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MTSU under fire for file sharing

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

The controversy over Internet file sharing has reached MTSU's campus computers.

Greg Schaffer, manager of the Office of Information Technology, recently received a list of IP addresses — specific computers — on campus that were discovered by an outside service to be illegally downloading copyrighted files. Though the letter sent to MTSU couldn't be accessed, similar letters to

other universities contained threats that a lawsuit would be filed if the university didn't halt the file sharing.

MTSU has responded by making sure file-sharing software is unavailable in campus computer labs. The university may take further action soon by blocking certain sites that allow students to download MP3 files.

The list of IP addresses was e-mailed by NetPD, a tracking service in London contracted by Sony — the same service used by Metallica in their highly publicized

suit against Napster more than a year ago.

NetPD is working to monitor downloads on behalf of Sony and is so precise that they can track down an exact IP address. This allows them to find out who is doing what.

Not only can they discover the person's name, but they also can pinpoint information right down to which dorm or apartment in which the computer accesses the Internet, according to Josh Threet, a campus computer lab assistant.

Paul Fischer, a recording industry professor, said NetPD uses scare tactics to get businesses and universities to block file-sharing Web sites, many of which share files legally. All Napster-like technology is not illegal, he said, and MTSU should be cautious of blocking all file-sharing sites from campus computers.

"The university needs to err on the side of fair use of these technologies," he said.

Fischer said recording industry students would be most

affected by the blocked technology because MP3 file sharing is the fastest-growing medium in the industry and students should know how to deal with it.

AIMster, a service similar in design to America Online's popular AOL Instant Messenger service, has been found by NetPD to be the top service that MTSU students are using to download copyrighted material. A large percentage of file sharing done with programs such as AIMster takes place over

university connections, such as in dorms and computer labs.

Schaffer said the university is taking the stance that the users who are in violation of these laws don't know that, by downloading songs using such services as AIMster, they are opening their computers up to be downloaded from as well.

Although the warning was sent out from NetPD per Sony's request, no suits have been filed. ♦

Graduation standards may be changed

By Summer Pulley and Amy Eslami
Contributors

MTSU students soon may be saving money if a proposal to lower the cost of earning a degree is approved by the Tennessee Board of Regents.

The "Defining Our Future Plan" is a program developed by the TBR to analyze current and future budget reductions, which includes six ideas to lower the cost of a higher education. One of the six key recommendations is to reduce the minimum number of hours required for graduation from 132 hours to 120 hours. This, in turn, would save students time and money.

"This proposal is more friendly, more flexible and reduces cost for students and the state," said Mary Morgan, TBR director of communications. "I hope this will save significant amounts of money for the state, which we can use toward other things."

MTSU undergraduate students who are Tennessee residents currently pay about \$17,600 for a bachelor's degree based on 132 hours. If the new proposal is approved, students will pay \$16,000 for a bachelor's degree based on 120 hours. Equivalent to one semester, this will save students nearly \$1,600. Undergraduate out-of-state students reportedly would save nearly \$5,000.

"The TBR will not be getting any more money this year," Morgan said. "With this plan, we are able to cut costs elsewhere instead of putting a cap on enrollment."

According to the budget approved by the Tennessee General Assembly for fiscal year 2002, the tuition increase at TBR institutions was among the highest in the nation and was more than twice the national average. This continues the trend in Tennessee of placing increased reliance on students as a primary source of revenue. The percentage of funding from students continues to climb while the percentage provided by the state continues to fall.

During the past five years, student costs reportedly have risen by about 50 percent at TBR institutions.

"With the 'Defining Our

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Jones Hall ceiling collapses



Photos above

(Above) Wiring hangs from the ceiling of Jones Hall, Room 307. Robert Bullen, professor of educational leadership, returned to his office Monday morning to find it in this condition.

(Right) The collapsed ceiling knocked over chairs and covered Bullen's desk with rubble. He said five offices were affected and four professors are being relocated. The area currently has no telephone or electric service.

President Sidney McPhee has been extremely supportive, Bullen said, and the area since has been cleaned up.

Jones Hall is one of the original buildings on campus, which makes it almost 90 years old. No one was injured by the falling ceiling.



Holiday travel promises new policies, procedures

By Kylee Schwab
Contributor

Several new airport policies and procedures await students planning to fly over the upcoming holiday.

The Federal Aviation Administration has put new security regulations into effect for all airlines.

This FAA-mandated carry-on policy states that only one carry-on and one personal item may be taken onto a flight with the passenger.

Individual airlines have taken it upon themselves to further these regulations.

Southwest Airlines allows passengers only one carry-on bag no larger than 10x16x24 inches and one small personal item, such as a purse, briefcase, laptop computer or camera.

"Be sure to check all personal items for knives, nail clippers with files or with scissors, and remove these items," said Cathy Holland, manager of community and aviation development at Nashville International Airport.

Not only did the FAA recently mandate this carry-on policy, but it also made it possible for all customers' and employees' items to be subject to a thorough, physical search. Airline personnel also may be required to conduct an inspection of the contents of a customer's checked baggage because of FAA security regulations.

Lisa L. Rollins, an MTSU journalism instructor and assistant director of News and Public Affairs, recently was on the receiving end of two such inspections during a round-trip visit to Texas via Continental.

"My son and I had three bags total on our last trip, and airline representatives chose our bags to be completely searched at the airport in Houston," said Rollins, who added that airline security next donned protective gloves and opened each suitcase, unpacked its contents, then re-packed it.

"I understand why they are now doing this," she said, "but it certainly is time-consuming, and it's very off-putting when

you are chosen more than once on a trip to be searched."

Rollins said the carry-on bags she and her son carried also were searched at the boarding gate.

"I asked the ticket counter representative why our bags were the ones to be searched, and he said the computer tells them which bags to search," she said. "I was just glad that we were extra early for the flight."

Holland advises travelers to be early, also.

"If you are checking baggage, come earlier than two to two-and-a-half hours before departure," she said.

According to information on the Southwest Airlines Web site, http://www.southwest.com, when it comes to holiday travel, customers should be aware that if they intend to carry on or check presents, gifts should not be wrapped because "any wrapped packages will be unwrapped in order to identify the contents."

See Travel, 3

Gore honored



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Former Vice President and MTSU professor Al Gore receives a certificate documenting his acceptance into Phi Kappa Phi honor society yesterday during the induction ceremony in the Alumni Center. More than 60 MTSU students and Phil Mathis, a biology professor, were honored. Alumni, graduate students, faculty, staff, juniors in the top 5 percent of their class and seniors in the top 10 percent of their class are eligible for membership.

Cafeteria hours to change for holiday

Staff Reports

Dining hall hours of operation will change during finals week and over the Christmas holiday.

The James Union Building cafeteria will close tomorrow at 2 p.m. and will re-open Jan. 7 at 7 a.m.

McCallie Dining Hall will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 14 and re-open at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 4.

The Cyber Cafe at Woodmore will close at 10 p.m. Dec. 13 and re-open Jan. 4.

The Keathley University Center Grill will close at 6 p.m. Dec. 14 and re-open Jan. 7 at 6:30 a.m. Gretel's in the KUC will be open from 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 17-21 and Jan. 2-4.

For more information, contact the KUC Grill at 898-5761, the Cyber Cafe at 898-2973, the IUB cafeteria at 898-2834 or McCallie at 898-2975. ♦

NASA to invest in education center

Math, science training to be focus

By Jonathan Chakales and LaQunda Partee

Contributors

U.S. Rep. Bart Gordon has convinced NASA to invest in an education center at MTSU designed to enhance math, science and technology training for Middle Tennessee teachers.

During the next three years, NASA will invest \$525,000 in the education center. The first \$175,000 installment is due to the university soon after Congress approves the agency's 2002 fiscal year budget, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives Nov. 8. The Senate also is expected to OK the \$14.8 billion budget,

according to a press release issued by Gordon's office.

"Science and math skills are vital components to a sound education, (and) it's important children learn them well," said Gordon, an MTSU alumnus and the ranking member of the House Science Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, which oversees NASA's budget and policy.

"That's why their teachers have to be fundamentally strong in science and math," he said. "This new center will ensure Middle Tennessee's teachers are better trained and better informed in science, math and technology."

The three major objectives

of the Center for the Advancement of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education at MTSU will be to provide expertise to help educators use science, math and technology instructional materials that are aligned with state frameworks and national standards; provide educator training using NASA curriculum support products; and partner with local, state and regional organizations, businesses and industries to support these initiatives, according to the press release.

The center will develop workshops, seminars and conferences to bolster teacher training. In addition, the development of a master of science degree program for

middle school teachers also is envisioned to be part of the new education center.

"Our elementary and secondary school teachers [also] need to be trained in the latest technologies," said Ray Phillips, associate dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

By establishing this kind of connection with NASA, MTSU can ensure that its teachers have the resources needed to better educate youth, Phillips added.

"MTSU and [Gordon] have worked really hard to bring MTSU into the mix with NASA," said Randy Weiler in the Office of News and Public Affairs. "[This program] will make the university highly recognized in the area and the

nation."

Although the new education center is for university faculty and K-12 teachers, internships will be offered to interested students. This project will be helpful in recruiting students who will enter this field of work, Weiler said.

"More and more of today's jobs are of the high-tech variety," Gordon said. "Our children are counting on universities like MTSU to provide them with an education that will help them succeed. It's up to us to provide new ideas and new ways of thinking to make that happen. This new education center is one way to do that." ♦

Suspect found in harassment case

By Victoria Cumbow

Staff Writer

The harassing phone calls being received on campus soon may come to an end.

Several campus residents have been receiving vulgar and obscene calls throughout the past few months.

"We do have a suspect," said Sgt. Matt Foster with MTSU Public Safety.

So far, there have been 12 victims who have filed reports.

"He called my room at 3 a.m. and I hung up," said freshman Shelley Smith, who reported the obscene caller. "He called a total of four times that night. Finally, I told him that I was

going to trace his call and sue him, and that kept him from calling back.

"At first, I took it as a random phone call, but after he kept calling, I became suspicious," she said.

"He said so many vulgar things. It made me mad more than it frightened me. It was just disgusting," she said.

"We know who he is," said a confident Foster.

The police are gathering more evidence from case files to obtain a warrant.

So far, the police say there is no direct correlation linking this suspect to the recent campuswide occurrences of indecent exposure. ♦

Pulitzer Prize winner to advise 'Sidelines'

By Lindsey Turner

News Editor

A new adviser has been appointed for *Sidelines* beginning the spring semester.

Wendell Rawls, an MTSU journalism professor and Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist, was chosen by the division of Student Affairs to lead the newspaper because of his years of experience with major national papers.

Rawls said he wants to bring credibility to the paper and raise ambitions and aspirations among its employees.

"I hope to be able to help bring additional revenues and 35 years of journalistic experience," he said. "We want to make this a first-rate newspaper – not just a student newspaper, but a school paper."

Rawls has a five-year plan, in which he hopes *Sidelines* will become completely independent from the university.

Rawls said he will spend his first semester as adviser observing how the paper works before he makes any major changes. He asserts that editorial control will remain in the hands of student editors. In fact, he said, he wants to function more as a

publisher than a supervising editor because he wants to obtain better equipment and facilities for the paper.

A major goal of his is growth, he said. He hopes to increase circulation and the number of staff. One of his major objectives is to increase advertising revenue so *Sidelines* can become a daily paper.

Rawls also wants to form a closer bond between *Sidelines* and the School of Journalism.

"I think we're setting up a situation that's much more conducive to guidance and educa-

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Angel tree to make Christmas special

By Summer Pulley

Contributor

Members of MTSU's Public Safety again will serve as Santa's little helpers this holiday season for some children who live in Womack Lane.

Christmas is a time of year when most people like to help those in need, and the university's police personnel understand student needs and are working to help those with special needs.

"It is for the children of students who are having problems paying for books and other college expenses," said Brett Huskey, Public Safety officer and event coordinator.

An angel's wish list is hung for each child on the tree, and no names are revealed. There is

an angel.

"We are having a party for all of the children and their fami-

"Children get to interact with uniformed officers, and this gives people the chance to see that we are not always the bad guys."

— Bret Huskey,
Public Safety officer

a book in front of the tree for those who want to sign up for

lies," Huskey said. "Our lieutenant is dressing up as Santa

Claus and handing out the presents to the children."

Aramark food services and local businesses and restaurants will donate all of the food. There will be storytelling and movies for the children to enjoy.

"Children get to interact with uniformed officers, and this gives people the chance to see that we are not always the bad guys," Huskey said. "We are not the one's who give out parking tickets."

The holiday party for the children and their families will begin at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the MTSU Public Safety at 898-2424. ♦

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Program offers assistance for students in need

Services include peer mentoring

By Amie Breazeale

Contributor

MTSU Student Support Services has announced the availability of academic assistance to 175 students in the upcoming spring semester.

The goal of SSS is to help financially disadvantaged students succeed in college by providing free, individual support services and a counselor to assist them with any personal concerns or problems.

The program, which is funded by a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provides services including academic, career, financial and personal counseling and advising, tutoring in requested subjects, financial aid assistance and help in career planning.

In addition, the program includes services such as SSS-sponsored cultural events, a peer mentoring program, access to the SSS computer lab and resource room and the possibility of a \$500 book and supply scholarship.

"The major objective of Student Support Services is to help students succeed, stay in

school and graduate in a timely fashion," said Ray Phillips, director of the program and associate dean of the College of Graduate Studies at MTSU.

To be eligible, students must be undergraduates, preferably freshmen or sophomores, be enrolled full time, complete UNIV 1010 and have a verifiable financial need. Students also must be either a first-generation college student, eligible for a Pell grant or have a disability.

"Because there are as many as 4,000 first-generation, low-income students at MTSU, we want to increase the number of these students who complete college degrees," Phillips said. "Many of these support services already exist on campus, but they are not intense enough, personal enough or one-on-one enough for these particular students."

More than half of the original 175 slots are still available, and students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. All prospective students must fill out an application and go through an interview process.

Student Support Services is located in the Todd Library, Room 015. For more information, call 904-8462 or e-mail support@mtsu.edu. ♦

Local market center of universe

By Jessie Miraldi
Staff Writer

"They say that if you come in here you'll never leave Murfreesboro," said James Power, employee of Davis Market, a small convenience store located near MTSU.

During its existence in Murfreesboro, Davis Market has made quite a name for itself. The small store located on the corner of Tennessee and Main Street specializes in its wide variety of beer, boasting the "Coldest Beer in Town."

Beer, however, is not Davis Market's only attraction. It is widely known to locals as the "center of the universe."

The legend of Davis Market says that anyone who enters the store will never leave Murfreesboro; at least not for good. Everyone will eventually return.

"It is said that, years ago, some members of the occult declared Davis Market the center of the universe," Power said.

But that's just one story. Michael Kennedy, next door neighbor of Davis Market, said he heard the store was built on an Indian burial ground.

"It was supposedly an Indian tribe that believed it was the center of the universe," he said.

Kennedy said it's rumored that each time one goes in the store, another year is added in which he or she must remain in Murfreesboro. He also has heard that the store is haunted, but has never experienced anything himself.

"One of the beer vaults in the back is said to hold the gates to hell," Power said. And though he claims it has a strange smell, Power says he never has seen anything out of the ordinary in the vault.

Employee Scott Rissman agrees with Kennedy that Davis Market was built on a burial ground, but he thinks people get stuck in Murfreesboro by purchasing something from the market. He said he's experienced strange things.

"One night when I came on to work, the clock was off by about four hours," he said, "but when I clocked out at midnight it was exactly on time."

A former employee also had strange things happen, such as radio stations change randomly and doors shut by themselves. Although no employees believe they actually have experienced a haunting, neighbors have been haunted in their apartments on the adjoining land, which also is owned by the Davis family.

"Pots and pans have flown out of the cabinets before, things disappear and re-appear, and we hear noises from upstairs when no one is up there," said Melissa Krumpton.

She said that a resident of another apartment next to Davis Market had to move because the figurines on his mantle kept dancing.

The legend of Davis Market has brought much business to the little store over the years, but also has scared some away.

"I've gone in there before just out of curiosity," said MTSU junior Brian Seadorf. "I've bought things from there too, so we'll see what happens."

Sophomore Bailey McMeans avoids Davis Market.

"Ever since I found out about the legend, I don't go in there, because I don't want to be stuck in Murfreesboro forever," she said.

According to market employees, students and locals alike, there is only one way to reverse the curse.

"In order to reverse the legend, you have to urinate on the stones that mark the center of Tennessee," Power said. The geographical center of Tennessee is located on Old Lascassas road, and is marked by a monument and plaque.

Rissman, who has worked at the store for seven months, smiles, looking around the store.

"After working here I know I'll probably have to pay a big visit to that monument when it's time to leave." ♦

Council working to improve status of women in Tennessee

By Beverly Jenkins
Contributor

The Economic Council on Women is working to improve the status of women in Tennessee.

The state ranks as the second worst in the nation for women, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

In its most recent study, the IWPR found that Tennessee ties with Alabama as the second worst state, and only Mississippi ranks worse than Tennessee and Alabama.

When ranking, some areas

IWPR considers are women's employment and earnings, political participation and health. The IWPR said Tennessee received a grade of D- in all of these areas.

The ECW was formed in 1998 to better the overall status of women in the state, according to the organization.

Heather Stein, a research analyst for ECW, said the organization enables the state government to hear women's voices.

"We bring women's issues to the table," Stein said. "Only 21 state legislators (out of 132) are women, which means women's

viewpoints are often absent when policy is being formed."

She said the ECW is a valuable resource for female college students since they will be entering the workforce upon graduation and may encounter issues like "sexual harassment, the wage gap and facing a glass ceiling."

According to Stein, the ECW's goal is to eliminate these problems and steer women toward economic self-sufficiency.

Amanda Williams, an intern at ECW and a computer information systems major at

MTSU, said the ECW encourages women to enter traditionally male-dominated fields. Through her internship, she said she realized that many Tennessee women receive more encouragement to enter traditional fields instead of non-traditional fields.

For her work there, Williams said she and another intern maintain the ECW's Web site, which offers helpful resources for Tennessee women.

Williams said the ECW is "a great value" because "it encourages women to better themselves." ♦

Travel: Carry-on gifts, packages should be left unwrapped

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"Don't wrap presents," Holland concurred, "because they will have to be and have been unwrapped. Wait until you get to where you are going."

Students with travel plans

are advised to check the Web sites of the airlines they will be flying prior to leaving for the airport. These online sites make it possible to "always confirm flights with an airline before departure," Holland said.

"Web sites are beneficial for

fliers," she observed, because they provide travelers with daily updates about what to expect when traveling by air.

For more information or to ask questions about a specific airline, contact local airline reservations desks or visit the

airline's Web site.

Local travelers may call Nashville International Airport at (615) 275-1675 for more information on what to expect if flying over the holidays. ♦

Adviser: Rawls to bring years of experience to 'Sidelines'

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tion," said Richard Campbell, director of the School of Journalism. "I think it's an extraordinary opportunity when a college newspaper has a chance to work with someone with his experience."

"What I hope happens now is our best students have a richer experience," Campbell said.

A native of Goodlettsville,

Tenn., Rawls completed his education at Vanderbilt University with a bachelor's degree in history. From there, he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Rawls began his journalistic career when he was 26.

"I was a late bloomer," he said.

His first newspaper job was at the sports desk of the *Nashville Tennessean*.

It was there that reporting

"got in his blood," and he and moved on to the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, where he became a reporter and national correspondent. He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1977 for an investigative piece on the atrocities inside a hospital for the criminally insane.

Rawls worked for the *New York Times* from 1976-1983, where he was the Southern Bureau Chief and a national

correspondent.

The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* was Rawls' next stop, where he served as Assistant Managing Editor for news operations, managing more than 175 writers and editors.

Rawls has written a book, contributed to several documentaries, lectured nationwide and produced and written several films. ♦

Hours: TBR to vote on proposal today, submit report Monday

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Future' plan, we at TBR have to be very careful because we don't want to harm the quality of education," Morgan said.

MTSU's full-time (12 hours or more) students currently pay a flat rate for tuition. An action that has been discussed for

future planning is charging all students, full- or part-time, per credit hour.

"I am concerned with the increased cost for more hours after 12," said Bob Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs.

"I think it would make more sense to charge additionally after 15 hours instead of 12,

because 15 hours per semester would add up to exactly 120 hours," he said.

The TBR will meet today to discuss the plan. Tomorrow, committee members will vote on the proposal.

"It's hard to say if the plan is likely to pass," Morgan said. "You never know how people

are going to vote until they actually do it."

The TBR will submit its report to the legislature Monday.

For more information about the 'Defining Our Future' plan, go to <http://www.tbr.state.tn.us>. ♦



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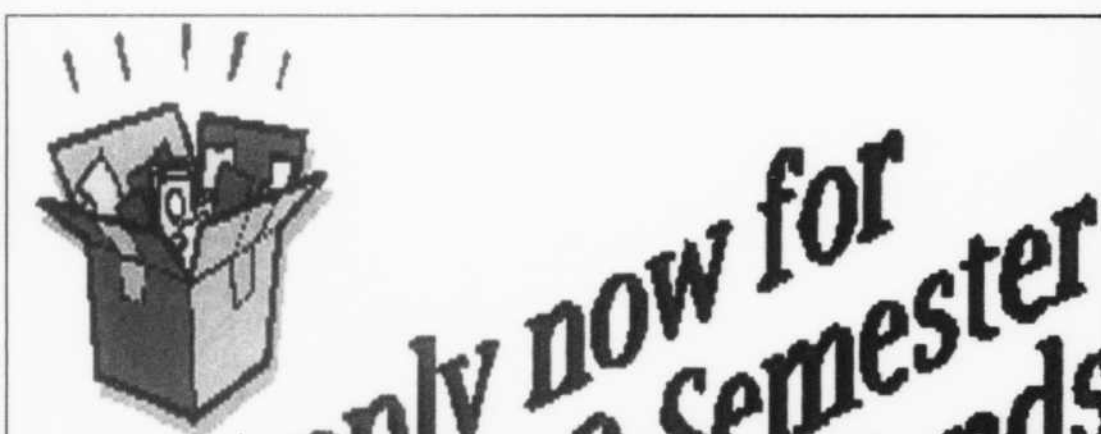
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Editorial

A Christmas wishlist from 'Sidelines' staff

Dear Santa McPhee:

In the spirit of the holidays, the *Sidelines* staff has come up with a list of improvements we'd like to have for our campus:

- No more perverts doing bad things in computer labs.
- Better lighting in the darker areas of campus.
- A non-fast food restaurant, such as Applebee's.
- Aramark should take credit cards and checks. Also, La Siesta should accept Raider Funds.
- More ATMs on campus. A drive-up 'money wall' would be neat too.
- An ever-elusive parking garage.
- A fountain in the new courtyard.
- More books in the library.
- A new university center. Many universities have places where students can eat, get a haircut and make travel arrangements without leaving campus.
- A statue of interim Athletics Director Boots Donnelly, perhaps near Alumni Memorial Gym.
- A victory over the University of Tennessee-Knoxville at Neyland Stadium next season.
- Hot Dog 101 should be included in CUSTOMS. Perhaps we can avoid wasting the fire department's resources.
- An ever-giving money tree behind the James Union Building.
- Bug spray that might actually kill something.
- We need a better mascot. Word on the street is that Lightning looks a little dorky. A better mascot just might lead to ...
- More school spirit! Our highly successful football team was rewarded at the last game with an anemic crowd.
- New blinds in Room 212 of Peck Hall.
- Christmas bonuses for all university employees, 15 of whom can be found in our office.
- New (i.e. functional) chairs and computers for the *Sidelines* office.

We know you're busy, but we hope you can make some of our Christmas wishes come true. We hope that you spread your Christmas magic over all of our campus (and especially the JUB). ♦

Real patriots would trade in their SUVs



Out of Leftist Field

Lindsey Turner
News Editor

There's something unsettling about a gargantuan, black sport-utility vehicle guzzling gas, barreling its way down I-40 with 17 vinyl American flags plastered all over it, and three flapping from the windows and antenna.

Perhaps it's the sheer irony that catches me a little off guard. The owner of the vehicle, suddenly a cheerleader for the United States and all the liberty and greatness it embodies, is driving one of the most inefficient, environmentally harmful vehicles ever built — something more harmful to American air than a million words out of the mouth of Osama bin Laden.

SUVs pose an interesting paradox to consumers — TV advertisements laud them as a way to return to nature, yet they actually accelerate existing environmental problems. Designed for extreme, off-road driving (like driving up the statue of Liberty to an Enrique Iglesias song, apparently) SUVs actually are seldom used for off-road driving. According to *Newsweek*, only 5 percent of SUVs ever are taken off road.

That means 95 percent of all SUVs are clogging up the roads. In 1985, SUVs accounted for only 2 percent of new vehicle sales (source: *Harper's Magazine*). Their popularity exploded, and now SUVs account for one in four new vehicles sold (source: *Newsweek*). Sales continue to escalate. Current federal regulations allow SUVs to have much worse fuel economy standards than other vehicles. The federal corporate average fuel economy standard for new passenger cars is 27.5 miles per gallon. But under the law, SUVs are not considered cars — they are characterized as light trucks. Light trucks only have to achieve 20.7 mpg. Because that number is just an average for "light trucks," it's possible for some SUVs to achieve only 12 mpg. In fact, some SUVs are so large they no longer qualify as light trucks and are not subject to any kind of fuel economy standards.

CAFE was instituted in the 1970s, when there were few SUVs and light trucks on the road, and they were primarily used for farm and commercial work. Today, the demographics of an SUV buyer are quite different, and the number in existence has ballooned to a dangerous height.

SUVs have several profound, negative effects.

- They contribute to global warming by emitting carbon monoxide and other harsh chemicals. Every gallon of gasoline burned by a

vehicle puts 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Scientific evidence strongly suggests that the rapid buildup of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere is raising the earth's temperature and changing the earth's climate with potentially serious consequences.

- They increase the amount of smog in the air. According to the Automobile Manufacturers Association, SUVs can spew 30 percent more carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons and 75 percent more nitrogen oxides than passenger cars. These combustion pollutants contribute to eye and throat irritation, nausea, coughing, confusion, dizziness, fatigue and headaches.

Hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides are precursors to ground level ozone, which causes asthma and lung damage.

- SUVs contribute to America's dependence on imported oil. The more gasoline Americans guzzle, the more oil Americans have to import from other countries — countries in the Middle East we claim not to get along with. Currently, more than half of the oil we use is imported. This level of dependence on imports is the highest in our history. If current rates of consumption continue, the world's remaining conventional oil resources would be used up in 40 years. The United States uses more than 3 billion barrels of oil

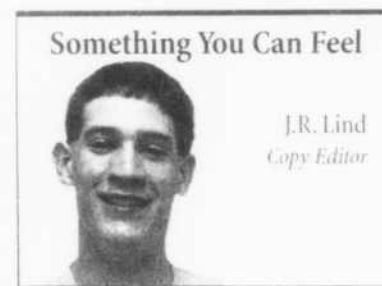
every year just on passenger cars and "light trucks."

While the owners, drivers and passengers are not solely to blame for the inadequacies of SUVs, they are partly responsible. Because they contributed to the SUV trend, auto manufacturers have become even more reluctant than usual to improve emissions standards and safety of their products. It takes a shove from the government or consumers to get the auto industry to do anything, and the government seems to be dragging its feet on this a bit. So, three guesses whose turn it is to act responsibly.

A study on fuel economy standards by the National Academy of Sciences was released in July, which found that light trucks, SUVs, minivans and pickups could reach 28-30 mpg for an additional cost of \$1,200-\$1,300. According to *Harpers*, automakers make an average of \$10,000 in profit on each SUV sold, so it seems reasonable to ask automakers to sacrifice a small amount of their profits to clean up these vehicles.

Ford supposedly has taken a first step by pledging to have some things cleaned up by 2005. While encouraging, it's going to take every auto company and auto purchaser thinking realistically, creatively and even a little idealistically to become real patriots who work endlessly to better our society, our country and our world. ♦

Real feminism decrees respect for men



Something You Can Feel

J.R. Lind
Copy Editor

MTV did not show *Total Request Live* last week. As a rule, this irritates me to no end. Laugh all you want, but for better or worse, *TRL* is the synthesis of popular American culture and a pretty accurate reflection of American society.

But that's not the point.

While I was wondering what happened to Carson and the screaming teen-age girls, I saw a commercial "starring" Jenny McCarthy. This was enough to give me pause.

The commercial centered around an adolescent couple in a car at a stereotypical "lover's leap." In the words of my grandparents,

they were "parking." The couple decides to "go all the way." Lo and behold, Jenny McCarthy pops up, asking the couple, "What are you doing?" The guy looked decidedly annoyed, which made me wonder what kind of man on the verge of a sexual experience would be upset if Jenny McCarthy suddenly appeared. Anyway, after some preachy dialogue, Jenny produces a baby and hands it to the girl.

And the guy jets out of the car.

I don't disagree with the core message of the commercial. Anyone not prepared to care for a child should not have unprotected sex. However, as a male, I am offended by the idea that the instant a baby appears, the father will disappear. There are scumbags that I share a gender with, and these sorry excuses for men abandon the mothers of their children. But making a generalization that all men will bail is a dangerous message to send to young women.

All men are not inherently evil. All men are not id-driven creatures

who answer only to our desires for greasy meat and sweaty sex. All men are not rapists. And real men don't shrug off their responsibilities.

The real problem with this commercial is that the young man leaving the car wasn't even necessary to the central message. The PSA would have been just as effective had the boy stayed in the car after the baby "pops up."

It was a typical, anti-male dig in an era when young men are being taught that they aren't good people because they were born with a Y-chromosome.

Growing up, I learned about feminism from both my mother and my father. I learned about the Equal Rights Amendment before I learned about earned run average. At the root, feminism is a wonderful idea. Women and men should be equal. However, I was never taught that feminism argued that men were less than women.

Judging only by the messages on television, it seems moderate

feminism has disappeared, to be replaced by the more radical version. Men and women no longer are equal. Women are all that matter and men are non-factors.

In fact, that young man leaving the car is exactly what radical feminists want. If the girl takes care of the child and makes something of herself and for her child, then she is a heroine. If she screws up, ends up living on welfare for the rest of her life and her child becomes a drug addict — well, it's the fault of the missing father.

American social movements often go too far for fear of falling short. Stereotyping males, as the commercial in question does, is just as damaging as stereotyping females. Of course, a male pointing out a stereotype is further stereotyped as a "chauvinist" or a "woman-hater."

The ultimate irony is that the next commercial on MTV was a promotion for "Fight for Your Rights," the network's anti-discrimination campaign. ♦

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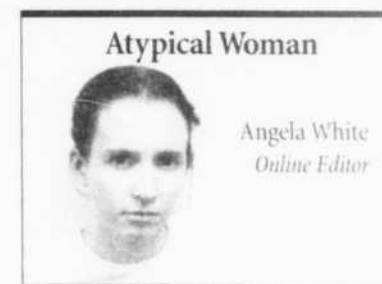
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Taliban's retreat will not end suffering



Atypical Woman

Angela White
Online Editor

It was considered a glorious day for the citizens of Afghanistan. The media showed images of people cheering, women ripping off their burqas and music blasting in the streets. Americans who had never heard of the Taliban prior to Sept. 11 praised the freedoms they believed Afghans would now enjoy in a post-Taliban era. But one vital piece has been left out of this footage: the northern alliance.

The alliance is a multi-ethnic group of minorities united only by its hatred of the Taliban. Now that the Taliban has retreated from much of Afghanistan, citizens fear that history will repeat itself.

The northern alliance's rule from 1992-96 resulted in massive violations of the human rights of Afghan citizens.

Amnesty International reports that atrocities committed included "rape, extra-judicial executions and torture, as well as long-term detention of prisoners of conscience." The report further states, "Women were often treated as the spoils of war. Armed groups affiliated with the northern alliance were responsible for widespread torture, including the rape of women and children, a practice condoned by leaders as a method of intimidating vanquished populations and of rewarding soldiers." Burhanuddin Rabbani, still rec-

ognized by the United Nations as the president of Afghanistan, "did not take any steps to stop these abuses," T. Kumar, an Afghan expert at Amnesty International, told the Associated Press. As head of the northern alliance, Rabbani has been in Kabul since the Taliban's retreat. Perhaps this is why the majority of women in the capital have not removed their burqas. "The departure of the Taliban and arrival of the northern alliance changes nothing," Tahmeena Faryal, spokesperson for the Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan, told CNN.

"Women still have a great fear of being raped or abducted, or married by force to a fundamentalist."

The Human Rights Watch issued a report last month detailing the abuses of the northern alliance. During their civil war from 1989-96, the group's factions were responsible for "killings, indiscriminate aerial bombardment and shelling, direct attacks on civilians, summary executions, rape, persecution on the basis of religion or ethnicity, the recruitment and use of children as soldiers and the use of antipersonnel land mines."

The report also detailed the looting and destruction of civilian property. No Afghan commander has been held accountable for these human rights violations. While the U.S. government and the media are keeping the northern alliance in check for now, fear looms of a loss of control similar to that of the "freedom fighters" in the '80s.

Not surprisingly, the alliance

has not been receptive to the idea of a U.N.-created government. Talks in Bonn to create an interim, followed by a semi-permanent, government were stretched by the dragging feet of the northern alliance. The alliance protested the proposal to replace its own armed troops with an international security force, but publicly lessened its objection after pressure from the United States. Rabbani has referred to the meeting as "symbolic." He wants the substantive parts of the talks to take place in Kabul, where his armed soldiers currently rule under martial law, according to *The Independent*. "The alliance comprises the only delegation at Bonn that has little to lose if no agreement is reached."

The northern alliance will make up the largest portion of the interim government. Women's representation will hardly compare. Only one of the five chairs of the interim administration will be held by a woman, according to the Feminist Majority Foundation.

"Afghan women make up more than half of the Afghan population," Anna Diamantopoulou, social affairs commissioner for the European Union, told the BBC. "It would be a folly to try to rebuild the country without proper representation of women."

A red flag went up in Afghan women's minds when the northern alliance canceled a protest march due to "security problems."

"Could it be that the northern alliance can take over the entire city of Kabul and install a new government but can't guarantee the safety of a few hundred women?" asked NOW President Kim Gandy. "Not likely."

This week, Afghan women met at a summit in Brussels held "to ensure that women's voices are heard in the negotiations to bring peace," according to the BBC. Afghan women also protested outside the Bonn conference. Najia Helmand, a former Afghan lawyer, told *The Guardian* that the alliance is only including women in their delegation "to please the west."

"One woman [in the interim government] would be only a token," Mary Robinson, U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said to the Associated Press.

According to Kumar, more cases of rape were reported against the northern alliance in the early '90s than during the Taliban regime. Few feel that the alliance has changed its stripes. "You can't change that mentality of the Taliban or the other fundamentalists in Afghanistan," Faryal said.

But most Afghan citizens are not fundamentalists. "Over 90 percent of Afghan women and men strongly support women's social, legal and political equality," Gandy said, referring to a May 2001 poll conducted by Physicians for Human Rights. The United Nations and United States must see that Afghanistan's new government will reflect the views of the majority of Afghans before yet another minority faction continues the cycle of abuse. ♦

Alas, this will be my last column to grace the pages of Sidelines. Please stop — the cheers are deafening. If the fates are kind and my professors forgiving, I shall graduate this month. Perhaps we'll meet again. Or perhaps not. I don't care. I'm graduating! Wooohooo!!!!

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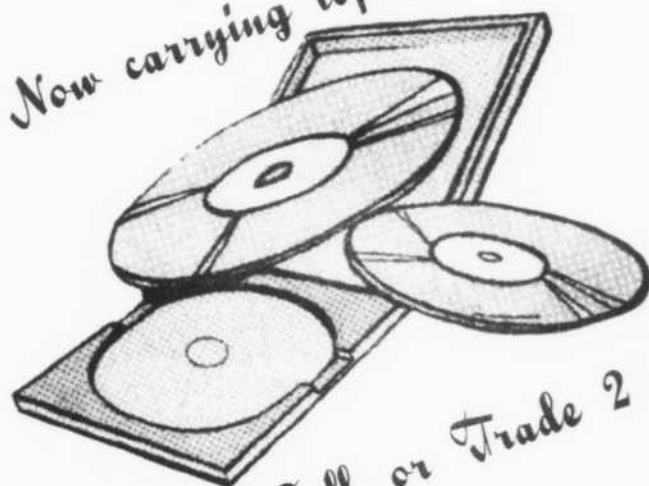
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A legend remembered

MTSU reflects on Harrison's life, tribute to music

By Erin Edgemon
Staff Writer

The world faced another loss Thursday when rock legend George Harrison died at the age of 58 — a loss felt deeply at

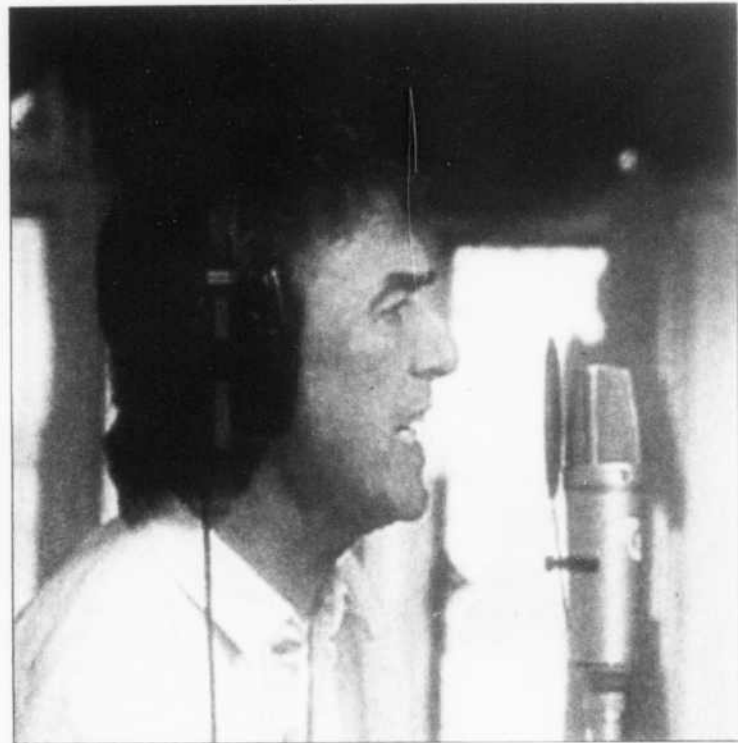


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Harrison used his home studio to record numerous songs that have won the hearts of fans worldwide.

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"A master musician is gone," said Charles Wolfe, an English professor and music historian.

"The quiet one," who was often overshadowed by fellow Beatles John Lennon and Paul

McCartney, succumbed to brain cancer after a long struggle with the disease.

Harrison was the lead guitarist for the Fab Four in the '60s, and he became a solo artist after the Beatles' breakup in 1969.

When recording industry professor Paul Fischer woke up Friday morning, he was not surprised by the news because it was no secret that Harrison had cancer. Many students, on the other hand, were surprised by Harrison's death.

"I came into the Student Programming office and CNN was on. The screen had the words, 'Saying Goodbye to George Harrison,' on it," said John Everett, junior. "I was like, 'What?' He cannot be dead."

"When I realized that he was, I was overcome with sadness. I didn't know he was fatally ill with cancer."

"It was shocking," freshman Dwana Delva said.

Diane Becker, another freshman, didn't know Harrison had cancer because it was never really talked about in the news.

Harrison lived a quiet life, yet he became even more reclusive after a deranged fan seriously assaulted him at his home in 1999.

"I never thought he would be the first to go out of the remaining three because he was the youngest," Becker said.

"It kind of makes you feel old," said Harold Smith, director of Student Programming.

Harrison is the only rock idol Smith could think of who has died from natural causes.

"It is amazing that one [Beatle] is old enough to die of cancer," Wolfe said, noting how incredible it is to think of the Beatles as part of an older generation.

Everett thinks Harrison's death will make the Beatles a little more real for a younger generation that doesn't remember when John Lennon died but may remember Harrison's death.

"My family was really upset about it," Becker said. "My dad was really glad that I was sad about it since I am from a younger generation."

"More people are paying attention to what a great musician and songwriter he was," Everett said.

"He made some really good music, and now there won't be anymore," Fischer said.

"All of his life, he struggled against the limitations of pop music," Wolfe added. Harrison sought out other genres of music to use in his songs.

A spiritual person, Harrison connected with Indian culture and the sitar music of Ravi Shankar. He learned to play the sitar from Shankar, the Indian master, and he incorporated the instrument into his songs. Following the Hindu custom, Harrison's ashes were spread in India's Ganges River.

"He always wanted to push the envelope," Wolfe recalled.

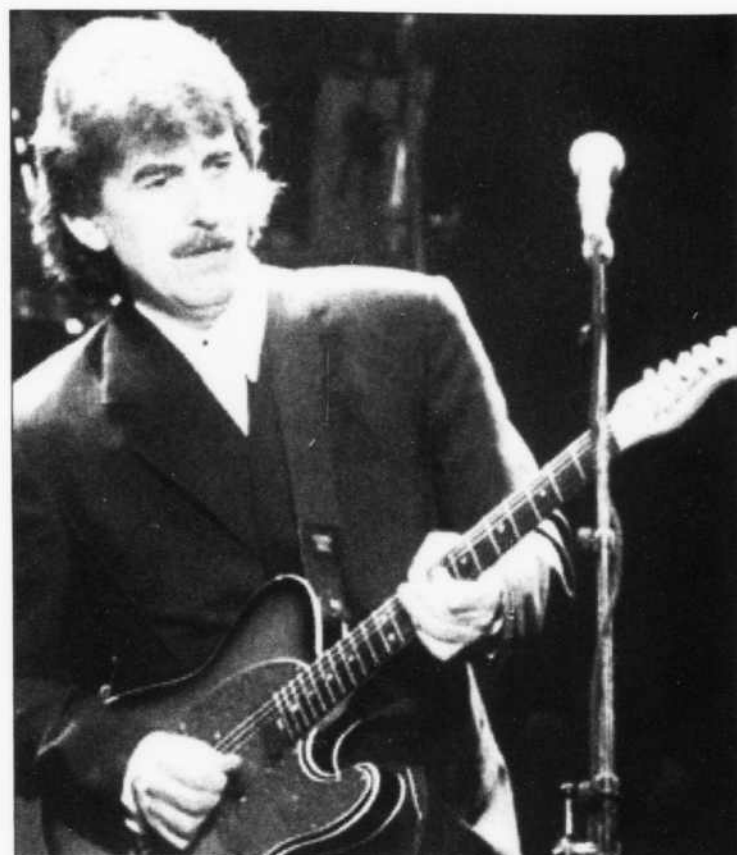


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On stage, Harrison emanated raw emotion and energy that comes from his interest in various music genres.

"I liked the songs he wrote because they were different and more experimental," sophomore Greg Feiling said.

Harrison's most famous songs with the Beatles are "Taxman," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and "Something."

Smith's favorite Harrison composition is "Here Comes the Sun."

In 2001, Harrison released a remastered version of his classic "All Things Must Pass" album.

Harrison was also a humanitarian. He organized rock's first major charity event, the Concert for Bangladesh. The 1971 event, billed as two shows at Madison Square Garden,

raised money to aid the famine-stricken nation. The concert featured many famous artists, such as Bob Dylan and Eric Clapton.

Now Harrison fans are taking comfort in listening to his albums as they remember the man and the legend.

Classic rock radio station 104.5 did its part by playing Beatles songs from A-Z Friday as a tribute to Harrison.

"It was very therapeutic to hear the songs," Becker said, "and to hear people calling into the show, talking about George Harrison and what he meant to them." ♦

'Writing' the wrong

By Tanae McKnight
Contributor

The University Writing Center is designed to help students who have trouble with this essential skill.

The Writing Center, manned by 13 English graduate assistants, Associate Director Kelly McKee and Director Jimmie Cain, was established and sponsored by the English department to help students improve their writing skills.

Located in two rooms in Peck Hall, the Writing Center is sectioned for two purposes. Room 325 is the tutoring spot, while the regular computer lab for student use is in Room 326.

The center provides many services, such as helping to:

- organize material and practice pre-writing.
- achieve unity, coherence and adequate development,
- create effective opening and closing paragraphs.
- improve revision/editing skills, diction, control of grammar and mechanical errors.
- and prepare for standardized/essay tests.

"We're trying to impart communication skills to students," said Emily Covington, English graduate assistant, "and make them better writers and communicators overall. You can come at any stage of the writing process."

The computer lab makes sure the students who utilize this technology are provided for with its 16 Dell PCs, which are equipped with Windows 98 and Office 2000.

Since the lab is funded in part by MTSU student technology fees, it's beneficial for the students who receive assistance from the facility to bring their student ID. Swiping the card as they enter and leave the lab can ensure continuous funding for equipment and staff by informing the university that an adequate amount of students use the lab.

The Writing Center works best with scheduled appointments. Sessions are 30 minutes, beginning on the hour and half-hour only. This setup is essential because it guarantees the tutor and student focused time.



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Students work on different assignments in the University Writing Center the final week of classes.

Even though appointments are preferred, walk-ins are accepted when tutors are available. The center's hours, which are subject to change, are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

In addition to the free tutoring services, workshops are offered by the center at no cost. They cover common writing problems throughout the semester, including the semicolon use, powerful language, MLA documentation, writing about literature, library research and essay organization.

Also, the Writing Center maintains a Web site that points out the opportunities the center provides for composition improvement.

Mirroring the face-to-face tutoring sessions offered, the center also provides online tutoring. These sessions are held in a virtual Chat Environment through CourseInfo. The tutor and student meet at an appointed time so the discussion closely resembles the discussions in the lab.

Coupled with the face-to-face/online tutoring is the Grammar Hotline, tutorials and exercises found on the University Writing Center Web site.

The Grammar Hotline is a quick answer site that alleviates inquiries by students about minor problems such as verb use and citation formats. There

is also a list of tutorials and exercises that give students a quick view into various aspects of grammar, parts of speech and other concerns.

The Writing Center says it helps students in any course feel more comfortable approaching any writing project by determining strengths and building from weaknesses.

"An important point to make," Covington said, "is that we don't proofread or correct papers."

Though the center is helpful with hints and other suggestions, it's important to remember that it will not be as thorough as sessions with your professors.

"I think it's helpful," said sophomore Danielle Anderson, who used the lab last year. "Though the thing I didn't like about it was that they [tutors] will read it and critique."

"I don't think they are as helpful as the teachers would be because they can't focus on one student for too long like the teachers."

The Writing Center is set up to teach skills and techniques, not to guarantee an A paper. Tutoring sessions are provided to help guide students on the right track to successful writing.

Anyone who wishes to improve their skills should check out the University Writing Center in order to erase poor writing skills and "write" the wrongs of bad technique. ♦

Risque Renee'

The do's and don'ts for Christmas gifts

Seasons greetings everyone. This is Risque Renee dropping sex, love and relationship issues on you as hard or as soft as you like it.

What gifts do you want to give your significant others for Christmas?

Men, think about some of the gifts you want to give your significant other this Christmas.

1. Flowers — A female doesn't want flowers as her main Christmas present. Flowers should be given on any day of the week or just on her birthday and Valentine's Day.

2. Cheap gift certificates — Yes, it's the thought that counts, but a cheap gift certificate says your thoughts were very short. Don't even think that buying fast food gift certificates or buying one-for-two coupons will get you in the door.

3. Fake jewelry — If you can't afford the real thing, just wait. Buy her some other type of jewelry, such as beads and different things that will not run a risk of breaking her out or turning green. If you decide to buy her cheap jewelry and her neck or finger turns green and black, so will her thoughts about you.

4. Something for you — If you buy her something, let it be something she wants for her, not you. Do not give her a line saying, "Baby, I know I like to play video games all the time and you feel left out, but I'm about to fix that right now." Then you tell her "I bought you the X-box for Christmas, and we can learn to play together."

Men, we are not stupid. You didn't just spend \$700 to bond with us. Don't be selfish if you want your

relationship to make it to the New Year.

5. Lingerie — This type of gift is welcomed if the two of you are intimate. However, you just picked the wrong holiday. These types of items are welcome at Valentine's Day.

Fellas, I am going to help you out. If you see something you've just got to see on your lady this holiday, here's what you do. Buy her a gift for her!

Ladies, here are some tips on what not to get your significant other.

1. Clothes that light up — What is he — a Christmas tree? Ladies, this is not cute, and neither he nor you should want anything electrical that may cause a shortage that makes the power go out. So go exchange the flashing boxers now.

2. A tie — This is not Father's Day, and you are not his daughter, so why are you trying to buy him a tie? If it's not for kinky S-shape strategies in which you included directions in the box, X out the tie.

3. Hygiene items — Christmas is a time to give a person something they want, not what they need. It's not the time for you to give hints. For example, a new toothbrush/toothpaste and gum means your breath stinks. Soap, shampoo, conditioner and a wash cloth means I like you, but please wash up, and the list goes on.

If you receive a pumice stone, pedicure set and foot spa, this means your sandpaper feet full of toe jam smelling like Fritos corn chips is getting on my nerves. Now believe me, the list goes on.

Ladies, Christmas is not the time to deal with problems like this, and if you have these problems, well that's another issue.

4. Shoes — This is an old folk saying: Don't buy a man shoes or he'll run right out of your life.

I don't know if the fellas would agree with this one, especially since the new Jordans are little to come out. This about saying excludes married couples, but not engaged couples.

5. Coats — Once again, the old folks say don't buy him a coat or he'll keep someone else warm with it. You don't want to look down the street and see the coat you bought him wrapped around his new lady. Yes, I could see where that would cause a problem.

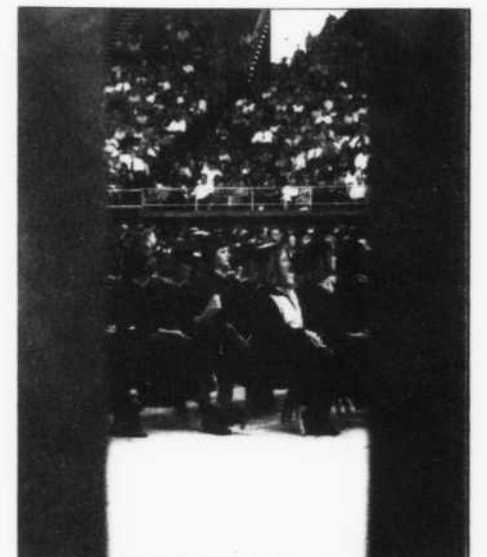
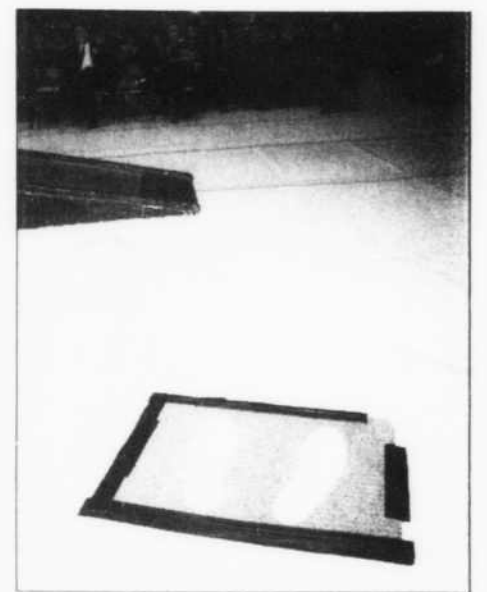
We have a list of things you don't want to do for Christmas, and there are only two things you can do for Christmas.

Do get your loved one something you can afford and thought about with your heart, and your Christmas will be a blessed one. Christmas is only one day of the year, and if you practice showing your affection throughout the year, you won't feel obligated to go broke trying to buy something so big and expensive in an effort to make up for the entire year.

We should love and show love throughout all of the seasons.

This is Risque Renee wishing each of you A's on your finals and a blessed Christmas.

See you next year with more topics on sex, love and relationships. ♦



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Satellite offices provide convenience to students

College coordinators to be appointed

By Shane Gallo
Staff Writer

The Career and Employment Center began a five-year plan of opening satellite offices in hopes college this semester, for each that satellite offices would make the center more accessible to students.

The center appointed its first satellite office coordinator, Karen Morgan, earlier this semester, to advise students in the College of Business, and so far, this move has proven to be a success, according to center officials.

"It's going very well," Morgan said. "Each month, the number of students coming to see me is increasing, and it's exciting to see the students because this means that we're meeting a need."

"Creating an awareness of the services is our major objective," said Martha Turner, direc-

tor of the center. "We want to make students aware of the career center and that we're here to assist them in registering, writing resumes and career planning."

The center advises students of all majors with a number of career-oriented tips, such as resume and interviewing skills, internship and employment referrals and cover letters.

Turner said the second coordinator will be for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

The goal of the Career and Employment Center is to open a satellite office in each college within the next five years.

When and which colleges will be next in line to open satellite offices is still unknown. The satellite offices will be physically located in the colleges, but they will serve any student who comes in, Turner said, regardless of which college they come from.

Students may take advantage of this free service by registering online at the center's Web site, www.mtsu.edu/~career, or going to one of the offices located in the Keathley University Center, Room 328, and Business and Aerospace Building, Room S123.

"Our registration system is called Career Connections, where students can register online," Turner explained. Accounts through the center should be opened at the end of the junior year or the start of the senior year in order to take full advantage of the service, she said.

Students on the center's e-mail list receive occasional announcements and notification of employment opportunities or activities.

For additional information, call the center's main office at 898-2500 or the satellite office at 494-8911. ♦

Graduating seniors face last-minute responsibilities

By Roshon Lewis and Lisa Poeppel
Contributors

Some last-minute responsibilities await seniors hoping to graduate Dec. 15.

Sherian Huddleston, director of Records and interim assistant vice president for Enrollment Management, explained what graduating seniors should do.

"The week prior to graduation, students need to go to Phillips Bookstore to pick up their caps and gowns," Huddleston said.

"Most of the students will wear the traditional cap and gown," she said.

"Individuals expecting to receive a master's degree will receive a gown with a hood attached," Huddleston explained.

"Students have been notified in advance that if they have not placed their names on the graduation list, then they should not expect to receive a cap and gown," Huddleston said.

Because graduation is considered to be a formal event, specific attire is required.

"All students, regardless whether or not they are wearing a hooded gown, are expected to wear black socks, pants and shoes," Huddleston said. "We don't want anyone wearing street clothes to an event as important as this one. Besides, students should want to look nice in front of their relatives for an event as special as this one."

There will be some preparations and special events prior to the ceremony.

"We will have rehearsal for the ceremony at 7:45 a.m.," Huddleston said. "This will be followed by continental breakfast from 9 to 9:30 a.m. prior to the 10 a.m. ceremony."

According to Huddleston, students will not receive a real diploma at the ceremony.

"On the day of graduation, students will receive a cover - not a real diploma," Huddleston said.

"Many students have not filled out their graduation forms, and some are not sure if they are going to graduate," she said. "It is safer to just give students a cover rather than a real diploma."

Many students owe the school for parking tickets and phone bills.

Huddleston said individuals with such debts could not receive their diploma and would be notified by mail or phone that certain action would be taken.

The graduation ceremony typically has a commencement speaker who provides some encouraging words for students.

Huddleston said this year's speaker is Pedro Garcia, director of Metro Schools.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee will preside over the ceremony.

About 1,175 students, both graduate and undergraduate, are expected to graduate. ♦

Technology replaces Generation X

Generation faces stereotype of slackers with lack of focus

By Jamey Anderson
Contributor

It's 11:30 a.m. in the morning, another typical day at the office. Monotony's in the air, but no one seems to mind. It's lunchtime, and everyone's on their way to their favorite mid-day get away.

Everyone except the boss and

one employee.

Despite the fact that his generation has been labeled as slackers and people who jump from job to job, Paul Masterson was excited about the career opportunities his job offered and very eager to move up the ladder.

"Hey, Paul, you got a second?" his boss asked.

Masterson walked into the office, not quite knowing what to expect.

"I felt sick to my stomach. At the time, I didn't know why, though," Masterson recalls.

It turns out Masterson had every reason to feel sick to his stomach. His fate would mirror that of so many others during this turbulent time. He was laid off.

Masterson joined the ranks of almost 400,000 Americans who have been let go recently. Treatment of employees as disposable objects is not merely a reflection of a bad economy, however, but a concept adopted by many businesses over the past 20 years in an effort to compete in international markets and operate more efficiently.

The layoffs are not necessarily because U.S. businesses are going broke. Many corporations are making record profits.

"As companies have merged to create greater economies of scale, the most obvious way to save money is to eliminate managers and staff who perform duplicate services to those already staffed by the acquiring company," explains Douglas Timmons, MTSU finance professor.

Many of the United States' manufacturing jobs have gone to foreign workers, which subsequently has diminished the American manufacturing sector.

New technologies also are to blame for downsizing. America is a very mobile society that is technology driven.

What is happening is that the impact of modern computer automation on productivity has begun to be felt by the middle class. Because of the productivity enhancement of the new technology, corporations no longer need as many people to conduct business. They can lay off workers, cut payroll costs and continue to run their businesses successfully.

"As new technological advances continue at a more rapid pace, ever changing how we live, workers will find it ever more important to pursue education," Timmons says.

Stereotypes facing

Masterson's generation have been thrown in his face for many years, in his opinion, as an excuse to treat workers like disposable objects. GenXers like Masterson are told they lack drive and ambition and that they will leave their jobs because it is not fun.

"I've studied all the stuff written about my generation when I was in school. I would never quit a job because it's not fun every day, but at the same time, why would I want to stay in a job that I don't enjoy?" Masterson questions.

Many GenXers question the mind-set of their parents to continue a job for 25 years only because they were supposed to and not because they had any passion or love for it.

"I went to college to make a career, not to settle for a job. The funny part is, I stayed with a company in an effort to stick with it, and I was let go," Masterson explains.

Like Masterson, 31-year-old Tiffany Jackson was let go from her job of eight years that she had worked hard in college to obtain.

"Losing my job to downsizing certainly changed my perspective," Jackson says. "I realize now that companies aren't concerned with me as a person who has a daughter to feed. They're simply concerned with what I can produce for them. I watched several people who had

been with the company for 20 plus years get laid off before me. The layoffs were based on job performance and what was best for the company, not seniority."

And what do the loyal employees receive in today's society? Sixty-year-old Willie Devine found out the hard way what her 27 years were worth.

"I was forced to retire two years early because of my medical condition, and I was also forced to take a pension of only \$600 a month," Devine says. "I'm not yet eligible for social security benefits, and I've had to try and manage with a 70 percent decrease in salary."

Devine is no longer able to participate in the workforce, but for employees who are simply laid off due to downsizing, the effects are devastating. Thousands of workers with good skills and many years of loyal service are facing an uncertain future. The job market is terrible, especially for older workers with high salaries.

"Most of them will never find a job as good as the one they lost," says William Arnold, a retired human resources director.

Many believe he is right, whether they are baby boomers or GenXers.

"There are two problems. First, the economy is growing too slowly to create a strong demand for labor. In an era of

slow growth, downsizing may be the only way for big corporations to remain competitive. Second, most people are overly dependent on wages or salaries for income. Few workers receive any significant fraction of their income from ownership of capital," Arnold explains.

However, workers are not rendered powerless. For some, a layoff may provide a wake-up call for a dead-end career. The mindset of employees in this country is changing, and the 30-year loyal employee is becoming a dinosaur. Perhaps what many people would like for businesses to understand is that it is not that people are less loyal, but that companies are less loyal. That in turn has created a market in which employees are willing to jump from job to job, believing that their loyalty wouldn't be appreciated anyway.

Perhaps future generations should pay close attention to the advice of Timmons, who says, "The key to success in the workplace, now and in the future, will be lifelong learning. My suggestion to students who are serious about their future economic well-being is to approach a college education as the building block for a lifetime of learning." ♦

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Basketball rebounds for victory

Blue Raiders hit the boards to improve record to 4-2 with 65-52 win over Rice

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

After a disappointing loss to Radford Saturday in Virginia, Middle Tennessee's men's basketball team came home to beat Rice 65-52 Tuesday, improving its season record to 4-2, the highest since the 1997-98 season.

Leading the Blue Raiders to victory was junior William Pippen, who had 20 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, 3 three-pointers and a personal best of 6 steals. The 6-foot, 200-pound forward is averaging 22.5 points and 6.5 rebounds at the Murphy Center.

"It was a real confidence booster for us to bounce back and get a win tonight," Pippen said. "You have to defend your home court. It was important to get this win tonight because you don't want to go on the road on Thursday facing UT-Martin after suffering a loss at home."

Adding to the number of boards was senior lino Tennngren, whose 11 rebounds and 15 points gave him his first ever double-double. Tennngren is averaging 11.5 rebounds in the last two games.

"It was important to get pro-

duction and play strong inside," Tennngren said. "In the first half they played man-to-man and then they ran zone on us. We struggled a little with the zone they put on us, but we spread it out and found our rhythm."

Point guard Eric Parham's 6 rebounds and guard Tommy Gunn's 7 rebounds contributed to the team's season high of 47 rebounds for the game. This was the team's highest number of rebounds in 32 games.

MT has won on the boards in all four of their home game wins.

Twenty of the rebounds came off the offensive backboard, the best number since MT's game against Murray State in 2000. However, defensive boards and play are what Pippen claimed was critical to the win.

"Defensive output was key to our game tonight," Pippen said. "We showed total effort tonight on the court, and it paid off with our offensive play."

Parham was forced to replace his game after senior guard D'marius Wilkes left the game within the first three minutes with a wrist injury.

"Eric (Parham) did a good job of stepping up when Wilkes

got hurt early in the first half," head coach Randy Wiel said. "He had specific instructions about how to handle the ball because he has been turnover prone, but did a good job tonight and only had one."

Wilkes is not expected to return to play by today's game against UT-Martin. He had a season high 4 steals in MT's last home game against UNC-Greensboro.

Tommy Gunn was also unlucky as the end of his six game double digit scoring streak came to an end when he scored only 9 points.

"This is the biggest team, as far as size, we will face," Wiel said.

"We knew we would have to rebound and play physically to win this game. Tonight is more indicative of how we want to play this season. We were due for a good offensive game and had to play good post defense tonight to open up our offense."

The win over Rice was Wiel's 50th home win and made his record against Texas teams 3-0 as head coach for MT.

"We needed to get back into the win column," Wiel said. "It was great to get a win off a quality team like Rice" ♦

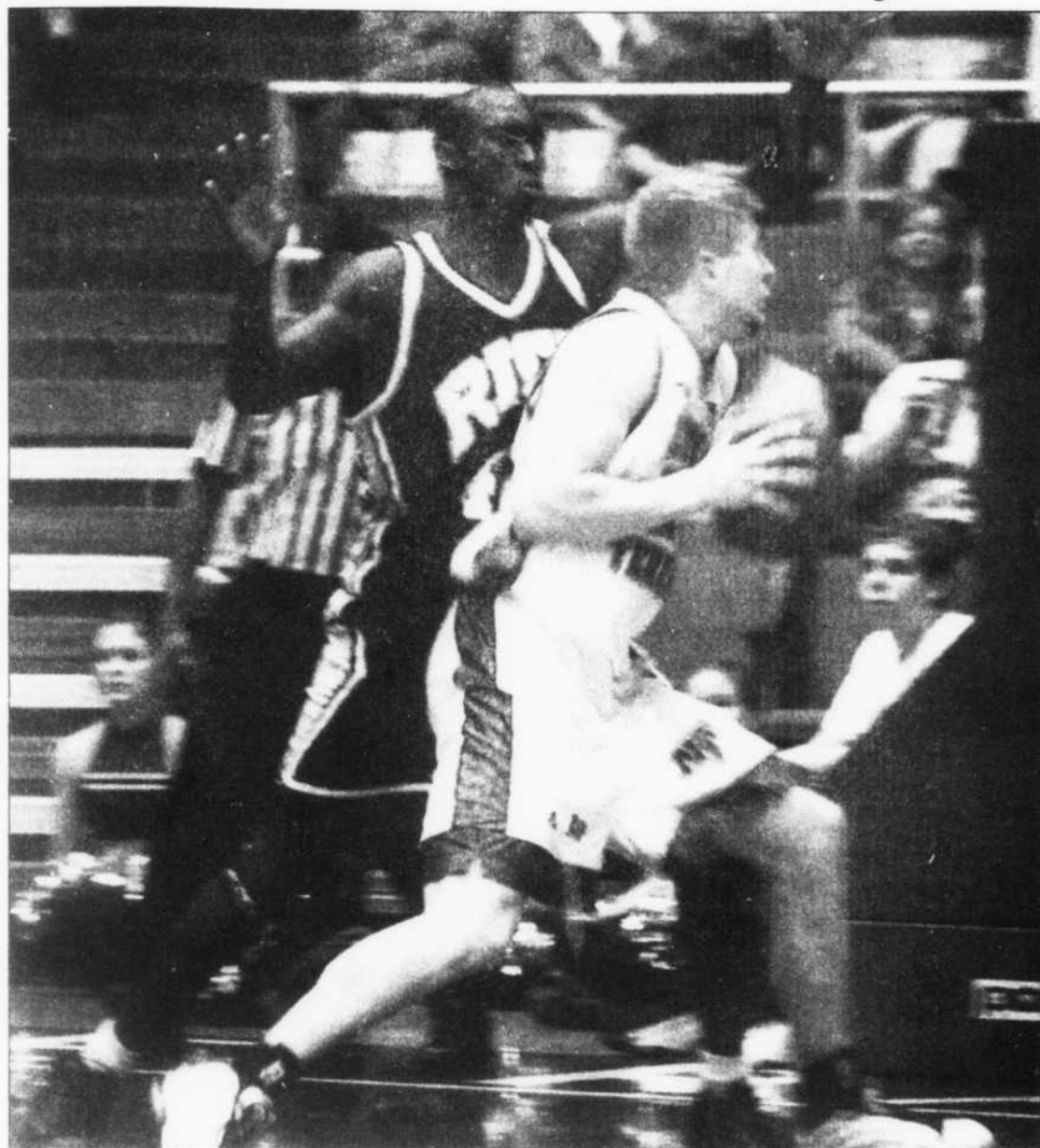


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lino Tennngren goes for the layup as the Rice defender attempts to block his path.

Middle Tennessee will face tougher opponents, test in the near future

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

Rice University came in as the bigger, faster and stronger men's basketball team. There was one problem: Middle Tennessee was the better team Tuesday night.

The Blue Raiders knocked off the Owls 65-52. Rice is from the Western Athletic Conference, and this conference is always recognized as one of the best in the nation. Last year the conference sent two teams to the NCAA tournament.

"It feels good to beat a team from a power conference," forward lino Tennngren said.

Tennngren finished the game with 15 points and 11 rebounds, including 8 offensive rebounds. This is his second game in a row with double figures in rebounds. In the Bradford game, he had 12 rebounds, and he came into the contest leading the team in rebounds averaging 7 per game.

"This was a very good ball club," forward William Pippen said.

Pippen was the leading scorer in the game with 20 points

and had 7 rebounds for the Blue Raiders.

"They had the size. We had to play quick and make them spend time on defense," coach Randy Wiel said.

The defense held the Owls to 29 percent shooting, including 29 percent behind the three-point line.

Later on this month, the Blue Raiders travel to Greenville, N.C., to play Conference USA member East Carolina Dec. 20. The game has been pushed back a day because ECU's football team is playing in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Dec. 19. By that time, the Blue Raiders could pass or tie last year's amount of victories.

The Blue Raiders are moving into a part of the schedule that includes some teams in the area. This week includes games against UT-Martin and at home Saturday against Tennessee State. Later on in the year, the Blue Raiders will travel to Knoxville to take on the Volunteers of the University of Tennessee.

This stretch will show what this team is made of. ♦

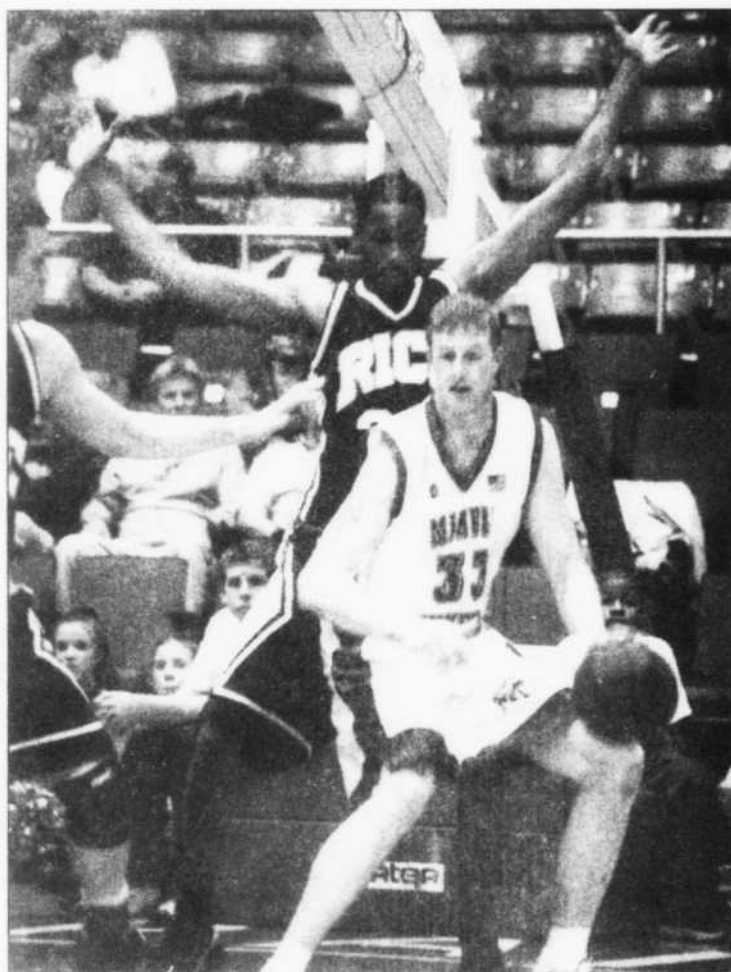


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Lee Nosse backs his way into the paint for the shot.

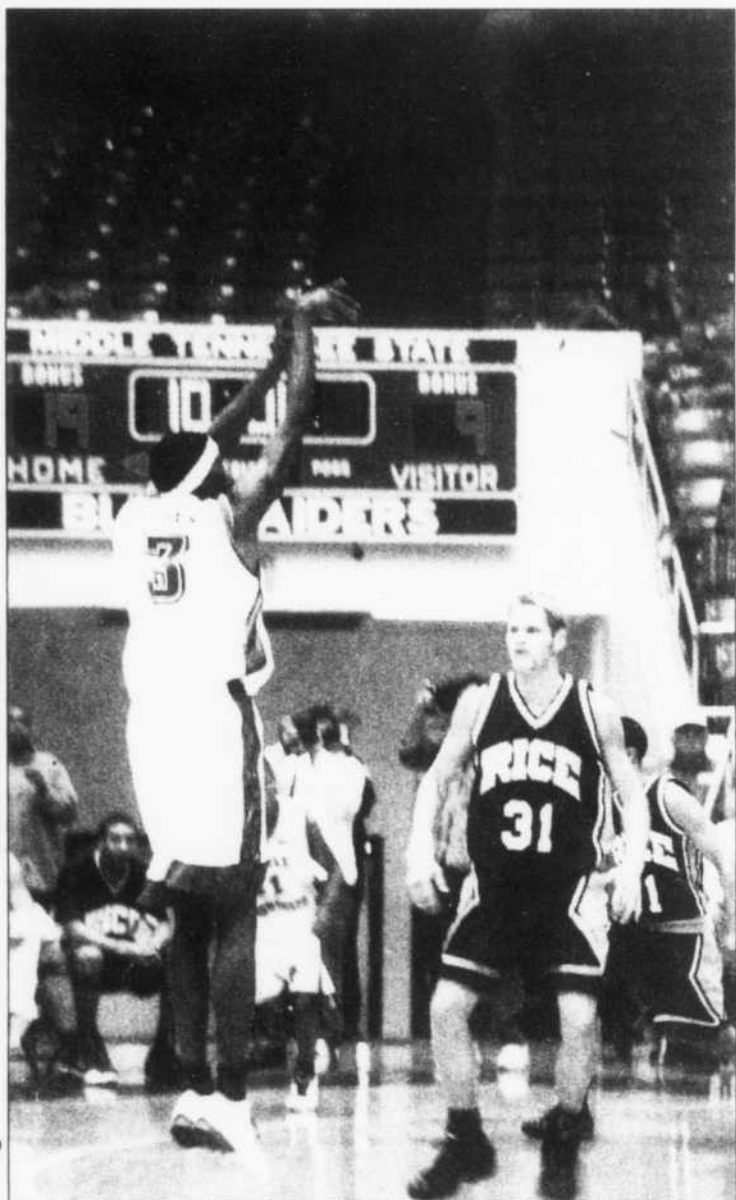


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William Pippen goes up for the three against Rice.

MT takes home win

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee's Jennifer Justice posted her first career double-double and Jamie Thomatis added 21 points, as the Lady Raiders posted a 73-55 victory over UT-Martin Wednesday night at the Murphy Center.

Justice had 13 points and 11 rebounds off the bench, including 9 rebounds in the second half, as the Lady Raiders (4-2) outscored the visiting Skyhawks (1-6), 46-31, in the second half to take the victory.

MT took the game into the second half, taking just a 27-24 advantage into half-time. The Lady Raiders scored 8 of the first 10 points to open the second half, but the Skyhawks would not go away.

MT built the lead to as many as 12 points five minutes into the second half, but UT-Martin continued to fight and cut the lead to three at 44-41 when Jody Miller nailed a three-pointer at the 11:46 mark. But the Lady Raiders answered with a 13-2 run over the next six minutes to push the lead to 14.

Thomatis scored seven of her 21 points during the run, helping MT put the game away and secure their fourth victory of the season.

Thomatis and Justice each had a team-high 4 assists for the Lady Raiders. Freshman Jessica Schlueter scored 9 points in her first career start, as senior Joanne Aluka sat out the contest with a leg injury.

Amy Watson led the Skyhawks with 15 points, but just two in the second half. T.J. Barker added 8 points, and Kelly Pendleton had 7 for UT-Martin.

The Lady Raiders play Tennessee Tech Sunday at the Murphy Center at 2 p.m. ♦

Lady Raider awarded for week's performance on the hardwood

MT Media Relations

Middle Tennessee senior Jamie Thomatis was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week after the Lady Raiders defeated Austin Peay and Ole Miss last week.

The 5-foot-11-inch forward averaged 22 points in the two victories, including scoring 31 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in a 74-64 win over Ole Miss Saturday.

It was her first double-double of the season and the 10th of her career.

It marked the 18th straight double-figure game for the Destrehan, La., native, and the 12th 20-plus point game in her

last 16 contests dating to last season. It was the seventh 30-plus point game of her career and the first since scoring 30 against Indiana March 14 in the first round of the Women's NIT.

Thomatis went 9-of-18 from the field and made three of Middle Tennessee's five three-pointers in the contest and was a perfect 10-for-10 from the foul line, including eight in the final four minutes of the game against the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Raiders (3-2) return to action Wednesday with a 7 p.m. contest against UT-Martin (1-5) at the Murphy Center.

MT also hosts Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. Sunday. ♦



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Jamie Thomatis tries to dribble past the Ole Miss defender. She was named Sun Belt Player of the Week.

The Vols' chance to dance in roses

Sports Commentary



Amy Jones
Staff Writer

On Saturday, Dec. 1, University of Tennessee fans and the country witnessed one of the biggest victories in Volunteer football history. This victory came over Southeastern Conference rival the Florida Gators in The Swamp of Gainesville. This was the first Vols win in The Swamp since 1971, and it had to be one of the best college football games I have ever witnessed. This win compares to the Volunteers' win over Florida State for the 1998 National Championship in Tempe, Ariz.

The 34-32 win over the Gators put the Vols in the running to see roses Jan. 3 with a victory over the Louisiana State Tigers Saturday during the SEC Championship in Atlanta, Ga.

With a win over LSU, the Volunteers will hop on a plane for a trip to the very well deserved Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Ca., Jan. 3.

This chance for a trip to see roses came late Monday afternoon when the Bowl Championship Series poll put Tennessee in the No. 2 spot over Florida, Texas, Nebraska and Oregon, who all held spot over Tennessee last week. Tennessee also holds number two in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today polls. The Vols were ranked No. 6 before the big win over the Gators. Tennessee definitely deserves to be in that spot. After a season that was suppose to be a "rebuilding season", the Vols stood in there and showed all the non-believers what Tennessee football is all about. Basically the Vols control their own destiny.

Being a native of Knoxville, my blood just happens to run orange with a little tint of MT blue. I stand up and salute every time I hear "Rocky Top," but this does not mean I am prejudice against the other teams that held spots above the Tennessee



Volunteers in the BCS before Monday.

Florida was ranked No. 2 last week in the BCS poll until that close loss to the Vols Saturday. The Gators now own Tennessee's place at No. 6 with a two loss season. Florida also lost to now unranked SEC oppo-

nent Auburn earlier in the season.

Texas held the third spot before the loss to now No. 4 Colorado Saturday. That put the Longhorns with a 10-2 record and a trip to the No. 7 spot on the poll.

Next in line was Nebraska at

No. 4. Even with the loss to Colorado Nov. 23 in their last regular season game, the Cornhuskers still hold a high spot at No. 3. They also hold hope for a Tennessee loss in the SEC Championship for their chance to smell roses Jan. 3.

The big Cornhuskers also took on a Middle Tennessee opponent Sept. 1. The Huskers took a 42-14 win over the Troy State Trojans. The Blue Raiders took a 54-17 win over the Trojans just a week later. Pretty impressive, huh?

Another question is "Should Nebraska even be allowed to play in the National Championship game if Tennessee loses to LSU?" And the answer is "no!"

This is because the Huskers didn't win the Big 12 Conference. If Tennessee loses the SEC Championship game there will be no National Championship for them. So what is the difference between the two?

The last team that use to hold a spot in front of the boys from UT was Oregon. Why Oregon even held a spot in the

top ten is beyond me? The highest ranked team that Oregon faced was No. 10 Stanford. Even with a 10-1 record, Florida belongs in front of them. Florida at least played a tough schedule.

After all the talk and the smoke has cleared, one thing is for certain. Miami definitely deserves its vacation to Pasadena and to dance in roses with the only undefeated record in NCAA Division I football.

But if the Hurricanes are smart they will not underestimate the Tennessee Volunteers and their capabilities. The Vols haven't been taken seriously all season and see where they are now. Florida is just a prime example of underestimating a bomb that was just waiting to explode.

The SEC Championship game between LSU and Tennessee can be seen on CBS Saturday at 7 p.m. The National Championship game can be seen on ABC Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. ♦

Students debate origin of MT vs. UT school spirit

The Way It Should Be



Pam Hudgens
Editor in Chief

"It's great - to be - a Tennessee Vol."

Give me a break. I am so sick of hearing that annoying cheer and good 'ole "Rocky Top" coming out of the mouths of Middle Tennessee students and Murfreesboro residents.

Why? Because you're not Tennessee Vols; you're Blue Raiders. You don't go the University of Tennessee-Knoxville; you attend Middle Tennessee State University.

Everyone keeps telling me how much fun it is to attend a football game in Neyland Stadium, which I assume means they themselves have attended such football games. Then why can't they show up to MT games. While you're there in Knoxville adding to this great atmosphere that draws so many fans in, our football team is here in Murfreesboro suffering from low fan support.

Perhaps if the Vols fans here would attend our home games our football program could begin to gain the same kind of reputation as the Vols.

Tennessee has won only two more games than us so far this season. With an MT winning record of 8-3, it can't be the lack of skill keeping fans away. But if everyone from MT is going to Knoxville to lend crowd support, then who does that leave



here for our players.

Our lack of fan support is one of the reasons the Blue Raiders didn't receive a bowl bid. Do you think that would be a consideration for UT? We might even end up getting kicked out of Division I-A due partially to this lack of fans. This is ridiculous. There is no reason to have such low atten-

dance at football games in a town that so obviously loves the game.

Believe it or not, there is more than one college football team in the state of Tennessee.

Growing up in West Tennessee, you would hardly ever know there was such a thing as the University of Memphis Tigers. Even seven hours west of Knoxville, everyone is caught up in orange fever. This has always been a mystery to me.

A guy I went to high school with committed to the Vols as a senior. It was like he found a cure for cancer. The county newspaper devoted half the front page to him that week, and when they won the national championship in 1998, the town held a recognition day for him at the civic center.

This overdramatization of all things Vols has only added to my distaste of UT. And the fact that I can't even escape it here on our own campus frustrates me to no end.

So I implore all you wannabe Vols to look closer to home for a team to support and start cheering a little louder for the Blue Raiders. ♦

From the Outside Looking In



Rebecca Pickering
Managing Editor

While driving past Floyd Stadium last weekend I observed a crowd larger than that I had ever seen at a home Middle Tennessee football game. Unfortunately, the crowd was for an area high school, not our notorious Blue Raiders.

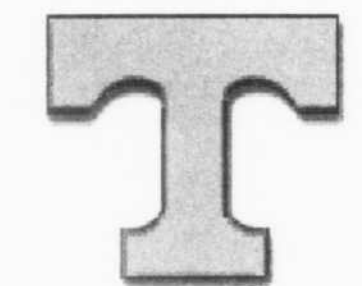
That evening, while dining at O'Charleys, I observed hundreds of Murfreesboro residents as they celebrated the Tennessee Vols' victory over the Florida Gators. Many of these people were MT students, but most were professional adults dining with their families.

I am not about to say that Middle Tennesseans shouldn't support the Tennessee Vols. I grew up in Knoxville and have many fond memories of attending UT games with my father. I even sold Cokes for two seasons so I could get into the games for free. There is nothing like a football game at Neyland Stadium.

I have encountered many people who are bitter that Murfreesboro residents support the Vols instead of the Blue Raiders. They must realize though the differences in our

programs. Yes, MT had a winning season, yes, we have nationally recognized athletes and yes, we were co-champions of the Sun Belt Conference. This, however, does not constitute the acclaim received by the Vols.

The Vols have a rich history. Their football program was



established two decades before MTSU was even founded as an institution. They have many traditions (which are proudly displayed on their Web site), including the Vol Navy which is about to celebrate its 40th anniversary and Smokey, the live blue tick coon hound that gets fans on their feet at all Vols games. The Pride of the Southland Marching Band is also quite acclaimed. I have their whole album on MP3. Oh, did I mention UT has had about 73 players drafted into the NFL in the last 10 seasons? MT has less than 10 in its history.

So where is MT's tradition? Tradition must be built, and that takes time. I agree that students should support the institution that they attend, but I cannot reprimand anyone for

wanting to be part of something as amazing as UT football. Think of it this way. All of the MT students who support the Vols chose to attend MTSU over UT for a reason. We should embrace the fact that our university is growing and that potential students are realizing MT's strengths in academic areas.

It is crazy to think that we can gain fan support by snapping our fingers. When the athletic director is chosen, our program needs to be closely evaluated. Blue Raider Athletics' Association needs to take steps to improve support and start forming tradition. Against popular belief, we can't form support by simply having a good football team.

It is important to explore other avenues to get students and the community interested. We have an exceptional band. Why not explore that road? A live mascot would be great. I doubt we could round up a live Pegasus. So perhaps we should evaluate the mascot, too. A snappy little melody couldn't hurt us, and although we can't pull up to the game on our house boats, encouraging more tailgating with incentives for participants wouldn't be a bad idea either.

So next time you see an orange flag flying in Middle Tennessee, look to it for knowledge. Appreciate its history and use it to help us build our program in the coming years. ♦

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Humanitarian Bowl fills spots, leaves MT on out of bowl

Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Clemson fans started the season with dreams of spending New Year's Eve basking in Miami or living it up in New Orleans, preparing for a Bowl

Championship Series game. Instead, the Tigers (6-5) will spend Dec. 31 in Boise, Idaho, playing Western Athletic Conference champion Louisiana Tech (7-4) in the Humanitarian Bowl. That's not a bad thing, coach

Tommy Bowden said Tuesday. "Y'all are going to have snow out there?" Bowden asked bowl officials. "A lot of these guys haven't seen snow." Clemson had to beat out Mississippi, 7-4, to get to the blue AstroTurf of Bronco

Stadium on the campus of Boise State. UCLA, also 7-4, was considered but dropped out of the running because it would have resulted in a \$300,000 loss for the Bruins. The bowl pays \$750,000 per team, kicks off at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 31 and will be

televised on ESPN. Clemson will buy 8,000 tickets, and athletic director Bobby Robinson expects 13,000 orange-clad fans to make the trip. Robinson said he wasn't worried that the bowl would be a financial burden on the Tigers. "We think we'll break

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