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## Peck overrun with angry, violent squirrels

By Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Staff Writer

Within the past week, populations of squirrels inhabiting the Peck Hall area of the MTSU campus have begun viciously attacking members of the campus community.

Currently, the student and faculty casualties have reached an alarming 72 people, and many more are injured.

"This is a horrid atrocity," said President Sidney McPhee yesterday. "We are doing everything in our power, combining the efforts of the campus and city police departments, the fire department and other local

entities, to solve this problem."

Attempts to eliminate the squirrels have ranged from simple traps to tear gas and rifles. None of these attempts have been successful, however, and the squirrels continue to have control of Peck Hall as well as the surrounding wooded area.

"We have attempted to gas as well as fire upon the squirrels with no success," said Sgt. Biff Forbes, of Public Safety. "They are cunning and are able to defend themselves beyond the ability that we would have expected from some squirrel diggin' in the dirt. We expect their next target to be Cope Administration, They're cur-

rently moving in that direction."

The squirrels are believed to possess small, "squirrel-sized" nuclear technology, although this has not been confirmed. However, there are many large holes surrounding the area, and many students have been found with limbs torn from their torsos and evidence of explosion.

"As I've examined the bodies of some of the deceased students," said Dr. Wayne Carver, chief medical examiner of Connecticut, "small traces of radioactive materials were found as well as evidence of biological weaponry. We aren't

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Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Designer

This cute, fuzzy squirrel gnaws on the shoestring of one of its victims earlier this week.

## Liberal funding cut off

By Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

MTSU President Sidney McPhee announced yesterday that all university funding to support the College of Liberal Arts will be permanently suspended, effective immediately.

The decision came after months of banter between the president and his bad and good angels, who both finally convinced him that English, philosophy, political science and the like are "of the devil."

"Everyone knows that studying the arts can lead to enhanced critical thinking skills, and we simply can't condone that type of intelligence in a wholesome, virtuous community setting like Murfreesboro," said Vice President for Business and Finance Duane Stucky.

After half a semester of noisy renovation to a Peck Hall third floor storage closet to provide extra office space for instructors, construction has already begun in order to achieve just the opposite. Officials attempted to evict all professors and administrative staff late yesterday afternoon from both major academic buildings on the west side of campus to free up space for housing paperwork and other necessary items.

"We've got too many important items to store in that space," said Director of Campus Planning Patti Miller. "The [Jennings A. Jones] College of Business alone has at least 10 years' worth of back issues of Soap Opera Digest magazine."

So far, the inhabitants of the James Union Building and Peck Hall have banned together to challenge the decision and its accompanying dismissal. Efforts to acquire funding from the College of Business via violent force have begun (see "A campus divided," this page).

Assistant professor of English Peter McCluskey, the appointed leader of Strike Force Grendel, one of many newly formed platoons, described the collective attitude as one of "livid concern for the Harbrace company and Norton, whoever that guy is."

McCluskey spent Wednesday afternoon protesting with the rest of the English department, cold and shivering amidst loose books and papers in the hallways of Peck Hall, refusing

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## A campus divided

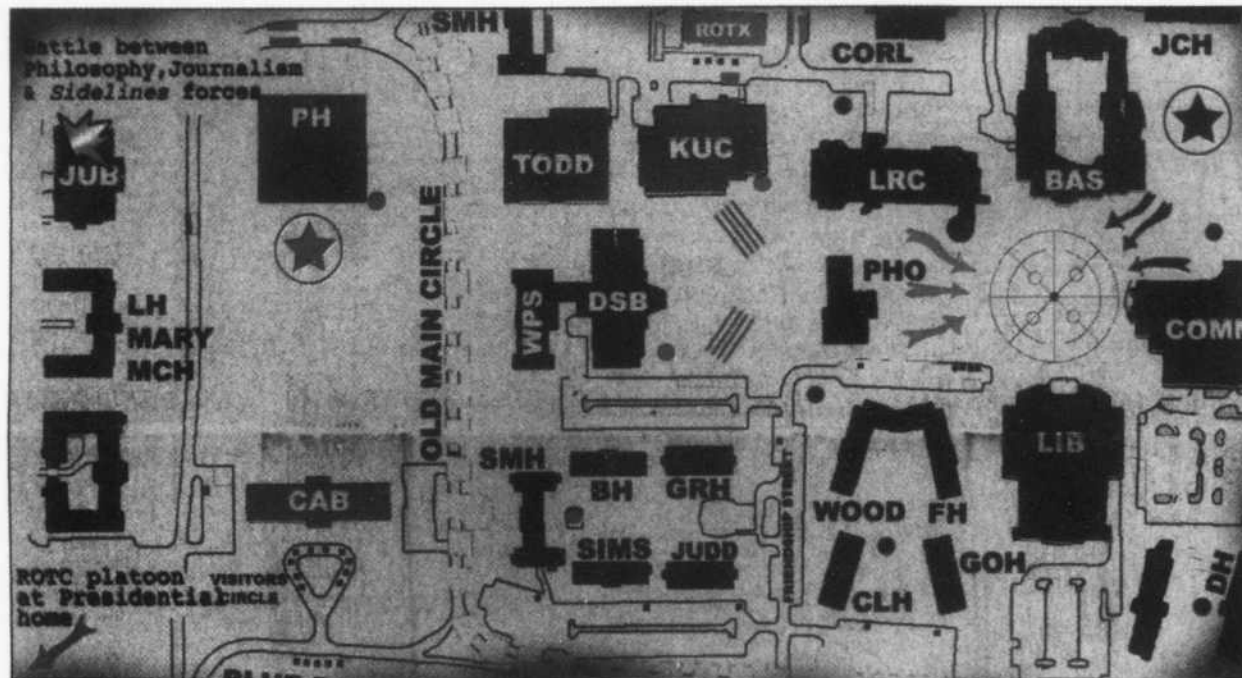


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This map, given to *Sideways* by Dean John McDaniel, shows the position and buildings controlled by liberal arts (red) and business (blue) forces. Green denotes ROTC peacekeeper-controlled buildings. Liberal Arts forces declared war yesterday when President Sidney McPhee cut all funding to the College of Liberal Arts. The James Union Building hosted the first battle between the groups.

By Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

The College of Liberal Arts issued a declaration of war to the Jennings A. Jones College of Business yesterday - a move prompting some students to run in fear and others to pick up arms.

The formal declaration is the culmination of years of simmering envy, finally brought to a boil with yesterday's decision by MTSU President Sidney McPhee to cut all funding to the Liberal Arts program.

"They've had it coming for years," said Liberal Arts Dean and newly appointed four-star general John McDaniel. "Since President McPhee refuses to fund our programs, we have unfortunately been forced to defend our right to exist on campus. That means taking funding from a more wealthy col-

lege." The state of war took Business Dean E. James Burton by surprise, but, in a hastily called press conference, he took pains to assure his students that the school was not unprepared.

"It's unfortunate that the Marxists have forced this confrontation," Burton said. "But if they want a war between the classes, you can be by God sure we'll give it to them. We have the money, means and friends to see this through to the end. They'll be praying to Stalin for salvation by the time we're done with them."

Much like World War I, agreements and associations between schools have engulfed the entire campus in conflict. The philosophy department immediately agreed to enter the battle on the side of their ideological colleagues, despite being

housed in the James Union Building. Their first assignment was to gain access and control of *Sidelines*, however, their efforts were successfully repelled (see "Sidelines' defends against philosophy, journalism attack," this page).

The School of Music has also promised to respect its designation and fight alongside other liberal arts majors.

However, the College of Mass Communication has pledged to provide recording industry majors, of which they claim to have an infinite supply, to the business school as infantry and drummer boys.

"We will not allow the sanctity of the Quad to be violated by some heathens who cannot accept their role in our society," said Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass

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## 'Sidelines' defends against philosophy, journalism attack

By Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

In the early hours of fighting yesterday, the only clear victor was *Sidelines*, having repelled two separate attacks and maintained its neutrality.

Soon after declaring war on the Jennings A. Jones College of Business (see "A campus divided," this page), Dean of Liberal Arts John McDaniel solicited a guarantee of support from the philosophy department. His first mission for the professors was to entice *Sidelines*, the campus newspaper, to join the liberal arts cause, using force if need be.

To editor in chief Lindsey Turner, the psychological and physical warfare came as somewhat of a surprise.

"To be honest, I thought they (the College of Liberal Arts) would have let us be, and just report what was going on," Turner said. "I've never really trusted the philosophy professors. The way they just walk down the hall, smoking their cigarettes, glancing in with their beady eyes."

The battle of JUB 310 started off as what the staff thought to be an informational meeting with the philosophy professors explaining what exactly the College of Liberal Arts was fighting for. Soon, however, things took a turn for the worse.

"Things were all right, we were having friendly conversation, then I noticed that several of my colleagues began to have a glazed look in their eyes," said managing editor Jason Cox. "That's when I realized the dirty pinkos were using Jedi mind tricks or something."

As if by magic, a delegation of journalism professors and students dressed in full fatigues and armed with pens and swords, arrived at the *Sidelines* office just as Cox was coming to his realization. A search of the *Sidelines* meeting room after the battle

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## McPhee channels Kravitz for hip, new image

By Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

After attempting to connect with the student body through numerous endeavors, MTSU President Sidney McPhee is planning to try a different approach - modeling himself after musician and family member Lenny Kravitz.

Since his appointment to office in July of 2001, McPhee has established an open door policy, appeared on a live talk show, *Open Line with President Sidney McPhee*, and participated in university functions, but still finds his popularity waning among the student body.

"McPhee puts the 'cool' in 'uncool,'" said senior Stu McStudent. "I never thought anything coming out of Jamaica

could be so unbelievably lame. I mean, that's where pot comes from."

Earlier this week, McPhee, who is actually from the Bahamas, began his transformation by convincing his wife, Elizabeth, to sew 9 inches of dreadlocks into his present coif. The process took an entire day, but the couple is pleased with the results.

"I've never been so attracted to Lenny ... I mean, Sidney," said Mrs. McPhee, who later paid *Sideways* a hefty amount of money not to print her comment.

The next step included a trip to Icon, a local tattoo and piercing parlor, to have his nipples adorned with silver hoops.

"It hurt like a mofo," said McPhee, before leaning over and whispering, "Was that a cool things to say?"

Finally, McPhee reserved the Murphy Center to put on a bona fide rock concert tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. He plans to please the crowd with renditions of Kravitz classics, such as "Are You Gonna Go My Way?" and "Fly Away."

Though he hasn't played the guitar for 20 years, McPhee is certain he'll inspire the student body to get out of their seats and dance. His costume includes leather pants and a buttonless button-up shirt.

According to McPhee, who now wishes to be referred to as "The President Formerly Known as McPhee," his show will also include an obscene amount of "crunk," "jiggy" and "bling-bling."

"You paper kids should come. It'll be 'wack,'" he said. ♦



Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Designer  
Sidney McPhee sports his new look.



# Protest tells protesters to be productive



Photo Illustration by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

Anti-protest protesters protested protesters last Saturday before resigning their posts as freedom fighters, citing the futility of protesting for the sake of protesting.

By Angelica Journagin  
Sports Editor

Members of MTSU's Solidarity had enough and took a stand last Saturday when they staged an anti-protest in front of a group of protesters opposing the war in Iraq.

"We're sick and tired of it all," said MTSU professor Moon Toad. "The war in Iraq, the World Bank, women's reproductive rights, that whole Gore teaching with only an undergrad thing. The crap never ends.

Our hair is always dirty and we smell because we don't have time to take a bath. Please, white kids with dreads. That's not natural. It's because they are too tired to wash it."

The anti-protest protest was the culmination of several events that have occurred this semester. Already, the members of Solidarity have been to three protests this fall, traveling as far as Washington, D.C., to take part.

"Driving down to D.C. and staying with fellow protesters cut down the cost but do you

know how much it costs to fill up a tank in an Explorer," asked MTSU basket weaving major Sunflower Seeds. "It costs an arm and a leg. I don't know what my parents were thinking. I asked them for a Mustang."

Another major concern expressed by the anti-protesters at Saturday's event was the bad weather that's been trailing them on their fight for freedom and justice.

It was raining in Washington, D.C., Nashville, and in Murfreesboro during

some of the scheduled events. "It's discouraging," said MTSU senior blunt rolling major Daisy Petal.

"Whenever it looks that we have gotten somewhere, gotten some media coverage and have people expressing their support, it rains. No one wants to protest in the rain. The ink on your posters run, you open your mouth to chant and you practically drown and the joint you're smoking goes out."

Other participants are equally upset by the weather and said

they think they have stumbled on the cause of it.

"I could just cry," Toad said. "The weather patterns are obviously a plot by President Bush to throw a wrench into the works. Everyone knows that the president has scientists working on ways to alter atmospheric pressure. Just think about all of the hurricanes that have been hitting Florida recently. They don't have those butterfly ballots anymore and an election is coming up."

The president's office would

not confirm or deny Toad's accusations.

The last factor influencing the anti-protesters is the futility of their work, they said.

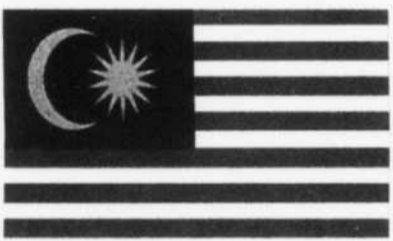
Protests in the United States have been ignored for at least the past 100 years.

"I mean, not protesting isn't a big deal anyway," Seeds said. "Everyone knows that as soon as we graduate we will take our place in corporate America and work at repressing rights so that our kids will have something to protest." ♦

## MTSU opens middle school in Kuala Lumpur

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

Not to be outdone by the University of Tennessee, MTSU officials have decided to enact an initiative that will create a middle school in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



Plans for the middle school, tentatively named Little Middle

School, will be modeled loosely after the UT system's plans to build a high school in Beijing, China, that will mirror the average Tennessee high school and be fully accredited by the state. "We feel that this project can only improve the university and get our name out there as the highest-quality university in the state," said MTSU President Sidney McPhee. "If we can train and attract Malaysian residents, it will not only further diversify this campus, but also let people in that corner of the world know that Middle Tennessee means business."

Little Middle School will be a scaled-down version of the MTSU campus, complete with a mini-Floyd stadium for kickball and a set of condemned dormitories "to show the children that we recognize misfortune and work around it when faced with it," said Tennessee Higher Education Association spokeswoman Arlene Dawkins.

The middle school will offer traditional courses generally instituted in Tennessee secondary schools — English, math and health. Unlike the UT plan, which will allow Chinese education officials to implement their own, much more advanced, math and science programs, Little Middle School will be bound to a strict, average Tennessee curriculum.

"It wouldn't be fair to over-educate these kids past the levels of learning currently reached by our state's middle schoolers," Dawkins said. "We want them to be on the same level of education with our middle and high school graduates when — or if, I guess — they come to a Tennessee university to further their education."

Both MTSU and UT have come under some criticism for their worldly efforts, McPhee said. UT President John Shumaker received e-mails accusing him of trying to "educate little terrorists" from a communist nation.

McPhee said he'd received

similar accusations.

"I got a rather strange voice mail the other day accusing me of trying to infect Tennessee with yellow fever," he said. "There are also those few who are still hung up about the fact that the area is primarily Islamic, but I've been told by the [Tennessee Board of Regents] that there are plenty of Christians over there and, if there aren't, there will be soon."

Mary Morgan, spokeswoman for the TBR, said one of the major reasons university officials chose Kuala Lumpur is its harsh drug policy.

"As higher education officials, we're always on the lookout for the safety of our students," Morgan said. "We felt that Malaysia's mandatory death sentencing for illicit drug trafficking is a definite positive. We can be assured that the kids we're educating out there are clean as a 'Bama bearcat in Tuscaloosa on game day."

Shumaker and other UT officials traveled to China earlier in the month to discuss the terms of the project, which include lending the name of the UT system — though not Tennessee taxpayer money — to the project.

McPhee, who has visited Malaysia once, said that, due to an all-around lack of surplus funds, the university would not be able to support the multi-million dollar initiative on its own.

"The state, foreseeing little cooperation from the people of Tennessee, has decided to forego the project," McPhee said. "We've asked that the people of Malaysia contribute to the operating and construction funds via a fee of several thousand ringgit per month."

McPhee also said the university is considering raising MTSU's tuition to subsidize the middle school's costs, but that TBR officials would have to meet at least 14 1/2 more times before a decision could be made.

"Of course, we don't want to raise tuition," Dawkins said, "but when things need to be done, it's only fair that students foot the bill. If we relied of the constituency of Tennessee, we'd never be able to educate 12-year-old Malaysians. If we want the name 'Middle Tennessee' to ever mean anything, everyone is going to have to pay up." ♦

## War: Many students torn between colleges

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Communication.

Babbili acknowledged that journalism professors and an elite group of student writers were dispatched to a battle scene in the James Union Building, but would not comment further on their mission.

Because an attack on the Business and Aerospace Building would threaten their livelihood as well, the aerospace department has aligned with the business school and promised to provide second-strike capabilities should the BAS fall under attack.

McPhee has elected not to get directly involved in the conflict, requesting instead that ROTC platoons be stationed in the Cope Administration Building and his home. While expressing hope that a peaceful resolution could be reached, the president admitted that he would rather see the Business college triumph.

McDaniel had provided *Sidelines* with a map of his troops' initial positions surrounding the BAS and Quad. He said the number of student volunteers willing to fight for the school's cause is more than he would have ever believed.

"I have full confidence that our students will emerge victorious from this battle," McDaniel said. "With the guided leadership of professors, such as Peter McCluskey of the English department and Robb McDaniel, who, with his experience as a Commodore, will be in charge of our naval force in case it rains before this whole thing is over."

Many liberal arts students expressed similar sentiments.

"It is time for we, the poor and oppressed, to rise up in arms against the capitalist pig dogs housed in that fancy cas-

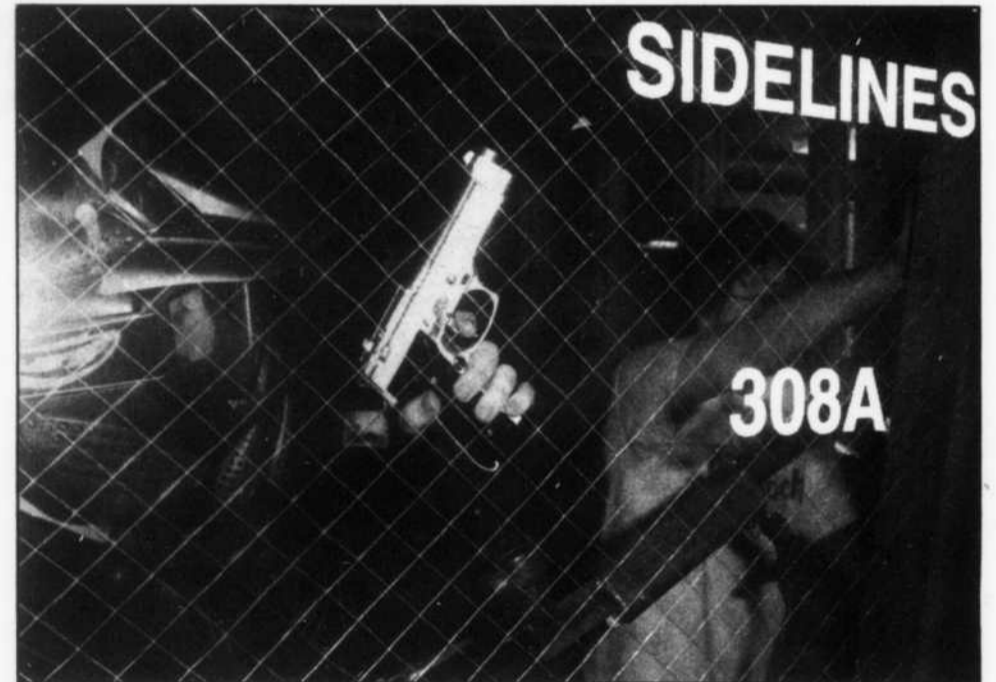


Photo by Kristin Hooper | Photo Editor

An armed *Sidelines* staffer waits by the door to the newspaper's office while other staff members help barricade the door with the office couch.

tle," said Mark Robbins, a junior anthropology major. "It's better that they die now than live to exploit another generation of workers."

Jenna Hasings, a freshman history major, agreed.

"When I came to school, I never thought I'd get to take part in the great revolution. I thought it was all just a crazy pipe dream," Hasings said.

Students enrolled in the business school seemed equally confident, however.

"This is what my years of paintball and long hikes through Cedars of Lebanon park have trained me for," said Andrew Pagel, a

junior finance major. "Let those eggheads try and take our building. We'll teach them something about reality."

Not all students were able to align themselves with one college or the other, however. Many enrollees have majors in one college and a minor in the other. Bill Francil, a political science major and economics minor, is one of those.

"Politics is my first love, and so I don't want to abandon it. But economics is just so logical, how can I refute it? Maybe I can go hang out in the Rec Center until this is over." ♦

## Battle: 3 Mass Comm majors dead

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battle revealed a hidden microphone, which staff members suspect belongs to the College of Mass Communication.

A brief battle ensued, with *Sidelines* staff and journalism crew united against the philosophy professors and ended with the philosophy entourage being expelled back to their stronghold on the opposite end of the floor. Three aspiring Mass

Comm majors died in the fray. As they had not yet applied for candidacy, no professors knew their names.

The once-welcomed sight of the visitors from Mass Comm quickly grew ugly once the staff realized that the group had come with an agenda of their own.

"I don't understand how they could have thought their ruse of friendship would work," Turner said. "The circumstances

were just too convenient — we needed some help, and the journalism school was right there, to the rescue. Then they ask us to give them favorable press in return? Over my dead body."

Another battle soon followed, with *Sidelines* staff again emerging triumphant. Neither side suffered severe casualties in the battle. The J School entourage then slinked back to the Quad to reinforce the Jennings A. Jones School of

Business army, which was engaged with the main Peck Hall force.

For opinions editor Amber Bryant, the battle of JUB 310 provided a valuable life lesson.

"I was expecting a religious war to break out in the news room, once people figured out the Satanic messages I was printing on my page. But philosophy and journalism? I guess you really can't trust anyone these days." ♦

## Squirrels: Some students joining forces with rodents

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dealing with some nut-eating rodents here."

Carver is known for his particular interest in animal-related deaths and was called immediately to help with the investigation.

President George W. Bush was notified of the situation yesterday and issued a public statement within which he vowed to devote any resources necessary to resolving the problem.

"We need to send forces in immediately to rid the world — wait, I mean the school — of the Iraqi threat — pardon me — this squirrel-based threat," he said. "I have reason to believe that they have weapons of mass destruction that are far larger than the pea-sized bombs the scientists are describing. The time for action is now! Kill the Ira ... squirrels!"

As the situation has continued to gain more and more national attention, veterinarians, scientists and animal experts remain boggled by the occurrence and con-

tinued to be unable to explain the squirrels' adaptability and intelligence.

"This is unbelievable," said said Randall Garrett Herzon, a 20-year veterinarian working in California specializing in wild, exotic and domestic animals. "The cognitive and communication abilities of these animals is like nothing I've ever observed. We thought this type of reasoning was not possible. We were wrong."

Classes have been both canceled and relocated, although teachers report that attendance is low.

"My students are just paralyzed with fear," said Melinda J. Lickiss, a history professor. "With two students from our class already dead, none of the rest seemed to feel that risking their lives was worth learning about the Constitution."

School administrators are calling for drastic measures and will continue to recruit outside sources on both the state and national level to help aid with the problem.

"We're considering consulting the FBI," said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs. "And we will consider other sources as well. Our objective is to eliminate the squirrel threat as soon as possible."

As the squirrels continue to organize and attack the student population, a small student uprising was surfaced in support of the squirrels. The students call themselves Students For Squirrel Retaliation. SFSR has been supporting the squirrel activities with food rations and other such aid.

"We believe in the squirrels and their cause," said Audie Sheridan, a senior in philosophy and the president of SFSR. "We understand that we have wronged these animals as students, faculty and humans. Each of us would lay down our lives and give ourselves to the mercy of the squirrels, but they seem to only require our occasional assistance and support."

There are no indications of when students might expect Peck Hall to fully reopen. ♦



## Liberal Arts: Storage space needed for back issues of magazine

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to leave and chanting, "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a horse."

The philosophy department participated in similar activities, while refusing to obey McPhee's communist reign, respectively.

"I mean, where am I supposed to put my autographed headshot of Protagoras if I don't

even have an office?" asked Ronald Bombardi, chair of the philosophy department, adding, "If there were a God, He'd be rolling over in His grave."

While the students enrolled in department classes haven't seemed to mind the cancellations, they're concerned for the well-being of certain professors.

"Have you ever seen Dr. Neth go a day without William Blake?

It's like a heroin addict fresh off the horse," said Bonita Bosom, a senior English major.

Despite the lingering protests and the inevitable battle ahead, the entire college remains confident of one thing — before the realization that one must become a professor to make use of a liberal arts degree, mushroom soup from the can makes for a filling meal. ♦

**Stop chewing when it starts to bleed.\***



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# OUTLANDISH OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Thursday, October 31, 2002

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## From the Editorial Board Business college, 'Sidelines' together

War is a tragic thing, a sad thing, and something that no rational person wants to see happen. In the case of the Peck Marxists and the Business capitalists, however, it is a necessary evil.

Like the Civil War, this conflict will resolve differences that could have never been determined through peaceful means. There was no way that the College of Liberal Arts was going to get its funding back; the only choice was for them to go to war.

What a bonus for the university. Now, we don't have to worry about unleashing an untrained crop of unemployed, semi-educated communists out into the worlds – we get to kill them.

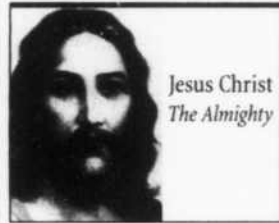
Don't go softie on us – they deserve everything they get. If it weren't for the American capitalist system and the peace and stability it has brought to this country, the dirty liberals wouldn't even have had the opportunity to study, let alone actively promote, their thieving economic system.

After this morning's attack, the nature of the Liberal Arts philosophy became disturbingly clear to all of us in this office. Foregoing the years of economic pilfering that would eventually drain the life and money out of our staff, they decided to just out and out attack us.

Of course, there was another group that tried to use us to their own ends. They claimed that they were representing the College of Business. But their very actions were contrary to the spirit of capitalism. Thus, we have decided to ignore that renegade faction and support the philosophically sound Dean E. James Burton.

As for the three journalism students who died in yesterday morning's battle, we're sorry that happened, and will be grateful for their support. Of course, they probably would have attacked us too, in the end, but we'll give them the benefit of the doubt. ♦

## From the Son of God Messiah could have offered better deal than Satan



Jesus Christ  
The Almighty

I am wholly disappointed in the decision of the MT athletic department to sell the souls of the players to Satan.

I really wish they had come to me first. I could have helped

It just so happens I know a thing or two about football. I played for the Nazerine Nightengales in high school.

I've played every position, at the same time. You'll recall I am omnipresent.

I was the water boy, too. I can turn water into Gatorade.

Coaching is no problem. I gained excellent leadership skills leading the disciples around Galilee.

I realize the deal with Satan has already been made, but I think it can be unmade with another deal between two gentlemen.

I challenge Satan and his football team to a winner-take-all Soul Bowl.

I'll even play with any MT student the devil picks. That weirdo Nick Fowler kid can even be

on my team.

Satan and his minions are no match for the power of the Almighty Son of God.

Shame on the team for dealing the devil. They should know they can't trust him.

Besides, don't they realize selling their souls will cost them an eternity in Hell?

If you choose Jesus, you get a Sun Belt championship and eternal bliss in heaven.

This is what happens when a bureaucracy starts making decisions.

So let me make this clear: MT chose Satan and eternal damnation for a Sun Belt championship.

What good is a Sun Belt championship, anyway? SEC maybe, but Sun Belt?

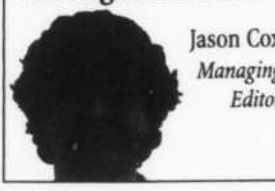
Had they asked me, I would have offered a Sun Belt Championship, infinite Gatorade, a parking garage, one dozen hot blonde foreign exchange chicks from Sweden and an eternity in heaven.

You guys missed out on that deal, though. When I win the football game, I'll get the souls back and you guys can suck it up and win on your own, buy your own Gatorade, not have hot Swedes, and walk really far to get to campus.

So it is written, so it shall be. ♦

## Becoming mighty Mesopotamian

### For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox  
Managing  
Editor

I've whipped up a memo to those who claim to be 'liberal' and 'against war with Iraq.' You spoiled kids are all the same. You'll drive the Ford Excursion your dad bought you with eight of your disgusting, unshowered, closet-yuppie bums you call friends to some protest. I bet at least one is wearing some cheap-ass shirt with loose threads that they bought for \$40 at Day Tripper three months ago. You take out the posterboard you bought with your mom's

Mastercard at Wal-Mart on the way up and eek out something that means nothing with the markers you shoved in your pocket while you were shopping.

I say take it one step further, like I am currently acquiring the paperwork to do: follow my principles and become a person of the mighty Mesopotamia – a Hussein hugger.

Do as I am doing and become a citizen of Iraq.

Saddam has nothing but compassion in his heart and vengeance on his mind for anyone that messes with his people. Did you see how he released all of his prisoners – save the ones accused of spying – after the country gave him a seal of approval in the most recent elec-

tion? Granted, anyone who voted against him probably would have gotten shot, but I digress. The people kept him in power, and he did right by setting jail occupants, including many political prisoners, free.

Sure, it's easy to complain about the lack of democracy in Iraq. This just means that Saddam is more advanced intellectually than us. He, like the founding fathers of our own nation, did not believe that the average commoner had the capacity to effectively and properly chart a nation's course.

At home, Congress proved that democracy was a failure when the Democrats – fearful of the war being a huge issue

when election time came at home – took the issue of war off the table by agreeing to support whatever El Presidente decided to do about the war. When an entire political party bows to the will of a leader on something so important merely to save face during election time, there's no longer democracy, so let's quit pretending that there is.

You guys can go out there with your picket signs stinking up the streets and getting pepper-sprayed by some high school dropout dope of a deputy sheriff all you want, but it's not going to change anything. They don't care about you because you don't quit taking bong rips and sleeping through class

and work long enough to vote. And many of you never will.

That's why you need to come with me; take a holiday or a permanent vacation to the sandy land of wonder. Iraq may not have the amenities, objective press or pay-per-view porn that I'm used to, but I think it's going to be a lot of fun.

And this time – unlike the fiasco I got myself into trying to emigrate to Grenada – I won't have to smuggle opium into the country. They've got the good stuff. ♦

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## Squirrels deserve sanction

### Wit and Wonder



Callie  
Elizabeth  
Butler  
Staff Columnist

Only one thing can be said about the situation surrounding the squirrel attacks in the Peck Hall area: fight on, squirrels!

The squirrels are only retaliating against the constant mutilation from the student and faculty population that they have been forced to endure for years. Not only that, but they hardly receive recognition for their place at the university. So, continue on, brave squirrels. Kill the students! Kill the faculty!

When walking to and from class, seeing a student abuse a member of the squirrel population is a common sight. From rocks spinning through the air to a swift kick with an athletic shoe, squirrels have been brutally mistreated.

Their current actions are merely their retaliation\* for years of abuse.

Perhaps we should first examine the way we as a society view animals. All species that differ from

ourselves, especially those that are small, furry and labeled as "rodents," are considered lesser or inferior. So, obviously, we don't respect the squirrels for their role in the MTSU ecosystem, their natural intelligence – intelligence that has been well demonstrated in recent days – and their right to live. To us, they're just bushy rodents that eat nuts and romp along our sidewalks.

Anyone in the squirrels' position would be angry, too.

So, who can blame them for a little killing spree? So far, they have only killed 72 people. That's a small fraction of the MTSU population. It might even open up some housing or parking spots. Maybe that jerk who always takes your favorite seat in mathematics will get picked off during the spree. The date of that killer test will definitely be pushed back if your professor loses a few fingers or a limb in a battle with an member of this pissed off, tree climbing arsenal.

See, there's a bright side to everything – even death, brutality and mayhem.

I certainly believe that I will be one of the spared few. No, I have no fear of

class attendance. I respect the squirrels. I haven't abused them. I have been known to drop bits of a mid-class cashew snack on the ground for the hungry squirrels. I'll gladly step off of the sidewalk and allow a scavenging squirrel to continue the daily hunt for food. I don't point at squirrels, whine about their presence, or degrade them in any way.

That's right – I respect the squirrels and expect to be one of the few saved individuals to aid in their plans for university domination. Honestly, I think the squirrels would make excellent administrators. Perhaps they could revamp the Financial Aid office and allow education to be more accessible financially and not leave those of us who remained squirrel-loyal drowning in a debt-based fate.

So, I say fight on, squirrels. Kill and injure as many as you can. Take back your dignity and your land. And watch out for that President Bush – he's a crazy one. ♦

Callie Elizabeth Butler is a liberal feminazi and proud of it. She likens herself to Abbie Hoffman, sans penis.

## Bludgeoning the Editor

### Dirty words make me feel all fuzzy

To the Editor:

I am writing to extend my thanks for printing the word "f—ing" on the front page of *Sidelines*. This action demonstrates the integrity and journalistic excellence of this publication.

As I picked up the day's paper, feeling the rough pages beneath my fingers, and saw an image with such a magnificent message, I felt my eyes grow moist. What a wonderful gesture! The student body must be so proud! Your department of journalism must have applauded you – I certainly did. It honestly made me proud to be associated with this university.

I even called my mom, an MTSU alumna, to say, "Hey, I go to a school that prints 'f—ing' in their newspaper!" She yelped a bit and remained almost completely speechless as I declared the glorious news about her alma mater, which made me assume that she felt the same excitement I did!

"F—ing" is such an important word, after all, with so much intensity and meaning. This word is rooted in such brilliant emotion and used by so many. It is a way, I feel, to link readers to your publication. Personally, it made me feel closer to the publication, more connected with it on an almost spiritual level. You should include "f—ing" wherever possible.

So, again, I just wanted to say thank you for having the word "f—ing" boldly printed on your front page. I think it's a step in the right direction for college and professional journalism everywhere.

Inourd Reams  
Junior, Asian design

## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

*Sidelines'*  
occasional  
watch for  
mutton-heads.



A while back, I wrote a column making fun of a woman who sued an epileptic for making faces while he was having a seizure. At the time, we thought "What a horrible, disgusting thing to do."

But now that we've reflected a little more on it, maybe she did the right thing.

After all, have you ever seen the way an epileptic looks when he or she's having an attack? It's really nasty looking, what with the squiggly lips distorted in pain, the arms shaking uncontrollably, the legs twitching and flopping all around. Gross.

What about when there's foaming at the mouth? You know, like the person's rabid or something?

That sort of stuff just makes you want to grab the defective person by the lapels and make him cry some more. Or just kill him.

This litigious woman, if mankind is lucky, might have started a new trend. Gone are the days when we have to be kind, caring and understanding of debilitating illnesses with no known cure.

We can't wait until someone has a stroke due to a medical condition while they're up in our office trying to write a story.

"Mmmph, arrg, uggg," the staffer would

mumble. "We don't care if you're dying; you have a deadline to meet. Get it done or you're fired. And you can forget about that raise," we'd reply.

Lack of caring about those with epilepsy, cardiovascular disease and other such illnesses, not only will make us money in lawsuits, but will also save our economy money – to the tune of billions of dollars.

We're talking, of course, about health care costs. If we were to just let the ailing ones pay for their own health care, encourage businesses to not bother with giving sick leave and generally encourage not sending flowers to those who are sidelined, the economy could recoup billions of dollars.

Sure, there will be some whining about loving and caring for your neighbor, blah, blah, blah. If these sickly folk cared about their neighbors, they'd remove themselves from society so we wouldn't have to pay and care for them anymore.

That would make everyone a winner. ♦

## Panties in a twist?

## Mission accomplished.

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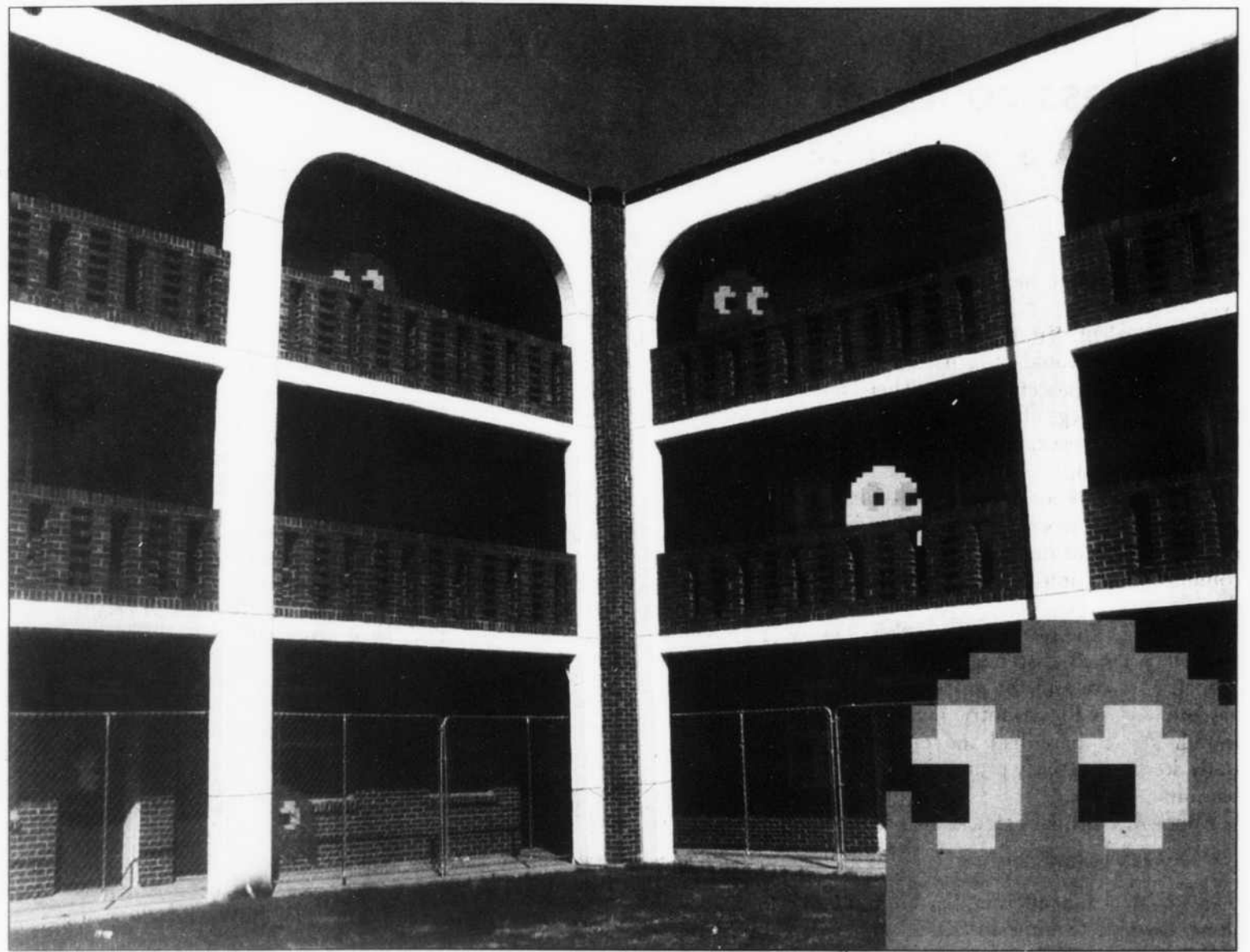
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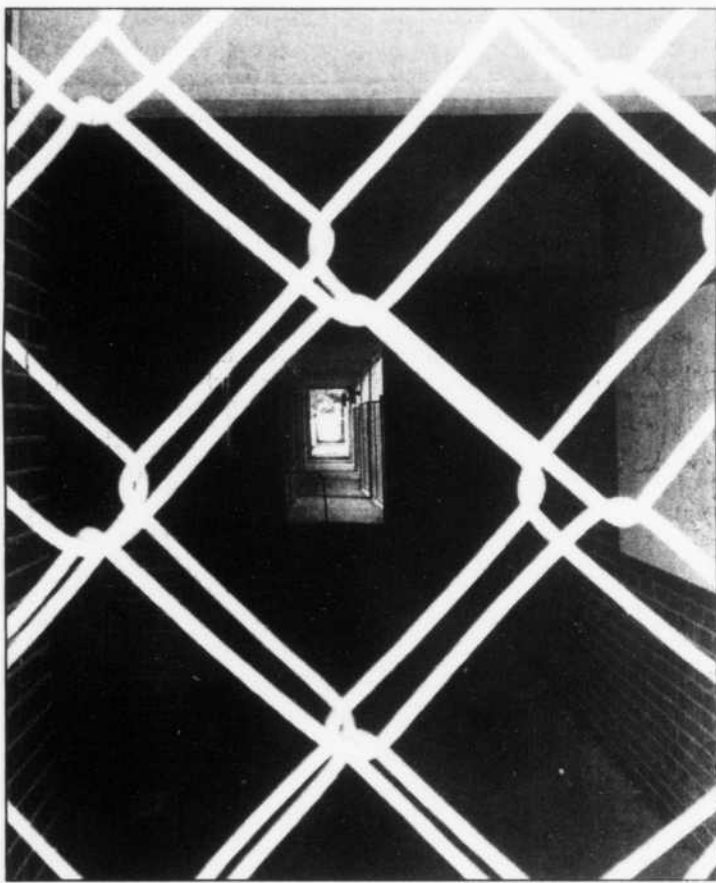
## Campus has spirit



This special spirit-sensitive photo, taken through a lens provided by local psychic Madame Puunbaba, shows several ghosts roaming the corridors of the halls of Ezell and Abernathy, two dorms closed and condemned in March of 1999.

Photo illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Designer

## Resident ghosts make Ezell, Abernathy a happening haunt



This hallway of Abernathy Hall, pictured using a regular lens, shows no ghost activity.

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

Some MTSU students travel to Nashville haunted houses to get their fill of fright around Halloween.

Others truck up to Adams, Tenn., to visit the homestead of Tennessee's most famous resident ghost, the Bell Witch.

Many students may not realize, however, that there are hauntings and spirits much closer than both Nashville and Adams.

Some say there are restless souls still residing in the campus' most notorious dormitories — Ezell and Abernathy halls.

The dorms, which were evacuated and condemned in 1999, have been the site of much supernatural activity since their closing.

At least that's what local psychic Madame Puunbaba says. Puunbaba has made several unauthorized trips to the condemned dorms, where she says she feels intense unrest and all-around ickiness emanating from the rooms.

Taking a leisurely stroll over the fences surrounding the buildings and down one delapidated corridor one night last week, Puunbaba said she got especially icky vibes from Room 210 of Ezell.

"My senses tell me something bad happened in this room," she said, rubbing her temples. "A nervous boy lost his virginity to

his second cousin, and someone died from eating asbestos."

Puunbaba said the spirit of the asbestos-eater was still lingering.

"He's angry," she said, feeling the crumbling brick wall. "Someone in financial aid was rude to him and lost his application weeks before. It must have driven him to the edge."

Puunbaba recalled more supernatural vibes she had sensed in other rooms in the dorm complex.

"There's one room in which these four pathetic losers still sit and play 'Quake' during all hours of the day," she said. "They tell me that, while officials were herding residents out during a particularly bad concrete shower one day, these guys were in the middle of a four-player deathmatch. Now that room has been plowed into the ground by a steel beam and chunks of concrete. But they're still playing, bless their hearts."

Puunbaba recalled the night she ran into a wandering spirit who was trying to find his car, which he thought he parked in the gravel lot of the Recreation Center.

"I'm not sure what his spirit was doing over here," Puunbaba said. "He didn't even die in this building. He just got heat stroke trying to locate his Toyota."

A former resident of Abernathy Hall, Jeaneane Illsuyou, confirms the rumored ghost stories. She said her roommate disap-

peared after residents were evacuated suddenly in March 1999, and that her former room light comes on sometimes at night.

"In the mad dash to get out," she said, "my roommate got caught up with her luggage and all her stupid little stuffed animals that she always left strewn all over the floor for me to trip all over. I kind of always wondered what happened to her. I heard concrete fell on her and smashed her pretty little head and squished her \$3,000 saline-filled chest."

Housing and Residential Life, citing FERPA rulings, would not release any information about the woman, who would have been an MTSU public relations graduate by now.

"I see that room light come on at night sometimes when we're walking to the Rec Center," Illsuyou said. "That bitch always kept the light on for everything she did, even if I was trying to sleep."

With the university's plans to convert the delapidated dorms into office space, the thought of lingering spirits might make some uneasy, but it makes some officials more than happy to market the idea.

"We're the only university in Middle Tennessee that can boast spirit — even without any student involvement or participation," said Associate Dean of Student Life Gene Fitch. ♦

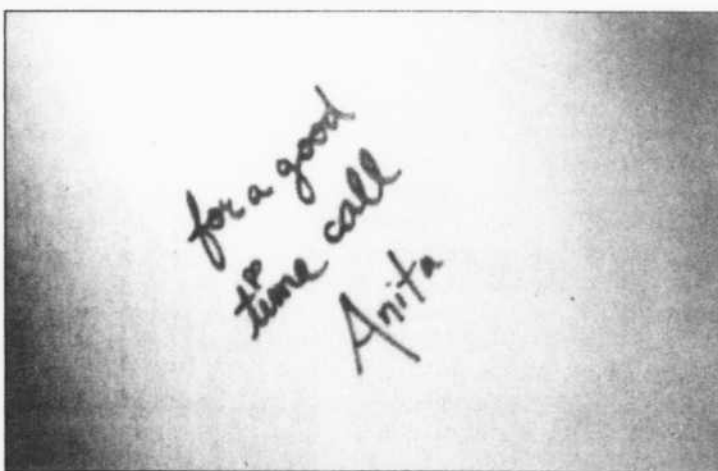
## Love and lust in a bathroom stall

By Kristin Hooper  
Photo Editor

Jenny, I've got your number? Impossible. However, recent reports of a couple who actually met via a message posted on the bathroom wall have surfaced right here at MTSU. Anita Bath, a sophomore marketing major, tells about how she met her boyfriend Michael Hunt.

"It just seemed impossible to meet any men in this town," she said. "I'd tried all the dating services and personal ads, but nothing was working. Finally as a last resort I just wrote my name on the bathroom wall and hoped for the best. I was so surprised when Mike called. Funny thing is, I was in the bathroom, too. My friends always made fun of me for putting a phone in my bathroom, but this shows them. Right from the start we shared so much, I mean he spends a lot of time in the bathroom, too! He did call me from there, right?"

Mike wholeheartedly agrees. "I was in the bathroom in the JUB looking for a good time and no one was around; what a bummer," he said. "But while I was sitting there I saw on the wall was scrawled 'Lookin' for a good time? Call Anita' and it gave her number. I grabbed my



This, one of many bathroom messages left by Anita Bath, a student seeking love, led her prince to her.

Cricket cell phone right then and gave her a call. She wanted me to come right over and I did."

"We've been together ever since," Anita added.

Michael has already graduated from MTSU, but he still enjoys the "scholarly-like atmosphere" and often "hangs around" the campus, meeting people and using the facilities that are free and open to the public.

"I meet a lot of interesting folks that way," Mike said. "And with my alumni benefits, I can meet even more great guys and girls — girls like Anita. She real-

ly knows how to impress a man. Her handwriting is so distinctive and she wrote her name and number in places where not everybody would look. I had to do some investigation myself just to track it down. But I'll tell you, I felt like a million bucks when I finally looked on the soap dispenser. It was like she wrote it there for me."

"I wrote my name in several places," Annie said, "but I only put my number on the soap. I thought that if I did that then the guy that called would be a cut above, or at least just cleaner. And Mike has surpassed all my expectations!" ♦

## Dear Fannie

Dear Fannie,

I have gotten myself in a huge pickle, and I don't know where to turn.

I started my new job at Long John Silvers a few weeks ago and completely loved it. I completely see that dropping hush puppies in grease is my natural talent.

I got to know my boss, Nicky, really well over the first few days. He is so hot! Watching that lard pop up on his hairy, slender arms as he taught me the ropes was way cool beans.

Fannie, you should see him. That receding hairline and those excessively bushy eyebrows have been filling my mind ever since I laid eyes on him. I know we're meant to be. I know Nicky truly loves me, too. He is totally concerned with my needs. Whenever I knock on his door at 2 a.m., wait outside the bathroom door for him at the restaurant or accidentally spill hot coffee on that skank who is always with him, he is always quick to ask me what I want or what is wrong with me. If that's not a sign of his devotion, I don't know what is!

Unfortunately, when I made an afternoon trip to his house, there was an accident with his dog as I was climbing through the window. I was fired from my job, and the judge said I had to stay 600 feet away from him at all times.

But nothing can stop true love. Do you have any tips? — Nicky's Little Baby



Dear Nicky's Little Baby,

Don't let the judge or a simple firing stand in the way of true devotion. You have two options.

The first is to simply keep close to the one you love. A pair of high-powered binoculars and a telescope is all you will need to make sure that everything is all right with your honey. Also, a pair of black pants, shirt and shoes would probably be a good investment if you plan on getting really close to your lovey-dovey.

If you think that the judge, police and skank are going to be a problem, then I suggest option two. This plan is simple. First, to get rid of the

judge call (703) 555-6609. You will get in contact with a man in a white van in the Washington, D.C., area. He will take care of everything, and this time he won't get caught.

Next, to get rid of the police, just think anthrax and bin Laden. I don't believe I have to say any more.

The skank will be easy. Send her to me. An unfortunate incident last year with a couple of people with a little present (See "Dear Fannie," April 1, 2002) has left me with a gift that will keep on giving. After one night with me, Nicky won't want to touch her. Then nothing will keep you from falling in his arms. ♦



# SENSELESS SPORTS

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## Sports teams sell souls for winning seasons



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Satan, in the form of Al Pacino, revels in his recent acquisition of the Middle Tennessee football and basketball teams during a press conference.

### Football team starts eternal damnation next Tuesday

By Nick Fowler  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee Athletic Director Boots Donnelly has struck a deal with Satan to exchange football players' souls for a Sun Belt championship.

The announcement of the covenant came as no surprise following weeks of rumor and innuendo from the athletics department. The rumors began after the Devil joined the Blue Raider Athletic Association last month. Just last Tuesday, Lucifer was seen having lunch with university President Sidney McPhee.

Details of the agreement have yet to be released but inside sources say the deal has been sealed—in blood.

"I heard he wants Dwone Hicks' first born," said Shelly Lafayette, sophomore recording industry management major.

The Prince of Darkness defended himself against these allegations during a press conference yesterday.

"Come now, this isn't the Middle Ages," he said. "They used Bics to sign the contract just like any other con-

"I suppose we won't be thanking God for our victories anymore."

—Andy McCollum,  
MT football head coach

tract. That bit about the first borns is balderdash. I'm not Rumpelstiltskin, God—it.

"Ever since that damned troll started stealing babies everyone wants to trade me their first born for riches and glory," Beelzebub exclaimed. "I don't want babies, damn it. I want souls. What am I to do with babies? There's no day care in Hell."

Not all the players' souls were traded, according to head coach Andy McCollum.

"One of the fellas traded his soul for a bag of magic marbles when he was six years old," he said. "A couple of the defensive linemen traded their souls for a bag of blow and a busy hooker last spring break in Tijuana."

"Sometimes you just get a good deal," said The Tempter, who laughed when asked about the souls not included in the deal. "A bag of marbles ... there ought to be a law against that."

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is filing suit against Satan and MTSU on behalf of the Christian football players on the team.

"Their souls belong to Jesus Christ," said Jennifer Pinkerton, FCA president. "When they prayed and were saved by the grace of our good Lord they gave their lives and souls to Jesus."

The Archfiend then put his hands together, bowed his head and said in a mocking, falsetto voice, "Dear Jesus [laughs], here's my soul. Please take care of it. Can I come to heaven now? P.S. Say hello to Fluffy."

"We'll let the courts decide," Diabolos added.

"I suppose we won't be thanking God for our victories anymore," McCollum said as he shook hands with the Master of Hell.

"Of course, this season there really wasn't much to thank Him for anyway. I know who we'll be thanking from now on." ♦

### Basketball team also in cahoots with fallen angel

By Patrick Chinnery  
Assistant News Editor

Following a pact between MT's football team and Satan, the men's basketball team has signed a similar deal.

The agreement would include a perfect regular season, a Sun Belt championship and a first-round win in the NCAA tournament in March. The men would be left to fend for themselves during the rest of the NCAA tournament.

"It's an idea we've been kicking around the office," said new basketball coach Kermit Davis. "Last year's team was pretty awful, and I want to be sure I can bring a title to Murfreesboro as soon as possible."

The Blue Raiders are going through a tournament drought, not having won a conference title or been to the NCAA tournament since the 1988-1989 season.

A copy of the contract provided to *Sidelines* by Davis indicates that the only souls to be given up are those of the team's starters. Bench players and the coaching staff would be unaffected by the pact.

Davis insisted that there was good reason behind the planned sacrifice.

"The starters, this is most likely going to be their last season here. So their soulless asses would be of no use to us next year," Davis said. "The bench players, they have a couple years ahead of them yet, so we'll need them in case we decide to make the same deal next year."

What is good enough for the team isn't necessarily good enough for the coaches, however.

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## International athletes imported for furniture making

By Angelica Journagin  
Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee Athletic Director Boots Donnelly was arrested yesterday for his role in the importation of international student athletes to work in MT sweatshops in Eagleville, Tenn.

"I'm innocent! I coached football," Donnelly screamed as he was dragged into an unmarked car outside the Murphy Center.

The FBI discovered that MT had been importing athletes under the guise of playing a col-

legiate sport and then forcing them to work in factories located in Eagleville on the outskirts of Rutherford County. The athletes were forced to make chairs, desks, dry-erase boards and several items found in the Phillips Book Store, including textbooks.

"What did you think these students were coming here for?" an anonymous FBI source asked. "I mean, really, we are the FBI and I hadn't even heard of your school. How did you think that students from Africa would want to come here?"

The FBI also took in football

head coach Andy McCollum, men's tennis coach Dale Short and the recently hired men's head basketball coach, Kermit Davis, for questioning.

With promises of monetary compensation that would have violated NCAA regulations, MT lured some of the poorer students from as far as North Korea, India, Germany, South Africa, Russia, Barbados, Sierra Leone, Brazil and New Zealand.

Here, the students were forced to compete in matches at night and work in the sweatshops while American-born athletes attended class. After

their NCAA eligibility expired, the students would be transported to MTSU-owned land in Alaska, which was just recently sold. The land had been bought by a dummy company owned by Donnelly. The student athletes in the workshops during the raid were thankful for the opportunity to get out of the MT labor camp.

"It has been so awful," said Eva Patel, a tennis player from India. "I am so thankful for the United States government and their police officials. Maybe now I will be given the opportunity to get a real education

while playing a sport."

Immigration and Naturalization Services immediately came to the Eagleville location to deport Patel and several other Indian evacuees because of anti-terrorist legislation implemented by President George W. Bush in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"The vision of President Bush requires us to send these people home," an anonymous INS source said. "After all, they look like they could be members of al Qaeda. I am sure President Bush will agree with our decision. And come on, he

is from Texas."

The other student-athletes will be given the opportunity to attend MT and participate in classes for the length of their NCAA eligibility.

The FBI is not certain when Donnelly's trial will start.

"We are still gathering evidence," the FBI source said. "We hope to put him away for a long time. Or at least as long as he is alive. The man is kind of old."

University President Sidney McPhee was at practice for his upcoming concert and was unavailable for comment before press time. ♦



# Gore named honorary coach

By Lindsey Turner  
Editor in Chief

In a move with the potential to win both games and votes from sports fans, former Vice President and current MTSU professor Al Gore will join the coaching staff of all 15 of Middle Tennessee's varsity sports teams.

University officials cite Gore's new method of teaching, enigmatically titled "un-teaching" - which he pioneered at MTSU - as a good model for his plans to "un-coach."

"What Mr. Gore did in MTSU classrooms is an excellent example of what we want him to do for our sports teams," said Mark Owens, director of MT sports Media Relations. "If we can use his name, but not necessarily his skills or lack thereof, to our advantage, we will be able to increase game attendance, interest and revenue threefold - not to mention media coverage."

University statisticians estimate that, when printed inside the teams' various media guides, Gore's name and mug shot will increase the athletic department's profitability by 27.5 percent.

Perhaps more importantly, the department's reputation and media marketability will

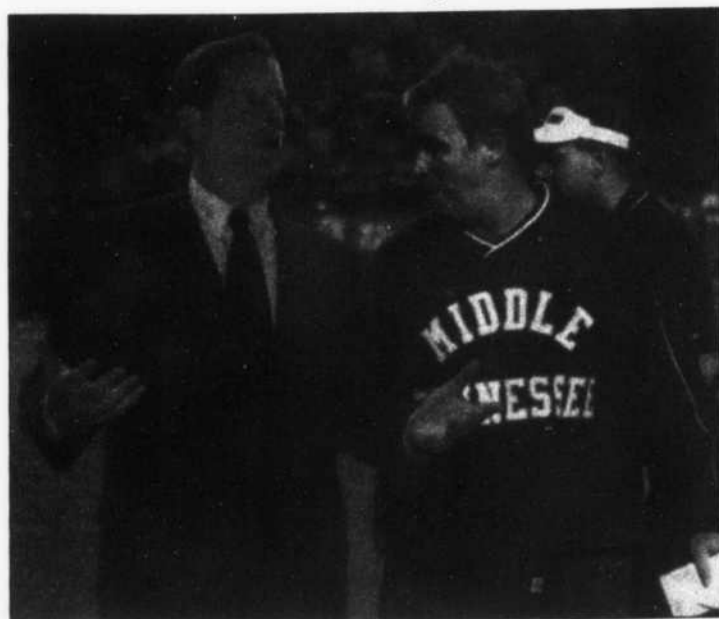


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Gore explains how he invented football's I-formation.

rise dramatically, Owens said. "When you employ Al Gore," he said, "it must mean you're good. People connect with that assumption."

Early in 2003, Gore will gather with MT athletics officials and schedule appearances at the games. One of Gore's spokeswomen, Glenda Gladbury, said the former vice president is planning on attending two football games, one basketball game and 30 minutes of a volleyball game during his first year as coach.

"Mr. Gore has been so nice and generous as to free up three-and-a-half days from his incredibly crammed schedule," Gladbury said. "He will be able to coach from his booth in the Business and Aerospace Building via remote."

Gore, an admitted football fan, has little experience with some of the other sports, such as tennis and cross-country.

"We feel that what the vice president doesn't know won't hurt the teams," Gladbury said. ♦

## Basketball: Satan excited about year's crop of souls

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"You'd be crazy if you think I'd ever sign my soul over for a championship. There are only so many things a coach should be expected to do," Davis said.

The tempter behind both the football and basketball deals, Lucifer is excited about this year's bumper crop of souls from the MT athletic department. His previous high total was 42, from the Maryland Terrapins last year. The Terps won the Atlantic Coast Conference football and NCAA men's basketball championships last year.

"Maryland, now there was an easy job," the Prince of Darkness said. "They probably didn't even need my help. But they got so obsessed with beating Duke, they got a little carried away. I had to charge a higher price for MTSU. There's no way their teams could go anywhere without my help." ♦

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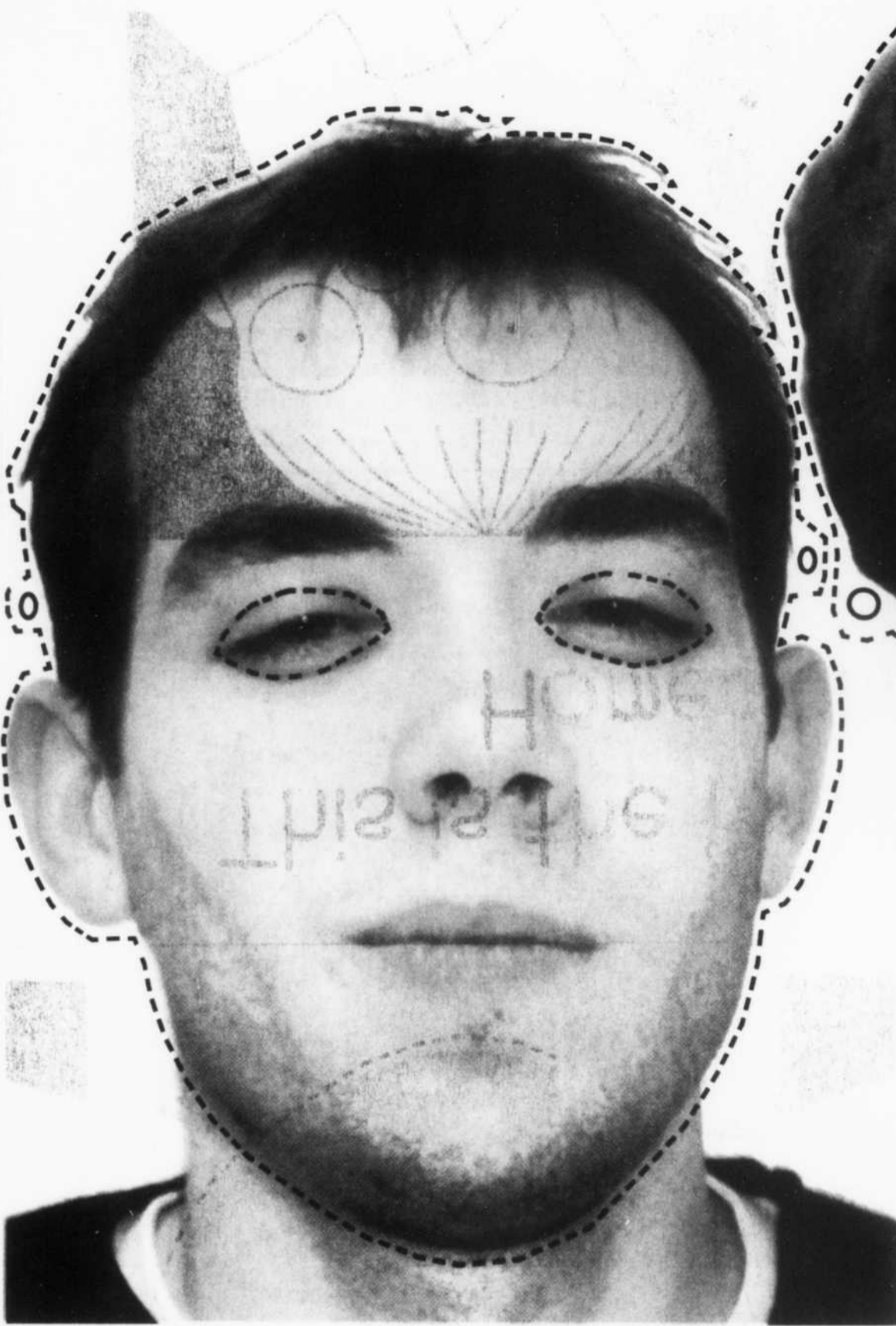
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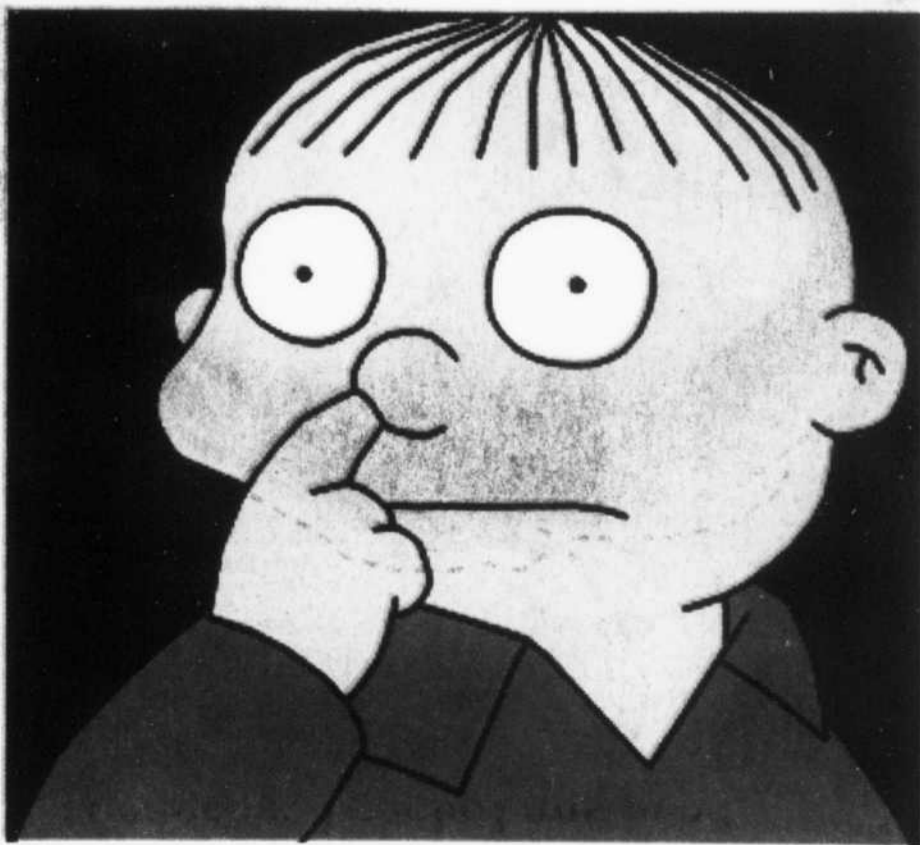
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