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SGA proposes fewer hours needed for degree

Jamie Evans
Staff Reporter

Members of the Student Government Association Senate are pushing a resolution to reduce the number of hours required to graduate.

Currently, students must acquire 132 hours to graduate. If this resolution is successful, those hours will be lowered to 120.

Last year, a similar proposal was voted down by the Faculty Senate. According to SGA officials, the proposal failed only because it did not clarify where hours would be cut from each program.

"It was voted down for the wrong reason," said SGA president Jason Lawson, explaining the Faculty Senate voted against the proposal because of a technicality.

According to Senator Brian Gillespie, the sponsors of the resolution feel they have clarified the technicality and the Faculty Senate will approve the idea this time.

The resolution states the hours will be cut from electives, thereby leaving the course requirements for

majors and minors untouched.

The bill states, "Students feel that there is no need for them to be forced to take an entire extra semester of electives that are in no way related to their major, minor or general studies programs."

Gillespie said this change is a good idea, especially since MTSU is one of the few Tennessee Board of Regents institutions who have not changed to 120 hours.

For several years, MTSU has mandated more credit hours than required by the TBR.

Up until last spring, the TBR's required hours were 128. Then, the board approved a proposal to lower the graduation hours to 120. Still, MTSU remained at 132.

The SGA claims TBR officials have said they have no hesitations to approving a change in MTSU's required hours if the administration decides to support one.

This latest resolution has another difference than the one from last spring. If the last proposal had passed, it would've taken a while for the new system to be implemented. However, if this new resolution is enacted, it calls for the new system to be implemented by next

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Spring semester fee payments due earlier

Michael Barton
Staff Reporter

The new deadline for fee payments may catch some students by surprise.

Students will have their classes for the spring semester erased if they neglect to pay their fees by Dec. 17, according to Bob Adams, assistant vice president of the Business Office.

On the night of Dec. 17, the Business Office will purge the pre-registered spring schedules of all those students who have not paid at least 50 percent of their fees or, if they are receiving financial aid, have not confirmed that they will attend.

"In semesters past, we have always had fee payments due the day before classes start ... that makes a very difficult situation for class scheduling," Adams said.

The new deadline does not only apply to the spring semester. The fee payment deadline will always be a few weeks before each semester

begins to ensure better class management and will help to reduce the long line outside the financial aid office.

The purge on Dec. 17 will open up a lot of spaces in classes that students may not have been able to get into until after the beginning of the semester.

"So many people who have wanted to drop or add a class have had to wait until classes have started ... they can now do it several weeks before classes start," Adams said.

Those who have their schedules purged on Dec. 17 can re-register for classes beginning the next day, and their fee payment deadline will be Jan. 5, the day before spring classes begin.

Adams said it is standard policy for a university to have an early fee payment deadline.

"I think we are the only university in the Tennessee Board of Regents not requiring an early fee payment already," he said.

Because of the shortened deadline, Adams stressed the need for

students requiring financial aid for the spring semester to take care of the necessary paperwork as soon as possible if they have not already done so.

"We hope to get on a cycle where everybody gets all the paperwork for financial aid done a little bit earlier and everything is ready before school starts, rather than have people standing in line for hours and hours when classes have already started trying to take care of that business," Adams said.

The Business Office will not make any exceptions for students concerning the deadline.

"The deadline won't get changed," he added.

Students not receiving financial aid can pay either at one of the Business Office windows or over TRAM with a credit card.

The university will not be taking payments at the Murphy Center as it has in the past.

Students must pay at least 50 percent of their fees by Dec. 17, another 25 percent by March 1, and the remaining balance by April 1.



Los Amigos Invisibles opens for Soul Coughing this Friday on the KUC Knoll. See page 6.

Conference to teach girls fundamentals of science

Lesli Bales
Staff Reporter

How can making slime and taking apart old computers help prepare middle school girls for the future?

"Expanding your Horizons in Science and Mathematics: A Hands-On Conference for Switching Middle School Girls on to Science" will use fun tactics such as these to get participants interested in these male-dominated fields.

The conference will be held Saturday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on the MTSU campus.

Established as a national conference in 1976, EYH is designed to introduce young women to career opportunities in math, science and technology. This year's conference will feature workshops spanning topics from psychology to dentistry, veterinary medicine

to aerospace and electrical engineering to banking.

"The hands-on demonstrations will be a major part of the conference," said coordinator Judith Iriarte-Gross, an associate professor of chemistry at MTSU. "We want to let the girls see that they really can do something without getting dirty or having the boys elbow them out of the way."

According to a study by the American Association of University Women, 79 percent of all science demonstrations in schools are conducted by boys. The same study also shows that by the year 2000, two out of three new entrants to the labor force will be women, yet women comprise less than 20 percent of the science, math and engineering work force. And, without the necessary science and math prerequisites, it will be impossible for women to enter and succeed in more than

30 percent of college majors.

EYH is hoping to combat those odds.

Iriarte-Gross became involved with the conference in Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas, and brought the conference to Middle Tennessee in 1997. Last year, 300 middle school girls and 100 parents and teachers attended EYH at MTSU. Iriarte-Gross expects the same number this year.

Participants will attend a keynote address by Dr. Stephanie Bailey, executive director of the Metropolitan Public Health Department in Nashville, and four workshops of their choice. They also will be treated to lunch at Corlew Dining Hall and a science magic show by MTSU chemistry and physics students.

"EYH gives the girls options to consider when they get into high school," Iriarte-Gross said.

Internet textbook stores give students new options

Leslie Wormer and Brian Gillespie
Special to Sidelines

With the beginning of registration only a few days away, the thoughts of the student body begin to focus on the purchase of textbooks.

Traditionally, students turn to Phillips Bookstore on campus or Blue Raider Book and Supply on Greenland Drive. However, in this age of science and technological advances, another option has arrived—purchasing textbooks via the Internet.

Bigwords Company, based out of California, claims students can save up to 40 percent on textbook purchases and, at the same time, they offer the option of renting textbooks.

Over 2.5 million books are available through Bigwords, and if they do not have a textbook, they can order it from the publisher.

To order a book from Bigwords, students need to know either the title of the book, the author of the book or the book's ISBN number.

Unlike the local bookstores, students must know which books they need before making their purchase.

Another feature of Bigwords is that professors can set up their own accounts which tell students exactly which books they need. Added bonuses for students

are that when their professors have an account with Bigwords, they will know exactly what books they need to purchase and receive a 5 percent discount on them.

Also, if a student refers a friend to Bigwords and that friend purchases textbooks from the company, the referring student receives a 5 percent discount.

Unlike the local bookstores, Bigwords has no exchange policy and students only have 14 days to return unwanted textbooks.

Students must also take into account shipping and handling charges when ordering from Bigwords. Students should expect two to five days for delivery.

Bookswap is another online option students may want to consider.

At this website, students post listings of textbooks they need to buy or sell. Students determine the prices at which their books will sell.

Although Bookswap offers the advantage of competitive pricing through interaction with other students, it does have its limitations.

Bookswap does not encourage students to conduct transactions by mail; rather, they say all transactions should be conducted face to face. Even though this is only a recommendation, one must consider safety issues when dealing with strangers.

Because Bookswap depends on student participa-

tion and interaction, finding the textbook you need can be a challenge. Without widespread use by other students, the chances of finding the right textbook are slim.

Bookswap does not handle any textbook transactions; all sales are conducted by students. Because of this, there is no exchange or return policy.

Although online bookstores offer new alternatives, the traditional bookstore still holds certain distinct advantages.

Phillips Bookstore and Blue Raider Book and Supply have exchange policies, longer return periods and are conveniently located.

Also, students do not have to do research prior to purchasing books from the local bookstores. At either local bookstore, all the textbooks are already labeled for each class.

A distinct advantage the local bookstores have over the online bookstores is that you don't have to wait for your books to arrive or set up a time to meet someone for the purchase.

Campus bookstores offer the advantage of location, whereas online bookstores appear to offer price advantages.

When purchasing books, one of the most common choices is the campus bookstore, but perhaps students should consider different alternatives.



Mark Bureson, an English graduate student, browses through the selection of books at Phillips Bookstore.

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ON CAMPUS

To submit an announcement for On Campus, submit information in person at James Union Building Room 310, mail information to campus box 42 or fax information to 904-8487.
Due to space constraints, priority will be given to submissions with earlier deadlines.

Wednesday Oct. 28-Friday Nov. 20

The Japan Center of Tennessee in the cooperation with Volunteer State Community College located at 1480 Nashville Pike, Galatin, TN. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the lobby of the Thigpen Library at Volunteer State Community College.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Sigma Rho Fraternity is hosting a Masquerade Ball at the Foundation House, 324 Thompson Lane. The event is \$2 with costume, \$4 without. Refreshments will be served, cash prizes for best costume, cash prizes for best Karaoke act, and horror movies shown all night. For more information, contact Mario Moore at 898-3711.

Pi Sigma Epsilon will host a dance for diabetes Jonathan's (on the Square) starting at 8:30 p.m. Eddie and the Redies and Still Standing will be performing. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. For more information, contact Amber Carpenter at 904-6151.

October-Dec.23

The Japan Center of Tennessee is sponsoring a Mini-Exhibit "Japanese Containers" in the lobby of the Cope Administration building at Middle Tennessee State University. The public is invited to view the exhibit Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call The Japan Center of Tennessee at 898-2229.

Monday, Nov. 2

The Placement and Student Employment Center is sponsoring a Nurses/Health Career Day at the JUB (Tennessee Room) from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Representative from

organizations will be present to talk with students interested in health occupations. For more information, contact Martha Turner at 898-2500.

The Jack C. Massey Graduate School of Business at Belmont University will hold an informational open house for the Master of Business Administration (including our MBA with a healthcare focus) and the Master of Accountancy degree programs. The open house begins at 6 p.m. with a reception to follow in the Jack C. Massey Business Center. For more information, call Kathy Elliot 460-6480.

Monday and Tuesday Nov. 2, 3
The Delta Zeta sorority and Kappa Alpha Order is sponsoring the Red Cross Blood Drive in the KUC 322-324 complex from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember that when you give blood, you save the lives of three people. For more information, contact Jodi Herdon at 895-2685.

Gamma Beta Phi Society will hold meetings at 5 p.m. in the KUC 314 (both days). For more information, contact Cherese Vines at 898-3156.

Tuesday, Nov. 3

The Xi Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society will have a fall dinner meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. at Adam's Place Dining Hall. The program will be Transcultural Nursing by Ms. Cyndi Jo Brady. Continuing education units will be offered. For more information, contact Barbara Draude at 898-2417.

The Lipscomb University Artist Series continues its 1998-99 season with a performance by Fretwork at 8 p.m. in the Ward Lecture Auditorium, on campus, located at 3901 Granny White Pike, Nashville. Tickets are \$7, free with DLU i.d., and can be purchased at the door. The concert is open to the public and everyone is invited. For more information,

contact the Lipscomb University Music Department at 269-1000 or 800-333-4358, ext. 2258.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

Seventh-Day Adventist Student Fellowship will hold the Next Millennium Seminar entitled "Star Wars: When the Empire Strikes Back" from 6-7 p.m. in the KUC 315. For more information, contact Perry Loudon at 563-2669.

Thursday, Nov. 5

Open forums will be held in the Keathley University Center Theatre, allowing administrative and classified employees to share their thoughts and concerns about MTSU. The forums are: 9:30 a.m., Classified Maintenance; 1:30 p.m., Classified Clerical; and 3:00 p.m., Administrators (all divisions).

Thursdays, Nov. 5, 12, 19, and Tuesday, Nov. 24

Belmont University's Center for Entrepreneurship, and association with the National Federation of Independent Businesses, presents "Strategic Planning for Small Business." The class meets from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Jack C. Massey Business Center, located on Wedgewood Ave. at 16th Ave. The cost is \$300, and the registration deadline is Oct. 28. For more information, call 460-6608.

Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 9, 10

Gamma Beta Phi will hold a Teddy Bear Drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (both days) at the KUC (in front of Phillips bookstore). They will be accepting donated stuffed animals and selling paper Teddy Bears for \$1 to buy stuffed animals for children in the community. For more information, contact Cherese Vines at 898-3156.

Thursday, Nov. 12

Middle Tennessee Students of Objectivism will hold a lecture over the novel The Fountainhead: "Rational Egoism in (Ayn Rand's) The Fountainhead," given by Dr.

Adrew Bernstein from the Ayn Rand Institute at 7 p.m. in the BAS lecture hall. Free for all MTSU students, faculty and staff, \$5 for others. For more information, contact Luc Travers at 895-0951.

Continuing

CUSTOMS staff applications are now available in the KUC 122 for the positions of student coordinator, student orientation assistant, clerical office manager, receptionist, data entry, and cashier/clerk. All positions are paid and will begin for 2 hours a week (paid) training in January. For more information, call 898-2454.

Student Activity Fee Applications for Spring 1999 are now available in KUC 130. The application on both IBM and MAC formatted disks for your convenience. Ten photocopies of the application and disk are due on Nov. 23 at 4:30 p.m. in KUC 130. For more information, call 898-2808

Public Safety will be offering Rape Aggression Defense Systems classes exclusively for women. The 12 hour course is open to MTSU students and employees as well as area residents. The classes will be held at the Foundation House, 324 West Thompson Ln., on October 27-29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost for MTSU students, faculty, and staff is \$15 and for others \$30. To register, contact the Campus Police at 898-2424 or 898-2259.

Victory Ministries will hold Bible study sessions on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Corlew 719, Wednesdays at Cummings 731 at 7 p.m., and Wednesdays at Felder 204 at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Ricky Walters at 371-8479.

Campus Crusade for Christ will have CRU meetings every Thursday at 7:30 in the BAS Auditorium. For more information, contact 848-6741 or 867-2656.

HOMETOWN NEWS

Nashville (AP)— The state's chief business recruiter says forecasts of a slowdown in Tennessee's economic growth are "baloney."

Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bill Baxter predicted Tuesday that 1999 will be another record year for Tennessee's economy.

"But the growth will just not increase quite as fast as we did this year. It's easy to get spoiled by those high numbers," Baxter told a meeting of the Association of Community Partnerships.

University of Tennessee economist Matt Murray said last week that Tennessee would experience "a mild slowdown" but could suffer more if the world economic situation deteriorates further.

"Whatever you're reading or seeing in the media regarding slowdowns is baloney," Baxter said.

He cited a 4.9 percent average growth in personal income projected for state residents in 1999.

For 1998, personal growth is up an estimated 5.1 percent and is on its way to a record-breaking \$5 billion in new private capital investments. ■

Chattanooga (AP)— Polluters have been dumping trash at Chattanooga Creek as a Superfund cleanup crew is wrapping up its work.

Roofing shingles, metal, a television and air mattress were found in the piles of garbage at the site where 33,000 tons of toxic waste were just removed.

"It's kind of disheartening," said Ken Martinez, the cleanup quality control officer. "There was a lot of work that was put into this."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency spent more than \$12 million over about two years to scoop cancer-causing tar from the creek.

The waste had been there at least since World War II, when the U.S. government operated a weapons plant nearby. Most of the coal tar was dumped in the waterway when the government doubled the number of coke ovens to increase production during the war. Coke is a material used in foundries to make steel, and coal tar is its byproduct.

Martinez said contractors likely dumped the shingles and metal found at the creek, but the other trash appears to belong to everyday citizens.

The EPA had hoped the community would have access to the cleaned-up creek, but Martinez said the dumpers could jeopardize the plan.

Chattanooga Creek winds for more than 26 miles through northwest Georgia and southeast Tennessee and empties into the Tennessee River. ■

Morristown (AP)— A Hamblen County commissioner is facing charges of selling beer on Sunday.

Guy Collins, 76, was charged with selling beer on Oct. 11 at Collins Wholesale and Retail Store in the Witt community. A warrant says he sold a case of beer to an undercover Morristown officer.

If convicted, Collins could lose his license to sell beer.

A warrant says the transaction was recorded on audio tape. ■

Memphis (AP)— An 85-year-old woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease wandered away from her assisted-living complex and was found dead in a pond.

Florence Stott's body was found around 11:30 p.m. Monday in the pond on the grounds of Fox Acres Residential Assisted-Care Living Community.

"We've been open a decade, and this is the first instance of anything like this," said Andrew Fox, president of Fox Edwards & Co., which is part owner of the care home. "It shakes us up."

Stott was visited by one of her sons at 9:30 p.m. When Fox Acres workers made their rounds a little before 11 p.m., they couldn't find her and began searching in the building, then went outside. ■

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Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment revisited

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

We may often take for granted the principle of informed consent in medicine. An important part of the Hippocratic oath is the principle that doctors should not perform any procedure without making individuals aware of the risks involved and getting their permission beforehand.

You might be surprised to find out that medical treatment was denied to 300 sufferers of a deadly and debilitating disease over a period of 40 years. During what was known as the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment (1932-1972), these individuals were told that they were receiving treatment and given only placebos instead.

What is equally surprising is that great pains were actually taken to prevent them from seeking treatment elsewhere if someone left the study. How could so many basic principles of bioethics be ignored for so long?

Robert Leslie Rucker, associate professor in the department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work will delve into the many issues surrounding this deception in his honors lecture titled "The Tuskegee Syphilis Project, Bioethics, and The Belmont Report."

The project was intended to study the effects of untreated Syphilis and discover if the effects

were different in members of the black population. It should be noted that although the program has been referred to as both an experiment and study, it did not follow scientific method.

Rather than developing a hypothesis and methods for collecting data beforehand, methodology changed throughout the project's history. What remained constant throughout was the population that was used.

All of the unknowing participants in the study were black males from Macon County, Ga., with low incomes. Most were sharecroppers with little options in terms of seeking medical care and therefore eager to grab any form of hope offered to them.

"The Tuskegee Syphilis Project represents an exploitation of trust, an abuse of hope, and a misrepresentation of truth on the part of the medical community," he said.

One way that the health care providers involved may have been able to justify such a blatant disregard for human rights is through the idea that good can be defined as whatever is best for the greatest number. Unfortunately, the victims of the experiment were considered expendable due to their place on the socio-economic ladder.

As one might imagine, the project brings up many moral and legal issues pertaining to health care. Rucker's class, Health:

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meeting on Nov. 2.

Smith said he expects the outcome from the committee and the rest of the SGA to be favorable.

If the resolution passes through the House and Senate, it has to be approved by Lawson and Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Lalance. Then, it will be in the hands of the Faculty Senate and the administration. ■

Anatomy class brings new level of realism to high school

Rick Green
The Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Nicole Melendez lifts a fleshy flap of skin from a wrinkled, gray corpse and burrows her fingers further in, grabbing a sinewy muscle.

"These are the pectoralis major," Nicole says before reaching to lift a rack of ribs and begin a search for the major organs.

Yes, that is a real cadaver. These really are high school students. And this is Yale University Medical School.

Welcome to what is very likely the most realistic high school anatomy class in the country — an uncommon partnership between a teacher with a noble idea and a prestigious medical school.

Five years ago, while working during the summer at Yale, Shirley Neighbors, a teacher at Career Magnet High School, began talking with medical school professor Robert Stewart about ways her students could take part in classes at the medical school.



Michelle McGill, 16, from Career Magnet High School in New Haven, Conn., turns her head away after getting her first look at a cadaver at Yale Medical School.

A compact woman who wears her long hair in a bun and whose look-you-in-the-eyes gaze cannot be ignored, Neighbors had a question: What if "inner-city high school kids could learn anatomy on a more sophisticated basis?"

Stewart and Yale listened, intrigued.

Now, with her classes crowded and former students continuing science studies in college, Neighbors thinks she has proven that her idea works.

After 30 years' experience teaching biology and anatomy, Neighbors has some distinct ideas about challenging her students. The most important among them might just be the most

basic. "You have to give them the opportunity," she said.

For Neighbors' students, that comes every two weeks in a drab classroom filled with a dozen or so cadavers on tables, the smell of formaldehyde hanging heavy in the air.

"Anyone have an idea what this yellow stuff is?" asks Stewart, a bow-tied professor of surgery and anatomy. As a small group of students watch, he deftly separates the skin on the backside of the already cut-up cadaver as easily if he were unzipping a garment bag.

"Fat," says would-be physician Julius Lagliva, 16.

"Yes," Stewart replies, pulling back another layer of skin and muscle.

Much of Neighbors' success is due to her school, which is as unique as her class. For years, the Career Magnet High School has brought together city and suburban students who want to study health and the sciences and gain work experience.

This fall, the school moved to a sparkling new building on the edge of the Yale Medical School campus, where many students hold internships. The high school's racially diverse classrooms, serving New Haven and surrounding suburbs, are

often held up as a glimmer of hope for Connecticut's racially segregated public schools.

Standing around in white coats in front of a futuristic glass and stone building, not far from Yale New Haven Hospital, the anatomy students look more like lab workers on break instead of high school juniors waiting for their first peek beneath human skin.

At Yale, they will enter a world where some of the highest-achieving students in the land go to school. Through the year they will take anatomy exams similar to those that first-year medical students face. High school and Yale educators believe it is the only program of its



Yale graduate student Vaughn Emerson, left, works on a cadaver at the university, giving a first look to students Stephanie DuBose, 16, second from left, and Quianna Richardson, 15, from Career Magnet High School in New Haven, Conn.

kind in the country. Here, the Career students must find the maturity and detachment necessary to calmly separate muscles from tendons and bones inside a human body.

"I want to be prepared for medical school," said Vanessa Rubano, 16. "It makes us feel like they don't treat us like babies."

"Most high schools don't have a program like this," she added. "We get a jump start." Because Neighbors' course has been offered for only the last few years, it is not yet possible to gauge its long-term impact. But she said nearly all of her students go to college, and many are still taking science. If nothing else, she wants students not to be frightened by science when they leave high school.

Many of her students are members of minority groups, but not all. Neighbors says she wants to motivate all students, whatever their background or race.

A 1996 report by the National Science Foundation on women, minorities and the disabled in science noted that while the participation of blacks and Latinos in advanced science courses is rising, they were still far less likely than whites to have taken these classes in high school. It also found that high schools in disadvantaged urban areas were far less likely to offer more demanding science courses.

Minority students, the report stated, often end up in schools that funneled them into "low ability" classes where they were "more likely to read from a textbook and less likely to participate in hands-on science activities."

As Neighbors' students work with the Yale cadavers, it is hard to imagine a high-school-level human anatomy and physiology class that could be more hands-on.

"I liked touching the whole body, feeling the different nerves and learning about what each muscle did," said Genese Roundtree, 16.

Erin Smith, who hopes to be an obstetrician, said it is impossible to compare this class to others.

"I have always gotten more out of doing things rather than looking at pictures in books," she said. "I feel privileged." ■

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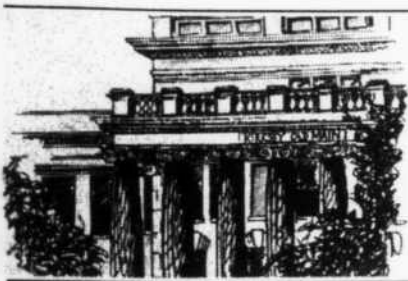
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THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 1998

OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson

Murfreesboro, TN

Editorial

Make requirements worthwhile

As of now, students must average 16 to 17 hours of classes per semester to graduate in four years.

Everyone knows that eventually there comes a semester when a class schedule gets too crowded, when one class feels like three and you just can't get up for that 8 a.m. biology lecture class—"Thanks for calling TRAM ... press one to drop..."

Once again, the SGA is moving to lower the amount of hours needed to graduate. The idea has been shot down various times, but not by the Tennessee Board of Regents, which qualifies 120 hours as enough time spent studying. The decrease was denied by the faculty senate.

Busy lives don't always allow a 16-hour load. A majority of students have a part-time job, are involved in extracurricular activities or pledge their time to an organization. Sure, classes are the integral part of a college experience, but so much of life can be learned outside the classroom.

MTSU is not a four-year college. The average student will graduate in four and a half to five years, that is, assuming he doesn't visit the 'change of major' booth every semester. Counting completed coursework and intern credit, most students take about half a decade to get a college degree—and only about 35 percent of the hours needed to graduate are spent on a major.

After subtracting the 32 to 45 hours designated for a major, the rest of the 132 are divided up into minors, electives and space-fillers.

Let's be honest. Finding 132 hours of classes worth taking can be a challenge. And to be more honest, some of the classes we are required to take in general studies are less enjoyable than pulling out our toenails by hand one at a time.

Since respectable universities can get away with requiring 120 hours to graduate, why can't MTSU? The University of Georgia requires 120 hours, while the University of Mississippi requires 126.

If the Faculty Senate votes no again on the ballot for lowering graduation requirements, then take the next best step. Lower the number of electives and increase the amount of hours spent on studying majors. ■

Marriage is only a legality

Angela White
Graphic Artist

Marriage is like the lottery. Everyone buys a ticket, only the weird old couple from Santa Fe with all the cats wins.

Okay, so maybe marriage isn't exactly like the lottery. It's getting close though. Yet it seems just as popular as it has always been, especially among college students.

Just about everyone I know is married, or engaged or thinking about getting engaged...and they're all my age. Or close enough anyway. A trend that would seemingly become more old-fashioned as "values" change in this country is instead appearing to grow stronger with every incoming freshman.

Maybe it's just me. As far as I'm concerned, I'm too young and stupid to even be thinking about something like marriage. I don't even buy the concept of lifelong monogamy. Yet so many people my own age are convinced that they have found the person with whom they can spend the next sixty years of their life.

And they can't wait to get the ring of possession on their fingers. But why are they in such a hurry

if they know that they'll be together until the end of time?

Perhaps it's the rush of starting a life all their own. With the new responsibilities and freedom, maybe the next logical step in their eyes is to get married so they'll truly feel like grown-ups. Maybe it's the pressure brought on by being raised in small town Southern America, where things like marriage and child-rearing always seemed to have begun early in life. Or maybe they just don't realize how much divorce lawyers cost.

What these people (as well as those much older and supposedly wiser) don't seem to realize is that marriage is just a legality. It's not the vows that get you in trouble when in front of the judge. It's the legal document. All that darn thing can do is get you into trouble. You even have to endure a marriage penalty on your income taxes. And let's not even mention insurance.

But most college students are way ahead of me on this. They say, "That's why we're waiting until after college, when we're financially secure!" How lovely. Of course, for many students that's almost four years away. That is, of

course, unless you're thinking about grad school. Then you need to tack on a few more.

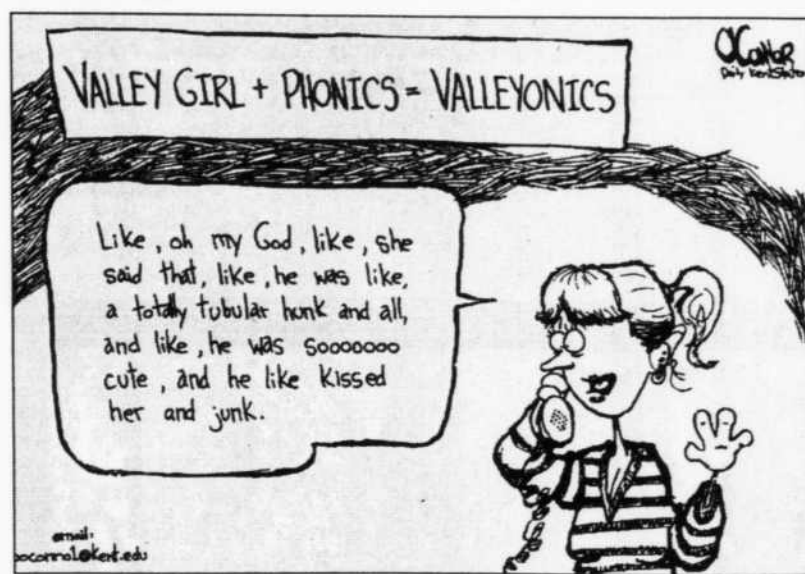
So if this is all happening so far away from now, what's with this need to claim your territory immediately with an engagement ring?

Some claim that the ring strengthens the bond. They're less likely to break up with it. If you're so sure that this is your lifelong soulmate, why would that even be an issue? Relationships meant to last forever shouldn't need a physical element to keep them together. That includes a legal document.

Over fifty percent of marriages today end in divorce. I know we have all heard that statistic a million times by now, but it keeps increasing regardless. Everyone seems to approach this tidbit with the ever so popular "Never gonna happen to me" attitude. But the simple fact is that it has happened to you. It's happened to a lot of you.

And I assure you that in the end they were all wishing they had thought twice before signing the dotted line. I wonder how many of them were your age when they did it? ■

O'CONNER



Environment issues matter

Susan Comfort
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Based on what Americans and our elected members of Congress pay attention to these days, Mother Nature would be better off wearing a stained blue dress. The environment, though a critical issue for many young voters in the upcoming elections, simply isn't sexy. In 1998, however, it seems like the 105th Congress spent the bulk of its time talking about sex. In fact, they spent so much time dwelling on it, they didn't pass eight budget bills on schedule and went into congressional overtime combining all eight into one behemoth budget.

All these problems with sex and scheduling leave little room for thoughtful deliberation of environmental policies. That's why environmentalism - inherently unsexy - might need an infusion of erotic intrigue. Maybe that's the only way our critical problems will attract the spotlight, the policy debate and even the water-cooler discussions they require.

Think of the press attention if, say, Monica Lewinsky spoke out passionately for quicker Superfund cleanup. Perhaps a better spokesperson would be Annette Bening's clean air lobbyist in the movie, "The American President." Or Mark "thighs of steel" McGwire. Or Will "gettin' jiggy with it" Smith.

Instead, everyone pores over a phonebook-sized budget, trying to figure out what environmental implications exist from the last-minute negotiations. Under cover of the sexual smokescreen, anti-environmental politicians sneak into the budget destructive "riders" or pet construction projects.

But sneaky members of Congress have nothing on Bill Clinton. He threatened to veto the whole thing if certain anti-environmental provisions were kept in. And as usual, he kept half of his promise. Half of the anti-environmental riders that the White House opposed still made it into the budget anyway. So is the

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CURT MANN



New style, new attitude

Craig McCoil
Western Michigan University

I got my hair cut the other day. "Make me look like a geek," I told the girl. And she did. That is my excuse, anyhow.

For as long as I can remember, I have been having a hair crisis, by which I mean that my hair simply refuses to conform to any sort of style. Through the years I have tried all sorts of different hairdos without much success.

My first recollection of a failed style attempt comes from grade school, which was sometime during the mid-'80s. Back then, at my school anyway, the spike was the "in" thing. Remember the spike? Every boy in my class was going for that "DANGER - High Voltage!" look. All the third-grade boys made their mothers purchase enough hair gel to style a prehistoric Woolly Mammoth and we all walked around with these deadly spikes of gel-encased hair sticking up from the tops of our heads.

The spike went out of style because kids would get tired in class, rest their heads on their arms and wake up at the end of the day with deep puncture wounds. Thus, we picked up a new trend known as "the shelf." The shelf hit my school around the fifth grade. It was the style that appeared as if someone had placed a mixing bowl over your head and shaved everything sticking out underneath.

I was extremely excited about this new style. Here, it seemed, was something my hair would actually do - and still does, in fact. But when I proudly showed my new haircut to my grandparents, who are critical people, they said they could have given me the same haircut for free, using the bowl method described above.

And they could've done a better job too because my shelf, it turned out, was about an inch higher on one side than the other.

I spent the better part of the fifth grade walking around with my head cocked to one side to compensate for my crooked shelf. Because of spinal damage among fifth graders caused by crooked shelf haircuts, a new style was called for, one which would not endanger students' lives or cause permanent posture problems. I was determined to set this new trend. Thus, from about the seventh through the ninth grade, I invented a new hairstyle in hopes that it would catch on.

My most recent attempt at hairstyle was long hair - hippie - but typically, things didn't work out.

My new style involved parting my hair on the side and sort of "fluffing out" the lesser half. My school pictures - if I ever lose track of them and you happen to see one - can attest to the half fluff style. It was no surprise that my new trend never actually caught on. As I recall, my grandparents were the only ones who actually liked it, which should've tipped me off immediately. Instead of inventing a new style, I somewhat contributed to the invention of the swirly.

In my junior year of high school, I abandoned my dream of being a trend-setter and said good-bye to the half fluff forever. I decided instead that I would grow long hair, but I wasn't 100 percent certain that I wanted long hair. What happened next was quite possibly the worst hair decision of my life.

I grew long hair but only in the back. By the time it reached my shoulders, it was nearly impossible to distinguish me from the "average redneck." Had it gotten any longer, I fear I might have ended up with a pickup truck and several of those Jeff Foxworthy tapes you

find that are for sale in Southern convenience stores.

When I cut my hair after that, I decided it was time for a serious change. So I dyed it. I don't even really want to talk about this phase, except to give you this friendly warning: if you ever attempt to dye your hair with something you picked up at a grocery store, it's not going to turn out the color you think it should! It will most likely wind up a tint that previously didn't exist on planet Earth and your relatives will all ask you, "What do you call that color?"

My most recent attempt at a hairstyle was long hair - hippie - but typically, things didn't work out. I got sick of showering in the morning and having my hair finish drying just as I went to bed at night, so I cut it all off about two weeks ago.

I went into the hairstylist shop with only a vague idea in mind about what I wanted my hair to look like. I didn't want history to repeat itself, so I told the girl only, "No shelves, leave a little length on top, make it look as though a weed-eater cut it."

She did a great job with the weed-eater part, but there is a distinct shelf running all the way around my head. So if you have me in one of your classes you know now not to make fun of my new hairstyle, because it's not my fault.

Also, if my shelf is crooked, please don't tell me. I am just now getting over my fifth-grade spinal injuries. ■

From the Mailbox

Hate gay people, hate the homecoming queen

I am writing in response to the article that appeared in Sidelines on Monday, Oct. 26, about the "chalk wars". Although I agree with the writer in that chalked sidewalks all over campus only serve to deface the work that has been put into making our university more appealing, I believe the rest of the article would have been more appropriate for past semesters.

The article suggests that most, if not all, of the writing that is seen around campus is done by members of the LAMBDA organization, and while that has been the case in previous years when we were trying to change the university's non-discrimination policy and when we were trying to host the largest lesbian/gay/trans student leader's conference in the country without death threats, most of what I have seen this year has been about who we should vote for in the Homecoming Queen election and rhetoric about who is the best big sister or brother in the world (a testament to the prevailing fraternity/sorority atmosphere we have on our campus).

The writer goes on to assert that he has no problem with gay people, that even some of his own friends and family are gay, but that he has a problem with confrontational people (which, I assume, is what he thinks the people who write on the sidewalks are). So, does that mean that he also hates the homecoming queen candidates or the fraternities that advertise on these same sidewalks

as well? Does he think this year's homecoming queen or our fraternal organizations are confrontational? I would assume not, which means that his hostility towards the people who write about being gay is based on their difference in sexual nature.

Finally, the writer also suggests that lesbian/gay/trans people should realize that most people are apathetic about who is gay and who is not, and that students are more worried about upcoming exams and what to eat for dinner. And although this may also be somewhat close to the truth, and I would love to think that it is, there are still plenty of people who do feel strongly enough about homosexuality for incidents like what happened in Laramie, Wyoming, earlier this month to continue to happen to lesbian/gay/trans people all around the country every day. How many more people must we lose before this issue becomes more important than Monday's test or what type of pizza to order?

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I NEED HELP



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glass half-empty or half-full?

Congress doesn't want to be exposed as bad on the environment when polls consistently show that 80 percent of Americans think our environment is worth protecting. Nor did Congress - especially Republicans - want to cause another government shutdown. Also, let's not forget, it's an election year and pesky budget deliberations take away valuable campaigning time. So negotiators removed just enough blatantly offensive policies from the budget to be able to say they appeased environmental concerns and, in this case, allow both sides to declare victory.

This session of Congress was especially discouraging to those of us who will inherit the current bumper crop of environmental problems, since these long-term, vital issues continually got pushed aside. Then, in overtime, instead of a reasoned discussion of policy, serious subjects like grazing fees, methyl bromide bans and greenhouse gas reduction got traded around like poker chips. This is a mock version of democracy, where our elected officials make deals so they can return home and tell constituents they made progress in DC.

Now, at home, it's up to Congress and candidates to inspire people to go to the polls - no easy task when much of the electorate is fed up with the political system and most of the politicians. Pro-environment voters should ask candidates how they plan to protect clean air and water, curb sprawl, get rid of toxic wastes, preserve wilderness, stop global warming and otherwise encourage a sustainable future.

It's also up to public interest groups to educate voters about important issues, spurring a larger election-day turnout. This is where an infusion of eroticism might come in handy. Through Campus Green Vote we even communicate with our hormone-charged, twenty-something audience via graphic "breast" and "sperm" posters, heightening awareness of environmental contamination linked to rising breast cancer rates and lowered sperm count. But these posters aren't sexy - they're tragic. Yet they do attract attention, educating young people about important issues and encouraging them to "vote environment."

We have a unique opportunity to help solve environmental problems by going to the polls Nov. 3. Environmental problems may not be the sexiest - but we must vote for the things that matter most, for our generation and for those to come. ■



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Murfreesboro, TN

Take a test that could save your life

Jennie Treadway
Staff Reporter

If you are a woman and think you're not at risk for breast cancer, you either haven't been listening to your doctor or you haven't been going for check-ups.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. While every woman is at risk for the disease, there are steps to reduce the chances of being one of the 180,000 women each year who learn they have breast cancer.

What makes the disease scary is that 80 percent of breast cancer victims have no known risk factors. That means that a lump can come out of nowhere, at any time.

Breast cancer is painful, heartbreaking and often fatal. According to the American Cancer Society, almost 60,000 men and women died during the 10-year span of the Vietnam War. In that same time period, over 330,000 women died of breast cancer.

A big risk factor is heredity. Those who have a history of breast cancer in the family are particularly at higher risk of developing lumps than someone whose family is cancer-free. However, women who do not have heredity as a risk factor are still at risk.

The risk of breast cancer increases with age due to a hormone imbalance in a woman's body. For instance, women who never have children or hit menopause late are at a higher risk because they are producing more estrogen than a woman who has had children or stopped menstruation between the ages of 45-55 years (the onset of menopause).

Any major imbalance of hormones can cause an increase in cell division, which leads to abnormal growths in soft tissue (i.e., a woman's breast). This, in turn, leads to mutation of cells and the development of malignant (cancerous) tumors.

Although the survival rate of breast cancer is about 90 percent if detected early, most women are not diagnosed until doctors find the lump and a mammogram (x-ray) confirms it. A lump can be detected by a mammography even before it can

How to do a self-examination

Standing

1. Stand in front of a mirror with your arms at your side. Look for any bump or abnormal shape in your breasts.

2. Lift both arms and check the size and shape of your breasts again.

3. Place hands on hips and pull your elbows behind you, arching your back. Look for any abnormalities.

4. Lift one arm above your head and, with the opposite hand, feel around the breast for lumps in a circular motion. Repeat for the other breast. (Be sure to check around the entire breast area, even up near the armpit).

Lying down

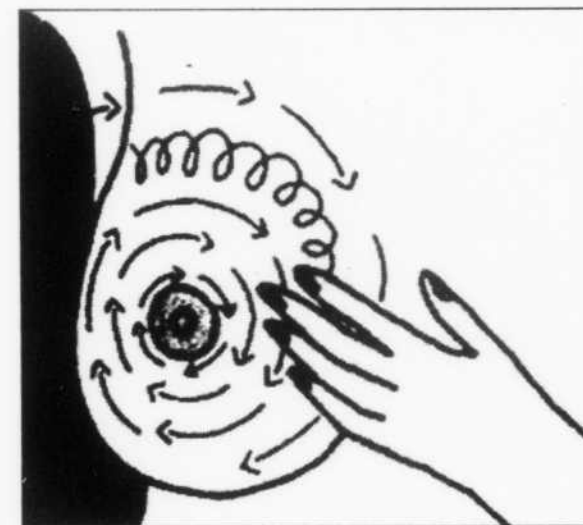
1. Extend one arm above your head and use the opposite hand to feel around the breast for lumps in the same pattern as before. Repeat for other breast. (Place a towel or pillow underneath the shoulder of the breast being checked)

2. Roll to one side of your body and use your free hand to check the top breast; roll to the other side and repeat.

* Examine your breasts at the same time every month, preferably right after your period.

* If you detect a lump or any abnormality, contact your doctor as soon as possible.

* An annual check-up with your gynecologist is recommended for a thorough breast exam and pap smear, which can detect ovarian cancer or cancer of the cervix.



be felt by hand, which is why a yearly exam is so important.

Physicians further encourage women to perform self-exams regularly so any unusual lump or growth can be checked out and taken care of before any more damage is done. Over 70 percent of breast cancers are detected by women themselves.

A majority of tumors are detected mid-stage, too late to remove but early enough for mild treatment. Chemotherapy is an option and what many choose instead of a mastectomy, which is complete removal of the breast. A lumpectomy, which is cutting out the tumor itself and

leaving the breast, can remove the cancer, but there's always a chance that cancerous cells were left in the breast and could mutate into another tumor.

Breast cancer mostly affects women over the age of 50, but a healthy lifestyle in previous years can help prevent cancer from affecting them in the long run.

Just because post-menopausal women are at a higher risk doesn't mean middle-aged and younger women are automatically risk-free. In fact, there have been many cases of teenagers and 20-somethings affected by breast cancer,

although the numbers are not drastically high.

Despite age statistics, what a 20-something does now can severely affect her life 30 years from now. Habits like smoking, bad diet and lack of monthly self breast exams and annual check-ups can make a woman a prime candidate for breast cancer.

The Nurse Managed Wellness Clinic is teaching breast self-examination with an opportunity to practice on a breast model. Free educational information is also available at the clinic held every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building 109. ■

Facts about Breast Cancer

◆ One in nine women will develop breast cancer during her life.

◆ One in 19,608 will by the age of 25.

◆ Breast cancer is the No. 2 killer of women. (Lung cancer is No. 1)

◆ A high-fiber, low-fat diet is said to drastically lower the risk of developing breast cancer.

◆ Alcohol and smoking can increase a woman's risk of developing breast cancer by as much as 50 percent.

◆ There is a survival rate of 95 percent of breast cancers if detected in the first stage.

◆ Over 70 percent of lumps are detected by women themselves.

◆ Men are at risk for breast cancer, but the chances are extremely low.

◆ Benign lumps (non-cancerous) can come and go or change size according to your monthly flow.

◆ One breast is often larger than the other, which is not an indication of breast cancer.

◆ Vitamins B & C can often decrease the pain and size of benign cysts.

◆ Many celebrities, such as Olivia Newton-John, Shirley Temple-Black, Betty Ford, Dianne Carroll and Peggy Fleming, are survivors of breast cancer and are now involved in awareness programs.

Self, Fluid Ounces, Katies perform at Halloween Bash

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

The second annual Halloween Bash will be at Main Street Saturday night featuring the music of three Murfreesboro bands: Self, Fluid Ounces and The Katies.

The show, presented by Murfreesboro's Spongebath Records, begins at 10 p.m. with Fluid Ounces. The band will be showcasing songs from their upcoming EP, "The Vegetable Kingdom," which blends different types of music ranging from ragtime to jazz to rock.

"The Vegetable Kingdom" is a prelude to the group's second full-length album, "In The New Old Fashioned Way," to be released in early 1999.

Headed by singer/songwriter Seth Timbs on vocals, piano and guitar, the group includes Brian Rogers on guitar, Ben Morton on bass and Sam Baker on drums.

The piano-based foursome received critical acclaim on the first album "Big Notebook for



Fluid Ounces

Easy Piano," and inspired reviewers to take note of the group's vocal harmonies.

Self takes the stage at 11 p.m. The concert will include songs from their debut Spongebath/Dreamworks joint release "Breakfast With Girls" due out in January.

The band previously gained popularity with Spongebath releases "Subliminal Plastic Motives" and "The Half-Baked Serenade," which was recorded at lead singer/songwriter Matt Mahaffey's Murfreesboro home

studio.

The group includes Mahaffey on guitar and vocals, his brother Mike Mahaffey on guitar, Chris James on keyboards, Mac Burrus on bass and Jason Rawlings on drums.

A new local band that is redefining rock, The Katies, will perform at 12:30 a.m. Combining the aesthetics of rock's greats with biting energy, the group creates a

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Students compete for Miss Murfreesboro crown

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

Half of the contestants in the Miss Murfreesboro Pageant last Saturday were MTSU students who wanted a chance to go on to Miss Tennessee and Miss America pageants. But it was a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville who took the crown at the pageant held at Riverdale High School.

Tara Elizabeth Boosey, a McNairy County native who graduated from UT-Knoxville in 1997, will be making her third attempt at the Miss Tennessee title. She previously won the Tennessee Bluegrass Festival Pageant in Savannah in 1995 and Miss Labor Day Pageant in the northeast trities area in 1997. She wins a \$500 cash scholarship plus gifts and other prizes.

As Miss Murfreesboro, Boosey will join Miss Rutherford County Nicole Lester, an MTSU senior majoring in political science, and Miss Heart of Tennessee Cory Thompson, a UT-Knoxville senior, in representing Middle Tennessee

at the state pageant in June.

Jaime Michelle Edwards, a Dyersburg State Community College student, was first runner-up. She also formerly competed at the state pageant as Miss Libertyland Theme Park.

MTSU sophomore Melissa Brownell was second runner-up in both the Miss Murfreesboro and the Miss Rutherford County pageants.

The business communication/marketing major was among four MTSU students in the Miss Murfreesboro contest who also competed in the Miss Heart of Tennessee/Miss Rutherford County joint pageant at the Tucker Theater in September. Brownell, Cindy Merkt, Angie Burks and Amy Boatman entered both contests for a chance to go on to the state pageant in Jackson next summer.

Another MTSU student in the Miss Murfreesboro contest was Shawnya Taylor.

Saturday's competition included talent, swimsuit, evening wear and interviews with the judges. The criteria

scores talent at 40 percent; interview at 30 percent; swimwear at 15 percent and evening wear at 15 percent.

This is the fourth year of the Miss Murfreesboro Pageant, an open preliminary to the state contest which leads to the Miss America Pageant. Contestants do not have to reside in the city of Murfreesboro. Any woman between the ages of 17 and 24 who has never been married and resides or attends school in Tennessee could compete.

Betsy Drewry, administrative assistant in MTSU's music department, organizes the pageant each year with her sisters Patty and Susan Drewry.

Miss America Pageant is the largest scholarship program for women in the country. There are about 30 preliminary pageants across the state that send contestants to the state contest. Miss Tennessee Pageant ranks as one of the top states in the country in total scholarships awarded. Winner of the state competition travels to Atlantic City to compete in the Miss America Pageant. ■

Soul Coughing comes to the Knoll

Barry Gilley
Staff Reporter

Soul Coughing is soon to release its first new batch of funk/dance tunes in two years with its latest album, "El Oso." If you can't wait, check out the band's newest material along with some old favorites for free this Friday on the KUC Knoll.

Venezuelan funk/dance/acid jazz band Los Amigos Invisibles will open the show at 4 p.m. with Soul Coughing to follow at 5 p.m. Because both bands consider it a main mission in life to get audiences moving, the event should be quite festive.

Soul Coughing considers the drum- and bass-heavy "El Oso" to be their most well developed collection of grooves to date. It is the band's third album since being signed to Slash/Warner in 1993.

Their first album, "Ruby Vroom" (1994) sold in excess of 150,000. Spurred on by high-

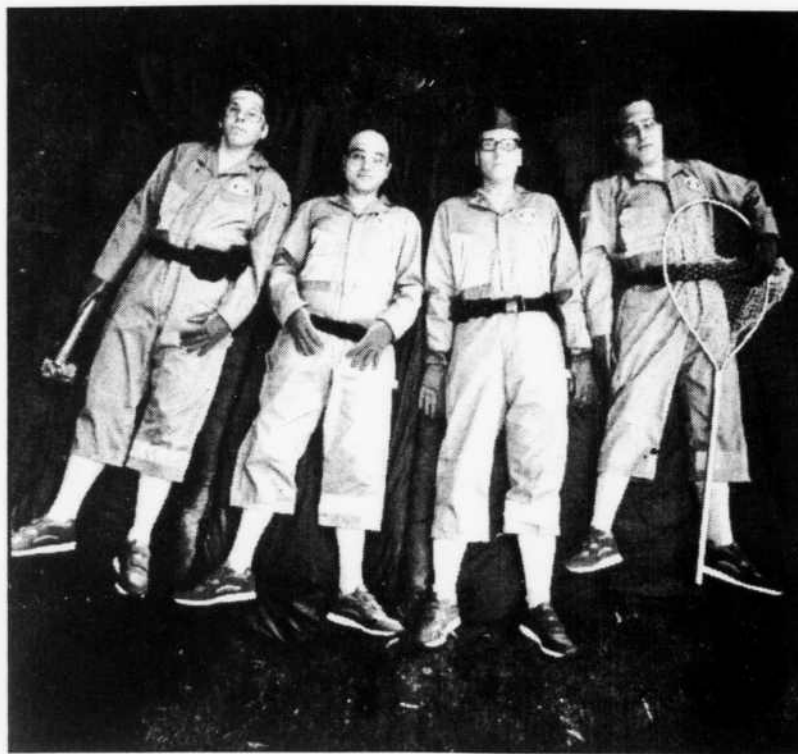
energy tracks like "Super Bon Bliss", second effort "Irresistible Bliss" burst onto the music scene in 1996 to eventually sell over 250,000 copies.

Not bad for a band that originally came together with no expectations of making it commercially. The group started out just wanting to have fun playing a few Monday night shows in the New York club scene where they got their start. Circumstance and talent led them elsewhere.

Getting a nationally-recognized band like Soul Coughing isn't cheap, however, and may be a one-time event, according to Larry Mignogna of Special Events.

Friday's event will cost the department about half of its budget. Unless there is an increase in the student activity fee, which provides its funding, there simply is not enough money to book well-known bands on a regular basis.

More people might have supported the previously



Soul Coughing

Photo provided

proposed fee increase if they had a better idea of where the money goes, Mignogna said.

Having more quality shows for students would be one direct benefit of such an increase. ■

Arts Center holds Masquerade

Vickie Gibson
Staff Reporter

The first annual Moonlight Masquerade Friday night will feature dancing under the moonlight, live entertainment, a silent auction, and a costume contest.

The special party is a fundraiser event for the Murfreesboro/Rutherford County Center for the Arts. Murfreesboro Mayor Richard Reeves will emcee the event that begins at 7 p.m. and continues until midnight at the center located at 110 West College Street.

Nashville-based motown band Black Widow will provide dancing music in a tent outside the center. Additional live music will be provided in the gallery where a silent

auction also will take place.

Additional live entertainment will be provided by members of the Middle Tennessee Magic Club who will be performing walk-around magic throughout the evening.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes in various categories. Food provided by Luby's and The Front Porch Cafe and cocktails are included and a cash bar will be available.

The auction will include a wide variety of things including some very unusual items, according to Liz Rhea, auction chair. Along with travel packages for one-week stays in places like Palm Springs and Anna Maria Island, Fla., and two-night stays in Orlando, there is an

overnight stay at Murfreesboro's newest bed and breakfast, Byrn-Roberts. Certificates for dining and entertainment, a limo ride, artwork, videos, a ceiling fan, an office chair, a pager, a swing set and a wedding dress are among the many items on the auction block.

One very rare item donated by Dr. Jim Rungee is an original copy of "The Report of the Battle of Murfreesboro" by General William S. Rosecrans. The 135-year-old document details the battle of Stones River and is sure to attract some Civil War collectors.

Percy Dempsey and Susan Donnell are heading up plans for the event sponsored by Dempsey Vantrease & Follis PLLC. For more information, call the arts center at 904-ARTS. ■

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pure rock song.

The group includes Jason Moore on vocals and guitar, his brother Josh Moore on drums and Gary Welch on bass and vocals.

The band has just finished recording its debut album. The as yet unnamed album is due out in early spring 1999.

Admission, for those 18 and over only, to the show at 527 W. Main Street is \$8 at the door. For more information, call 890-8692. ■



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SPORTS

Predators help make local schools 'cool'

Staff Reports

The Nashville Predators, in conjunction with The Tennessean, Purity Dairies and Opry Mills, teamed up to form a comprehensive Predators NIE (Newspapers in Education) Program. The Predators also introduced East Literature Magnet School as its Pencil Partner and Adopt-a-School at a press conference held Monday afternoon. Predators forward Scott Walker will serve as the NIE spokesperson.

The NIE program launches with the "My school is cool" Ice Age contest. The contest allows students in fifth to eighth grades to showcase their talents while demonstrating their school pride.

The Tennessean and the Nashville Predators created the "My school is cool" Ice Age contest to reward individual achievement and nurture creativity while stimulating learning, teamwork and pride in one's school.

The "My school is cool" contest began Oct. 26 and ends Nov. 20. The contest includes prizes for the best slogan, sketch and school pride song. Opry Mills will provide tickets as prizes to students and teachers.

Purity Dairies will feature a program on school milk cartons in February as well as providing prizes for students.

"Purity Dairies is proud to team with the Predators in forming the NIE program," said Mark Ezell, Purity Dairies Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "We feel this is an excellent avenue by which to encourage the creativity and school spirit of Nashville's school children."

Winning sculptures will be displayed at the Jan. 9 game against the Chicago Blackhawks courtesy of Opry Mills, Purity Dairies and the Predators.

The NIE program will reach more than 13,000 students in Williamson, Davidson, Wilson and Sumner counties and will also involve player appearances at select schools during the program.



Raiders need next win for OVC title

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

On Halloween, the Blue Raider football team will attempt to bounce back from a ghoulis defeat at the hands of the Eastern Illinois Panthers. This week, the possible victim is the Southeast Missouri Indians.

The Raiders desperately need a win against the Indians to keep their hopes of an OVC title within the realm of possibilities. The Raiders now stand at 3-2 in the conference with one of the easiest schedules remaining. They currently are in third place; however, the teams that are in front -- Tennessee State, Murray State and EIU -- have tough schedules remaining. The Blue Raiders own the tie breaker against TSU and MSU.

The Indians come into the game Saturday with a 2-3 OVC record. Their hopes of an OVC championship are on life support. They will feature a multiple pro style offense, complemented with a 4-3 defense.

Fourteen starters return for the Indians. Running back Corey Williams is the featured player on the team. Last week, the Indians lost to Southwest Missouri by a score of 45-10. Linebacker Kevin Meacham totaled 11 tackles including two sacks.

The rushing offense averages 150 yards per game. The running back by committee approach is used. The leading rusher is Corey Williams who averages a weak 59 yards per game.

Quarterback Bobby Brune is the signal caller for the Indians. Currently, he is averaging 93.8 yards per game while the Indians, as a team, average 180 yards through the air. On offense, SEMO is averaging 330 yards per game.

For the Raiders, quarterback Wes Counts has played like a veteran over the last four games. Counts has averaged 213 yards and has thrown for eight touchdowns while completing 65 percent of his passes.

Torin Kirtsey is leading the OVC in rushing by almost 14 yards. He rushes for 104 yards per game. Meanwhile, Sulecio Sanford has averaged 83 yards per game receiving over the last four games. On offense, the Raiders have an edge. Season stats are not that impressive, but over the

last four, the Raiders have been almost unstoppable.

Defensively, the Indians have given up an average of 134 yards per contest, while they give up 200 yards through the air. SEMO also is prone to giving up a lot of points. The Indians have given up at least 20 or more points in 75 percent of their games.

The Raiders have a better scoring defense and a better turnover margin. The TO margin is in favor of MTSU, 5 to -2. The Blue Raiders have also been playing better defense as a whole recently than the Indians, according to the stats, and the stats do not lie. The Blue Raider defense should have fun Saturday.

Special teams are crucial in any football game. This week will be no different. Fortunately for the Raiders, Kirtsey, Sanford and Ray are three of the best special teamers in the nation. Sanford ranks seventh nationally in kickoff return average. Kirtsey is a very worthy kicker. Kirtsey is in the top 10 in the OVC in that area.

The Indians have an excellent kickoff man as well. Corey Chester averages 27 yards per return. The Blue Raiders are, once again, better than their opponents in this phase of the game.

On the sidelines, Boots Donnelly has no match. Once again, he is more experienced and is preferable to John Mumford any day of the week.

The Raiders are angry about last week's loss. They know the importance of this game. The Blue Raider fans will find out the character of this football team. They can beat the Indians, but if they aren't over the heartbreak of last Saturday, they will be beat.

Currently, the Raider soothsayer stands at 1-1. The loss a week ago was heartbreaking for me as well. However, the Raiders will bounce back. Matt Lowe, Sanford and the other seniors want a championship. The Raiders will win 31-14. The Raiders will also have one player emerge as a leader.



Game day: 1 p.m. Saturday at Southeast Missouri



Flanker Sulecio Sanford, left, 21, and quarterback Wes Counts, above, 17, are expected to do well on Saturday against the Indians. Other players on the star list include tailback Torin Kirtsey, place-kicker Keegan Ray and flanker Matt Lowe.

photos by Derrick Wilson

Basketball season begins; official play Monday

Michael Edwards
Staff Reporter

With only a few weeks left of football season, another men's sport is cranking up. The Blue Raider basketball team will officially begin play Monday.

The team will start the season with a game against the Sports Reach team. This game does not count on the overall record, but the game is valuable to the success of the team.

MTSU will return only two starters from last season. However, the team will have seven lettermen returning to the bench in Kent Ayer, Richard Duncan, Reggie Marshall, Freddie Martinez, Ali McGhee, Lee Nosse and Kevin White. Head coach Randy Wiel is returning to the sidelines for the Blue Raiders; along with all four of his assistant coaches.

Wiel is in his third season as general of the Raiders. With a record of 38-21, the coach has improved every season, ending last year with a 19-9 record. Wiel coached at UNC-Asheville before coming to MTSU. At UNCA, he had a record of 18-10 with the Bulldogs in his final season. Wiel also coached under college basketball's all-time winningest coach, Dean Smith, as a graduate assistant at UNC-Chapel Hill and was the head coach of the Dutch national team in the 1992 Olympics.

In the backcourt, the Raiders will feature a returning starter in Richard Duncan. Duncan was the point guard a year ago when he averaged almost 10 points and shot 41 percent from the floor.

Duncan will have plenty of help from returning starter Freddie

Martinez. Martinez was a key player in the Blue Raiders' 19 wins, shooting 41 percent from outside the three point line, while averaging close to three rebounds per game.

The Blue Raiders will also have sophomore Reggie Marshall returning to the backcourt. Marshall is an excellent athlete, penetrating the defense and shooting very well. Senior guard Kent Ayer is one of the better free throw shooters on the squad with a FT percentage of 81. Sophomore Kevin White is very explosive and quick and is also a very solid defender.

Allen Hatchett transferred from Southeast Missouri to play for Wiel. Hatchett averaged 10 points a game and led the SEMO team with 89 assists. Hatchett could give Duncan some competition at guard.

The Blue Raiders have three other guards that transferred to MTSU this year, including the former Oakland Patriot Gerald King. King and Anthony Rice of Olney Junior College will add depth to the shooting guard position.

Fernando Ortiz is from St. Vincent's in Latrobe, Pa.



Head Coach Randy Wiel

Unfortunately, Ortiz is not eligible to play until 1999. Last year in the NAIA, Ortiz averaged 18 points, seven rebounds and four assists. He was an NAIA first team All American.

On the front line, only two players return: senior Ali McGhee and sophomore Lee Nosse. McGhee averaged seven points per game for the Blue Raiders in his first season. Nosse, a center, stands 6 feet 10 inches tall. He brings a lot of size, but also centers the ability to hit three-pointers. Nosse scored 22 points in one quarter in high school.

The Raiders also have a plethora of big men coming to the program. Johnny Cobb is the headliner. A 6-foot-9-inch junior from Newport News, Va., he combines strength and grace and is able to play center or power forward.

Juniors Ellious Swanigan and Cedrick Wallace will join the front court. Swanigan will help fill the void left by Aylton Tesch and Malachi Allen.

Dale Thomas will join the team after sitting out last year due to an eligibility technicality. Thomas averaged 23 points and 12 rebounds at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

The team has a lot of work to do in replacing Tesch, Allen and Mantia Callender. Luckily, the team has a very solid backcourt with which Wiel will have the opportunity to experiment.

The Blue Raiders will start the season with East Tennessee State, Erskine and Marist. Then the Tar Heels of North Carolina (34-4 last year) will come to the Murphy Center to play.

Tennessee State is the favorite in the OVC, but the Blue

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Ashley Judd lends Kentucky hockey program a leg

Heather Svokos
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LEXINGTON, Ky.—When you see the new poster/schedule for the University of Kentucky Cool Cats hockey team, let's just say the dates for the Vanderbilt matchups aren't the first things that catch your eye.

No, you pretty much won't be able to miss the beautiful woman, sitting there in nothing more than a hockey jersey and blue toenail polish.

And then you notice - hey, that's Ashley Judd. Whoa. Club hockey? Not UK basketball? How'd that happen?

"We had an idea," said Ian Ward, the team's general manager. "The hockey team is a club sport (not a part of UK's Athletics Association), funded by the gate and (concessions) and dues, and it gets minimal funding to the tune of \$800 from the university."

"I thought, boy, if we could get Ashley Judd on a poster it would really help us, especially with it being our 15th anniversary."

Ward found his connection. He was told that

Richie Thompson, one of Judd's cousins, roomed with some of the team's players. "(Thompson) contacted Ashley; she said sure, she would love to do it."

So, while the UK alum was filming a movie in Vancouver this summer, they sent her a hockey jersey. Judd sent back only one photo - the one that appears on the poster. Ward said they didn't give Judd any suggestions on how to pose.

"We told her absolutely nothing at all," Ward said. "That's why we were so excited when we saw it."

Judd, who is now shooting a movie in New Orleans, could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Upon Judd's request, the team won't be selling the poster, but giving them away one per person at games, starting with the Oct. 30 Ohio State match at the Lexington Ice Center.

"Hopefully, it will help fill the stands," Ward said. "We have a very good feeling about it."

While the poster may pad the hockey team's attendance stats, what about Judd's abbreviated attire? Will it wrinkle the tender sensibilities of hockey fans? Or UK fans in general? UK spokesman John Scharfenbarger said that as of

yesterday, the university hadn't received any comments or complaints.

Ward isn't worried.

"This country's been through many world wars with pinup girls there's nothing at all disrespectful about the poster," said Ward. "There's more important things to worry about. Is it sexy? Yes. Is it fun? Yes. Is it in good taste - definitely."

Ward said people who purchase a \$4 game ticket can use their stubs to pick up their 19-by-25-inch poster after the game.

The posters should be available at all games, but Ward issued a call to arms.

"If they really want to get one, they'd better be there to get one on Oct. 30."

Does he think the basketball team will be jealous?

"When you look at the basketball team, and everything they have, why would they be?



Actress Ashley Judd poses for the University of Kentucky Cool Cats hockey team schedule poster as a favor to her cousin.

They've got everything. And we've got Ashley Judd," he said, adding, "We have everything, too, we just need to capitalize on it."

Huskers' Osborne shows class

C. Jemal Horton
The Washington Post

LINCOLN, Neb. — The legend issued a challenge the other day after his teaching assistant began returning mid-term grades to the 28 students in his class at the University of Nebraska.

"If any of you don't like your grades, come yell at me or smack me in the face now," the legend said in his trademark monotone voice. "Do it now, don't wait until later."

Tony Gonzalez, a sophomore in the undergraduate class the legend now teaches — Coaching of Football — shrugged with a smirk. "Yeah, right," said Gonzalez, who is from Scottsbluff, Neb., and grew up idolizing the legend. "This guy has put fear in tough linebackers for years, and he expects someone to come yell at him?"

"C'mon, that's Tom Osborne."

The classroom is where free time has led Tom Osborne, the former Nebraska football coach who shocked this state when he retired last December after 25 years leading the program and winning three national championships for the Cornhuskers.

Yet, he now admits he left coaching before he was ready. "I really miss it," he said.

Still, Osborne, 61, smiles when he talks about his new job, which includes the undergraduate class and a night graduate course called Sport in American University. He is glad to be in the classroom again after a 31-year hiatus.

His classroom is inside the football facility, a second-floor auditorium not far from windows that overlook the south end zone of newly named Tom Osborne Field at Memorial Stadium. He can stop by and say hello to the man who replaced him, Frank Solich, and visit with other friends.

He also spends time fundraising for the university and generating money and volunteers for Team Mates, the mentoring program he and his wife, Nancy, began in 1991.

"I enjoy teaching, since that's kind of what I've been doing for the last 36 years," Osborne said. "I've always viewed coaching probably more as teaching than anything else. The setting hasn't changed much, I just don't have a lot of football players sitting in front of me."

Osborne runs the classroom in the same stern way he did his football teams. Hats are not allowed. Students taking the 300-level undergraduate class — most of whom would like to become coaches — don't like the idea of having a seating chart.

"You can only miss two classes before he drops your grade a full letter grade," said Tim

Mahaffey, a senior psychology major from Tulsa, Okla.

"It's hard to explain what he does in there. It's a different kind of class. But it's probably a big help to my career to take Tom Osborne as the teacher, rather than some no-name professor."

Osborne was a no-name professor once. A former wide receiver for the Washington Redskins, Osborne retired in 1962 after three professional seasons. He enrolled in Nebraska Teacher's College on his way to a master's degree in 1963 and doctorate in 1965 and decided to "do a little coaching on the side, just because I would miss football." He became a graduate assistant for legendary coach Bob Devaney, whom Osborne replaced in 1973.

Now, he finds it hard to sit and watch a Nebraska football game. When the Cornhuskers opened the season against Louisiana Tech, Osborne

was at a speaking engagement.

But Osborne gets film each Monday of the previous Nebraska game and takes it home to scrutinize, although he said he never goes to Solich with suggestions.

"I can't really tell what happened in a game by sitting and watching it on TV or in the game box," Osborne said. "If you can run (the film) back and forth, you can tell who has to block and who missed an assignment and who made a great play. It's just for my own knowledge. I'm just simply looking at it because I've done it for so long."

Osborne now says he didn't want to retire last season.

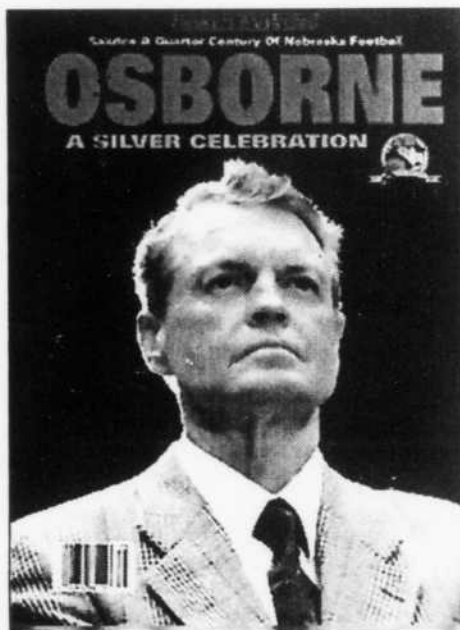
"It was more that I had made some commitments that I had to honor ... to my family and to people on the (coaching) staff," Osborne said. "There were parts of me that would have liked to coach a few more years, but basically it came down to I was going to keep my word or I wasn't. I just didn't feel right about not doing what I said I was going to do."

He declined to be specific.

"I think he quit because he had made an ethical commitment to Frank Solich that he was going to turn the program over to him," said Nebraska Chancellor James Moeser. "Tom said, 'I made that commitment several years ago and I really feel I need to honor it because Frank's had other opportunities.'"

Osborne has not ruled out returning to coaching, even though he knows he cannot do so at Nebraska because it would mean displacing Solich.

"It's possible. I doubt it. It could happen," Osborne finally decides. "I guess I'm going to see how this year plays out. If I can live without (football), then I probably won't go back into it; if I can't live without it, then it's something I might consider again."



This issue of *Husker Illustrated* commemorates the "historic march" of Tom Osborne, retired head coach of the University of Nebraska's Cornhuskers.

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Lady Raiders look to senior players for team leadership

Josh Ezzell
Staff Reporter

The coming of November means that Lady Raider Basketball is upon us.

Practice began last Monday with some familiar faces, as well as some new ones. The Lady Raiders begin the season with five seniors, one junior, three sophomores and five freshmen.

According to Coach Stephany Smith, the freshmen figure to play a major role this season.

"Freshman Jamie Thomatis should fill the offensive void caused by the loss of Joanna Luka," Smith said. "Guards Erica Lufkin, Dana Conner and Jessica McCluire, who are also freshmen, should be able to provide help on both sides of the ball. Post player LaShonda Winfree should provide us with some inside help."

In addition to the five freshmen, there are five returning seniors. These include guards Carlita Elder and four-year starter Courtney Neely at guard, former OVC Freshman of the Year Jonelda Buck at center and forwards "Bama" Burrell and Cyndi Ainsworth.

"These five seniors should provide us with some solid play and leadership," she said.

Smith also believes that junior college transfer Sedonia Carter will help out the Lady Raiders.

"She is a vocal leader who adds spunk on

defense," she said. "Right now, she seems to be fatigued in practice, but she will come around as the season progresses."

Expect the team to use the full court press on defense that will hopefully lead to many transition baskets. With this fast-paced style of play, the Lady Raiders plan to go deep into the bench as they did last year.

"Last year, we had eight players who averaged 20 minutes a game. We plan to play the numbers game again this year. We have nine or 10 starters on our team rather than five, which means that everyone is expected to contribute," Smith said.

Contribution from every player is a necessity, especially with the tough non-conference schedule that looms ahead.

The Lady Raiders play host to SEC power Auburn and Southern Conference power Furman. A tough road game with Western Kentucky is also in the future. After these contests, the Lady Raiders begin play in the OVC.

The schedule is rough, but Smith believes that success is possible.

"If we work hard and play possession to possession, we can be a very good team," Smith said. "We have the talent, but we are young and inexperienced. Right now, we are a long way from where we would like to be."

The Lady Raiders' first exhibition game is Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. The regular season begins at home against Erskine on Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. ■

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Organizations, Policies, and Ethics (HOPE), is one forum that he has for getting others to think about them.

"It's a research project that has been ongoing, like an odyssey, that has allowed me to add to my professional contribution to social work," he said.

In his search for knowledge on the subject, Rucker has participated in think tanks and advanced bioethics courses at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. He is appreciative of those who have helped him in his endeavors.

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He is appreciative of John Montgomery and the MTSU Honors College for the opportunity to speak at the Honors Lecture Series. Rucker says that it provides people in usually segregated disciplines the chance to come together at what he describes as "a common intellectual watering hole." ■

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Raiders will have something to say about that.

The Blue Raiders are being televised four times this year. These games include the North Carolina, North Carolina State, Austin Peay and Murray State. The OVC tournament will begin on Feb. 23 with the big dance starting on March

11. As for my prediction on the team, the Blue Raiders have a team that has not played a season with each other. The faster these guys gel, the better they will be in March.

The Raiders will win the OVC for the first time since 1987 and go on to the NCAA tournament, where they will be ousted by eventual national champion Duke. The team will go 26-5 and 14-4 in the OVC. ■

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