back Anthony Harris rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown as the Southern Miss offense

racked up 550 yards of total offense.

The Ragin Cajuns (2-8, 2-2 SBC) were held to just 200 total yards of offense and gained just 8 first downs while converting just 3 of 16 third down conversions.

Auburn defeated UL-Monroe 73-7.

Carnell Williams racked up 113 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries as



Auburn easily took care of the Indians.

The Tigers rushed for 240 yards and six touchdowns while quarterback Jason Campbell threw for 181 yards and 2 touchdowns.

Jeris McIntyre had four receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown as Auburn gained 464 yards of offense. ♦

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MT junior makes a difference on and off field

Lineman wanted to be part of building a great program

By Jon Leffew
Staff Writer

Jerry Vanderpool of the Middle Tennessee football team is a large man with an even larger heart.

Standing at 6-foot-3 and 306 pounds, Vanderpool has been a key contributor to the Blue Raider football team for the last three years from his spot on the defensive line.

Vanderpool, a junior liberal arts major, decided to come to Middle Tennessee four years ago. The decision for Vanderpool was an easy one.

"My mother told me if I wanted to be a part of something, to attend Ole Miss, but if I wanted to be a part of building something, to attend MT," Vanderpool said.

Making that decision to attend MT came after a high school career at nearby Brentwood Academy full of accomplishments in athletics. Vanderpool was named All State in football his senior year while also being a Mr. Football Lineman of the Year finalist.

In addition to football, Vanderpool attended the state tournament in track (throwing the discus and shot put) and lettered in basketball his senior year.

"Football was always my favorite, though," Vanderpool said. "There wasn't another sport that was as physical as football."

Vanderpool proved just how physical he wanted to be on a Sep. 21 game last year, as he, teammate Devarick Scandrett, and Kentucky quarterback Jared Lorenzen were involved in an altercation at the end of the first half.

Following the incident, head coach Andy McCollum defended Vanderpool's actions.

"Jerry Vanderpool wasn't wrong," McCollum said. "If Vanderpool gets thrown out, then I have to question why their quarterback wasn't

thrown out."

Defending the honor of Vanderpool is something McCollum does not have to do often but is quick to do when the question arises.

"Jerry's a guy that comes with a smile on his face and gives you everything he's got in everything he does," McCollum said.

It is this type of effort that has made Vanderpool successful in his stay at Middle Tennessee. Vanderpool is one of the quickest defensive linemen around and was also on 2002's Best Conditioned list after a perfect score in summer workouts.

In the fall of 2002, Vanderpool tallied 40 tackles, first among defensive linemen, and started 10 of the team's 12 games.

He also had one sack and a field goal block, which earned him the honor of Special Teams Player of the Week against Tennessee.

In 2001, Vanderpool played in 10 games, tallying 12 tackles, two coming for a loss.

During this season, the injuries of Demetrius Walker and Scandrett, as well as some off-season injuries, have limited Vanderpool's playing time.

However, he remains positive about himself and his team's chances for the remainder of the season.

"Even though I had 40 or so tackles last season," Vanderpool said, "We still didn't make it to New Orleans. We're on track to do that [New Orleans Bowl] this year, and we've got the best team we've had since I've been here, so I couldn't be any happier."

"Jerry's been a big part of this program since he's been here," McCollum said. "He's gone through a lot of adversity, and he's still got another year left. We're very proud of him, both academically and on the football field." ♦

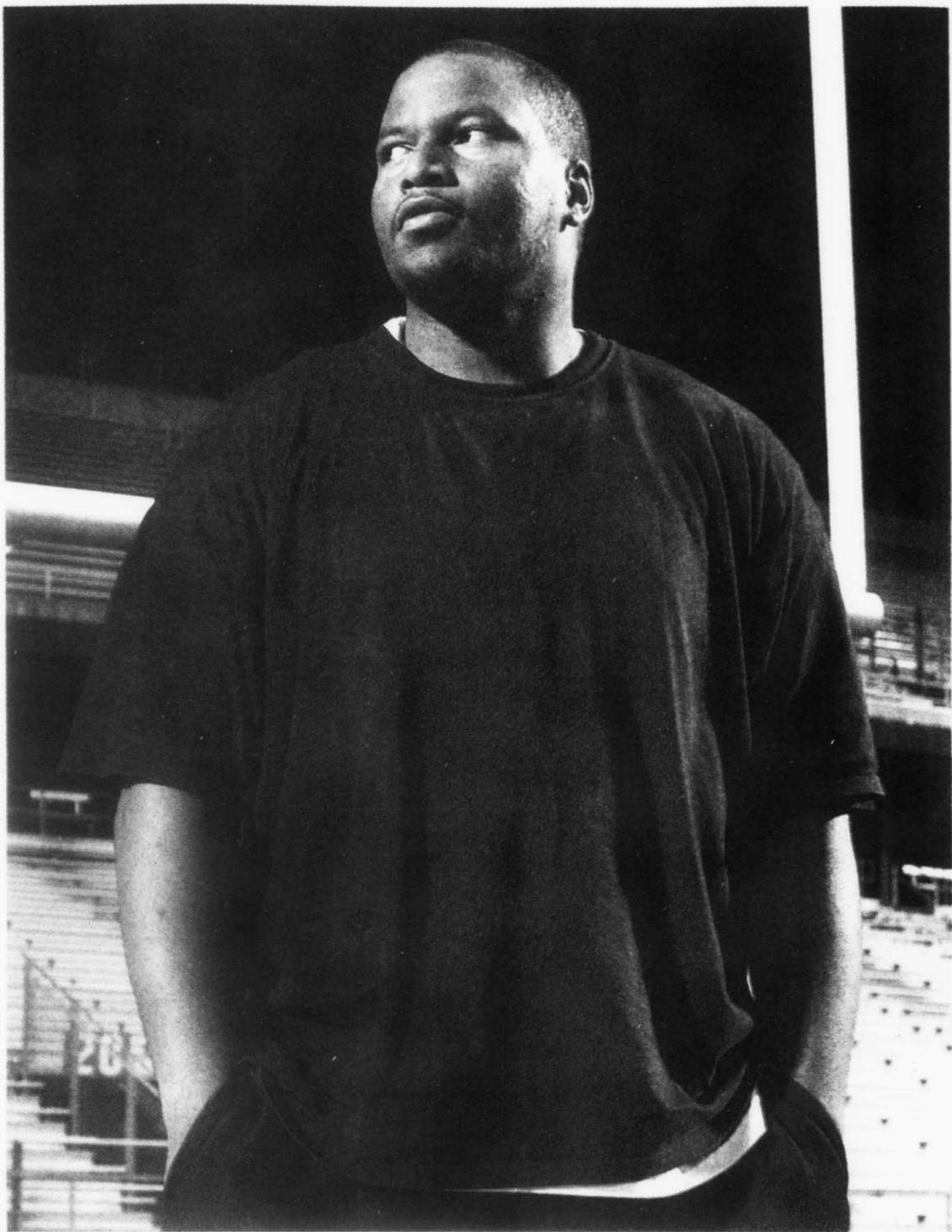


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MT defensive lineman Jerry Vanderpool chose Middle Tennessee over University of Mississippi and Marshall.

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Lady Raider: Twice the load

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"I played in high school during my off-season for track, but our team wasn't really that competitive," Brown said. "I really didn't play until club ball my senior year."

"It's just a shame she wasn't coached earlier," Kisse added. "She came from a high school where they didn't even know what an offense and a defense were. They just hit the ball over the net."

Brown's hard work is paying off this season, however. She has played in all but three games and has 85 total blocks, second on the team to fellow senior Karisse Baker. Even so, when asked what she needs to improve in her game, she didn't hesitate to respond — even though her goal was a little far-fetched.

"Blocking," she said. "I need to get up to about three blocks a game — no, that's a little unrealistic, but that would be nice."

Currently, Brown is averaging 0.87 blocks per game. Baker leads the team with 0.95 blocks per game.

Brown and Baker are also the only seniors on this year's squad after Brown redshirted last year at Kisse's request.

Their leadership styles are different, which helps them complement each other.

"Karisse is more of the verbal leader, but I lead more by example," Brown said. "It's not so much what I say and more of what I do."

"She's very positive and uplifting. She's not a really vocal person on the court," Kisse said. "She's very talkative and very enthusiastic off the court, though. She's like a little chatterbox."

Brown also leads off the court as the representative of the women's track team in MT's Student Athletic Advisory Council. The SAAC is comprised of student athletes who make suggestions for improving their conditions and opportunities both on the playing field and in the classroom. NCAA legislation requires every participating institution to have an SAAC.

On top of that, Brown received a community service award for the volleyball team.

"She's always involved in everything," Kisse said.

That makes two sports, one committee, community service and academics.

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