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Debate highlights lottery pros and cons



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Professor Joh Vile, center, moderates the lottery debate between Bill Ford, left, and Roger Abramson, right.

Ford: Lottery could bring \$6 to 12 million for MTSU

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

A professor and an activist debated the implementation of a state lottery on campus Wednesday.

The McWherter Learning Resources Center hosted the dialogue, which featured Roger Abramson, an active member of Gambling Free Tennessee Alliance, and lottery supporter Bill Ford, an MTSU professor of finance. John Vile, head of the political science department, moderated the debate.

Vile began the debate by explaining how voting to

change the Tennessee constitution works.

"To change the Tennessee constitution, a vote has to win by a majority of the number of people who voted for governor, which means that if you vote for governor and you do not vote on these other two issues, you are effectively voting against it," Vile explained.

"Tennessee is not a gambling-free state," Ford said. Ford explained that he has done research, which suggested Tennesseans already spend more than \$1 billion each year on gambling.

He found that there were

four ways people in Tennessee gambled: they went to casinos in other states, gambled via the Internet, bought lottery tickets at gas stations by driving across state lines and illegal gambling, which was especially prevalent in poorer neighborhoods.

Ford argues that scholarship money from the lottery could equal \$6 to 12 million for MTSU each year.

"That means our students will have less debt because they will get scholarships," he said. "They can work less hours to pay for their tuition, they will have more time to study and they will graduate sooner."

Ford remarked that, if the lottery was voted in by the majority, it would be the choice of each person whether he or she would pay.

"The lottery is a tax," Ford said, "but the beautiful thing about it... is that it's the only tax you pay where you decide whether or not you want to give 35 cents of every dollar to higher education."

Abramson opened by admitting that, while there are reasons to vote for the lottery, "We [GFTA] submit that there are many more reasons to vote against the lottery."

He pointed out that people

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Web site offers information, training for sexual harassment

By Tiffany Brown
Staff Writer

The Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office has installed an online training program for preventing sexual harassment at MTSU.

There are five different editions of the program available, including editions for faculty, students, supervisory, non-supervisory and guests.

"The program allows employees and students to take training at their individual convenience," said Forrestine Williams, director of the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Office.

On June 26, 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down two landmark decisions that essentially rewrote the liability

standards for sexual harassment. Together, these two decisions announced a new federal standard for making employers liable for a supervisor's sexual harassment of a subordinate under his or her authority.

According to the program's Web site, "The course is intended to make you think about what behaviors on campus might be considered sexual harassment so you can avoid and take action against any risky behaviors."

The program provides a simplistic design, featuring pages with short statements or paragraphs to educate the user. The design also includes a drop-down menu, which allows quick access to the different topics the

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President chosen for White House board

McPhee selected for National Council on the Humanities

By Michael Haynes
Staff Writer

MTSU President Sidney McPhee has been selected by U.S. President George W. Bush to serve on the National Council on the Humanities.

The NCH is a board of 26 citizens that oversees more than 90 million in taxpayers' dollars.

The NCH is an advisory board of the National Endowment of the Humanities, which consists of 26 citizens.

According to the NEH Web site, "The National Council on the Humanities meets four times a year to review applications for the awarding of grants and to make recommendations to the NEH chairman regarding the Endowment's policies, programs and procedures. Each National Council member serves a six-year term."

McPhee described the two-stage recommendation process. First someone recommended McPhee's name to the White House. After a short process, the pool of names was narrowed down for the second stage of the process.

It is unknown who recommended McPhee's name, because that information remains confidential at the

White House. The second stage consisted of a more extensive and thorough background investigation by the FBI.

"The total selection process took around six months," McPhee said, from the time he received the initial phone call from the White House informing him his name had been recommended.

Having finished phase two of the application process, McPhee's name was then forwarded to the president for formal nomination, along with eight other names. Their names are pending confirmation by the U.S. Senate, which could occur before the mid-term elections or in January, when Congress reassembles, McPhee said.

As recent as August of this year, the Senate confirmed five people for the same position, one of whom is a history professor from University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

McPhee is the only nominee from Tennessee and not all nominees are from academia.

President McPhee looks to see that there is a balance in allocation of dollars to universities and other areas.

"The advancement of the humanities is important to society," McPhee said. For this fiscal year, which began in October, the Bush administration requested \$126.9 million for the NEH.

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Searching for space



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Two storage spaces in Peck Hall will be converted into four faculty offices under the current plan to develop more office space for faculty.

Closet space converted to office areas

By Kristy Adams
Staff Writer

University officials are searching for office space for MTSU's increasing number of new professors.

Renovation is currently in process at Peck Hall, where two storage spaces will be turned into four faculty offices within the next month.

Spots have also been located in Peck Hall, the Business and Aerospace building and the recently purchased Belle Aire Building on Greenland Drive. Since the end of summer, the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost has been looking for available space for renovation.

Watson Hannah, director of Academic Technology Planning and Projects within the Provost's office, helps locate space for new offices on campus. This office is also in charge of the budget, technology and curriculum required for this project.

"We had a shortage on campus of office space," Hannah said.

President Sidney McPhee has hired many staff members since this summer, and plans to hire more within the next year, according to Hannah.

Storage spaces, as well as custodial areas, are being cleared out to make office space. Hannah said once a space is located, they move quickly toward change.

"We just scarf it right up," Hannah said about finding possible office locations.

Working with the Provost's office is Campus Planning and the Construction Administration office. The Provost office seeks available

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Campus celebrates Nontraditional Student Week

By Juanita Thoun
Staff Writer

They commute from Ashland City, Manchester and other points around Middle Tennessee.

They juggle classes and homework around adult responsibilities that often include children, a spouse and jobs.

They are the nontraditional students who make up 45 percent of MTSU's student population.

According to Kris Phillips, president of Pinnacles, the honor society for adult learners, Nontraditional Student Week - today through Friday - is a time to make traditional students more aware of the nontraditional students around them and to make nontraditional students more aware of ser-

vices for adult learners.

Phillips, a senior political science major, typifies one segment of the nontraditional student population.

"I lived my life backwards," Phillips said. "I married right after high school and had kids right away. Now I'm in college."

Carla Richcreek, a senior psychology major, attended college after high school but dropped out in her junior year.

"I spent 15 years in banking and decided business is not where I need to be," Richcreek said. She said she hopes to pursue a career in family or marriage counseling.

According to Virginia Ellis, secretary of the Adult Services Center, many of the nontraditional students on campus are those seeking a career change.

Ellis noted that nontraditional students

vary in age from mid-20s to retirement. Some have jobs, children and spouses. Some have never been to college before and others are returning. But the common thread among these adult learners is dedication.

"When you're young there are a million distractions and the future seems far away," Richcreek said. "When you're older, time is not your friend anymore. You're in constant competition with time to see if you can achieve your dream. This makes me a more focused student."

This kind of dedication shows up in the students' GPAs. According to Ellis, very few carry less than a B average.

"They get very upset if they get a C," Ellis said.

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Panhellenic Council treats kids to activities

By Wendy Caldwell
Staff Writer

Food, fun and frightening faces filled the sorority chapter rooms in Cummings Hall at Tuesday night's annual Halloween carnival.

For more than 10 years, the MTSU Panhellenic Council Junior Pan members, has provided a safe atmosphere for Halloween games and treats.

Panhellenic Activities Director Lauren Kelly organized the event, which, along with the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the spring, is one of two activities performed by Junior Pan.

"Junior Pans are new members," Kelly explained. "They assist with activities."

The two Junior Pan members from each sorority decorated rooms and doors with Halloween decorations and donned their Halloween costumes for the event. They assist-

ed the children with the games in their chapter rooms.

The variety of games consisted of pick a pumpkin, monster mush, Halloween tic-tac-toe, ghost beanbag toss, candy bucket toss, ring toss and a cakewalk. Hot apple cider was available to quench the thirst of children and their parents.

Several weeks before the event, invitations were sent to MTSU faculty and staff and residents of Womack Lane. The number of children who came to the carnival this year was impressive, according to organizers.

"This is the biggest one they've had in a few years," Director of Greek Life Kim Godwin said.

Godwin, who became the Director of Greek Life this year, was very impressed with the carnival.

"I think it's wonderful that faculty, staff and other students are bringing their children, rela-

tives and friends," Godwin said.

The carnival not only provided a place for children to enjoy a safe Halloween celebration, but it also served as a means of giving back to the community.

"We know that the professors and faculty does so much for us," Panhellenic President Brandyn Uscher said. "I'm glad we can give the opportunity to have a safe way to get candy ... they know that Greeks care about them."

"It was a great turn out. The kids are wonderful and cute," Panhellenic Vice President Allison Lunsford said. "We're doing something for MTSU kids."

The kids smiled in their costumes as they searched for pumpkins that matched their number and showed their hands into buckets full of spaghetti and peeled grapes.

They tested their aim with ghost-faced bean bags, rings

and candy and competed for cakes, cupcakes and other baked goods at the cake walk.

The kids were not the only people enjoying themselves. The sorority members present also valued the time they spent with the children.

Dressed in costumes from ladybugs to a pair of dice, they spent much time and energy making sure the kids were happy.

"We had a game," explained Megan King of Alpha Delta Pi, "but they just wanted the candy."

The members of the Panhellenic Council were very pleased with the outcome of Tuesday's carnival.

Kelly looked at the carnival not only as a way to give something back to the MTSU community, but also as "a way to promote the Pan spirit" to the new sorority members who rushed this fall. ♦

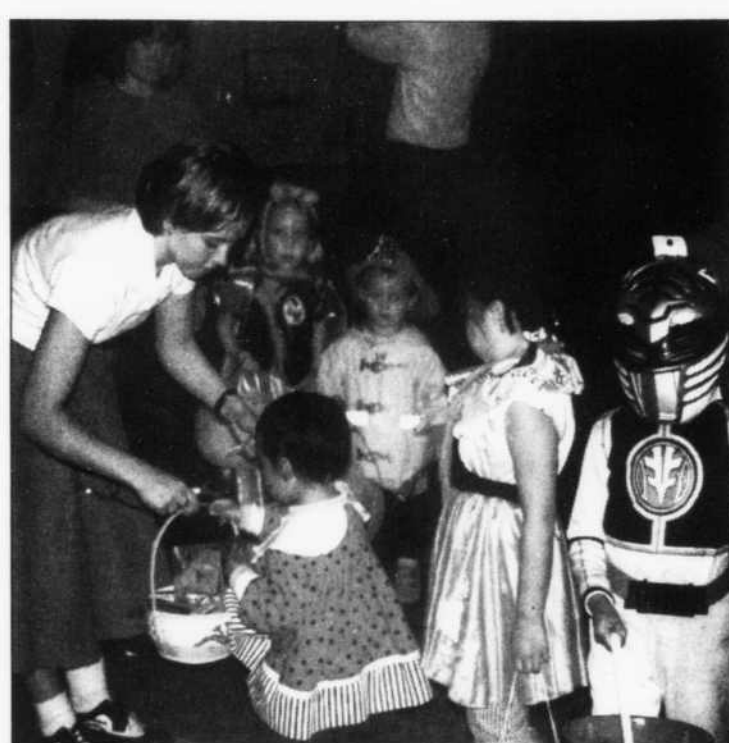


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Junior members of the Panhellenic Council sponsored a Halloween outing for children Tuesday night in the Cummings Hall sorority chapter rooms.

Lottery: Government will have monopoly

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play the lottery to win, but that the odds of winning are 1 in 1,000 in a game of pick three with a prize of only \$500. According to Abramson, the University of Tennessee has the same chance of winning the national championship.

He then said that many people are for the lottery because the state needs the money or because it would mean more money for education.

The money from the lottery would not go into the general state budget, only to higher education. K-12 would only get any money that was left over, which is likely to be a rather insignificant amount, according to Abramson.

Abramson also points out that the money would go to school facilities, such as buildings. None of the money would go into teachers' salaries or school supplies, which is what many people believe.

"No one can run this but the government," Amramson said, noting the fact that, because the lottery would be the only form of legal gambling in the state, there would be no competition in the market to administer the lottery.

Abramson would rather see all forms of gambling allowed in the state than have the only form allowed be run by the government.

Both Ford and Abramson encouraged students to vote tomorrow. ♦

Construction: Rooms to have phones

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space, while the other two help plan the construction of the offices.

Construction Administration focuses on projects costing less than \$100,000 and Campus Planning helps with more expensive projects, leaving the former to handle most of the office renovations.

Faculty offices in the Belle Aire Building house the NASA grant, graduate teaching assistants and other faculty member offices. In the BAS, five areas have been worked on and are now offices. Peck Hall renovations are currently being constructed to add four more.

Instead of throwing a desk

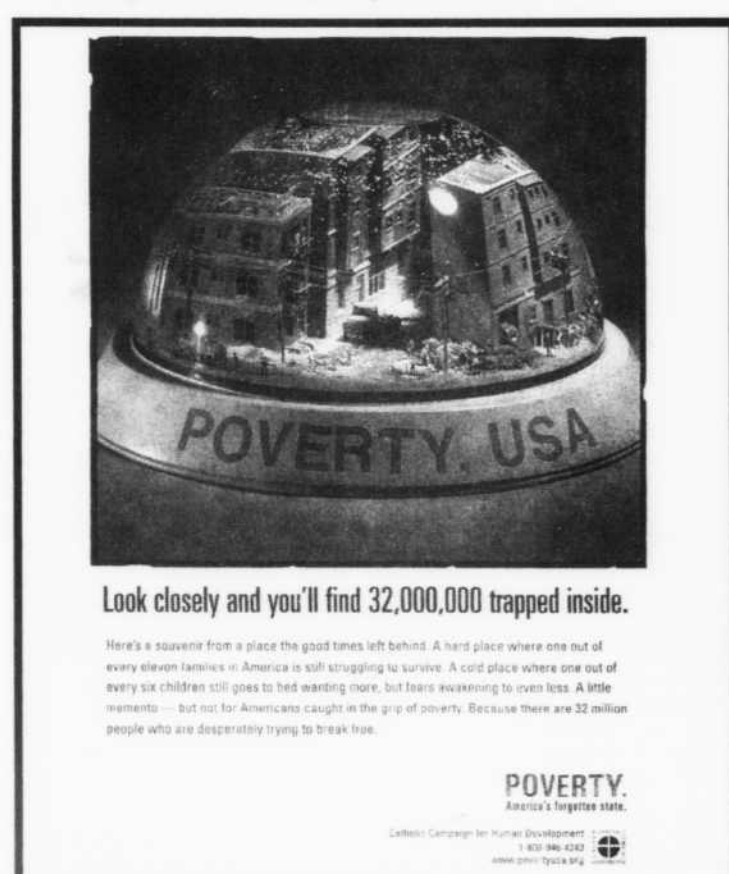
into an empty room, renovations for the new offices will require more attention. According to Hannah, each office will be complete with ceiling tiles, proper telephone and computer capabilities and ventilation.

"We did it right so they would have everything they need," Hannah said.

The new Peck Hall offices will not have windows, but, as Hannah said, many present offices in the building also lack this commodity.

While in the process of renovating, the Provost's office is still looking for more space.

"We've been very creative," Hannah said about discovery of spaces thus far. ♦



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The initiation ceremony and reception will be held Monday, December 2, 2002 at 5 p.m. in the Alumni Center. If you would like more information about Phi Kappa Phi, contact Dr. Bob Glenn at 898-2440.

Harassment: New test online

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program covers. There is a large amount of data and information available to users.

According to the Web site, "While the majority of reported cases of sexual harassment involve a male harassing a female, it can also involve a female harassing a male, or either men or women harassing members of their own sex."

In 2000, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission received 15,836 complaints about sexual harassment, of which men filed 2153, or 13.6 percent.

"Harassment of any kind is bothersome, demeaning, irritating and annoying behavior," according to the program's Web site.

The program also discusses that disrespectful or offensive sexual behavior by faculty, staff

or students is inappropriate, and in some cases may be an abuse of authority. The involved parties can be men or women, supervisors, subordinates or peers.

The Web site states that, if employees and students stay aware of their responsibilities and assert their rights to a respectful educational and work environment, they will have taken an important step toward eliminating sexual harassment at MTSU.

The Web site also notes that it is important to know that men and women often have quite different perspectives on sexual harassment and, at times, may be unable to understand the real meaning or intent of the other gender.

While some may perceive certain behavior to be friendly and harmless, a co-worker or student may find the behavior

offensive, so it is important to think before acting in a way that could be reasonably perceived as sexually offensive.

There are many optional sections, including direct advice for the harasser and for the harassed, and a variety of questions with answers provided, to help test understanding of sexually harassing behavior.

The objective of this course is learning, not evaluating, and answers to these questions are not recorded, according to the Web site.

Upon completion of the training and the test, which takes approximately one hour, users have the option of providing the information for receipt of a certificate of completion.

To access the training program, visit www.mtsu.edu/%7Eeoaa/ and click on "online training." ♦

President: MT benefits from NEH

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Congress created the NEH in 1965. It is an independent agency of the U.S. government that supports humanities programs, education and research. NEH grants support museums, colleges, universities, public television and radio stations across the nation.

According to the NEH Web site, "The National Endowment

for the Humanities helps Americans develop wisdom and vision through the study and contemplation of the record of human thought. The study of history, literature, languages, philosophy and other humanities subjects help us not only to better understand our own nation, but other cultures as well."

MTSU benefits from NEH grants that support the Center

for Historic Preservation. The CHP defines itself as a research and public service institution committed to the preservation, protection, enhancement, and promotion of our historic environment."

For additional information on the NEH or the CHP, visit their Web sites at www.neh.gov/ and www.mtsu.edu/~histpres/ respectively. ♦

Carvin' for charity



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Zeta Tau Alpha member Sarah York, right, buys hot chocolate from Alpha Chi Omega members Lindsey Poole and Tisha Brooks at their Pumpkin Carving fundraiser Wednesday. Proceeds went to Murfreesboro's Domestic Violence Shelter.

Nontraditional: Services for OWLS offered in student center

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Offering encouragement is just one of the services provided by MTSU's Adult Services Center. Open earlier and closing later than any other office on campus – office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday – the center is a welcome place for adult learners to congregate. There, nontraditional students can take advantage of a mini kitchen, small computer lab and lounging area.

In addition to these amenities, the center provides scheduling books, catalogs, parking permits, financial aid forms and drop/add forms.

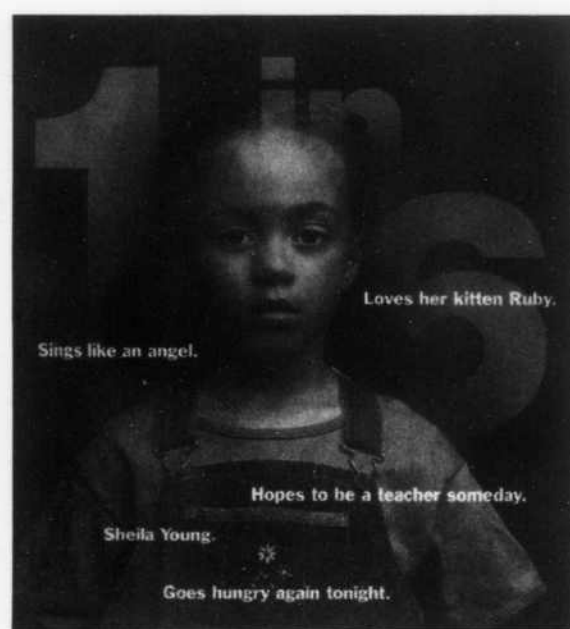
"The people (at the center) are quite knowledgeable and they can really help you," said Ramon Franco, a military retiree and senior language major and business administration minor. "If they don't have the answers they'll help you find them."

The Adult Services Center also sponsors OWLS – Older, Wiser Learners – a service, sup-

port, social and advocacy group for adult learners. Each year OWLS grants 14 scholarships to adult MTSU students.

Located in Keathley University Center, Room 320, the center will be having an open house each day this week. Wednesday, they'll hold an information celebration in front of the Phillips bookstore.

Carol Ann Bailey, the center's director, invites all interested students, faculty and staff to come by and learn more about the center and about nontraditional students. ♦



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From the Editorial Board Consider campus growth before construction starts

Office space on this campus is hot real estate. Currently, there are several closets in Peck Hall that are being converted to office areas for professors and staff members who've been hired recently or ousted within the past year.

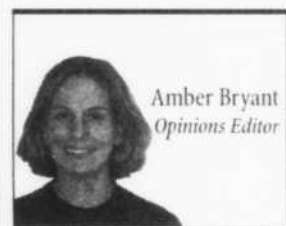
It seems as if every college within the university has had to haggle and bargain to maintain office spaces for its professors and staffs, but the spaces just keep disappearing as enrollment grows and more faculty and staff are needed.

One look inside the Bragg Mass Communication Building and the Wiser-Patten Science Hall will reveal that office spaces distributed throughout campus are not equitable. Some offices in newer buildings are plush and roomy, while makeshift closet offices aren't fit for anything resembling work. This happens because it's only practical that newer buildings will contain nicer, larger spaces. Also, the university's more popular programs will receive those spaces because of the way funding works.

More than anything, poor planning has gotten MTSU in an office predicament that officials must scramble to get out of. To achieve more office spaces, more funding is needed, which only comes with more students and a more understanding state government. It's a vicious cycle that everyone is paying for.

Perhaps the moral of the story is that university officials should take a cue from the construction mistakes of the past and, when planning for new buildings and campus expansion, keep in mind that MTSU will keep growing for years to come and that means expanded accommodations will be necessary. When taking on new building projects, university officials should not cut corners, but instead construct plenty of office and classroom space to accommodate students, faculty and administrations to come. ♦

From the Opinions Editor 'Radical psychotic' label too binding for my liking



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

In the past month, letters to the editor charging *Sidelines* of being outwardly liberal have been a growing trend. We've been called everything from "a liberal satellite of *The Tennessean*" to "radical psychotics."

Letters addressed specifically to me have been just as accusing – I recently received 3,000 borderline derogatory words on why no one should ever have to read my opinion again. Fortunately, my hardened psyche and, ultimately, my paycheck always make it better.

Just as I was pondering the subject at hand, the assistant news editor mused that I should adopt "Crazy Conservative Mondays" and "Loony Liberal Thursdays," so that readers could pick up the

paper exclusively on days that corresponded to their beliefs. I argued (and rightly so) that such a schedule would undermine the purpose of the opinions section, which is to offer a fair balance – serious and entertaining, as well as leftist and rightist – of reader and staff opinions in each publication. The days are often lopsided, but the equality exists.

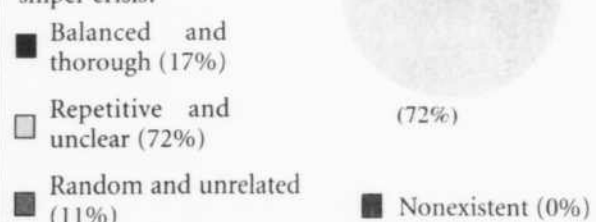
To divide our staff into conservative and liberal groups would first be a chore – most of us, myself proudly included, make political and philosophical decisions based on individual situations.

Secondly, and most importantly, such divisions place personal constraints where it doesn't belong. This holds true for readers, too.

As college students, we have (hopefully) at least 50 years ahead to learn, experience and change our minds. When you read the opinions section, keep an open mind. Feedback is great, but leave generalizations to the politicians. ♦

Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "How would you describe the media coverage of the Washington, D.C., sniper crisis?"



Visit www.mtsusidelines.com to answer this week's poll question, "Do you support the implementation of a state lottery?"

Cell phones end of simplicity



I'm Just a Girl

Wendy Caldwell
Staff Columnist

If you hear Beethoven on the way to class, chances are it's just someone getting a call.

Doesn't anyone's cell phone just ring anymore?

Cell phones are becoming just as trendy as they are practical.

Back in the day, you were cool if you just had a cell phone. Now it has to be small and come with lots of useless features and a Spiderman faceplate.

I admit I'm guilty of the cell phone trends. When I got my phone, I just said that I wanted something "small and cute."

And my phone is small and cute. It also has games, a calculator and infrared. I'm not sure what the infrared is for, and I have no clue how it works, but I sure feel nice and technological now that I have it.

At least I haven't fallen into the classical music trap. I'd rather not hear a high-pitched, earsplitting version of "Für Elise" every time my mother wants to talk to me. Instead I opted for a catchy little ditty called "Groovy Blue," which vaguely resembles Z.Z. Top's "La Grange."

It's horribly annoying, but at least I know it's my phone that's ringing.

The cell phone madness doesn't stop at rings, though.

My favorite instance is when people pretend to talk on their cell phones – and then they get a call.

They have to play it off like they just got disconnected. It's very amusing.

I guarantee if you browse the malls long enough this Christmas, you'll see it for yourself.

I've found that I've become a slave to my cell phone.

I always have it with me, and it's always on – even when I'm sleeping. In class, I put it on silent, but I anxiously await seeing if I have any missed calls.

Are we so desperate for human contact that we make ourselves available at anyone's beck and call?

Whatever happened to just talking to people in person?

Is eye contact so unbearable that we'd rather carry cute little phones around all the time hoping that someone will want to talk to us and

knowing that, if they do, we don't have to look at them?

I have no doubt that cell phones are already out of hand, and it's just going to get worse. I fear it won't be long until your phone can do just about anything an underpaid assistant can: recognize your voice and read you your mail. I'm sure pretty soon they'll come with screens displaying little cups of coffee.

I know it's been said before, but seriously: it's time to hang up and drive.

Don't jeopardize your life or mine because you can't wait to tell your best friend's cousin's neighbor about your new outfit or your latest gripe about the opposite sex.

I've found that while many people screen their cell phone calls, they never seem to do this while dri-

ving. It's time we got back to simpler times, when phones just rang and didn't belong in cars.

We should go back to the days when, if someone a message and they called you back. You didn't have to page them, call their cell phone and then page them again. We should rediscover the days when classes weren't interrupted by someone's cell phone ringing vibrating across the desk.

Of course, if any of you happen to see me talking on my cell phone on the way to class, you'll just have to ponder that on your own. ♦

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Don't punish Bush for economic woes



American Bacon

Patrick Chinnery
Assistant
News Editor

It's your fault that the economy is slumping right now.

You don't spend enough. If everyone was to spend a couple hundred dollars more a month, this whole big mess might turn right around. Same goes for stocks. If you and people like you decided to start buying again, instead of trying to dump your assets off and make a quick buck back, the market would begin to rise.

So, it's all your fault. Is that argument a little far fetched? Do you think that you, one person, would make that big of a difference? Then stop blaming the president for the economic slump we're in now. He, too, is just one man.

Yes, he is a man who has a couple more tools at his disposal than you do. But those tools are limited in what they can do.

His budget must be approved by both houses of Congress. That means that there are 536 elected officials in charge of the nation's finances, and 535

of them don't live in the White House.

Taxation, part of the budget process, can affect the economy, and when taxes are reduced, there's more money to be spent in the economy. Bush helped get the tax reduction passed (because of which, we financially struggling students need only pay 10 percent of our earnings to the government), and the positive results of that will show themselves in the long term.

The Federal Reserve Board, chaired by Alan Greenspan, is the group that sets the rates that interest rates for credit cards, mortgages and loans are based on. This board is independent of the president.

The only force that the president has that remains unchecked is the power of words, and Bush has been making all the right moves here. Avoiding talking about the negative aspects of the current economy and focusing on the positive signs is a winning game plan. It's not his fault that you, the consumer, refuses to listen and be cheered.

Most of these actions are only effective in the short term. Furthermore, their point is not to control the economy, but to manipulate it for a gain.

Principles of macroeconomics will teach you that the economy moves in cycles, and that there's nothing to be feared about this. Since the Great Depression, the economy has averaged four to six years of growth, followed by a year or two of depression. America has been spoiled, until recently, with the success of its enterprises. Look at it as a gift, icing on the cake, that things went so well for as long as they did.

Bush has as little to do with the current economic situation as President Clinton had to do with the roaring late 1990s. The only difference is that one of them is in the wrong place at the wrong time and the other one lucked out.

It's important not to make rash judgments about the economy, especially in the voting booth tomorrow. Instead of worrying about the here and now, you must have foresight, and think of the boom that will come in its due course. There's no need to "punish" the president at the polls because of the economy. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

Facelift should include lower prices

To the Editor:

I'm disturbed about the food services provided for the "captive" audience here on campus. My main concern is, with the rising cost of tuition, living expenses, etc., why do the Keathley University Center and other facilities on campus charge such outrageous prices? College students have little money to spare and, to compound this financial stress, the providers of our eateries on campus have undergone a so-called facelift and redesign. Yes, there has been a little change, but for the worse. All they have done is increase the prices. Aren't monopolies considered illegal? Point in case: paying over \$1 per cup of coffee.

In addition, the new staff they have hired is rather discourteous and not very helpful at times. They need to have complaint and praise forms available for student comments at each register and various locations throughout their facilities.

John R. Anderson

WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines'
occasional
watch for
mutton-heads.



Football is a fun sport – exciting to watch, thrilling to play. But within our beloved country, there is a collection of schmucks who have dedicated their lives to destroying the game.

The cretins to whom we are referring are a group collectively known as the NFL administration.

This people, who wouldn't understand individuality if it tangoed during a waltz, continually make the league a more boring place to play.

A few years back, the party poopers ended end zone celebrations. We guess they'd rather keep people in the seats than capitalizing on the newest "icky shuffle."

More recently, we're been forced to witness a crackdown on what can and cannot be worn on the field.

Last season, there was the conflict over doo-rags – you know, bandanas worn over the head and under the helmet. The No Fun League officials said, "Take them off," and threw a large fine at anyone that didn't comply.

At the beginning of the season, new Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Tice was told he would not be allowed to wear a jacket and tie while coaching, because the official clothing sponsor of the NFL wanted all coaches to be seen wearing its apparel.

Heaven forbid we should allow someone to

bring his own style out onto the field. We wouldn't want any of the sheep thinking they can separate from the fold, now can we?

A couple of weeks ago, a Titans player was fined for wearing a towel that was too long. The illegal rag went past mid-thigh. Gotta watch out for those towels. They might lead to a socio-economic revolution.

The latest examples of tomfoolery coming out of headquarters affect players from the Atlanta Falcons. Last week, Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was fined \$5,000 for rolling his white socks down, and exposing red ones from his ankle to his knee. The infallible and omnipotent NFL had decreed that the exterior sock must be white down to mid-lower leg.

Then, the league fined wide receiver Shawn Jefferson for wearing white tape over black shoes instead of wearing white shoes.

The league needs to realize that it isn't the clothes that fans come to see. If the league has a clothing deal requiring a logo, fine. But limiting players' socks, shoes and under-helmet gear does nothing but distract from the game. ♦

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On her way

Student writing with Nashville songwriters

By Jarret Rice
Contributor

For singer/songwriter Erin Enderlin, it only took two years before she had two major publishing companies and an artist development representative embracing her after her move to Nashville.

She's 20 years old and already has monthly meetings with Chris Oglesby at BMG publishing and Scott Gunter at Almo/Irving publishing.

"I wish I wrote that," says Reese Faw, artist development representative for Hamstein Productions (Travis Tritt, Roxie Dean). "I want you to meet my boss."

Enderlin is a calm, collected rationalist with an active spirit and soul that speaks through her lyrics and her voice, which has been described as a cross between Melissa Etheridge and Reba McEntire.

Since her arrival in Nashville, she has dazzled and provoked emotions of the patrons at places such as the world-famous Bluebird Café and the French Quarter in Louisiana. She first caught the attention of BMG and Almo/Irving playing in a showcase at the Hall of Fame Lounge.

She soon began writing with two of Nashville's most recognized songwriters, Rick and Janis Carnes, who are known for hits such as "When It All Goes South" for Alabama and "Longneck Bottle" for Garth Brooks.

Today, Enderlin has approximately 160 songs to her credit, all of which are managed through her own company, Blue Slate Publishing, which began with childhood visits to her grandparents' house, where she was first introduced to country music.

Erin began writing songs at age 10 in her hometown of Conway, Ark., just outside of Little Rock. When Erin witnessed Reba McEntire's and Tina Turner's stage performances, she was infec-

tiously influenced to perform in addition to writing. At 16, she performed solo in front of her first crowd, 700 strong.

"Getting the feedback from the audience when you're up there – it's a rush," Enderlin says. "I think it definitely is addictive to be on stage, at least for me. A stage performance is a way for me to just let loose."

Enderlin let loose playing the singer/songwriter circuit around Little Rock and subsequently, her name started to pop up in the papers, including the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* in Little Rock.

"People will shake their heads in amazement when they hear the talent of Erin Enderlin," said Gary Roberts, manager of the Advents Arts and Acoustics Café, in the *Log Cabin Democrat*.

Erin finished high school and moved to Nashville to escalate her music career and acquire a four-year degree in the recording industry from MTSU.

She has actively donated her time to causes dear to her heart since high school, when she volunteered time with at-risk teens. Lately, she has performed at a benefit show at the Advents Arts and Acoustics Café back home for a local shelter that cares for battered women and children. On the MTSU campus, she performed at a Breast Cancer Awareness show.

All this compassion and she has never kept a diary.

Instead, her experiences are documented metaphorically in her music. She often writes about feelings that require vivid imagery to properly bring the subject matter to the emotional level it demands.

From break-ups to death and from severed relationships to suicide, "Erin takes risk in her music," Faw says.

"I don't write downer songs because I want to bring people down," Enderlin explains. "I write



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Recording industry management major Erin Enderlin has written 160 songs, all of which are managed through her own company, Blue Slate Publishing. Enderlin, 20, currently meets with BMG and Almo/Irving.

those songs because I want to be able to connect with people who have lost somebody or have gone through a hard time, so they can feel like they're not alone.

"To me, suicide is a very real issue. It should be out in the open so people are encouraged to talk about it and let those feelings out."

Enderlin's song, "In My Blood," is a story told from the spirit of a girl who lost a loved one and could not stand to live with the memories. It's explicit for country, but Erin knows there are people out there who have felt pushed to that extreme or known people who actually took their lives.

Another sensitive song, "Monday Morning Church," is told by a heartbroken woman whose

husband has passed. This song will choke up a room simply because it demands that you understand this woman's loss and her anger with God for letting it happen.

Enderlin is also an advocate of keeping things in perspective. She's seen many people sacrifice what's important to them without thinking about it. "Should Have Been Lovin' You" is a hindsight recollection of someone who worked so much to get it all, that she forgot to love the most important person in her life – her husband.

"A balance between career and personal relationships – don't let it happen," she says. "Decide what's important in your life and make time for it." ♦

Commissioning leaders for the future

By LaKisha Newby
Staff Writer

Enlisting in the military doesn't mean wearing the same uniform everyday; it simply helps to develop the individual and paves the way for a meaningful career and future.

"MTSU ROTC exists to successfully commission leaders for the United States Army, Army Reserves and National Guard," said second Lt. Tom Kyne, as he explained the differences between the enlisted and officer ranks and the ROTC program altogether.

"Our main focus is developing leadership skills through exposure to interactive personal and group experiences."

Although the enlisted ranks and officer ranks differ widely, their relationships are extremely dependent upon one another. Officers are responsible for developing the planning of operations, tasks and events and then supervising the execution of each; their duty also includes the development of welfare and needs of the enlisted. Such responsibilities fall on the enlisted soldiers as well as junior officers.

Enrolling in the ROTC program is just like registering for any other academic class on campus. Elective courses and activities are offered on campus for any student's participation within the first two years. ROTC can also be taken as a minor along with any major offered at MTSU.

There's an advanced course program for juniors, seniors and graduate students if they wish to contract in the program to become an officer.

"Contracted cadets wear uniforms on days they have classes, which usually are Tuesdays and Thursdays," Kyne said.

"It's part of their development. Cadets need to learn how to wear the uniform properly, take care of their uniforms and it allows them to display achievements and awards they've received and Army school they've graduated from."

Not only are cadets honored with awards to show accomplishments, but they are also awarded scholarships.

Scholarships are offered to those who qualify and are available for commissioning into the Active Army, Army Reserves and National Guard.

"We seek scholars, athletes and persons with leadership abilities," Kyne said.

There are currently 240 students enrolled in the MTSU program, which is ranked 14th out of more than 270 universities. Although scholarships help students to pay for school, other financial aids are beneficial just as well.

Students get paid to attend summer ROTC programs, as well as receive credit. Students also have the luxury of traveling abroad. Kyne said cadets traveling to/from or attending National Advance Leadership Camps while on orders for NALC are covered by the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. Transportation, room and board are also covered.

Summer programs are funded through the Army and competitive slots for students are given to all the ROTC programs across the nation for the Army schools.

Students tackle challenges at NALC, Northern Survival School and Leadership Training Course, traveling all across the country.

Although LTC is open to most students qualifying as advance sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students with two years left to graduate and NALC is a camp for junior and senior cadets, 33 students were able to participate in the summer programs.

At such programs, the cadets are evaluated on their leadership skills and abilities through the use of troop leading procedures and infantry tactics.

MTSU offers summer ROTC programs in which students may receive credit.

"We offer the Leadership Training Course at Fort Knox, Ky.," Kyne said. "This course is

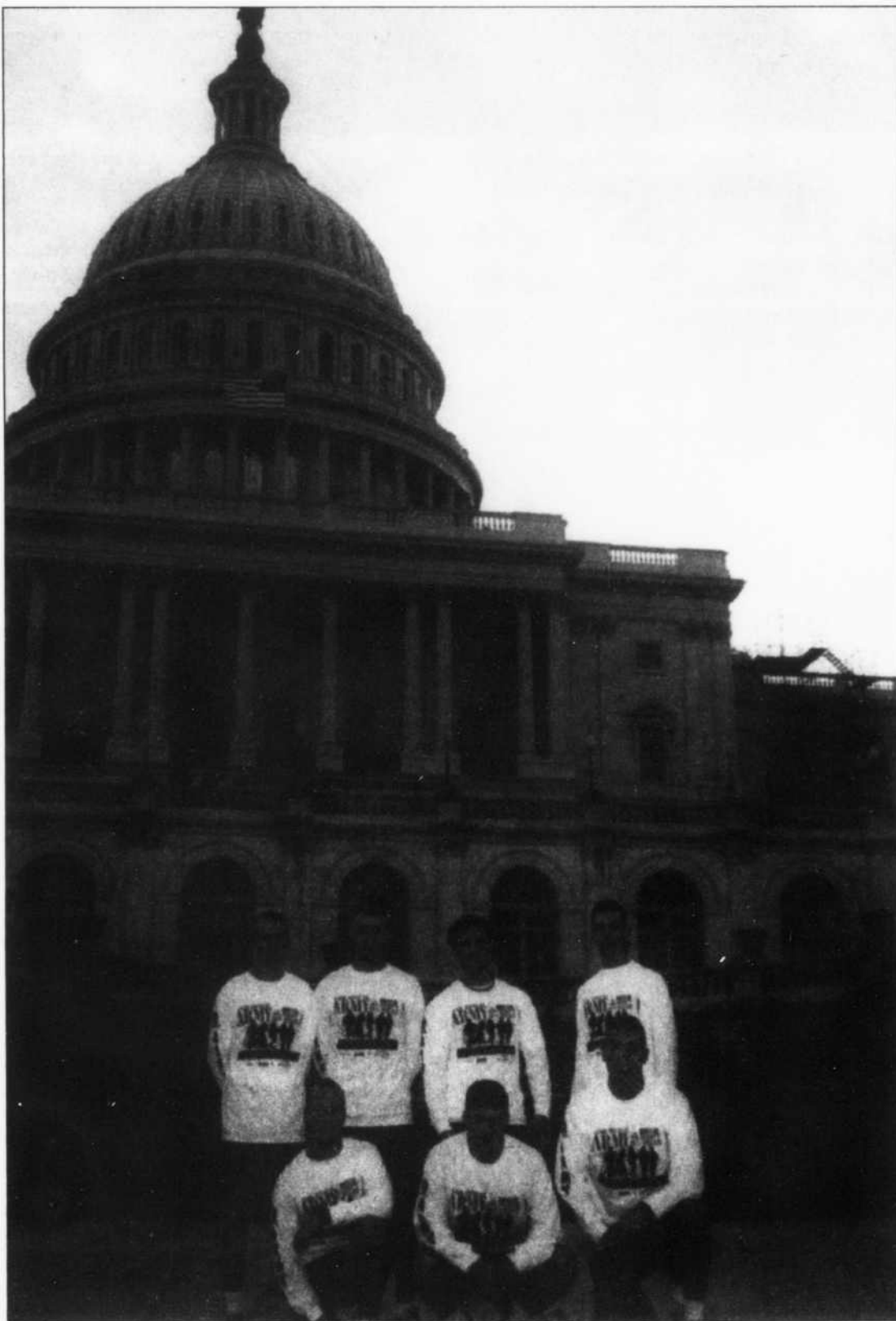


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MTSU's ROTC program offers travel experiences for interested students.

available as a summer substitute to the first two years of ROTC."

Students in the ROTC program are able to attend school full-time while developing as officers.

After graduation, cadets are not required to enlist into the Army, but rather they are commissioned as officers by the president of the United States.

"Prior to being commis-

sioned, cadets are assessed a branch in the military such as Aviation, Medical Services, Military Intelligence, Infantry, Transportation and so forth," Kyne said. ♦

Weekend fun on a budget

By Tiffany Brown
Staff Writer

If you spend your Saturdays sleeping until noon, and spend the rest of the day on the couch watching cartoons, then you're missing some of the great things Middle Tennessee has to offer.

Whether you are in Murfreesboro, Nashville or one of the surrounding areas, there is always fun stuff going on during the weekend – you just have to know where to look.

Pick a nice, sunny Saturday and head out to the Go USA Funpark in Murfreesboro, located on Armory Drive, next to I-24. You can play miniature golf, race go-carts, play arcade games and even use the putting range. It is fairly inexpensive, and you don't have to travel too far to get there.

Afterward, enjoy lunch at one of Murfreesboro's great and plentiful restaurants. Toots and La Sesta are always fun places to go, and fairly inexpensive.

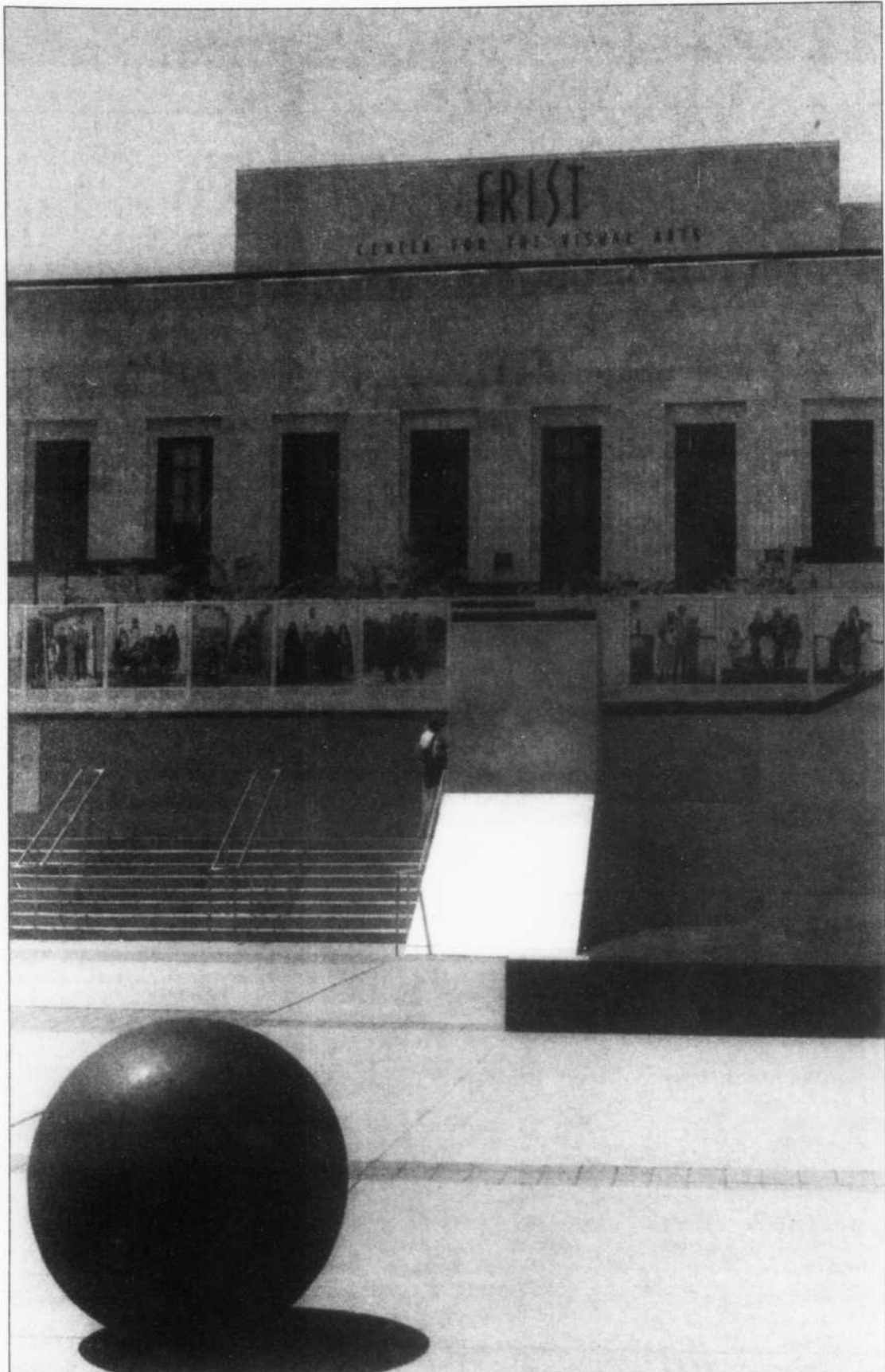
If you are looking for something new and exciting, try some sushi at Sushin, on North Thompson Lane. Or maybe try some fondue. Emilea's Cabin on River Rock Boulevard offers the fondue experience at much less than some other fondue restaurants. The cost averages from \$7 to \$25 per person, so maybe try it as a light meal or snack.

Nobody can resist a good game of bowling, so head out to the Strike and Spare Bowling Alley on Broad Street. Daytime bowling is always inexpensive, so grab a group of friends and head to the lanes.

If you prefer moonlight bowling with the black lights and music, wait until nighttime to make your bowling alley venture. Whether you live in Murfreesboro or not, there is always a bowling alley within a short drive, so dust off your

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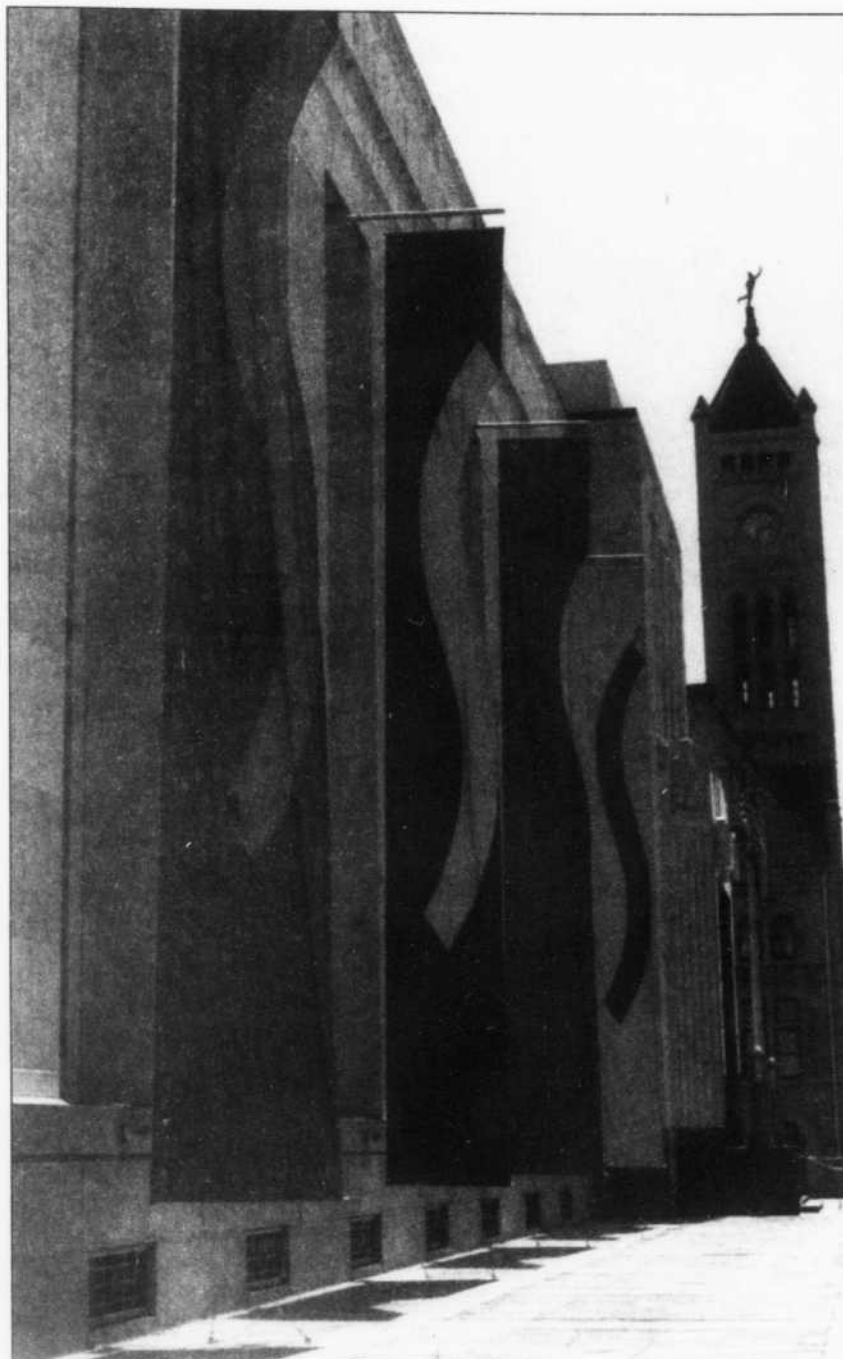
Downtown Nashville has many restaurants. If you plan a good, cheap daytime activity, you will have a little more money to go eat out. There are tons of things to do in Nashville, many of which are either free or really cheap. Take a trip to the Cumberland Science Museum, which costs only \$7.95 for adults. Or get a

dose of culture by visiting the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. Admission is only \$4.50 for students, and anyone younger than 18 is admitted free.

The Country Music Hall of Fame is a little pricier, at \$14.95 for adults, but for country music buffs, no price is too high. The Tennessee State Museum is great for history buffs or anyone just wanting to learn some Tennessee History. The best part is that admission

is free.

Check out The Nashville Toy Museum and Train Store, located on McGavock Pike. Admission is only \$1.75 for adults. The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere on Nolensville Road always has something new and exciting to do. Go check out the new Merekat exhibit, or the clouded leopard cubs in the nursery. Admission is only \$6 for adults, and parking is \$2 per car.



Agriculture students and cooking buffs alike should check out the Metro Farmers Market on Eighth Avenue. Admission is free and you can buy your own fresh ingredients to make yourself dinner.

For those looking to get in touch with nature, particularly during this beautiful time of year, you will want to check out all of Middle Tennessee's parks and recreation areas. A great thing to do on a Saturday is to plan a trip to a park, pack yourself a picnic and spend the day bicycling, hiking, reading or playing Frisbee with your significant other, or even a friend or pet.

Centennial Park in Nashville is always a good place to go. And if you get bored with nature, you can go check out the Parthenon, Nashville's replica of the Parthenon in Greece.

Admission is only \$3.50, and you will leave with some great photographs.

If Greek gods are not quite your speed, then perhaps you will want to go somewhere a little more reserved. Edwin and Percy Warner Parks on Vaughn Road in Nashville are beautiful this time of year.

Admission is free so you can spend your day relaxing surrounded by colorful fall foliage. The Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art is also located in Nashville. Admission for students is only \$5 and \$10 for adults. Perhaps you will want to visit Radnor Lake State Natural Area. The price is only \$3 per car. So grab some friends and go check it out.

If bonding with nature is still a bit too dull for you, then you should check out some of the

shopping areas around Nashville.

Head to the I-Max Theater and Opry Mills, and spend a day watching larger-than-life movies and wandering through the massive mall. With Christmas right around the corner, the Gaylord folks always sponsor lots of Christmas events, such as the Fantasy in Ice sculpture presentation, so get on the Internet or call for details.

Your best resource for finding cheap weekend fun will be the computer. And if you are looking for things to do in Murfreesboro or some other city, grab a phone book, and start searching. Whatever you do, get out and experience some of the fun and often inexpensive activities that Middle Tennessee has to offer. ♦

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The Frist Center for the Arts in Nashville is one of many local locations that entertain and inspire for less money than you'd think. Other locations around the area that hold entertainment promise include The Country Music Hall of Fame and the Nashville Toy Museum.

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Monday, November 4, 2002

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Aggies extend winning streak with win over Blue Raiders

By David Hunter
Staff Reporter

The Blue Raiders lost by three points for the second consecutive game Saturday against New Mexico State, 24-21.

With the loss, MT fell to 2-7, 1-3 in the Sun Belt conference. On the other hand, the Aggies extended their winning streak to five, which kept them on top of the Sun Belt standings with a 6-3, 4-0 record. The last time the Aggies had a five-game winning streak was in 1960. That season was also the last time NMSU played in a bowl game.

"We had some kids come out and battle their tails off tonight, especially with ReShard Lee," said MT head coach Andy McCollum. "I haven't seen many performances like that in my time. He really came out and

accepted the challenge, and our guys really came out and fought hard."

After both teams were unable to score during the first quarter, NMSU got on the board first in the second quarter. New MT starting quarterback Andre Green threw an interception to Jimmy Cottrell at the MT 27 with 12:24 left in the half. Six plays later, NMSU kicker Dario Ageing nailed a 29-yard field goal to give the Aggies a 3-0 lead with 9:58 remaining in the first half.

On MT's next possession, the Blue Raiders drove the ball all the way to the Aggie 40. However, MT was called for a five yard illegal participation penalty that put them at the NMSU 45. MT punter Robert Billings punted the ball into the end zone for an Aggie touchback. Two plays later NMSU quarterback Paul

Dombrowski hit H.B. Briscoe for a 74-yard touchdown with 4:01 left in the second quarter. The teams went into halftime with the Aggies leading 10-0.

MT made a quarterback change in the second half, going with running back ReShard Lee. The Blue Raiders responded with 14 in the third quarter. In the first half, MT only had 57 yards total offense. However, with Lee controlling the offense, the Blue Raiders were able to find the end zone in two straight possessions to begin the second half.

On the first MT possession, the offense used a rushing attack to drive the ball for their first score of the game. It included a 49-yard run by running back Dwone Hicks to the NMSU 13. On the next play, Lee ran it in from 13 yards to put the Blue Raiders on the scoreboard down

14-7 with 11:34 left in the third quarter.

After the Aggies were called for holding during their second possession of the half, they only drove the ball to their 37 yard line. They punted the ball back to the Blue Raiders at the MT 30. The Blue Raiders used another rushing-only drive for 10 plays and 70 yards.

Lee had runs for 25, 17 and 14 yards during the possession. Hicks ended the drive by scoring from 3 yards out to give the Blue Raiders a 14-10 lead with 3:39 left in the third quarter. However, the Aggies started an 11-play, 80-yard drive that started in the third quarter, and continued into the fourth quarter that put the Aggies ahead for good. That drive included a

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Brandon Lynch takes out an Aggie during MT's loss.

MT's Mean Machine set for tourney

By David Knies
Staff Writer

After taking last week off, the Mean Machine will be back on the field going for another Middle Tennessee Intramural Championship today.

Another victory in the flag football playoffs would give them their fourth straight title.

Middle Tennessee's champion flag football team continued its dominating play last weekend winning the TIRSA Flag Football Shootout here at Murfreesboro.

The Mean Machine defeated the University of Georgia's Rat Pack in the championship game on Sunday by a score of 45-33. The Mean Machine got revenge in this game against the Rat Pack, who handed the team one of its only two losses last season in this very tournament.

"We have been very fortunate to get support from the MTSU Campus Recreation Department to assist us in traveling and competing in these events," said Warren Isenhour, Mean Machine captain. "By competing we have brought attention to MT and its commitment to students."

The team made it to the finals with ease, winning their first five contests by a combined score of 214-33. These victories came against schools from Tennessee Tech, ETSU, David Lipscomb and Arkansas-Monticello.

For their outstanding play over the weekend, Kyle Weatherly, Chris Hughes, and Carlis Shakefield received all-tournament team honors.

The Mean Machine improved its record to a perfect 20-0 with the victories this weekend. This record includes a perfect record in intramural games at MT this year and another championship in the Ohio State Regional Tournament.

Last year, the Mean Machine was the top-ranked flag football team in the nation for the majority of the season with

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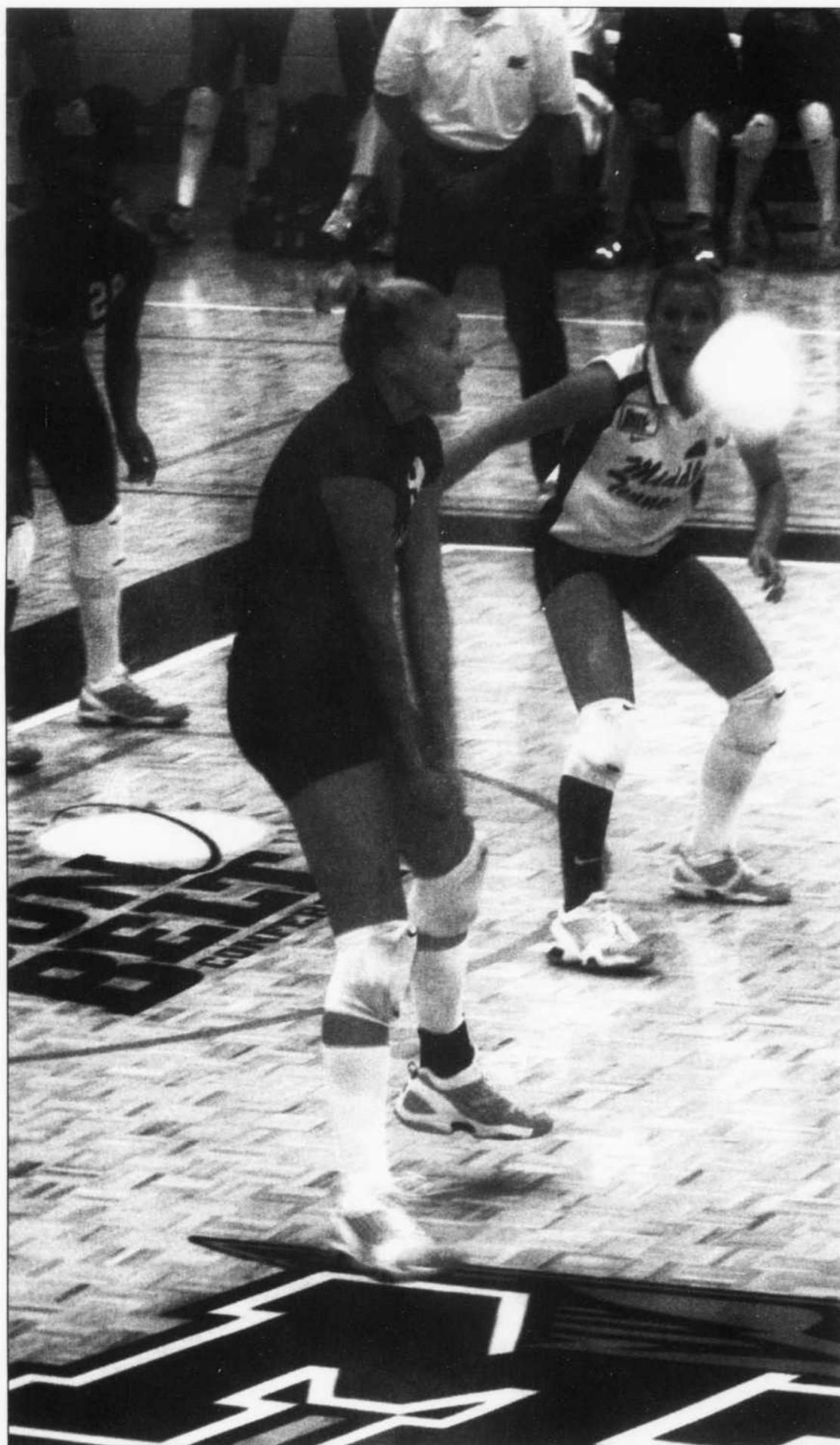


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No. 9 Katie Thiesen grits her teeth after going up for the set at last Monday's win over Florida International University. The Lady Panthers won the first game of the match.

Volleyball team defeats former Sun Belt champs

By Amy Jones
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team's seniors played their final home game Saturday night and took a 3-1 victory over Florida International University.

The Golden Panthers, who are the defending 2001 Sun Belt Conference champions, took the first game 30-7, but went down three straight to the Lady Raiders, 30-25, 30-26, 30-22.

"In game one, it was strange," said MT head coach Lisa Kisee. "There wasn't one player out there that played well. What was good about tonight is that in games two, three and four, we have not competed that intensely this season for point for point, and they had to because FIU is such an in-your-face kind of team."

The Lady Raiders' statistics show their increase in intensity after game one of the series. MT's hitting percentage rose from a .241 to a .464 in game two, .424 in game three and a .302 in game four.

"Every match from here on out is going to be like that," Kisee said. "There are four teams on the bubble and one is not going to get to go to the SBC tournament which FIU is hosting. Everyone is fighting not to be that one."

"That is why FIU played so intensely against Western Kentucky last night and us tonight. They don't want to be the one because they are hosting it," she said.

Sophomore KeKe Deckard led the night for the Lady Raiders with her 17th double-double of the season. Deckard had 19 kills and 11 digs in the match, while teammate senior setter Kelly Quinn had 30 assists on the night.

Junior Karisse Baker added to the victory with three serving aces in the match.

FIU was forced to play another match Saturday night without their go-to player. Nirvana Kos, an opposite hitter, announced Oct. 15 that she would be out for the rest of her senior season with a degenerative disc problem in her back.

"This team has to move on," said FIU head coach Cookie Stevens. "We've been through adversity before and this team will prevail."

Kos was the 2001 SBC tournament MVP. Over her career at FIU, Kos picked up 1,283 kills and set a record for the Golden Panthers.

Playing their final games in front of the Murfreesboro hometown crowd were Erin Hillstrom, Jennifer Hignite, Katie Thiesen and Kelly Quinn. All four Lady Raider seniors started in the four games of the series against FIU.

The seniors and the rest of the Lady Raider squad will begin an SBC four-game road trip Wednesday against Arkansas State University that will end Nov. 15 at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. MT will then find out its role in the SBC tournament, which will be held at FIU in Miami, Fla. ♦

Fan Jam first in events in anticipation of 2002-2003 basketball season



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The Blue Raider men's basketball teams is introduced at last week's Fan Jam, held in Murphy Center.

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Reporter

Blue Raider fans got to meet this year's men's and women's basketball teams for the first time Tuesday night at Murphy Center.

Fan Jam was kicked off by an introduction of the players, followed by the coach's analysis on the thoughts for the upcoming year. This was followed by a series of skills competitions by both players and fans.

"We really wanted to give the fan jam a fresh look and do some things that will give us more student fan involvement," said MT marketing and promotions director Chip Walters.

The event featured a slam-dunk contest, a three-point

contest and hotshot.

Three fraternities and three sororities participated in the event as well.

The sororities were Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi and Chi Omega. The fraternities were Kappa Sigma, Kappa Alpha Psi and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Both coaches seem to be excited about the season.

"During the time we have been practicing, we haven't been able to scrimmage more than nine players at a time because of injuries," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said during her player introductions. "Fortunately, there is one guy who has been able to scrimmage with us and

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Photo by Chris Nichols | Staff Photographer

Mia Parvianen goes up at the three-point competition during the event, which kicked off basketball season.

Blue Raiders gear up to take on the Sun Belt Conference

By **Erich Heinlein**
Staff Reporter

Capitalizing on opportunities will be the key to success for the Lady Raiders when they play in the Sun Belt Conference tournament this week.

"The difference between this year and last year is that this year we have had more opportunities and this year we just couldn't capitalize on them," said Lady Raider head coach Aston Rhoden.

However, Lady Raider forward Danielle LaDuke had another theory about the tournament.

"We won't get many opportunities (to score) and we are just going to have to capitalize on them," LaDuke said. "Whenever you play a tough team you can't expect to get many opportunities and you have to capitalize on what you get."

The Lady Raiders are coming

into the tournament ranked seventh out of eight teams.

However, Rhoden sees the silver lining by looking at how much time they have before playing the No. 1 seed – the University of Denver.

"In a way, being ranked seven is a good thing because we don't have to play Denver until we get to the semifinals or finals of the tournament, and they are undefeated in our conference," Rhoden said. "It also gives us the sense that we are on the rise."

Denver, the No. 1 seed in the tournament, is currently ranked 19 in the Associated Press top 25 polls. The Blue Raiders lost to Denver, 0-6, earlier in the season.

If the Lady Raiders win their first game against the University of North Texas, they will play against the winner of the match between the University of South Alabama and Florida International University.

Rhoden seems to be excited about the second game, should they win the first.

"We match up with South Alabama and Florida International, although we didn't beat either team during the year," Rhoden said.

"Everybody will probably be tired after that game and hopefully we will be less tired."

The Lady Raiders open the tournament against UNT.

One of the lone stars for North Texas is Marilyn Marin, who finished the year leading the nation in goals.

"She has excellent skills and she is very clever," Rhoden said about Marin.

Lady Raider Goalie Emily Shrum said she thinks that containing Marin could be the winning factor in beating North Texas.

The Lady Raiders play their first game in the tournament Wednesday in Mobile, Ala. ♦



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Laura Miguez and a player for the University of Louisiana-Lafayette slide and collide.



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New Mexico: Lee's TDs keep MT in game

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32-yard run by Walter Taylor to the MT 34. The next play, Dombrowski found P.J. Dombrowski for 14 yards to the MT 20.

The Aggies had a first and goal at the MT 9, but Dombrowski gained nothing and missed on a pass. On third and goal he threw another incompleteness to Winston in the end zone. However, they received a first down when MT defensive back Tony Sutton was called for pass interference on that play. The Aggies got the ball at the MT 2. The next play, Dombrowski pitched the ball to Taylor on the right side. Taylor took it into the end zone to give the lead back to the Aggie 17-14 with 14:45 left in the game.

The Blue Raiders ran the ball all the way to the NMSU 22, including runs of 36 yards by running back Don Calloway and 24 by Hicks. MT tried to get

a first down on a fourth and two, but Lee was stopped one yard short of the first down at the Aggie 22 with 11 minutes left in the game. The next possession for the Aggies took 18 plays 67 yards for 7:02. However, holder and punter Brian Copple was stopped at the MT 11 with four minutes left in the game.

The Blue Raiders took over, but Tim Patrick forced Hicks to fumble the ball at the MT 11.

"Basically, I didn't do a good job controlling the football, and, being a running back, that is the first thing that I'm supposed to worry about," Hicks said.

Robert Canidate recovered the ball with 3:50 to go in the contest. Three plays later, Dombrowski scored from a yard out to extend the NMSU led to 24-14 with 2:45 left. Lee answered back with a 12-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 24-21 with 1:08 remaining.

NMSU took control of a MT outside kick, and they ran out the clock to end the game.

MT only threw the ball six times in the game, completing three of them. Hicks ran the ball for 120 yards and a touchdown, while Lee included 116 yards rushing and two scores.

"Our offensive did a great job and I'm proud of them," Lee said. "Our offensive line was determined, and we decided to run the football instead of pass it."

Dombrowski led the Aggies with 112 yards with a rushing touchdown. He was 13-22 for 154 yards and a touchdown.

"Their quarterback (Dombrowski) has tremendous heart, and really established a lot tonight," said MT linebacker Randy Arnold.

The Blue Raiders have the week off before hosting UL-Monroe Nov. 16. ♦

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Paula Penttila

Origin: Lahti, Finland
DOB: June 14, 1979
Height: "5 9"
Classification: Microbiology/senior

Season /Career Highs:

Points: 20, vs. Florida International (2/3/01)
Rebounds: 6 vs. UNC-Greensboro (12/21/00)
3 Point Attempts: 10, vs. UNC (12/21/00)
Free Throws: 7, at UAB (11/28/00)
 2000-01: 12, at UAB (11/28/00)
Assists: 8, vs. New Orleans (1/27/01)
Steals: 6, vs. Tennessee State (11/17/01)
Minutes Played: 39, 2x, vs. Ole Miss (12/6/00)

Miscellaneous:

Double Figure Scoring Games: 12
Games Led MT in Scoring: 4
Favorite Color: Blue
Favorite Basketball Player: Michael Jordan
Favorite Food: Grilled chicken salad
Favorite opponent/archrival: Western Kentucky, Florida International
Hobbies: cooking, reading and watching movies



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Finland native Paula Penttila is postponing her medical career to finish her senior year at Middle Tennessee. Penttila has played for four years at MT.

Mean Machine: Tournament upcoming

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wins in the Ohio State Regional and the Nebraska Regional tournaments. After these tournament victories, the Mean Machine was the favorite going into the National Collegiate Flag Football Championship. However, in the quarterfinals,

Northern Iowa upset the team.

This year the national rankings have not come out yet, but the Mean Machine expects to be right in the thick of things when it does.

Team captain Isenhour knows exactly how important the support of the Campus Recreation is here at MT.

"Our participating and competing as MT shows campus recreation staff members of other universities the strength of the MT campus recreation program," Isenhour said.

"This is a good recruitment tool for the MT campus recreation program." ♦

Middle Tennessee basketball player sacrifices for her game

By Keosha Thomas
 Staff Writer

Few people would postpone the chance to attend medical school to play collegiate basketball.

However, that is the choice Paula Penttila made when she decided to stay at Middle Tennessee.

In her mindset, she feels playing at MT under the direction of head coach Stephany Smith is the best thing. This is why she chose to play her senior year and wait until she graduates to pursue her acceptance to medical school in Finland.

"This experience is like living the life of a professional basketball player compared to home," Penttila said. "If I didn't come back this year I probably would regret it. I like my team".

The No. 10 captain, Penttila, is a key leader and role player who demonstrates great quali-

"This experience is like living the life of a professional basketball player, compared to home."

—Paula Penttila
 MT basketball captain

ties on and off the court.

Penttila will be the Blue Raider to keep an eye on in the upcoming season. She has demonstrated great leadership ability as a dedicated Middle Tennessee basketball player for four years and highly motivated college student.

She started her basketball career at her high school in her native homeland of Lahti, Finland. It was here where she made her first mark in basketball by playing as a guard, averaging 13.2 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game.

Along with this, she was a

participate receiving numerous honors such as invitations to join the Finnish Junior National Team, to tour with the National Team, to play against NCAA Division I schools, be named Rookie of the Year in the Finnish League in 1998, be MVP in Southeastern Finland in 1998 and MVP in Division I (second highest league of women's basketball in Finland) in 1996.

In her four years at MT, Penttila had demonstrated the qualities that are important

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Scrimmages give teams real game knowledge

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee's men's and women's basketball teams had scrimmages during the Blue and White games Thursday.

The Lady Raiders played first in a heated match. The Blue team, led by sophomore guard Tiffany Fisher, beat the White team, 87-56.

"Tiffany is a great shooter," head coach Stephany Smith said. "She shot the ball well today."

While Fisher only had five points in the first half, she exploded with 13 points in the second half. The highest scorer for the White team was Patrice Holmes, with 16 points.

Smith gave credit to the Blue team, which had three of the Lady Raider practice guys on board. However, Smith felt that the men were only one factor to the Blue team's success.

"I think the Blue team just attacked the boards on the offensive side," Smith said. "The White team just didn't box out as well as I would have liked them to."

After the Lady Raiders'

played, the men's basketball team hit the courts in an intersquad game of their own.

"This was a much-needed scrimmage for our team with live situations and Sun Belt Conference officials," head coach Kermit Davis said.

"Lots of work is still needed, especially defensively and in rebounding. We had some bright spots offensively, but we have to keep working on being a tough team and rebounding. We'll get there, but we need some more work."

The lead scorer for the Blue Raiders was William Pippen, with 22 points. Close behind Pippen in scoring was Tommy Gunn, with 19 points.

Demario Watson showed improvement in his game with 13 points for the night.

Watson also had six rebounds and three assists during the game.

Both the Lady Raiders and the Blue Raiders start their seasons in the coming weeks.

The Lady Raiders play Georgia College and State University on Nov. 12.

The Blue Raiders take on VASDA Nov. 14. ♦



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Patrice Holmes goes up against freshman Cartia Bailey.

Fan Jam: Davis looking forward to first season at MT

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we have most of our players back now."

The only injured Lady Raider now is Paula Penttila, who was unable to participate in the skills competitions due to injury.

Lady Raider forward Patrice Holmes also had to miss the first part of Fan Jam due to classes and Jennifer Justice was unable to attend the event for the same reason.

Despite the injuries, Smith is still excited.

"This was a really great turnout and I was real happy to see the excitement of the fans to meet the team and see what we are about," Smith said. "I really liked seeing the student body involved in the event and hope to see them there when the season starts."

Blue Raider head coach Kermit Davis is glad to host his first fan jam and is excited about the upcoming season.

"I thought it was a good turnout tonight," Davis said. "It was a well-run event and our marketing staff did a good job of putting it together. I was glad to come out and see the stu-

dents have some fun. We went hard for about two-and-a-half hours today before fan jam so it was good for the guys to come out and get in front of people."

However, the Blue Raiders have been struck with a case of the injury bug as well. Kyle Young is going to be out for the first two months of the season.

Fans share the same excitement as the coaches about the upcoming season.

"This year we definitely will at least win the Sun Belt Conference," predicted Matt Carr, who is a junior. "I definitely think we are better than the first couple of years that we were here."

Blue Raider fan Richard Walter agrees.

"We were a lot better than last year and, for as long as I have been following the Blue Raiders, I'd say this is our best shot," Walter said.

The Blue Raider men's basketball team kicks off its season with the Global Sports Exhibition tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The women's team plays its first exhibition game against Georgia College Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. ♦

Penttila: Player racked up several rankings in four years

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necessities or must-haves on the court.

She has developed her game over the years and now Penttila wants to give back to her team by showing the younger players the ropes.

"It is an honor to be a captain this year because it's my last year and I hope I can help the team the best I can," Penttila said. "We have a young team, so

I want to help them."

She is a competitive player and demonstrates her capabilities with such awards and honors as averaging a team-high 33.3 minutes per game as sophomore, playing in every game, missing just one start all season and ranking eighth in the Sun Belt in assists.

Penttila and the Lady Raiders play their first regular season game Nov. 25 against Tennessee Tech. ♦

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How YOU can save MTSU

An Open Letter to the Students, Faculty, and Staff of MTSU

When you vote Tuesday, please remember what has happened in the State Legislature over the last several years and how these events have affected all those at MTSU. The State House members from Rutherford County have let their actions, or lack thereof, speak volumes about how they truly feel about MTSU. Higher tuitions, miniscule faculty and staff pay raises and the lack of funding for capitol and maintenance needs give a true insight into how our State Representatives actually feel about MTSU.

I have a simple, straightforward plan for MTSU:

1. When elected, I will propose that all education budgets be taken off the table if cuts or reductions are being considered. I will not allow any reduction in the funding for MTSU. Another shut down cannot and will not be tolerated.
2. Tuition cannot be raised higher than the rate of inflation, period. This too will carry the weight of law.
3. All faculty and staff will receive at least the national average in pay for their respective positions. The best and the brightest should not suffer economically simply because they choose to practice their craft in Tennessee.
4. Immediate consideration must be given to the capital and maintenance needs of MTSU. We have a science building that is over 50 years old and currently our art department operates in a converted horse barn. Even the best professors have difficulty teaching without the proper facilities.
5. Education is the cornerstone on which our society is built. MTSU needs a proactive advocate in the State House of Representatives, not someone who abandon MTSU when the University needs them most.
6. More control of the University must be given to President McPhee and the leadership here at MTSU. THEC must not be allowed to force "cookie cutter, one size fits all" mandates upon MTSU. Any restrictions on enrollment are unacceptable and to restrict MTSU simply because it is providing the best education available in the Southeast is unconscionable.

Mr. John Bragg was the State Representative for the 48th District and MTSU for many years. His vision and forethought have served the University well. Of the University Mr. Bragg said, "When you represent a crown jewel like MTSU, you ought to know its value. You certainly should never tolerate the closing of its doors—even for an hour."

But that is exactly what current State Representative John Hood allowed the State to do, shut down MTSU.

Please think about these points and if you truly love MTSU, you will vote for the person who will work for those things that are best for the University.

It is my honor to be seeking this office and I would appreciate your vote.

Sincerely

Chris Grant

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