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Teen carjacked near campus

By Matthew Kelly Police Reporter

A 16-year-old female was the victim of a carjacking Monday evening as she was getting ready to wash her car, according to Murfreesboro Police reports.

At approximately 7 p.m. the victim, driving a Chevrolet Blazer, pulled up the to vacuum area of the Colonial Car Wash at 115 Lassitter Dr., adiacent to campus on East Main Street next to the Circle K and Pizza

As she got out of her vehicle, a male walked by and reportedly said to her, "Oh, excuse me." He then sat down on a nearby pile of bricks

Sitting in the driver's seat with the door open, the victim turned around to retrieve her purse from the back seat. When she turned around, the male subject grabbed her around the neck and said, "Give me the

She indicated that the \$1 bill she was holding was all that she had. The male stated that he didn't believe her, and as she tried to push him away, he overfrom the vehicle.

He then jumped in the Blazer and drove off down Rutherford Boulevard toward East Main Street.

The suspect is described as a black male in his mid- to late-20s, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, 175 pounds, last seen wearing a tan jacket, blue jeans and a multi-colored stocking hat. The victim also stated that the whites of the suspect's eyes were vellowish and that he had pro-

The vehicle was recovered the next morning off Mt. Herman Road by Rutherford County Sheriff's powered her and pulled her Office. It was examined for evidence and returned to the

truding or jagged teeth.

"We recommend you do whatever you have to do to stay safe," said Maj. Jim Gage of the

Murfreesboro Police.

He recommends cooperating with a potential carjacker - to

"Don't ever get in the vehicle with the person," Gage said. "If they're just wanting your car or your purse or your wallet, give it to them. But if they tell you to get in the car with them, you need to think about fighting at that moment."

The investigation is ongoing. "We're still developing leads," Gage said.

Anyone with information is urged to call Murfreesboro detectives at 893-2717 or Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP.◆



Murfreesboro Police developed this sketch of the carjacking suspect based on the victim's description.

Female stalker caught

Arrest follows campus stakeout

By Matthew Kelly Police Reporter

Murfreesboro Police detectives, with the help of MTSU Police, arrested a stalking subject on campus after a stakeout Monday night.

Lisa Anne Winfree, 38, of 379 Jefferson Pike in La Vergne, was apprehended at 8:30 p.m. in the Health Services parking lot.

She arrived approximately 20 minutes earlier, awaiting the departure of the male student she has been accused of stalking, according to police.

Unknown to her, detectives were watching and catching her every move on video tape.

According to the arrest report, detectives observed Winfree moving her vehicle closer to the victim's vehicle and making verbal contact with him, thereby violating a previous court order.

Police then moved in and arrested her.

Winfree is charged with two felony counts of stalking and is currently being held on \$100,000 bond Rutherford County Jail. She is due to appear in General Sessions Court next Wednesday.

Detectives couldn't comment at press time because they're continuing to investigate the case, according to Maj. Jim Gage of the Murfreesboro Police Department.

"This is an ongoing situation for the victim," Gage said. "There are other things we're still investigating to bring to the case when it goes to court."

MTSU Police also issued Winfree a criminal trespass warning and advised her that she would be arrested if she came on the campus in the future. •

NOTICE

On-campus telephone services will be interrupted at I a.m. for up to one hour Jan. 27. Pay telephones will not be affected.

New director expands health services

By Zachary Owensby Staff Writer

Student Health Services has expanded its services to include pregnancy testing, as well as tests for strep throat and mononucleosis.

Each test costs \$5 and can be administered in under five min-

"We're expecting some more visits just based on these three tests, especially the pregnancy test," said Richard Chapman, the new director of Health "All three are fre quently requested tests."

Health Services has not received any additional funding to provide these services, said Chapman.

'We just pass that cost along to students getting those tests, Chapman said.

The tests will allow the Health Center staff to more accurately diagnose students' ailments.

"We've also had a lot of students come in complaining of mono-like symptoms," Chapman explained. "The strep test lets the doctor know if they're dealing with a viral infection or a bacterial strep infection.'

"We expect to be able to treat the students better and more effectively," said Sally Kimbrell, a registered nurse at the health center for 23 years.

Chapman is also looking into the possibility of adopting a student health fee so that the health center can expand its services even further.

"It's a minimal fee to the students which provides unlimited access to the clinic," Chapman

Chapman and his colleagues have visited the only three universities in the state that charge student health fees: University Tennessee-Knoxville, University of Memphis and



Rick Chapman, the new Health Services director, gets a demonstration from Sally Kimbrell as he gets used to the new position. She was showing him what students go through if they come to the Health Services office.

Eastern Tennessee University.

These schools offer more extensive health services than MTSU because of the additional funding provided by the fee, according to Chapman.

Most schools in the Sun Belt Conference have student health fees, added Chapman.

"At SIU-Carbondale, the health fee is \$98 a semester. We're not looking at anything like that," Chapman said. "It would definitely be a lot less

"A student health fee would do much more to ensure a healthier campus," said Leslie Waggoner, a freshman transfer student from Tennessee Tech. "I personally wouldn't mind to pay for a health fee if it expanded their services."

For the future, Chapman said the Health Center would like to extend their lab and buy a CBC machine, which tells doctors red and white blood counts as well as a lymphocyte

"It helps diagnose the

mononucleosis," explained. "They're kind of common for larger clinics."

Chapman would also like to add other in-house X-ray equipment.

'Currently, we have to send students off campus for hand and ankle injuries and even chest film, if the doctor wants to look at the chest," Chapman said. "We're definitely looking at adding X-rays as well."

Additional services would mean additional costs for students, but Chapman noted that

Chapman some costs may be covered by a student's insurance company.

> "We'd like to print off a super bill so students, if they have insurance, they can file insurance and get reimbursed from the insurance company," Chapman said.

Chapman noted, however, that most students do not have insurance, which is one reason why he is trying to keep the cost

as low as possible. Chapman would also like to

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TBR closes national search for MTSU president candidates

By James Evans Editor in Chief

The Tennessee Board of Regents has closed the national search for MTSU presidential hopefuls, and has finalized the list with 24 official candidates.

The search for candidates for the vacant position was closed with the addition of Joseph D. Olander, said Morgan, director Communications for TBR. Olander is an affiliate fellow of the American

Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Previously, there had been speculation that TBR Chancellor Charles Manning was possibly going to keep the search open for a while longer until

more candidates could be found. The decision by Manning to close the search has now ended those rumors.

The next stage in the process of selecting the next president is for Manning and TBR Board Member Stanley Rogers to complete the roster of the selection committee. The committee will be responsible for evaluating the 24 candidates, and then voting to see who will be offered the position.

The committee is not finally filled yet," Morgan said.

Rogers has been chosen to chair the committee, and Morgan said Manning and Rogers will be meeting next week to round out the selection committee.

The search committee for the new president is tentatively expected to

meet for the first time sometime in mid-February, Morgan said.

This closure of the national search comes on the heels of Duane Stucky's application to be considered for the job. Stucky is currently the vice president for Finance and Administration at MTSU.

Barbara Haskew, MTSU's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, has announced her candidacy for the president position, as has Jim Hindman, who at one time served as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs and

currently serves as president of Angelo State University in Texas.

In the meantime, Interim President Eugene Smith will continue serving at the helm while TBR decides the course

Smith started as interim president Oct. 1, 2000, after former President James Walker left MTSU to become the new president of the multi-campus Southern Illinois University. Walker had served as president of MTSU since

RIME LOG

Compiled By Matthew Kelly - Police Reporter

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by MTSU Police between Jan. 15, 2001, and Jan. 22, 2001. This log was compiled from the actual police

Driving under the influence

Jan. 20, 3:41 a.m. — D Street at Scarlett Commons - While on patrol, an officer observed a green Honda traveling down Second Street at a high rate of speed. The vehicle came to an abrupt stop at the intersection of Second and D streets and then remained stopped at the intersection although there were no other cars around. Eventually the vehicle turned, rapidly accelerating and striking the curb. The officer then pulled behind the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon approaching the vehicle, the officer noticed that the driver's eyes were bloodshot. He was also slurring his speech. The officer then asked the driver to step out of his vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. The driver nearly fell down as he exited the vehicle and the officer noticed the odor of an intoxicating beverage about the subject.

During the first test, the onelegged stand, the driver showed a general lack of balance. The officer then explained the second test, the finger-to-nose test, although the driver said he already knew how to do it because his dad did it to him all the time. While performing this test, the driver repeatedly had two beers. The officer then

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touched areas close to his nose, but not the tip of his nose. He also wavered back and forth on his feet. The driver did not perform the nine-step walk-andturn test as instructed, repeatedly failing to place his feet heel-totoe. At this time, the officer placed the driver under arrest.

John B. Fair, 20, of 1619 Hanover St. in Murfreesboro, was charged with driving under the influence - first offense, underage consumption of alcohol, and refusing a blood alcohol test. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$4,500.

Jan. 21, 4:07 a.m. — Tennessee Livestock Center Parking Lot -While on patrol, an officer observed a vehicle traveling in the turn lane westbound on Greenland Drive. It swerved into the straight lane without signaling. The officer pulled in behind the vehicle and observed it swerve repeatedly over the center line and back toward the curb. The officer initiated a traffic stop and the vehicle pulled into the Livestock Center parking lot. As the driver rolled down his window, the officer noticed the strong odor of an intoxicating beverage and noticed that the

driver's eyes were blood shot. He asked the driver if he knew why he was being stopped. The driver replied that it was probably because he had been swerying across the road. The officer asked the driver how much he'd had to drink. He stated that he

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asked the driver to step out of the vehicle to perform some field sobriety tests. The driver wavered back and forth during the onelegged stand test. He also repeatedly touched areas around his nose — but not the tip of his nose - during the finger-tonose task. During the final test, the nine-step walk-and-turn, the driver repeatedly failed to place his feet heel-to-toe and stepped

off the line to steady his balance. At this time the officer placed the driver under arrest and read him his Miranda rights. He then asked the subject if there was anything illegal in the car. The driver stated that there was a half-empty bottle of rum under that passenger seat that he had been drinking from before he went into Oxygen, a local club. The driver also told the officer that he knew he was too drunk to drive, but that the person he was supposed to meet did not show.

leremy W. Thammachack, 21, of 419 Anthony Rd. in Wartrace, Tenn., was charged with driving under the influence - first offense. He was transported to Middle Tennessee Medical Center for a blood test, and later to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set at \$2,500.

Fraudulent use of a credit card

Jan 17, 4:25 p.m. - Gore Hall An officer was dispatched to Gore Hall and met with a student who reported that someone had fraudulently used her check card to purchase a Southwest Airlines ticket. The ticket was purchased over the Internet Jan. 7 for a flight from Nashville to Dallas, It cost \$142.75, but also caused the victim's account to be overdrawn and charged \$125 in bank fees.

The name used to purchase the ticket does not correspond to any student, faculty or staff member. The victim said she would be having her credit card cancelled and a new card issued.

Harassing phone calls

Jan. 15, 7:15 p.m. - Corlew Hall Cafeteria - A food services employee contacted the university police to report harassing phone calls with possible suspect information. The complainant indicated that one of her employees had been involved in a relationship with a male subject who had been arrested by the Murfreesboro Police Department for domestic violence earlier in the month. She stated that the subject had called and left 10 voice mail messages on her phone the previous day. She also had received additional calls she believed to be from the same subject. The officer took a report and advised the complainant to contact university police immediately if she saw the subject on campus and that he would be removed for trespassing.

Public intoxication

Jan. 21, 4:23 a.m. - Fraternity Row at Pi Kappa Alpha - An officer was dispatched to the report of a subject threatening suicide. Upon arrival, an individual advised the officer that the male subject had left on foot toward Rutherford Boulevard. The officer located the individual on Rutherford Boulevard walking toward East Main Street. Upon questioning, he told the officer that he was not feeling suicidal. The officer noticed an

odor of alcohol coming from the subject, that he appeared unsteady on his feet, and that he had slurred speech. The Rutherford County Ambulance Service arrived to check out the subject and found him only to be intoxicated. The officer asked the subject how much he had to drink. He said he had consumed approximately three beers.

The officer then placed the subject under arrest for public intoxication. Mark J. Olejnik, 29, 420 Jakes Ave. in Murfreesboro, was transported to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Office.

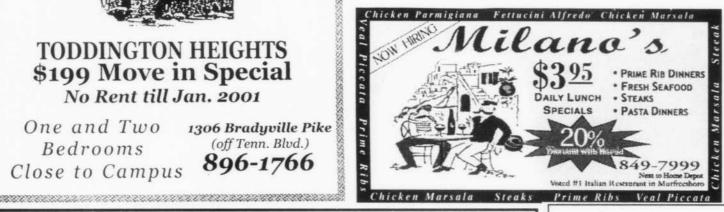
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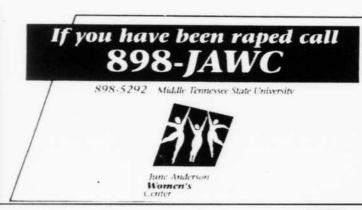
Jan. 20, 10:51 p.m. -Fraternity Row at Sigma Alpha Epsilon — Two officers were dispatched to the report of a fire alarm at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house. The Murfreesboro Fire Department also responded and cleared the building. Upon arrival, the officers advised that several members of SAE had observed a subject pull the fire alarm station on the first floor, although there was no fire. The witnesses stated that they knew the subject, and that he had fled the scene running southbound on Rutherford Boulevard toward East Main Street. The officers on the scene relayed this information and advised that the subject was Lance Truett, described as a white male of average height and build with medium length hair, wearing a green sweater and jeans.

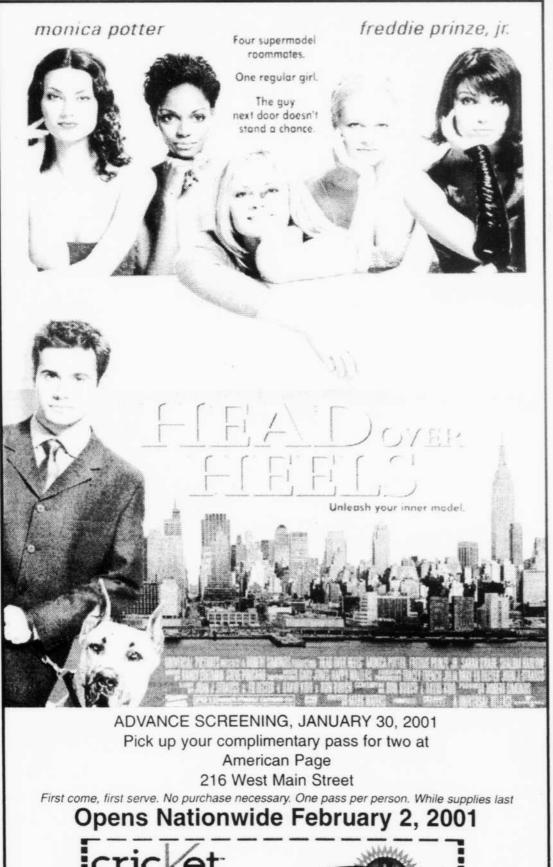
A third officer, upon hearing the description and direction of travel, proceeded to Rutherford Boulevard to look for the subject. The officers at the SAE house then advised that the subject was possibly heading toward Faces on East Main Street. The third officer headed that direction and, a short distance east of Faces, observed an individual matching the description staggering west on East Main Street. The officer activated his vehicle's light bar and pulled in behind the subject, repeatedly activating his siren and telling the subject to stop over the vehicle's loudspeaker. The subject seemed oblivious to the fact that the officer was behind him, so the officer parked his vehicle and approached him on foot.

The officer again told the subject to stop and he turned around and looked at the officer. He was completely covered in mud on his front side and there was a strong odor of alcohol about him. The officer asked his name and he replied, "Jeremy." The officer then asked for his last name, but the individual just stared at the officer and failed to respond. Another officer arrived on the scene and the subject was placed under arrest for public intoxication since he appeared to be a danger to himself - intoxicated and somewhat disoriented. The officer advised the subject of his Miranda rights and again asked for his name. He repeated that his name was Jeremy. A search of the subject, incident to the arrest, revealed a driver's license identifying him as Lance A. Truett.

Truett was transported back to the SAE house where witnesses identified him as the perpetrator. Truett, of 406 Rushwood Dr. in Murfreesboro, was charged with public intoxication, criminal impersonation, false fire alarm, and misdemeanor reckless endangerment. He was transported to the Rutherford County Jail where bond was set





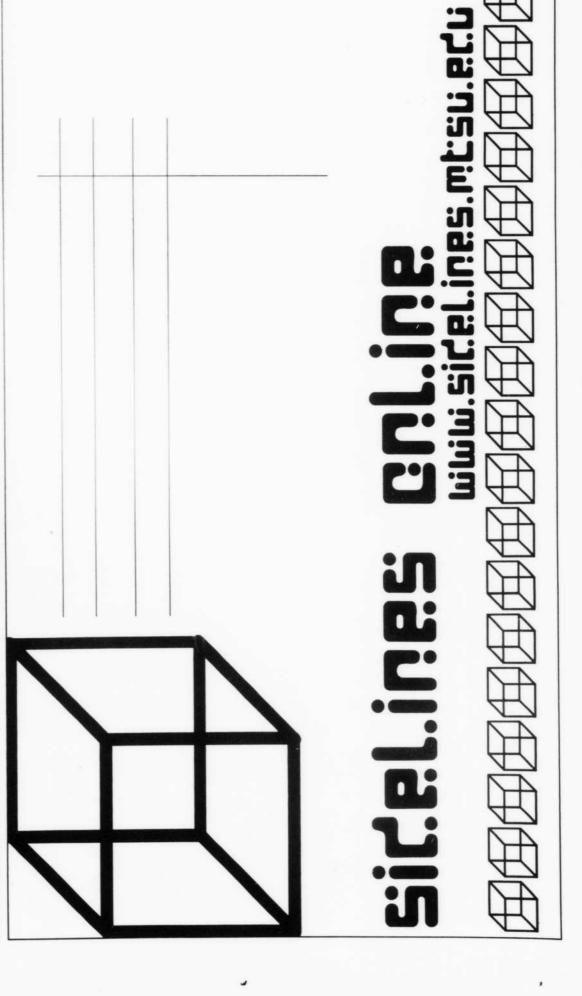


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Health: Three more medical tests available

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expand the Health Center's phar-

"Currently, we're providing medications for free," Chapman said. "Most colleges aren't doing

"Since we're giving the medication for free, we have a real limited formulary," Chapman said. "If we were able to charge for the meds, we would have a more extended formulary, which would save the student from a trip to the drug store."

Chapman would also like to offer in-house blood work in the

"The test would still be done at the hospital," Chapman said, "but we could take the blood here and give the students the discounted rate we get from the hospital, which will save money and save the student the trip to the hospital."

"One benefit from the program is the fact that I don't have to drive back to my primary family physician in Nashville if I am sick, especially if I don't feel well enough to drive," sophomore Karie Bivens said.

This fall, Chapman hopes to receive additional funding for the in-house lab work, to hire a fulltime physician, and to possibly hire another part-time physician or nurse practitioner.

The center is currently staffed by a physician, three nurses and two secretaries.

Additional personnel cannot be hired until the budget is approved this summer.

"It's kind of a relief to know that there's a place here on campus that can treat patients since I don't have a physician at a hospital here in Tennessee," said Meagan Ledford, a junior from

Chapman has also been looking at extending the center's hours, but does not have the funds to hire the required personnel. Other schools have had some success with extended hours, he said.

"A lot of the places we've talked to may get two or three night students," said Chapman. "It's expensive to keep your doors open that late."

The center is currently open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We currently don't offer appointments, and we'd like to get to an appointments system," said Chapman. "Students just kind of come and go as they

"It might help us staff more efficiently if we had an appointment system. Walk-ins will still be welcome with the upper-respiratory infections and stuff."

The center currently offers office visits for upper-respiratory infections, minor infections, sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis screening and testing and allergy shots.

The Health Center currently does not offer any vaccines, but they hope to offer some in the

"We'd like to offer the MMR(Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine," said Chapman. "The flu vaccine, we'd probably like to bring that in house, too."

Chapman said the center may offer the Meningitis vaccine again this fall due to the success of last fall's mass-vaccination.

"It's time to make these changes," said Kimbrell. "I think it's going to be good for the university and everyone." •

Companies come calling

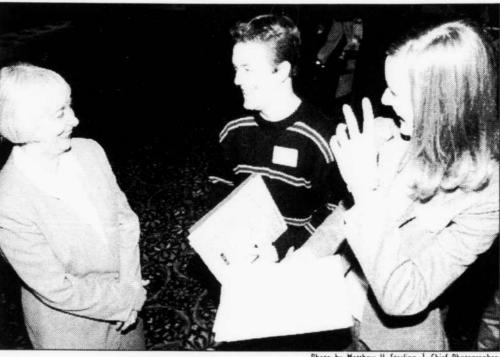


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Cathy Coyne, manager of business at Chaz Taylor Inc. Marketing, speaks to Trey Hancock and Becky Clark at the Summer intern and job fair Wednesday. The two were among the many students who came by to talk and network with local businesses and companies for summer work.

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Have some respect for busy students; get out of the way

Everyone knows this campus is crowded and it often seems to be growing more every day.

But the real growth shows up when students are walking or riding or scooting to class. You know what we're talking about...the sidewalks are so full that most people end up creating their own beaten path across the grass that the "Can Do Crew" works so hard to keep green and growing.

Or we get so fed up with those certain students who like to stop right smack dab in the middle of the busiest sidewalk on campus to talk about what their drunk best friend did last night to embarrass them again.

Some students, when met with this unavoidable situation take the waiting approach. They stand there, right in front of the gabbing group, just waiting to be noticed (and most of the time, glaring) and waiting for the group to kindly let them by or to just break up and move along their own merry little route.

Other students take the road kill approach by revving up and tearing through the group with all the momentum they can muster, therefore not losing any time in their hectic schedule of speed walking to class and sufficiently breaking up the talkers for the rest of us who usually just walk around them, taking the grass and mud in stride.

Now, we may be taking a utopian approach to solving this problem - yes, it is a very serious problem here at MTSU - by simply asking everyone to NOT STOP in the middle or better, anywhere on the sidewalk that is going to cause a blockage in our flow of pedestrian traffic.

If every single student just thought to his or herself, "hey, I could just move myself and my best friend from high school who I haven't talked to in three years and she's only waving at me with that fake smile because she can't avoid me - off of the sidewalk so as to not disrupt anyone's path," then we'd all be quite happy and content on this campus.

Is that too much to ask?

Saving with appraisal

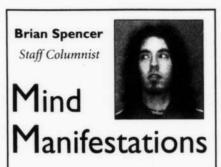
After five years in college, I've learned how to live on an extremely small budget. I just can't bring myself to ask either of my parents for extra money because they already help me as much as they possibly can, which I am grateful for. It seems like many students have few qualms about doing that, but I also know that there are a ton of you out there who would rather not turn to mommy and daddy to solve your financial woes. So for us to be able to at least semi-live the lifestyle we want to, there are a few things to do to raise money. I've sold old CDs, sold books, taken terrible jobs, and most often I've just taken out loan money as my main source of cash flow. I even made it last semester without buying any books, notebooks, pens, pencils, or anything like that. (it can be done, I still got As and Bs)

But another way that I've been able to save some cash is by not signing up for cable TV. I know this seems worse than death to some people, but think about how much money you're spending every month on brain rot. The last time I looked, if I had signed up for cable, my bill would be about \$35 or \$40 a month. That makes almost 500 dollars a year I would be paying to let myself get drawn into the boob tube daily. Needless to say I've found many good uses for that money other than

But although I haven't had cable for four years, the old-school bunny ears on the top of my television are still capable of beaming in evil shows that get me hooked on staring at a picture box in the corner of my living room. I'm not talking about Survivor or Who wants to be a Millionaire?, and I don't consider taping every episode of The Simpsons an addiction, it's actually more like a therapy (some of you know what I'm talking about).

Now, despite my opposition to watching a lot of television, I'm guilty of something that I've been too scared to admit for awhile now. But since this is an intimate circle of people I'm sharing this with. I CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE ANTIQUES ROADSHOW!!!

Have you seen this show? It's sin-



cerely the best idea for a television show that I've seen in a long time. Shown on PBS and/or National Public Television, I kind of see this hour-long program as a travelling circus with rotating sideshow attractions. If you are into the new craze of reality-based shows, this is about as real as it's going to get, plus everyone on it isn't a model.

Basically what happens is the roadshow travels around to different cities and sets up in an auditorium full of appraisers of antiques and rarities. The show then features different people coming in with old family heirlooms, things they bought at flea markets, and basically anything that has a bizarre story behind it to be appraised at its approximate value.

At this point, you might be saying to yourself, "He's addicted to this! Man is he lame!" But seriously, this is one of the few programs I watch quite a bit. What makes it so entertaining is the people who come in with the most absurd trinkets you could imagine and the outrageous story that goes with them. Think of: Waffle House regulars go to Hollywood to "be on TV" or something like that. I mean some of these people are just so much fun to watch and listen to, it's amazing. Then throw in the appraisers, who are a riot to watch in themselves, and you have one of the funniest shows on televi-

The last few shows that I've seen have had some really bizarre stories on them, and I tried to write down a few of them. This woman who looked like the female version of Tom Arnold came in and had this weird "lattice heavy frog bank, which originally had

bright eyes." She said it had been in her life for a long time, and that it was odd that she had it because she "usually only collected teddy bears." This woman noted that she found it one day while she was setting rattraps around a neighbor's house for some money.

An older looking gentleman who was visiting from Florida brought in a"high-covered trunk from the Revolutionary War days" that he had because "it belonged to a relative of mine who got it when he was crossing the Delaware River with George Washington." The appraiser was excited immediately, telling this man, " Do you know why I know a lot about this trunk? I wrote a book on items such as this from the Revolutionary War period." What a coincidence! After learning that this item was valued at between \$25,000-35,000, the man tried hard to keep his composure and said," The value, of course, isn't as important as the sentimental value."

Another old woman who resembled my old evil landlord came in one time with this really ugly vase with a nasty sunflower design on it. She said everyone in her family thought it was ugly except for her granddaughter, who wanted it real bad for some reason. Did I mention it looked like a bong? Anyway, she decided to hold on to it when she "found out she was going to be on TV" and brought it in to be appraised. The appraiser raved about the color spectrum and valued it at between \$2,500-3,500. The elated woman replied, "Yeah, like I said, I've always thought it was pretty and really

Those are just a few examples of the crazy tales you will see unfold on The Antiques Roadshow. It usually comes on at odd times of the day, so you'll have to check to see when it's on if you're interested.

So what's my point about all this? Well, I guess my point is that I'm poor and bored. No, really, if you're looking to save a little bit of money, drop your cable and the \$40 a month fee that goes with it. Because if you still have to have a strong dose of television, the bunny ears are capable of doing just fine.

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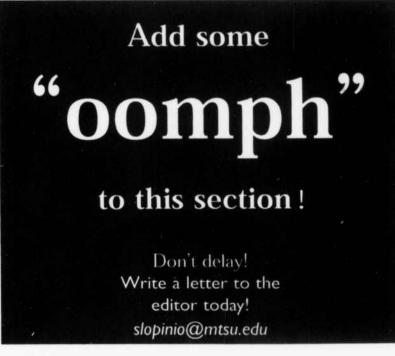
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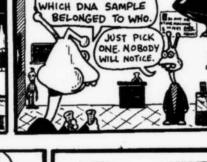
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Attacking White is inappropriate

To the Editor:

As an alumnus and only occasional visitor to campus, I have seen only a few issues of Sidelines in the past year or two. In several of the issues I did see, I found columns by Angela White and have been particularly impressed with the perceptiveness and thoughtfulness of her columns and the quality of her writing. As a columnist, she compares favorably with many of the syndicated columnists I see in the Tennessean, and is a good deal better than several of them.

Thus I was surprised by J. Younce's crude, ill-mannered, foul-mouthed attack on her in the Jan. 18 issue of Sidelines. That some of her opinions are wrong is beyond doubt, but then, every one of us (including me) has some wrong opinions.

On the same page, Angela White proved that she can harshly criticize someone she sharply disagrees with without sinking anywhere near to the level of J. Younce's attack on her.

Some years ago, I disagreed with a columnist in Sidelines, and Sidelines printed my letter, in which I managed to express my difference in opinion without resorting to foul-mouthed name-calling. Had I felt the ill will toward that columnist that J. Younce feels toward Angela White, I still would not have wished to bring disgrace upon myself, my family and my future alma mater by giving readers cause to doubt my good upbringing.

Sincerely,

Bret Hooper '79, '84

Ecstasy growing fast

Dear Health and "Futures" Editors - Sidelines, Middle Tennessee State University:

Like the start of the baseball season, and the return of birds from their winter trek south, the onset of spring for college students across the nation, brings with it what has became an annual rite of passage for youth - Spring Break.

In a matter of weeks, young people will return home from college and engage

in the ritual of enjoying a short hiatus from their studies with "celebrations," which, unfortunately, sometimes center around drinking and illicit drug use.

As you are likely aware, a new and extremely dangerous illicit drug is gaining popularity nationwide. MDMA or "Ecstasy" is the fastest growing abused drug in the United States. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' 1999 Monitoring the Future Study, Ecstasy is the only illegal drug for which significant usage increases were detected last year.

Compounding the problem are the myths surrounding this illicit drug. Young people believe that Ecstasy is not harmful, erroneously calling it the "hug drug." The "hug drug," however, has resulted in a number of deaths over the past few months. In July, alone, Ecstasy laced with PMA (paramethoxyamphetamine) claimed the lives of six people in Florida, prompting officials in that state to issue a public-safety alert.

What do parents need to know about Ecstasy? Are there things parents can do to bolster the chances that their children will not get involved with this new fad drug as the holidays approach?

In the coming month, as you plan your holiday story calendar and coverage, please consider an interview with Dr. Ruth Sanchez-Way, Director, federal Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). Eight years ago, Congress mandated CSAP to take the federal lead on substance abuse prevention nationwide. Dr. Sanchez-Way can offer facts and useful information about the harmful impact of this illicit drug, as well as provide parents and others with common sense tips on how to steer young people away from using Ecstasy.

To obtain additional information about Ecstasy and/or to schedule an interview with Dr. Sanchez-Way, please call me at 301-443-0383. One of the best ways to reduce illicit drug and alcohol abuse is to keep it from happening in the first place. Thank you, in advance, for considering this critical message as you plan your upcoming editorial calendar.

Sincerely,

Curtis R. Austin **Public Information Officer** Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (w) 301-443-0383; (h) 301-449-6105

Dishing up the dirt on campus dining

By Alan Coulter Staff Writer

While locating classes may seem difficult for new students on campus, MTSU's Food Services make finding a good meal easy by having four diverse locations: the KUC Grill, JUB Dining Hall, the Cyber Café at Woodmore and McCallie Cafeteria.

KUC Grill

The most popular of the four by far is the KUC Grill, sporting a wide variety of choices from Pizza Hut and Chik-Fil-A to World's Fare and Gretel's Bake Shop.

Students flock to the KUC in droves around lunchtime, even though the KUC does not accept a freshman meal plan (only the flex dollars) and can be slightly more expensive than the other three locations. One can expect to pay anywhere from \$4 to \$7 per meal, which is still cheaper than some restaurants located off campus.

Televisions around the dining area are tuned to a college network that broadcasts music videos and gives regularly spaced news

Students can dine at the KUC from 6:30 a.m to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Cyber Café

Across The Knoll, tucked away between Gracy and Judd Hall is the Cyber Café at Woodmore.

After ordering from Burger King, Starbucks, or DC Subs, students can pick up some essentials from the in-house grocery store before moving on to the cash register.

While the prices on food are reasonable, the grocery items can be a bit expensive. Woodmore offers a great place to eat by having plush couches and chairs mixed among the tables and countertops. Slow but efficient computers line the edges of the restaurant, giving access to

email accounts and the Internet. It is a well-known fact that Burger King tends to be a little slower on preparing food, but the students don't seem to mind because

of the Cyber Café's overall atmosphere. Its hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer

During the lunch-time rush, students make their way into the many dining facilities on campus. This line was the beginning of the lunch hour at the James Union Building.

JUB Dining Hall

On the bottom floor of the James Union Building is the JUB a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch, and 4:30 to 7 p.m. for dinner. On Fridays,

Having the popular choices of Subway and Taco Bell and accepting the freshman meal plan equivalency, the JUB tends to sport long lines during the usual "rush" in the early afternoons.

Besides the two major fast food choices, students may also grab a burger from the campus-wide Grill Works or construct their own salad from the salad bar that was installed last semester.

The freshman meal plan allows students to select from any of the stations at the JUB, as long as their totals do not exceed \$3.90. Any amount over must be taken from their \$200 flex total that can be used at any of the four dining halls.

Plain tables and chairs with poor fluorescent lighting gives the JUB an eerie resemblance to high school cafeterias.

Regular operating hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. However, students can only use their meal plans during the following hours: breakfast: 7 to 9:30 a.m., lunch: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and dinner: 4:30 to 7 p.m.

McCallie Cafeteria

McCallie Cafeteria, located on the bottom floor of Corlew, carries a negative connotation among students that is untrue. The cafeteria seems to be the best deal for college students on the MTSU campus. It offers an all youcan-eat option for those who just can't settle for the smaller portions from the other dining facilities.

McCallie offers Grill Works, Itza Pizza, Deli Corner, Allegro Pasta, Salad Garden, and Center Stage for its large selection of meals. No fast food names are found here, but the variety gives good odds for students to find something they like, while giving them the opportunity to keep going back for more until they are full.

All of this is equal to one meal on the freshman meal plan, or just a little over the \$3.90 total if a student decides to pay cash.

The only drawback to this cafeteria is its irregular hours during the day. Students may only take advantage of the cafeteria during peak eating times.

On Monday through Thursday the hours are 7 to 9:30 a.m. for breakfast, 11

only breakfast and lunch are served, and dinner is the only meal served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on Sundays.

Dining tips

Regardless of which dining facility students choose, there are some tips for students in a hurry.

The best bet for a fast meal is to schedule lunch breaks around 1 to 2 p.m. when the rush slows down.

Also, freshmen should try to space out their flex dollars to keep variety throughout the semester so they will not be stuck eating at two places for several months.

Take advantage of the on-campus dining facilities, and save a few dollars. Heaven knows that college students can use every cent. •

Infectina the air with Girl Germs



WMTS every Sunday afternoon from 12-2. Amie LeeKing hosts "Girl Germs" and gears her show exclusively toward music by female artists. LeeKing is in her sixth year with the station and thoroughly enjoys the unique privileges of

right now, it's certain that she wouldn't mind you catching

some "Girl Germs" on 88.3

being a college radio DJ. "I love being exposed to new music through the station and then being able to turn on our listeners to that stuff that they can't hear on commercial radio," said LeeKing. "College radio is great because it's not obnoxious and focuses on the music instead of

talk." LeeKing is originally from Ann Arbor, Mich., and majors in graphic design. She hopes to use her degree to ultimately start her own

magazine that merges the worlds of music, art and modern feminism.

Instead of just focusing on one style of music by female artists, "Girl Germs" samples many different genres of music, including emo, electronica and rock.



Amie Leeking slaps on a record for her show "Girl

Some of the bands you might hear on a regular show are Sleater-Kinney, Chicks on Speed, Letigre, Cat Power, The Need and Bratmobile. LeeKing mentioned

Germs."

that she drew the name of the show from one of the titles of Bratmobile's songs. She said it was appropriate considering the music she plays.

"The great thing about playing these bands is that I feel like I'm helping to create a community of fans and support for them in this area," said LeeKing, "so that when they go out on tour they will have people at their shows to show

their support." Another reason she loves playing underground music by female artists is that it's her way of battling the misrepresentation the music industry frequently falls on concerning female music.

"The commercial industry really treats female artists as a commodity instead of a talent," said Leeking. "They'll call a year 'The Year of the Woman,' but it's like 'Thanks for the year, what about all the other ones?' So I like showing people where the real 'girl power' in music comes from." •

Compiled By Leslie Fike - Assistant Copy Editor

Friday, January 26

The Student Publications Committee meets at 2 p.m. in room 210 of Keathley University Center. Please make every effort to attend as a quorum will be necessary. For more information call 898-5812.

June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a Free Legal Clinic from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with an attorney can be made by calling 898-2193. Space is limited.

Saturday, January 27 2001

The concert "Trout Fishing in America" appears in the Tucker Theatre, at 7 p.m.

For information, contact Harold Smith at 898-2551.

Sunday, January 28

The Intercollegiate Horse Contest is being held in the Tennessee Livestock Center at 8 a.m. For information, contact Anne Brzezicki at 898-5603.

Monday, January 29

Spring 2001 Honors Lecture Series "Careers" is being given in Peck Hall 109A at 3 p.m. The speaker isDr. Henry Butler, Physician. For information, contact the Honors College at 898-2152.

Wednesday, January 31

Business Professionals of America Competitive Events are being held in the KUC Theatre at 8 a.m. For information, contact Vincent Smith at 898-2192.

Lady Raiders: Road tested Lady Techsters come calling

Sunbelt Conference Schedule

All games are Eastern Standard Time

UL Lafayette

Florida Intl

Arkansas St

South Alabama

New Mexico St

Middle Tenn St

Middle Tenn St

South Alabama

Western KY

Arkansas LR

Nevada

Denver

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The Lady Techsters also bring in a record of 125-9 against Sun Belt opponents since they entered the conference in the 1991-92 season.

To top it all off, Louisiana Tech is second all time in wins behind the Lady Vols from Tennessee, and have the highest all-time winning percentage of any women's college program.

Lady Raider head basketball coach Stephany Smith says this game is comparable in its magnitude to the men hosting North Carolina and Kansas - in fact, it may be even greater.

Louisiana Tech is led by a frontcourt that accounts for well over 50 percent of the team's offense. Leading the potent frontline is Ayana Walker, who averages 16.7 points and 7.7 rebounds per

Women's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan 24

Thursday, Jan 25

Louisiana Tech at

Friday, Jan 26

Saturday, Jan 27

New Mexico St at

Louisiana Tech at

at

New Orleans

UL Lafayette

Florida Intl

SMU at

Arkansas LR

New Orleans

North Texas

Western KY

Denver at

game. Post players Kenya Bibbs and Takeisha Lewis each average 10 plus points per game.

The Lady Raiders have a couple of post players that counter the front line from Louisiana Tech. Junior Jamie Thomatis and Junior Joanne Aluka combine for 32 points and 14 rebounds per game. Thomatis is second in the conference in scoring averaging at 20 a game.

Louisiana tech lead the all time series two games to none, but this is the first time the two teams have squared off against each other as members of the same conference. The last meeting was 16 seasons ago in Ruston, La. with the Lady Techsters winning 86-62. They met for the first time ever in the first round of the 1983 NCAA tournament with a more lop-sided victory for Tech, 91-59.

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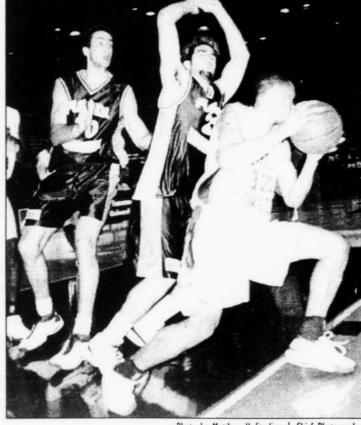


Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Chief Photographer Tommy Gunn backs into the paint in last week's action.

Road Trip: MT leaves town

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including road wins at Denver and UALR. But the Bulldogs long road took them to Arkansas State and Western Kentucky, which both resulted in losses before last week's game with Centenary.

Senior Gerrod Henderson leads the Bulldogs in scoring.

averaging 19.2 points per game.

Middle Tennessee, desperately missing the 6-11 presence of Lee Nosse, will face difficulty matching up the front court size of Lousiana Tech, which is led by 6-8 sophomore Antonio Meeking, who is averaging 14.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

Junior Iiro Tenngren and senior Dale Thomas will be called on to shut down Meeking and sophomore Zach Johnson. Johnson, 6-10, is the tallest threat on the team averaging 7.7 points per game.

Junior Marco Cole is the third Bulldog that averages double digits a game, with 12.9.

Outside of the conference, Louisiana Tech and Middle Tennessee have a common opponent in Tennessee State. La Tech beat TSU in Ruston, La. by seven, while MT split two games with the TSU Tigers.

MT will look to Martinez with 9.9 points per game, Tenngren with 9.8 and sophomore Bryant Mitchell with 8.9 and 6.1 rebounds a game to pick up the slack left by Ortiz.

Middle will travel to New Orleans Saturday night to face the Pirates of UNO in another key conference matchup.

Sunbelt Conference Schedule Men's Basketball

All games are Eastern Standard Time

Wednesday, Ja	an 24		
Florida Intl	at	Ark Little Rock	8:05 pm
New Mexico St	at	North Texas	8:30 pm
Thursday, Jan	25		
Middle Tenn St	at	Louisiana Tech	8:00 pm
South Alabama	at	New Orleans	8:00 pm
Arkansas St	at	Western KY	8:00 pm
UL Lafayette	at	Denver	9:00 pm
Saturday, Jan	27		
New Mexico St	at	Denver	6:00 pm
Western KY	at	Florida Intl	7:30 pm
Ark Little Rock	at	Louisiana Tech	8:00 pm
Middle Tenn St	at	New Orleans	8:00 pm
South Alabama	at	UL Lafayette	8:05 pm
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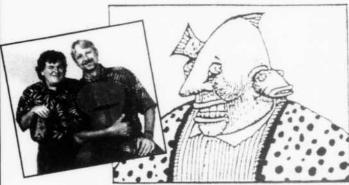
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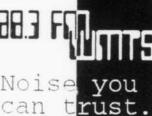
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Around the Sun Belt

Scoring Touch

Florida International's Carlos Arroyo knows how to score. The Golden Panther is currently fifth on the NCAA scoring list as of last weekend.

Arroyo torched the Blue Raiders for 24 points on Jan. 12. Florida International left the Murphy Center with their third win of the season and their first in Sun Belt play.

In 17 games Arroyo has 385 points for an average of 22.7 points per game.

The Blue Raiders will get a chance to avenge the earlier loss, as they will travel to Miami Feb. 3 to face the Golden Panthers.

Cleaning Up and Taking Names

NBA prospect Chris Marcus of Western Kentucky is third in the nation in rebounding through last weekend's action.

The 7'1" Marcus has 219 rebounds in 18 games for an average of 12.2 a night.

Marcus also ranks 10th in the nation in blocked shots, registering 3.3 per game.

The Blue Raiders have yet to face the Hilltoppers, their Eastern Division rivals, but they'll get a chance to twice, playing at the Murphy Center on Feb. 1 and traveling to Bowling Green, Ky. their final weekend of conference play, Feb. 24.

Speaking of blocks

Arkansas State's Jason Jennings is 12th in the nation in the same category as Chris Marcus. Jennings has 57 blocks on the season.

Shooting the Lights Out

Zach Johnson of the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs has hit 56 of 88 field goal attempts, ranking him 18th in the nation in field goal percentage with a 63.6 percent average.

Groundhog Day Luncheon

The annual groundhog day dinner has been set to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on the

Middle Tennessee campus. The annual Groundhog Day Luncheon is the traditional first pitch of the upcoming baseball season.

It is sponsored by the Blue Raider Athletic Association and the baseball team.

The meal, as always, includes ham hocks, white beans, tomato salad, green onions, corn bread, chocolate cake, and ice cream.

Tickets for BRAA members are \$8 and \$10 for non-members. The cost is \$12 for everyone if purchased on the day of the event.

Reservations may be made for the Groundhog Day Luncheon by calling (615) 898-2210.

Lady Raiders host No. 8 La. Tech Radio: 104.9 FM TV: College

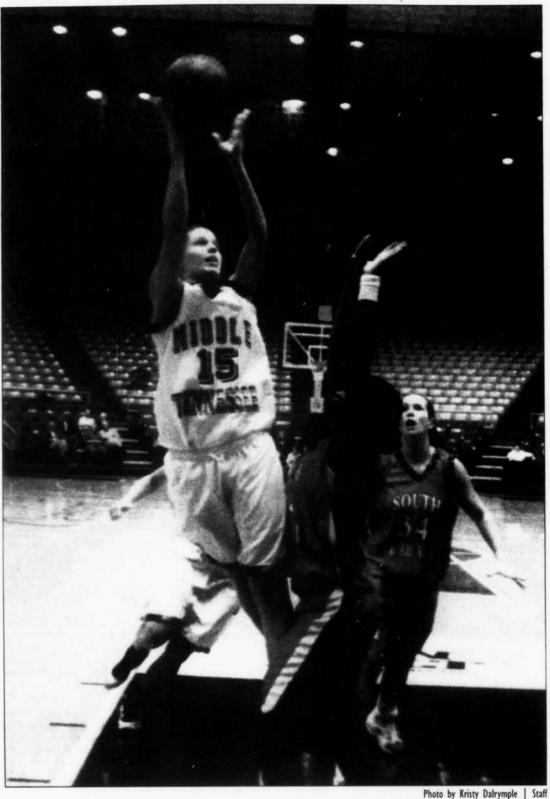


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Kelly Chastain drives to the basket against South Alabama in MT's last home game.

Blue Raiders start long road trip in Ruston, La. tonight

By R. Colin Fly Sports Editor

The 2000-01 season was one of promise for the men's basketball team. Seven seniors returned, anchored by Lee Nosse, Fernando Ortiz and Freddie Martinez.

Nosse and Ortiz are gone and Martinez hasn't produced lately.

Middle Tennessee, losers of four in a row and six of their last seven, must now hit the road for seven of their final 10 regular season games.

The Blue Raiders (5-11 overall, 1-5 in the Sun Belt) must look for new objectives as the sand is running out of the hourglass of their inaugaral season in the Sun Belt Conference.

MT travels to Thomas Assembly Center in Ruston, La. to face the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (10-8 overall, 3-3 in the Sun Belt) tonight.

After losing to UALR and Denver on their home court, MT must hop-scotch across the country, stopping tonight in Louisiana, New Orleans on Saturday, Arkansas on Monday, Miami on Feb. 3 and back to Arkansas on Feb. 10.

The Louisiana Tech Bulldogs enter the game on a three game losing streak, including a 74-63 loss to Centenary.

Louisiana Tech has also been a team in flux. Coming off a 21-8 season last year, the Bulldogs looked to challenge for the Sun Belt crown.

However, after an initial 5-4 start, the Bulldogs thought to have corrected their problems, winning five of their next six,

See Road Trip, 6

Asst. Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders will probably face their stiffest challenge ever on their home floor at the Murphy Center tonight. The Lady Techsters of Louisiana Tech come to Murfreesboro ranked eighth in the country by the Associated Press — and by the way, have won 42 consecutive regular season Sun

Belt Conference games. Both teams are coming off monumental victories - MT won its first game on the road in the Sun Belt at UALR last Saturday - while La Tech beat previously unbeaten in the conference Western Kentucky by 58 points, the largest margin of victory in the history of Lady Techster basketball.

Tonight's game poses a great match up on paper pitting one of the best offenses in the conference against the top defense in the league. The Lady Raiders are second in the league and 14th in the nation in field goal percentage at 43.7 percent, while La Tech is limiting their opposition to 34.4 percent. The Lady Techsters also hold opponents to a stingy 57 points per game - contrasting the 74 points per contest from the Lady Raiders.

The Louisiana Tech Lady Techsters not only bring in a Top 10 national ranking, but a history and tradition that warrants intimidation. The Lady Techsters have won three national titles, appeared in eight national championship games, and made 13 Final Four appearances in their storied history.

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Sunbelt Conference Standings Women' Basketball East Institution Conference Overall W-L Fla. Internationa 14-2 789 Louisiana Tech 15-4 .706 Western Kentuck 12-5 .500 Arkansas State .500 Middle # New Orleans .692 .688 Denver .667 North Texas .625 South Alabama 3-4 .429 11-7 .533 .333 2-4 .333 5-11 New Mexico State Louisiana

Sunbelt Conference Standings Men's Basketball

Institution	East Conference		Overall	
modicion.	W-L	Pct	W-L	Pct
Western Kentucky	6-1	.857	13-5	,722
Arkansas State	6-1	.857	12-7	.632
Arkansas-Little Rock	3-3	.500	10-6	.625
Louisiana Tech	3-3	.500	10-8	.556
Middle Tennessee	1-5	.167	5-11	.313
Florida International	1-5	.167	3-14	.176
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Louisiana	5-1	.833	9-7	.563
South Alabama	3-2	.600	13-6	.684
New Orleans	4-2	.667	10-7	.588
Denver	3-4	.429	7-10	.412
New Mexico State	1-5	.200	5-13	.278
North Texas	1-6	.143	4-14	.222

*New Mexico State ineligible for postseason play due to internal investigation

Don't judge Wiel's career from this season



Michael Edwards

Commentary

After 16 games this basketball season, the MTSU men's team has gone from bad to worse.

Because of a solid recruiting class by head coach Randy Wiel, the outlook on the season was a bright one. Fans and media alike, all thought this version of the Blue Raiders had a chance to do something, no MTSU team had done in over a decade, make the NCAA Tournament.

Perhaps in a weaker conference like the Ohio Valley, the loss of a Lee Nosse would not effect MTSU. However, the lack of a dominant inside presence has truly made them pay. Sure Demario Watson and Bryant Mitchell have done all they can filling in, along with front line anchor, Iiro Tenngren, but there is only so much three players can do.

Dale Thomas is a workhorse, a battler, but at only 6-foot-6 he is unable to provide much offense. These are the only players remaining who provide Middle with even an option in the front court. And now, the Rican sensation, Puerto Fernando Ortiz, has bowed out leaving the Blue Raiders without their leading scorer.

Wiel has been under fire this season for the team's ineptness, but North Carolina thought he was enough to coach in Chapel Hill. Wiel was, of course, the next in line after Matt Doherty. I am sure if he is good enough for the Tar Heels; he can manage here at Middle Tennessee.

With the players of former Blue Raider coach David Farrar, Wiel was able to compile backto-back 19 win seasons, coming up just short of the NCAA Tournament, a yard short one might say. Even with poor seasons over the last two years, Middle has managed to get within a game of the OVC finals, including last year's pounding of Tennessee Tech in Cookeville during the first round of the tournament.

Of course, anyone who really watches can see that when MTSU plays it's style, an uptempo pressing game, they usually do well. But when they are forced to slow down and work out of the offense, they struggle. Take the FIU game, Middle led big early with a fast paced game, but as the game wore on, FIU slowly took control of the tempo, and with it, the game. No one complained when

the Blue Raiders led Tennessee

by five late in the first half. The fact is, Middle was hot that game, and since then they haven't been able to find the

The fact is we know the team is struggling. That's obvious. Anyone can sit behind a computer and bash the coach, the players, and everyone else associated, but it's the few that go to the games and cheer on the team even in the hard times. Those of us who cheered for the Braves during the 80's understand this. Someday Randy Wiel will make it as a head coach, maybe it won't be here at Middle Tennessee, but he's going to make it. I hope it's here. I hope it's now.◆

THURSDAY

■ Women's Basketball Lady Raiders vs. La. Tech

■ Men's Basketball Blue Raiders at La. Tech Ruston, La., TBA

SATURDAY

Men's Basketball ■ Women's Basketball Lady Raiders vs. **New Orleans**

Lady Raiders at Georgia Athens, Ga., noon

Blue Raiders at **New Orleans** Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m. New Orleans, La. 2 p.m.

Men's Tennis Kansas, Louisville and UALR

SUNDAY

■ Men's Tennis Kansas, Louisville and UALR Lawrence, Kan., TBA

MONDAY

Men's Basketball

Sportscast

Murfreesboro, Tenn., 9 p.m.

■ Women's Tennis

Lawrence, Kan., TBA

Blue Raiders at UALR Little Rock, Ark., 7 p.m.