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Taking bins elsewhere

Recycling receptacles change places around Murfreesboro this week

By Genine Murray
Assistant News Editor

Recycling in Murfreesboro will soon be more convenient for residents. The County Commission meets tonight to approve two new locations for recycling bins in the area.

The bin in the Kroger parking lot on South Tennessee Boulevard has already been removed, and the new bins could be placed in the new locations by the end of the week, said Rick Hall, county commissioner.

The other bin that is being removed is at the other Kroger location on Northfield Boulevard.

They will be moved to two separate locations: the parking lot of Sam's Club off of Highway 96 and the parking lot of the old animal control building on Haley Road. These bins will be accessible at all times.

The committee asked Mayor Ernest Burgess to have the city waive the \$250 permit fee per set of bins. According to Hall, this is the only action that may stand in the way of the placement of the bins. However, whether the fee is waived or not, Hall said, the committee still intends to go ahead with their plan of moving the bins to these new locations.

Unlike recycling programs in other

states, recycling is not a requirement in Murfreesboro. Many states, such as New York and Florida, offer recycling programs to their residents that make it easy for people to have their recyclable materials picked up at the same time their weekly trash is collected.

For all areas not covered by the convenience center on Main Street and the various bins located throughout Murfreesboro, the Solid Waste Department provides the collection and management; this includes recyclables. The department operates 13 solid waste collection centers throughout Rutherford County, six of which are in Murfreesboro.

The main hub for recycling is on West Main Street, where residents can recycle newspaper, steel and aluminum cans, corrugated cardboard, white paper and glass. It even provides collection for solid waste and vehicle oil. However, these centers are only open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays.

MTSU also has its own recycling bins on Greenland Drive. These bins accept aluminum cans, cardboard, magazines, newspaper, white paper and mixed paper.

Murfreesboro residents who wish to go a step further in their recycling plans,

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Photo by Justin Keoninh | Photography Editor

One of six recycling convenience centers, the West Main location, allows residents to drop off recyclable materials such as newspaper, cardboard and aluminum cans.

Faces in the Crowd

"How do you feel about the abortion issue and the Genocide Awareness Project on campus?"



Scott Parker



Nick Lee

"I believe that abortion is not genocide under some definitions but that it is wrong."

-Nick Lee, senior philosophy major and vice president of the Pro-Life Collegians

"I think abortion is wrong but this display could be taken either way depending on how they feel about it."

-Scott Parker, freshman undeclared



Jenna Winstead and Courtney Cox

"If men could get pregnant, abortion would be sacred in this country. Comparing abortion to genocide is just another example of conservative hypocrisy. Abortion is not genocide."

-Courtney Cox, sophomore theatre major

"If abortion is taken away, what will be next?"

-Jenna Winstead, junior photography major

Photos by J. Owen Shipley | Sports Editor

Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates diversity, identity

By Tiffany Gibson
Contributing Writer

Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15 and continues until Oct. 15 in honor of five Latin Countries who celebrate independence during the same time period.

The Office of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs will be sponsoring this celebration along with Aramark and the Student Union and Programming Office.

The purpose of Hispanic Heritage Month is to create an opportunity for students and the community to learn about Hispanic culture and its virtues through the sponsorship of student organizations and alumni.

Many new events have been scheduled this year as a way of helping students become more knowledgeable of different ethnicities.

"People learn more about different cultures and groups by participating," Buie said.

Buie went on to explain about the Hispanic Chamber of Nashville and its association with student volunteers. Students contribute to this performance in diverse ways in exchange for a learning experience about Hispanic culture.

"Knowing about your heritage gives you a sense of identity and background," said Shuntrece Byrd, freshmen broadcast journalism major.

Two of the events scheduled to recognize Hispanic culture include a per-

formance from Award winning recording artist Michael Jacobs. A visit from Laura Fuentes, who began her musical journey at seven and has just recently released her first Solo Album, is also scheduled.

professions," said Valerie Avent, Assistant Director of Intercultural and Diversity Affairs.

Avent also went on to say how important understanding individuals and their heritage can be in a large community. She also hopes for more student participation in the future for honoring any type of heritage.

"Learning about different cultures allows you to have better communication with new people you meet," said Markeith Mangum, sophomore engineering management technology major.

Several other exciting events will be taking place throughout Hispanic Heritage Month such as the Mexico City Gourmet dinner in the McCallie Dining Hall from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 26. The meal includes gourmet Mexican food and cooking lessons with Chef Tom.

Another event is the Masquerade Ball, which will be held on Sept. 27 in the JUB. The masquerade ball is sponsored by Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority and will consist of a cover charge of \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

Avent said there is a need for more than tolerance when it comes to culture. Avent plans to raise awareness of the many diverse groups and cultures as well as appreciate them.

"The Intercultural and Diversity Affairs Office and MTSU are trying to prepare a global community for the future," said Buie. ♦

Hispanic Heritage Month Calendar

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

Sept. 18

Michael Jacobs performing in McCallie Dining Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 26

Mexico City Gourmet: McCallie Dining Hall from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 27

Masquerade Ball

Oct. 4

Laura Fuentes in James Union Building from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

LOCAL FORECAST

Thursday



HI: 82°
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Friday



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Saturday



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Record student number at MTSU

Information courtesy of News and Public Affairs

A preliminary total headcount of 23,264 students taking classes this fall at MTSU is a record number," said Sherran Huddlestone, assistant vice provost for enrollment services.

It marks the first time MTSU has surpassed 23,000 in a semester, said university officials. It is a 1.75 percent increase from fall 2006 and means 401 more students are taking classes this fall compared to a year ago, Huddlestone said.

"We are pleased that we still are able to maintain our growth at a manageable level," said Dr. Bob Glenn, vice provost for enrollment and academic services and vice president for student affairs. Huddlestone said the headcount and full-time equivalent totals would be submitted today to the TBR.

There are 20,899 undergraduate students and 2,365 graduate students attending this fall, she said.

Huddlestone said the full-time equivalent total this fall is 19,548.53, which is a 0.9 percent increase. FTE is a "portion of a formula TBR uses for funding state institutions," she added.

The fall 2006 enrollment was 22,863 (20,643 undergraduate and 2,220 graduate students). ♦

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Dean beats Clement in Nashville runoff

Associated Press

Political newcomer Karl Dean was elected mayor Tuesday over former Congressman Bob Clement in Nashville's runoff election.

According to unofficial returns, Dean had 51,491 votes to 47,388 for Clement with 100 percent of the vote counted in the nonpartisan election. Clement conceded the race 70 minutes after the polls closed.

The new mayor succeeds Bill Purcell who did not seek reelection after serving two four-year terms.

Dean, 51, resigned as Purcell's law director to make the race. He was public defender before that.

Dean was endorsed by both Nashville daily papers, The Tennessean and The City Paper.

Clement, 63, the son of former Gov. Frank Clement, served eight terms in Congress beginning in 1988. He also is a former Tennessee Valley Authority board member, a former member of the old Public Service Commission and ex-president of

Cumberland University in Lebanon. He has run unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate and governor.

Dean, in his victory speech, listed cutting the school dropout rate and improving public safety as two of his priorities.

"I'm looking forward to getting down to work on the things this city needs," he said. "I also want to bring people together."

Key issues in the race included improving schools, fighting juvenile crime and spurring downtown and riverfront development.

The runoff election was required because no one received 50 percent of the vote in the five-candidate general election Aug. 2.

The date of the runoff was changed by the General Assembly, which passed legislation that advanced the original runoff by two days so it wouldn't fall on Rosh Hashana, a holiday when observant Jews are prohibited from doing any work, including voting.

The new mayor takes office Sept. 21. ♦

SGA calender loaded with series of events

By Andrea Huffman

Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association will be holding a series of events for the student body this upcoming semester.

Starting Sept. 18, there will be a "Meet the President" and homecoming kick-off concert at the KUC. Sydney McPhee, the president of MTSU, will be available to answer questions in the Keathley University Center Theatre from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

"This will be a unique opportunity [for students] to sit down with the president," said Ashley DeSabetino, senior political science major and SGA vice president of Administration and Public Affairs.

The kick-off concert will be held at the KUC Knoll following the president's question and answer session. The concert will feature the band Troline.

"At the kick off there will be an announcement of the homecoming court, a pep rally for the Western Kentucky game, and Habitat for Humanity awareness volunteer sign up," said Chassen Haynes, senior finance major and SGA student body president.

The blood drive, called "Bleed Blue" will be held at the KUC, room 318 and 322 on Oct. 10 and 11. The drive is to help raise enthusiasm for the out of town football game in Memphis.

There will also be a Memphis road rally called "Rockin' in Memphis" held Oct. 12 and 13. It is the first road rally of the season and the cost is \$65, which will buy bus fair and a ticket to the football game.

"They leave Friday afternoon and head for the downtown Memphis Mariott, taking the night to explore Memphis and the next day is tailgate until it is time for the game to start" said Penny Nichols, SGA

secretary. "I believe it to be a very exciting and a great opportunity for students and something great to look forward to. I hope every student gets the opportunity to go at least once."

Students can register for "Rockin' in Memphis" in the SGA office or online.

In current SGA legislation, there is a bill being passed to allow R.O.T.C. Cadets to register earlier than the student body.

There is a SGA bill called The Legislative Liason that recently passed with the help of Ashley DeSabetino. It is designed to help keep students informed about current and past legislation. It will also serve as a connection to the student body.

"I've really had my eye on this legislation, with it being passed, it will help us to be able to connect with the student body more and help them to know what is going on with the senate," DeSabetino said.

SGA will be holding a "Trick-or-Treat Fest" for the Murfreesboro community and MTSU students with younger children on Oct. 29.

A new voting system has been put into effect by the SGA election commission to allow students to access the voting ballots through their email. The new system was recently installed into Raidernet. In the emails sent out, there will be a profile about the candidates along with their picture.

"We are hoping that it will be a better turn out, because of the easy access of the voting system. Before it took several steps to vote before on the old system," said Brandon Reedy, senior marketing major and election commissioner.

Next for the SGA will be the Student Union Building which will be more accessible for the student body. ♦

Recycling: options

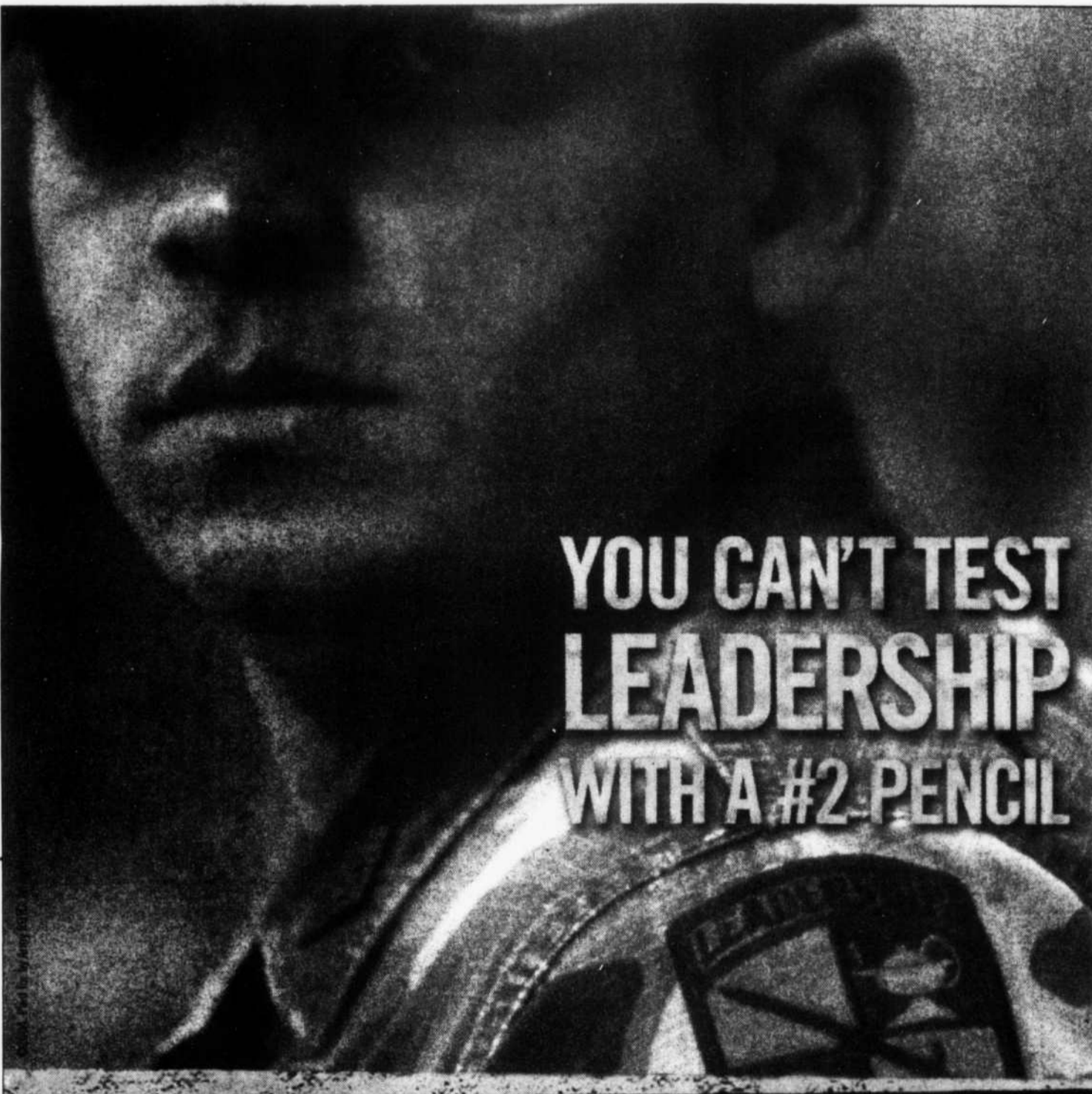
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however, may opt to take part in a "curbside recycling" program. There are services in place that charge a set fee each month for regular pickup. The average rate is \$12 per week. They will collect mixed recyclables, usually from a bin they provide. Generally they recycle various items such as aluminum, plastic, glass, newspaper, mixed paper, magazines, steel, cardboard, grocery bags, ink jet cartridges, rechargeable batteries, cards and books. For more information on these services and about recycling in Rutherford County, visit www.recyclerutherford.org. ♦

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<p>September 6, 12:36 a.m. Alcohol Consumption- Under 21 & Public Intoxication Baird Lane Lot Andrew M. Lee</p>	<p>September 7, 5:39 p.m. Vagrancy - Trespass Warning Friendship Street A female who was issued a trespass warning last year at Cyber Cafe was reported on the premises.</p>	<p>September 8, 9:47 a.m. Miscellaneous Womack Lane - Apt. B While on Fire call at Womack Lane, another fire alarm went off.</p>
<p>September 6, 1:30 a.m. Alcohol Consumption - Under 21 MTSU Campus Adam Sullivan</p>	<p>September 7, 9:05 p.m. Traffic - Hit and Run Kappa Alpha House Subject witnessed hit and run behind fraternity house.</p>	<p>September 8, 1:32 p.m. Traffic - Hit and Run James E. Walker Library Subject reported someone hit her vehicle, a 2005 blue Nissan Altima.</p>
<p>September 6, 2:54 a.m. Drug Abuse/Possession & Al- cohol Consumption - Under 21 MTSU Campus Jackson Hogan</p>	<p>September 7, 11:33 p.m. Alcohol Consumption- Under 21 Alumni Drive Justin B. Hubbs James M. Hampton</p>	<p>September 8, 2:03 p.m. Miscellaneous Womack Lane - Apt. K Fire alarm went off, called Fire Dept. to reset.</p>
<p>September 6, 8:36 a.m. Vandalism - Under \$500 Wiser-Patten Science Hall Individual advised someone tried to break into Lab Room 111 with a screwdriver.</p>	<p>September 8, 12:25 a.m. Alcohol Consumption- Under 21 Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Skyler Wade John Rion</p>	<p>September 8, 10:10 p.m. Driving on Revoked License Rutherford Blvd.</p>
<p>September 7, 12:10 a.m. Driving on Closed Road Alumni Drive Thomas Craven</p>	<p>September 8, 12:25 a.m. Public Intoxication Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Erik Green</p>	<p>September 9, 1:06 p.m. Theft - Bicycles Under \$500 Cummings Hall Stolen bike was reported.</p>
<p>September 7, 12:10 a.m. Alcohol Consumption - Under 21 Alumni Drive Eleanor Bartholomew Margaret "Anna" Collins Darmon Dotson</p>	<p>September 8, 12:25 a.m. Disorderly Contact Sigma Alpha Epsilon House Lonnie McCoy</p>	<p>September 9, 6:10 p.m. Miscellaneous Wood Felder Lot Individual reported damage done to her vehicle.</p>
<p>September 7, 12:58 p.m. Traffic - Hit and Run Ezell Hall Lot Subject reported someone hit her vehicle and left the scene.</p>	<p>September 8, 12:57 a.m. Reckless Driving & Alcohol Consumption - Under 21 Greenland Drive Nicholas L. Curtis</p>	<p>September 9, 11:27 p.m. Assistance - Medical Help Cummings Hall Individual called to report possible head injury. Subject was cited with Underage Alcohol Consumption. Ashley Manis</p>
<p>September 7, 1:23 p.m. Assistance - Medical Help Miller Horse Coliseum Individual called to request an ambulance for someone who fell off a horse.</p>	<p>September 8, 2:41 a.m. Driving on Suspended License Blue Raider Drive Paul T. Bernstein</p>	<p>September 10, 1:37 a.m. Assistance - Medical Help Gore Hall Subject called to advise his girlfriend was sick; she was taken to MTMC.</p>
<p>September 7, 2:04 p.m. Theft - Under \$500 Mass Communication Bldg. Report of a missing cell</p>	<p>September 8, 9:31 a.m. Miscellaneous Womack Lane - Apt. C Officer spotted a light flash- ing on the side of building.</p>	<p>September 10, 8:08 a.m. Traffic - Hit and Run MTSU Police Dept. Subject advised two vehicles hit her vehicle.</p>



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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board:

Accurate language essential in debate

Genocide - n. [Gr: genos, race, kind: first applied to the attempted extermination of the Jews by Nazi Germany] the systematic killing of, or a program of action intended to destroy, a whole national or ethnic group - genocidal- adj.

-Webster's New World Dictionary, Second College Edition

Genocide. Pro-life. Pro-choice. Anti-choice. Pro-death. Liberal. Conservative. Language is malleable. It can be manipulated to fit the ethos of its user, or attack that of another.

To call the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform's display a conversation piece would do it an injustice. The term "lightening rod" may better serve the purpose.

The CBR's display was entitled "Genocide Awareness Program." The point that this group made was that any woman having an abortion or the man supporting it, was committing a crime tantamount to genocide.

The Editorial Board of *Sidelines* anticipated, reported on, discussed and debated about this issue for nearly a week. The board reached a consensus on one point: that language itself is central to any debate on this controversial topic.

The above labels are all misleading. They can all be used to paint an inaccurate picture of an individual or a group. Use of any of the above terms is distasteful, but such flippant use of the word "genocide," such as that in the CBR's displays, is simply inaccurate. It is misleading, and only serves to muddy the waters of an already thorny topic. The rhetoric simply does not work. 'Pro-choice' does not mean 'pro-abortion,' any more than 'pro-life' means 'anti-choice.' Both terms are loaded.

Without attempting to pass judgement on the practice of abortion, or whether it is right or wrong, we may comment on the laws of the land.

In an ostensibly free country, we regulate morality by law when we feel it productive to society. You may not steal, walk naked in public or drive through a red light. You may not commit genocide, according to international law. International law, however, does not regulate what an individuals do with their own bodies, period.

To make the leap from the wholesale extermination of ethnic groups to an individual person's body is rude, callous and indecent. Approximately half of the photos on the CBR's display would accurately represent genocide. The killing fields of Cambodia and the Nazi Holocaust were clearly genocidal situations. They match the definition of genocide as presented in virtually every dictionary. The enslavement and persecution of Black Americans before and after the dawn of civil rights, although heinous, was not a planned extermination of an ethnicity. Neither, therefore, is an individual abortion, however regrettable.

The histories of Jews, Cambodians, Sudanese, Bosnians, Gypsies, Black Americans and all other victims of actual genocide are being done a disservice. The CBR's exhibit, while thought-provoking, is using language in an irresponsible manner, which could very-well alienate potential converts to their cause.

Legitimate debate about abortion is essential to our national dialogue. If there are opinions to express, there should be discourse, provided the language is accurate and serves to inform both sides.

A banner displayed on the Knoll summed it up nicely: "If you really care about the victims of genocide, you don't exploit them."

Letter to the Editor

Enforce campus smoking ban

To the Editor:

OK, so what is the deal with not enforcing the 20-foot smoking ban? I am tired of walking into a building and having to go through 10 people puffing away when they are basically all within five feet of the door. Not the 20' stated on the signs. I believe this is a big issue on campus that everyone just overlooks. I am personally allergic to smoke, and having to walk through it makes me itch all during class. It is a distraction to me and many other students. Is there anything we can do about it? I would personally like to see a campus-wide smoking ban like many campuses around the nation.

It is not just a non-smoker versus smoker issue; it is a public health issue that needs to be looked into. This issue needs to be brought up to the students. And, if the idea of a campus-wide smoking ban is totally out of the question, can the campus at least enforce the ban they already have in place? They spent the money making the thousands of signs around campus; could they do a little to at least to enforce it?

Thank you.

Christin Murphy
Freshman, undeclared

Correction:

The MT-FAU recap, "MT loses opener," which ran on Sept. 6 was incorrectly attributed to J. Owen Shipley. It was written by Chris Martin. *Sidelines* regrets this error.



"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

Fight other battles than abortion

You may have already heard. Foes of abortion believe that millions of humans die yearly as a result of this practice. Indeed, they decry this as genocide in literature that was widely available here on campus earlier this week.

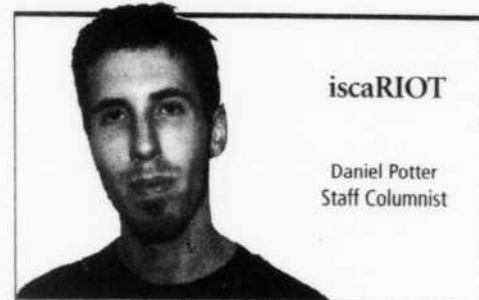
While it's easy to disagree with this group's definition of a human being, among other things, for the moment let's take them at their word and try to put this argument into context.

After all, there's nothing wrong with wanting to save lives. There is, however, something wrong with wasting precious time and resources to accomplish relatively little for that stated purpose, even as actual human suffering continues unabated.

In this case, the ambiguity as to when human life begins exactly leaves unclear whether those opposing abortion are in fact saving lives. Their funding and efforts could easily be spent on something with much more tangible benefits to human life, and less politically divisive to boot. Take world hunger as an example.

Hunger kills around 25,000 people globally each day, most of them children, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. To put this in perspective, that's about how many students currently attend MTSU.

To put it another way, consider the defining death-counts of American politics at present. If we add together the American deaths of the Iraq War, those who died in Hurricane Katrina and those killed on September 11, the total is still only one-third the amount of lives



iscaRIOT

Daniel Potter
Staff Columnist

that are lost to famine - again, daily.

Of course, death by starvation is preventable. There is enough food for everyone on the planet, and then some. Indeed, huge amounts of surplus food are wasted each day here in the United States, but we allow it to rot rather than give it away for free, because capitalism requires simulated scarcity in order to maximize the bottom line.

To call this a misplacement of priorities is an understatement, and says nothing of the unparalleled conflict and environmental devastation that have resulted from unbridled capitalism, but I digress.

On the topic of misplaced priorities, by now it seems evident that those who protest abortion under the banner of saving lives would do well to choose a more practical cause to support, and leave women to the private choice to which they're legally entitled.

After all, the Supreme Court decided the matter over three decades ago with the case of *Roe v. Wade*, setting a precedent that has been upheld ever since, in accordance with the legal principle of *stare decisis*, Latin for

"stand by a decision."

During an appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee when he was first nominated two years ago, Chief Justice John Roberts repeatedly mentioned *stare decisis* when asked how he would judge cases that challenge *Roe*.

For his part, President George W. Bush made a big show of condemning so-called "activist judges," who would break precedents in order to impose their personal beliefs on the nation. Bush assured the country Roberts would "not legislate from the bench."

This means the Chief Justice will respect the landmark decision in *Roe*, right? One would think so, but perhaps not.

Contra his professed allegiance to existing precedents, Roberts last year overturned at least one important ruling, with a 5-4 decision that allows police to use improperly obtained evidence in court, as in the case of illegal "no-knock" searches. Apparently, Roberts was merely paying lip service to *stare decisis*.

An obvious downside here is that abortion rights now appear less secure in this country than Roberts once indicated.

On the bright side though, given enough chiseling at the Constitution by this Supreme Court, eventually our rights to free speech and free assembly will disappear.

That should shut those abortion protesters right up.

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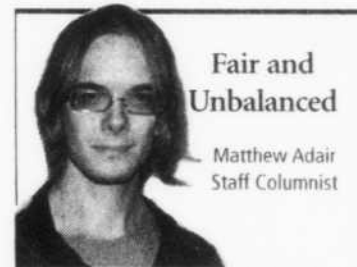
Racism persists against Jena Six

One small town in Louisiana is showing the country that, no matter how far we think we've grown in mending race relations and building united communities, we still have a long way to go to get past our most ingrown of prejudices.

The town of Jena has recently turned into a hotbed of controversy over charges that were filed against six black teenagers involved in a fight with fellow student Justin Barker. The fight happened last December, but to fully understand what has happened in Jena, we need to go further back to August.

During a school assembly, a black freshman jokingly asked principal Glen Joiner of Jena High School if he could sit under the "white tree", referring to a tree on campus that most of the school's white students gathered around. Joiner answered that students could sit wherever they wanted. Presumably, everyone had a good laugh.

Until the next day, when three nooses suddenly appeared in the previously mentioned tree. Upon learning of the three students, all white, who were responsible, Joiner called for their expulsion. The Lasalle Parish School Board and school superintendent Roy Breihaupt disagreed, calling the incident a harmless prank, reducing the students' punishment to three days of in-school suspension. As a result of the decision, fights between white and black



Fair and Unbalanced

Matthew Adair
Staff Columnist

students began to break out at the high school.

Fast forward to Dec. 1. Five black students, including 16-year-old Robert Bailey, attempted to enter a party attended mostly by whites and were denied entrance by the woman at the door. When the group persisted, insisting that they had been invited, a white man stepped between the five students and the woman and began attacking the students. The fight was broken up, and all six were asked to leave. They were again attacked by a group of white men, one of whom, Justin Sloan, was later charged with simple battery and placed on probation.

The following day, Bailey and his friends got into an argument with a white student, who ran to his truck and produced a shotgun. Bailey wrestled with the student and managed to take the gun from him, walking away with it after refusing to return it. Bailey was charged with theft of a firearm, second-degree robbery and disturbing the peace. The white student who had brandished the weapon at Bailey? No charges were filed against him.

That Monday, Barker bragged about how Bailey had been beaten up by a white man. Upon leaving the gym later that day, Bailey and five students confronted Barker and knocked him unconscious when a punch caused Barker to fall and hit his head. The six students were arrested and eventually charged with second-degree murder by the district attorney. Barker was released from the hospital two hours after entering with a swollen eye.

The resulting trial was itself, a sham of justice. A charge of aggravated second-degree battery, which the charges were later reduced to, requires the defendant to have been attacked with a deadly weapon. The murder weapon used by Mychal Bell, one of the students charged? His tennis shoes, according to District Attorney Reed Walters. Despite the absurdity of a pair of tennis shoes being considered equal in force to, say, a shotgun, as well as the fact that no one was really even sure if Bell had even been involved in the fight, the all-white jury found him guilty, handing him up to 22 years in prison, to be decided on Sept. 20.

What has happened in Jena is both disturbing and insane. What happened at Jena was a schoolyard fight, the likes of which happen every day in schools across the country. Some of these require police intervention, when they become serious, and some don't. I can't imagine one that resulted in

the students involved being sent to jail for a large portion of their adult lives.

Why is it that a white student can get away with pointing a gun at a black student without being charged with a crime, while a black student who punches or kicks a white student receives a massive sentence? This is a horrifying display of racism, and a complete inequity of justice. If we cannot trust the legal system to fairly judge us not on the color of our skin, but on our actions, then our faith in our laws and our government is worthless.

The handling of what should happen to the Jena Six should be in the hands of Principal Joiner, and not a court of law. The severity of the charges raised against them are out of proportion with what happened, and have served to violently split the people of Jena against one another. The judge must reduce the charges against the six, or dismiss them all together, and Jena law enforcement should stand up and report the noose incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation as what it was - a hate crime intended to anger and intimidate the black students of Jena High School.

Justice needs to be served in Jena. It's time the court set aside its prejudices, and do its job.

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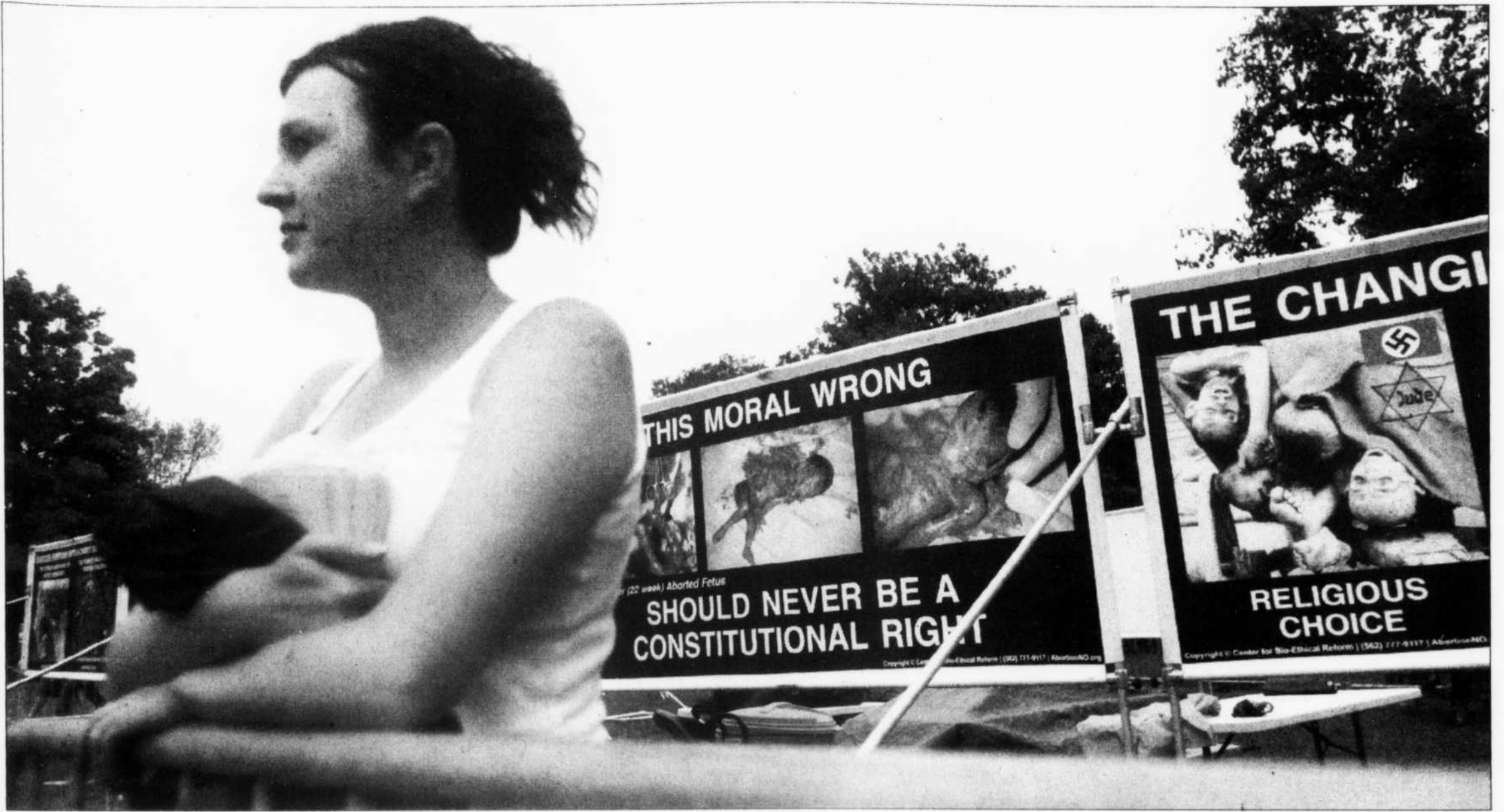


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Genocide Awareness Project volunteer Lisa Wilmoth, 27, stands in front of the exhibit that occupied the Keathley University Center Knoll on Monday and Tuesday. The images displayed were extremely graphic and incited protest and passionate support.

Anti-abortion demonstration shows student body's passion

By Sarah Lavery
Features Editor

At first, they were able to keep the conversation completely civil. Kathy Hardin is standing behind the barricade of the Genocide Awareness Project her arms casually folded, brochures and pamphlets explaining the organization's mission tucked in each palm. Sophomore Daniel Lewis has his hand resting on the gate, dressed in a suit that makes him look like a college student that means business. The two have been going back and forth about the issue of abortion for nearly fifteen minutes. Passersby have begun to just stop and listen. "If you respect all life, you respect all life," Lewis says calmly, watchful to keep his argument from encroaching on attack. "But what I don't understand is that most people who call themselves 'pro-life' are for the death penalty. There's no consistency." Hardin puts her hand on her hip, soaking in every one of Lewis' words. She's heard it all before. "Even if I could be perfect and meet all of your criteria," she responds, "you can't discredit that I can't solve every social ill." And so the debate continues, each pro-choice advocate taking his or her turn making a case to Hardin, each one being answered with a seemingly levelheaded, carefully prefabricated response. It seems that the argument is going nowhere, and yet, Hardin and Lewis' ongoing debate is the entire mission of the Genocide Awareness Project. They want people—both equally horrified and applauding of their tactics—to start talking.

For the third year in a row, the Genocide Awareness Project has occupied a space outside of the KUC. In front of the busiest part of campus, pictures of bloodied, aborted fetuses, dead bodies from the Holocaust and slaves hanging from trees sit merely feet away from the heavily trafficked sidewalk. Large posters greet students on either side of the exhibit, warning them of the graphic images ahead. Most continue along their path anyway, despite the warnings. Some merely look away, some take a defiant glance and turn their heads with a grimace, some linger to ponder the project's mission. Groups in protest encircle the exhibit, taking turns walking up to the barricade surrounding the exhibit to

confront its advocates. But the members of the GAP, and its many proponents, aren't planning on changing their tactics anytime soon. To them, this works. "This gives reality and life to the word 'abortion.' And when we show these images, look what we get," Hardin says, gesturing at the myriad of students who have gathered around the exhibit. Some debates continue well into the afternoon, traveling on a convoluted cycle where there are no clear-cut wrong or right answers. Even though Hardin's voice should be nearly giving out, she continues to talk with opposing students, only sometimes placing her hands on her hips in a quiet expression of frustration. Every few minutes, she grips the gold chain with nine charms to represent her nine children around her neck, as she repeats what seems to be the GAP's mantra for the day: "I respect your opinion, but I have to disagree." Meredith Hunt, the man in charge of the organization, has been in discussion with sophomore Matt Street for nearly an hour. The conversation has turned from the definition of human life to the philosophical reason for human thought, from the necessity of abortion in extreme cases to the biological difference between humans and animals. Even when the rain starts coming down at noon, the two barely take a moment to catch their breath. Hunt merely pulls out a giant umbrella and covers himself and Street. He isn't ready to back down at the sight of a little rainfall.

“Consider women who are here trying to get an education. If they've had an abortion, they're now being compared to Hitler. Is that a healthy education?”
—Ashley Sinclair

On day one of the exhibit, things stayed relatively calm. Protesters grazed through the area, but there was no bonafide protest, no fear that the police standing guard would have to "keep the peace." But on Tuesday, around lunchtime, the sound of chanting started to fill the air. It carried to the stretches of campus, from the Mass Communications building to Peck Hall. "Get your ideology off of my biology!" is repeated over and over. Now, dozens of students have begun to occupy the protest area set off by yellow tape. Their fists are raised up high and their voices are straining to reach those standing behind the barricade set around the exhibit. Philosophical discussions on the GAP's mission make nearly as much noise as the rhythmic, booming chants. "Consider women who are here trying to get an education," freshman Ashley Sinclair says. "If they've had an abortion, they're now being compared to Hitler. Is that a healthy education?" Several Jewish students have joined the protesters, there to voice their disapproval not only of the graphic images of abortion but those displayed of the Holocaust.

The GAP uses these images to equate abortion to genocide, but Jewish sophomore Ryan Steckbeck is having none of it. He explains his ideology to Danie Francis, a visually impaired sophomore who has sauntered over to the protesters to ask questions. She doesn't understand why the Jewish students are getting all worked up. When Steckbeck explains that the equating the Holocaust to abortion offends him, Francis starts getting all worked up herself. "Hitler targeted handicapped people before he even attacked Jews!" she exclaims. "And wouldn't you be upset if they had pictures of dead handicapped people up there?" Francis responds: "I'd be pissed as hell!" Senior Jase Short is among the crowd of protesters. He's been spending most of the day sitting at the booth for MTSU Solidarity, positioned right next door to Voices for Planned Parenthood. At the moment, though, Short is growing increasingly thwarted by the school's confines of their demonstration. First, the observing policemen asked for their signs to be moved a little further away. Then, they were asked not to hand out literature on their respective organizations. When they started to chant, two cop cars pulled up behind, a portent on what was to come if they were to take the protest a little further. So they've resolved to do what they can do to demonstrate their dissent. Standing behind the bright yellow tape, they're yelling at the top of their lungs. There's no law against yelling. When Junior Ashley Renner comes running across the knoll, exclaiming that their right to pass out literature has been reinstated, the group breaks into cheers.

“People don't want to talk about abortion. They skirt around the issue. But they look at these pictures, and they say 'this is right? This is legal?'”
—Porsche Kristina

On Monday and Tuesday, every inch of the knoll seemed to be abuzz with passionate discussion, heated debate and political zeal. Students even skipped classes—some skipped their intended lunch break in the Grill—just to tell their side of the story. When four o'clock rolled around on the second and last day of the GAP's time on campus, the exhibit was taken apart, packed into a bus emblazoned with the group's recognizable image of an aborted fetus and driven away. By Hardin's standards, the GAP accomplished its goal. Pro-choice, pro-life, religiously indifferent, religiously fervent—there is one resounding facet of MTSU students that seems to have risen above all at the sight of the images in front of the KUC: They aren't apathetic. ♦



Photo by Justin Keonin | Members of MTSU Solidarity and others exercise their First Amendment rights and protest the exhibit.

SPORTS

45,000 does not a small school make

USF played huge

By J. Owen Shipley
Sports Editor

During the ESPN2 broadcast of Saturday night's Auburn and South Florida game, an argument of interest to MT fans (in my opinion) took place between the announcers.

After hearing USF described as "little", the color commentator reminded his colleague that with 44,891 students USF is actually the ninth-largest college in the United States.

Bulls coach Jim Leavitt was quick to point to that number in last week's press conference yet somehow ESPN2 still managed to call USF "little South Florida" throughout the entire game.

Even after acknowledging that USF had more students than nearly every single school in the top 25, they continued to use the wrong term.

Why?

Because a school is only as big as its football team.

I don't make the rules but I promise you, in the minds of most Americans, this is a rule.

If a university is especially small or already known for their academics (i.e. Duke) they might be able to fall back on basketball for national exposure, but as a rule, most schools are only as respected as their football programs.

Does this make sense? No, but in a world where a bill that deregulated greenhouse gas emissions was named the Clean-Air Act, almost anything is possible.

This is especially true in the south, where football is more important than health insurance. Any school with a large number of students is just expected to have a good football team.

USF's football tradition started just 11 years ago. In one short decade they moved from I-AA to I-A (2001), from Conference USA to the Big East (2005), and now from "little" school to football school.

The problem is, USF was already a football school. They ended Louisville's national championship bid in 2005, and derailed WVU in 2006. Now, in 2007, they have put Tommy Tuberville's job in danger.

The Bulls aren't from a little school, and they aren't an up-and-comer. They are a football team from a school.

If this season has proved anything it's that when two teams take the field, the only thing that really identifies them is how they play. History, tradition, snappy uniforms and rankings mean nothing if you lose.

Ask Michigan, Notre Dame, Virginia, and Auburn if the teams that beat them were "little".

And now, around the 400-word mark, we've again reached the point in my column where you say "but what does this have to do with MT?"

And once again my answer, sports fans, is everything.

MT is a big "school", the largest in the state. By that definition it is also a big school with a football team.

Following the standard logic that a university can only be considered "big" if they have a good football team the immediate question is: how can MT become a big school?

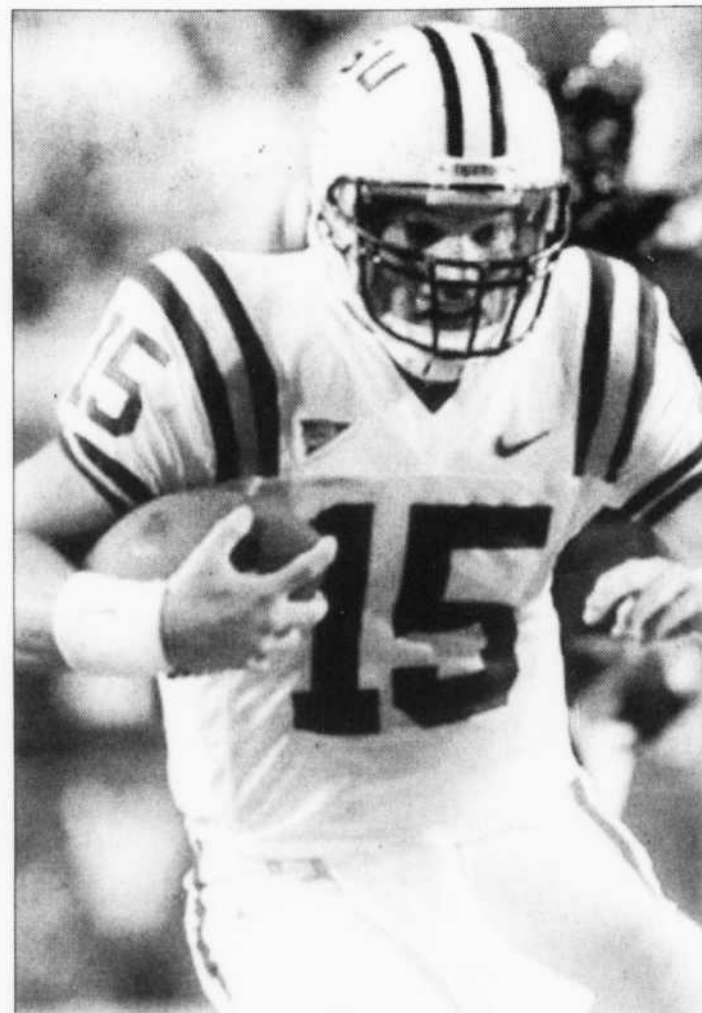
By winning.

That sounds overly simplistic, but the reality is that when they leave the field on Saturday in Baton Rouge, MT will be just as big as any team in the country if they walk away with a win.

That isn't to say they will. I'm almost certain they won't. What I mean to say is that Appalachian State, USF, and Wyoming felt big

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MT prepares for #2 LSU



AP Photo
LSU might be without Senior QB Matt Flynn who was injured halfway through their game against Virginia Tech last week.

By Chris Martin

Contributing Writer

Middle Tennessee will take on the Louisiana State Tigers in Baton Rouge, La., Saturday in game that could have national title implications.

Both teams are coming off games in which they scored more than 40 points.

If LSU were to win convincingly they would have a good chance at taking the No. 1 spot from USC. In the current AP poll, the Tigers are only 12 points behind the pre-season no. 1 Trojans.

"I voted them No. 1. They are very talented, have a ton of depth, a physical offense and a physical defense," MT head coach Rick Stockstill said. "I think they are playing as good as anybody."

The Blue Raiders (0-2, 0-1 Sun Belt) are coming off a 58-42 loss to No. 9 ranked Louisville which saw MT run through the Cardinal defense picking up 555 total yards, including 265 on the ground.

"This is a very talented opponent," LSU coach Les Miles said. "MT put 42 points on No. 8 Louisville. They were the Sun Belt Conference Champions a year ago. They played in the Motor City Bowl. I know the year we played Alabama in 2005 and went into overtime for the win, that year Middle Tennessee played Alabama extremely tough."

One part of the Blue Raiders' game that showed marked improvement between weeks one and two is the offensive line, which hopes to continue to open gaping holes for RB's Philip Tanner and DeMarco McNair.

"I thought [Center Mark Thompson] did a phenomenal job," Stockstill said. "He has never played center before and has never made a snap in a live game, he's playing the No. 8-ranked team in the country on national TV on Thursday night and he didn't have any snaps that couldn't be handled. I thought he did an incredible job. He blocked well and protected well and the reliability of getting the snap was key."

The Blue Raiders will have their work cut out for them if they plan to produce the same amount of offense as last week. LSU's defense features multiple NFL prospects including All-American defensive tackle Glen Dorsey.

"[Dorsey] is really good and one guy can't stop him," Stockstill said. "We have to do a good job of keeping him from [getting] penetration. I don't think we have one person on our team who can block him 1-on-1."

The Tigers (2-0, 1-0 SEC) beat then-No. 9 ranked Virginia Tech 48-7 in Tiger Stadium last week.

"I thought we were very well prepared," Miles said.

LSU was able to gain more than four times as many yards as the Hokies. Virginia Tech only completed nine of 29 passes against the Tiger defense.

"LSU has a very good team," MTSU defensive end Tavares Jones said. "They have a great quarterback, they are very athletic and we can't have the missed assignments. It's tough enough out there when you are doing things right." ♦

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On the road again

VB heads to UConn Classic

By Clarence Plank
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team is ready to finish their non-conference schedule on the road in the UConn Toyota Classic this weekend.

The games this weekend are the key to the success of the Blue Raiders (10-1) squad for the upcoming Sun Belt Conference opener against South Ala.

The Blue Raiders face Long Island, Hofstra and host Connecticut after coming off a disappointing loss to Missouri State on Sunday.

Red-shirt freshman Alyssa King got another opportunity to lead the team during the game because Leslie Clark was hurt. King did a very good job when they played UT-Arlington on Saturday, but Missouri State was just too much.

"She did a good job," MT coach Matt Peck said. "I think we want to try and concentrate on getting her more ready. We have to do some fine-tuning [before the tournament]. We had a setback and that was largely due to the injury to Leslie."

Leslie got hit in the head during the game, so as a precaution they took her out and put King in to help the team. Coach Peck said that Leslie will be back with them when they head to Connecticut, but that's only if the doctor releases her.

Meanwhile the Blue Raiders were given Monday off so they could relax. Tuesday and Wednesday, MT spent practice running drills or working mechanics.

"We have to serve more aggressively, we had some attacking errors that we don't normally have," Peck said. "One of the things that happened this weekend is that we had a team that really pushed us at home hard and we weren't able to recover from that. We lost to a very good team."

Long Island comes into the series having lost two straight matches in the Jackrabbit Invitational to South Dakota and Sun Belt Conference rival North Texas.

Blackbirds senior Shelby Heggie set a career-high 24 kills in the series, but only managed a 68-58 advantage in kills and hit .170 for the match.

Long Island will be looking to upset Middle and break their two-game winless streak before returning home for their tour-



Photo by Chris Barstad | Staff
Sophomore Leslie Clark hopes to land more spikes like the one pictured above this weekend.

namment.

Hofstra (5-5) is a different story. They face a team that MT has already beaten in Northeastern at press time tonight. They lost a game before tonight's match and will be looking for some momentum going into the Classic with a win.

Hofstra's outside setter Lauren Engle had a team-high 12 kills in the match against No. 23 ranked St. John's, and fellow teammate setter Shellane Ogoshi finished the game with a double-double of 18 assists and 13 digs.

Hofstra and Long Island made it to the NCAA Tournament last year with Hofstra making it to the second round.

"Some schools are stronger than others," Peck said. "We should be able to play our best and that's what we are doing here - try-

ing to prepare for our conference schedule."

Connecticut (7-1) has only one loss this season and that came this past weekend from St. Louis, who beat MT last year. Coach Peck added that UConn scheduled the match with the Blue Raiders last because they feel that MT could present a problem for them.

"We're going to take it one match at a time," Peck said. "We're a young team, but we're very experienced. If we don't play poorly there is no reason for us not to play well enough to present a problem for the other teams."

MT opens the first game at 4 p.m. EDT in Connecticut against Long Island and Saturday against Hofstra and UConn. ♦

Everett's dream is ended too soon

A situation all players face

By Richard Lowe
Assistant Sports Editor

When I played high school sports, I never had a stretcher take me off the field - but the fear was always there. The fact that I was injured - prone because the center of a lot of jokes. Quite frankly, I had to joke about it too so I wouldn't play scared. Rarely will you find an athlete who openly admits a fear of injury. That's just the way we are raised. You are more likely to hurt yourself if you are trying to avoid injury. Why play sports if you are going to be too scared to participate anyway?

As much as people try to avoid the subject, the thought of being hurt always comes up when someone gets injured.

It's one thing to watch someone get hurt. It's a totally different experience being the one on the field waiting for medical attention. You start to move around to try to see if you can figure out what injury is stopping you from moving. In the case of some concussions, the question of "where am I?" becomes the first concern.

Then there are the cases like Kevin Everett. Week 1 of the NFL is supposed to bring about celebration, but after his injury a silence fell over Ralph Wilson Stadium. All 71,132 fans in attendance, no matter their allegiances, fell to a hush when a routine tackle left Everett motionless on the ground. It's hard to put into words the feelings of the other players on the field because there is even walking up to the injured player and asked the overused question of "are you okay?"

The longer the player stays on the ground, the more vulnerable the team becomes. Some fans only get emotional when superstars like Peyton Manning and Tom Brady lay on the field. But to Everett's teammates, however, the guys who bleed and sweat with him everyday at barbecues and bowling outings, the emotion is indescribable. One moment you are looking your teammate in the face and seeing the intensity before the snap of the ball; the next moment you are taking a knee next to other teammates who, no matter how talented they are or what leadership skills they possess, can't do anything to help the situation.

One story that was highlighted on the Buffalo Bills' official website was fellow tight end Matt Murphy's visit to Millard Fillmore Gates hospital, where Everett is being treated. Murphy's emotions are somewhat conflicting because he was released from the Bills a day before they hosted the Broncos. With Everett out indefinitely, the Bills re-signed Murphy to the team. If Everett were never injured, Murphy would be looking for work with another team. In an interview with the website Murphy stated, "I try not to think about it because that's not the way you ever want to get back on a roster. That's the last thing you want, especially if it's a friend of yours. Even if you don't know the guy you don't want that. It's tough and hard thinking about it so I try not to. I just think about Kevin and pray for him and hope he gets better."

As close as the bond between teammates is, nothing compares to the bond between Everett and his family. Can you imagine watching a relative doing the one thing in their life they strived to do since childhood and in one play it is all taken away? The important thing in this situation is that the moment the paramedics were replacing the team trainers, it was no longer about football. In the

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Sidelines joins football poll

Paper invited to contribute to new top 25

A message from J. Owen Shipley
Sports Editor

Throughout the history of college football the best teams in the nation have always been ranked by men in their mid-lives. Coaches and sports writers six waist sizes larger and twenty five to fifty years removed from their college days have been the only source of NCAA rankings. That is about to change.

After years of being told that college students don't know the teams at their own universities the Student University Press Poll (SUPP) has come along to make the world right again.

That's right, a student poll! The SUPP is made up of two polls that are combined to make one unified poll. The individual polls are separated by who gets to vote in them.

The first poll, is a student poll open to anyone with a .edu email address.

The editors poll is currently made up entirely of invite only editors from schools that have either garnered national attention on the field and/or who have contacted SUPP about voting.

MT Sidelines was first contacted about this opportunity following the Louisville game. Kareem Salama, founder of SUPP, called and told Sidelines that they wanted to include MT in the voting process after the Blue Raiders' impressive play against the no. 8 Cardinals.

The currently exclusive list of invited universities includes: Penn State, Alabama, USC, LSU, Nebraska, NC State and Cal. Along with Appalachian State, and South Florida, MT was selected due to growing stature in the world of college football.

Once the votes are tabulated they are added together and divided by two leaving an even 50/50 ratio between student and editor votes. Final results are posted on Mondays and will be included in the Thursday edition of Sidelines each week.

The SUPP is not intended to replace existing polls. While the existing polls may have their own biases and inequities the SUPP

The SUPP Overall Top-25			
No.	Team	Fraction	Pts
1.	USC	0.9600	576
2.	LSU	0.9517	571
3.	Oklahoma	0.9183	551
4.	West Virginia	0.8283	497
5.	Florida	0.8267	496
6.	Wisconsin	0.7417	445
7.	Texas	0.6750	405
8.	Louisville	0.6333	380
9.	Ohio State	0.6083	365
10.	California	0.6017	361
11.	Penn State	0.5650	339
12.	UCLA	0.4883	293
13.	Rutgers	0.4450	267
14.	Georgia Tech	0.4217	253
15.	Nebraska	0.4150	249
16.	Arkansas	0.3483	209
17.	Virginia Tech	0.2250	135
18.	Oregon	0.2067	124
19.	South Carolina	0.2033	122
20.	Clemson	0.1817	109
21.	Texas A & M	0.1617	97
22.	Boston College	0.1417	85
23.	Hawaii	0.1333	80
24.	Georgia	0.1250	75
25.	South Florida	0.1083	65

Also receiving votes:
Tennessee 0.1067
Alabama 0.1033
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Missouri 0.0667
Auburn 0.0417

was not created to solve them. It is a poll that tries to give back to the heart and soul of the college football fan base by giving a voice to students and the student press. Students and editors at smaller schools who feel disrespected by the mainstream media finally have a way to speak. To register to vote as a student or to see how other students have voted, go to Suppoll.com ♦

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when they took the field, so they were. Truth is subjective. It's all about perspective and what is a small school today may be a huge school tomorrow.

Coach Stockstill said that he hasn't talked to his team about UF, Appalachian State or any of the other schools who have pulled off major upsets this season and his logic was simple. Gimmicks don't win football games. Inspiration doesn't win football games. Playing better football wins football games.

The differences between the major schools and the minor ones are becoming increasingly hard to find. More and more quality players are choosing to be stars at smaller schools instead of being backups at the power house programs.

College football has reached the point where more often than not, the better coached team wins regardless of national stature. And I say it's about time.

Too many of the Notre Dames of the world have taken success for granted.

Welcome to a new era, the "small" schools are taking over. ♦

Lowe: Everett's dream

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end, the Broncos beat the Bills on a last-second field goal but many players awaited the diagnosis of their fallen teammate. The news that came across was not good. Dr. Adam Cappuccino said that Everett sustained a "catastrophic" and life-threatening spinal-cord injury and was unlikely to walk again. Much worse, he was fighting for his life because he was still prone to blood clots, infection and breathing failure. Since Dr. Cappuccino's diagnosis, Everett has had spinal cord surgery and has been able to voluntarily move his arms and legs.

Kevin Everett will never be able to play football again. A dream that was once a reality will be lost, but the fight for his life will continue on. Teammates,

coaches, and family believe he can pull through this situation. He worked through injury in his first two years of his pro career and gained significant playing time because of it. Bills starting tight end Robert Royal states, "[Everett] is determined, and he's willing to fight anything that comes his way. I'm pretty sure he will come through this."

It was a blessing that every time I was left laying on the field, I was able to get up by the power of my coaches or trainers. I thank God everyday for being able to finish my athletic career without serious injury. Now, along with the rest of the nation, I pray to God to give Kevin Everett the strength to one day be able to walk the turf of Ralph Wilson Stadium to salute the fans that he played for. ♦

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Turnbow Era Begins

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For new men's golf head coach Whit Turnbow, the attractions of golf lie in simpler things that other sports can't always claim to offer.

"What intrigues me the most is it's a game that doesn't involve officials," said Turnbow. "We call penalties on ourselves. There are no touchdown celebrations. There are no steroids. It's a game of integrity."

Turnbow began playing golf at the age of four, and it's been an important part of his life ever since.

He played on the Blue Raiders golf team from 1996-2000, and then played professionally for three years. Following that, he returned to MTSU and accepted an assistant coaching position for the men's and women's teams.

"I'm a fairly laid-back guy, so I'm a pretty laid-back coach," said Turnbow. "I wouldn't say I'm a screamer or a hollerer. That's not my personality. It doesn't lend itself to being a coach. I believe in working hard and getting better every day. Success is built on inconveniences. That is the basis for a lot of what I do."

Turnbow replaces longtime coach Johnny Moore, who served as head coach for 18 years.

"We all love coach Moore to death and

miss him, but it hasn't been much of a change," said Chas Narramore, a junior on MTSU's golf team.

Turnbow said that some facets of the program will remain the same. He has adopted the academic policies that were in place under Moore, and said he expects his players to maintain the same standards in the classroom they have been held to in the past.

He has, however, announced that there will be some differences in his program and coach Moore's.

The biggest change in the Turnbow era will be an emphasis on scheduling tougher opponents. This year, the Blue Raiders will participate in the Brickyard Tournament, which will include a field that Turnbow said will be highlighted by Georgia, Georgia Tech, Clemson, and South Carolina.

"Brickyard was a new addition to our schedule this year. We're going to get to play the best teams in the country. But if that's where we want our program to go, those are the teams we've got to go through. So bring them on," Turnbow said.

As for other tournaments, the Mason Rudolph Championship in Franklin, Tenn. will be the closest the Raiders will play to campus this year. It takes place Oct. 21-23. However, the Raiders will be hosting the Middle Tennessee Intercollegiate tournament March 31-April 1.

"UConn will be there. It will be a great chance to see some good golf and some great college teams," Turnbow said.

As for this year's team, Turnbow said that he has high expectations.

"I was on the golf team in the NCAA tournament in 2000. That group can't take a candle to (this year's team). If they hold care of business, they could play in the NCAA tournament," Turnbow said.

Five of the top seven players from last year's team return. Narramore returns after having qualified for the NCAA tournament last year, and Craig Smith was the 2006-2007 Sun Belt Champion.

"Nick Bayless is my only senior. He's a fifth year senior and he brings a lot of experience and leadership to the team," Turnbow said.

He also mentioned Nick Cochran as the Kentucky State amateur champion, and freshman Jason Milliard, the team's only signee for this season.

I like teaching the game, but I teach some about life," Turnbow said. "Hopefully, when it's all said and done, I'll have made them better golfers, but I'll have made them better in life and more well-rounded young men because the PGA tour is not for everybody."

Accepting his new role as head coach for the men's golf team will require Turnbow to step down from his job as assistant coach for the women's golf team. ♦

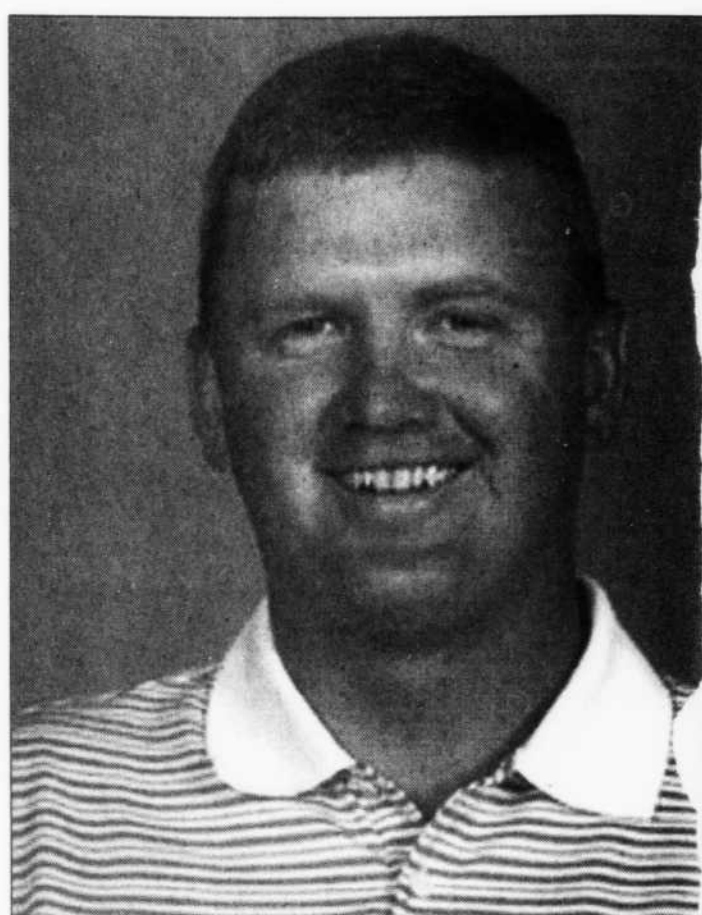


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Whit Turnbow began his first head coaching job Monday at the 2007 Scenic Invitational. He spent the last five years as an assistant before Johnny Moore re



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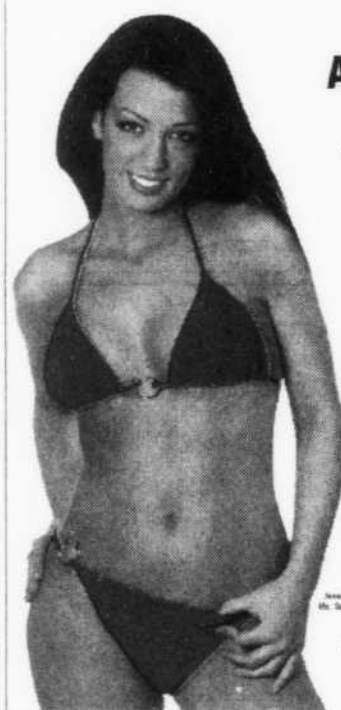
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