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Area still reeling from election



Mathew and Aaron Reive of Murfreesboro express their support for a hand recount in Florida at Saturday's demonstration in the Legislative Plaza in downtown Nashville.

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Political activism alive in Middle Tenn.

By Brian Spencer
Staff Writer

Although the elections have been over for a few weeks, political awareness is still on the forefront in Tennessee.

About 20 people gathered in front of the State Capitol Building Saturday afternoon to share their political views regarding the presidential election and the Electoral College.

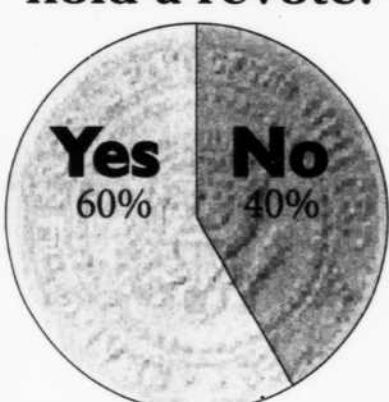
Bruce Beal, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, helped organize the demonstration through e-mails.

"I think it's unique when you get a bunch of people to come out and talk about politics, and not just on the election day," Beal said. Although most of the protesters were supporters of either the Democratic or Green Party, the focus was not on party allegiance but on the right for democracy.

Beal said, "The legitimacy of the result of the election, regardless of who wins, will be in question unless we do everything we can to make sure all the votes have been counted."

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Should Florida hold a revote?



Last week, *Sidelines* Online asked whether the disputed Florida counties should be allowed to vote again.

- Sixty percent of those responding said there should be another vote because the ballot was confusing.
- Forty percent said that Gore should concede.

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Greens cultivate future

By Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer

It has been almost two weeks since Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader earned a considerable yet disappointing 3 percent of the national vote.

Green Party supporters were hoping for at least 5 percent of the nation's vote in order to qualify for federal funding for the next presidential election.

The Green Party has made a definite impression on many Tennessee counties. Nader claimed approximately 1 percent of all Tennessee presidential votes. Of the 96 counties in Tennessee, Rutherford County had the highest percentage of Nader votes-surpassing both Davidson and Shelby Counties.

With 1.6 percent of the total votes cast for Nader, it seems that the student population of MTSU had a sur-



Wolf

prising impact on the election results. In districts surrounding the university, as much as 9 percent of the votes cast were for Nader.

But now that this year's election is over and the Greens didn't receive their desired percentage, one question remains: What now?

Gary Wolf, co-chair of the Green Party of Tennessee and MTSU assistant professor of journalism, said that the focus will now be on building the party for the future.

Although it is unlikely that Nader will run for president again in 2004, the Green Party-with Nader's help-still intends to stay active and become a more prominent force in the American political arena.

"We're disappointed that Ralph Nader didn't get the 5 percent needed for federal funding the next time around," Wolf said, "but the election did help us accomplish the larger goal of establishing a new political party."

Unlike the national Republican and Democratic Parties, no national Green Party currently exists. Instead, small Green Party organizations exist within many individual states. Before this year, there was no Green Party in Tennessee at all. Now there are active Greens in every major city in the state.

Wolf believes that the next step for the Green Party is to become a nationally recognized political party.

"Representatives from all over the country will be meeting in the Georgia mountains in December to take the next step, and that will probably be voting to file with the Federal Election Commission for recognition as an

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Photo by Brian Spencer | Staff

Voters express their contempt for the current election situation.

Intramural team advances to nationals



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Kyle Weatherly of MTSU's Mean Machine dodges a Tennessee Tech player, helping his team advance to the championship game.

By Becky Pickering
Assistant News Editor

The MTSU Mean Machine intramural flag football team will be traveling to New Orleans, La. at the end of December to compete for a national title.

The Mean Machine, composed of undergraduate and

graduate students, placed first in the men's division yesterday at the Flag Football Shootout that was held on the intramural fields behind Greek Row.

Eighteen men's teams from across Tennessee and one team from Kentucky competed this weekend in the single-elimination tournament

sponsored by the Tennessee Intramural Recreational Sports Association.

The Mean Machine defeated UT Chattanooga in the championship game Sunday evening 26 to 22.

The Tennessee Tech Rookies won first place in the women's division. MTSU's women placed fifth. ♦

Stardust streaks the sky

By Lindsey Turner
Staff Writer

Around midnight on Thursday and Friday, the sky was streaked with thousands of "shooting stars" during the annual Leonid meteor shower.

The Leonids — so titled because they seem to radiate from the constellation Leo — are actually tiny fragments of dirt left behind by the comet Tempel-Tuttle.

Tempel-Tuttle, which is composed of dirt and ice, orbits the sun once every 33 years. Each time during its orbit that it nears the sun, a little bit of it melts and a "patch" of dust is released into space. The dust then follows the comet in its orbit.

When the earth enters into the "patch" of debris, all the tiny particles ignite in Earth's atmosphere, causing streak-like formations in the sky. Larger, marble-shaped particles explode into bigger, but harmless fireballs. And since Earth's orbit is constant, it enters into the debris every year in mid-November.

According to Eric Klumpe,

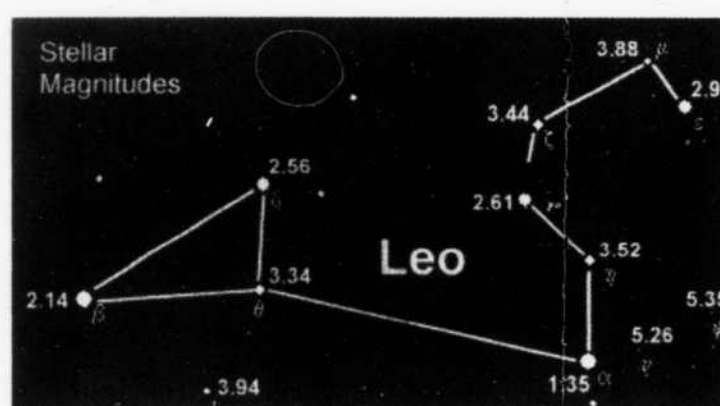


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This is the constellation Leo, where the Leonid meteors appear.

assistant professor of physics and astronomy, three factors can hinder the visibility of a meteor shower: weather, the position of the moon and the position of the "patch" of debris relative to earth's orbit.

Since Tempel-Tuttle leaves a "patch" of debris behind at any given point on its orbit every 33 years, and since radiation pressure from the sun does not push the debris through space very rapidly, Earth occasionally collides with some particles that are

as old as 267 years. Those particles, as well as some not as old, smash into the atmosphere at almost 155,000 mph.

But there's no need to worry. "The debris is typically the size of a pea, a bebe, or a grain of sand," Klumpe explained. "They're not big chunks, so they don't survive and hit the ground. So we're not in danger."

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Cell phones fight domestic abuse

The Circle K club of MTSU is collecting cellular telephones, complete with battery and charger to donate to victims of domestic abuse through the national Call to Protect program.

Call to Protect is a domestic violence prevention project that provides those in danger with instant access to help in the form of a wireless phone. Call to Protect wireless phones are preprogrammed so that victims can reach help with the push of a button. For a victim living in fear of the next episode of domestic violence, this can make the difference between living in terror and having the strength to protect themselves from their attacker.

The Circle K will be collecting phones through Dec. 8 in KUC, Room 306. For more information please contact the Circle K at circlek@mtsu.edu. ♦

Displaying the "Threshold of Darkness"

"Threshold of Darkness," a 40-piece exhibit by photographer Harry Wilson, is on display now through Dec. 13 in MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery on the first level of the Learning Resource Center.

The exhibit, which officially opened Oct. 30, comprises 40 silver gelatin, black-and-white prints with text panels. These photographs document Wilson's personal response to travels through Eastern Europe. ♦

Unhappy holidays

For some, especially the elderly, the holiday season is a time of sadness, loneliness, and despair. Dr. Janet Belsky says a simple call or e-mail to an older person is sometimes better than a whole day spent entertaining or at Thanksgiving dinner. If there's no time for a short visit, call or send a small gift. "All that really matters to human beings is having the sense that we are loved. Having the sense that 'he/she is thinking of me' can be far superior to even the most lavish Thanksgiving feast." ♦

MTSU Nursing holds annual TASN

Last month, the Tennessee Student Nurses Association held their annual convention at the MTSU School of Nursing. Deana Eickhoff and Amanda Williams, both in their second semester of nursing, were elected to the Board of Directors and Kynetha Turner was elected to Nominations Election Committee. Presently, the TASN is conducting a community service

project, which will involve every acting SNA and is aimed at helping the Tennessee State Troopers. At the convention, area-wide hospitals, along with others from East and West Tennessee were present. The Sylvan learning center and the Rinehart testing were also there to provide information and help with the NCLEX review for nursing students. In February, there will be the "Nurses and Students on the Move at Capitol Hill" in Nashville and in April the national convention will be held. ♦

Wolfe wins best book award

MTSU's Dr. Charles Wolfe recently won the nationally recognized ASCAP Deems Taylor Award for the best book written about American music during the past year.

A Good-Natured Riot was selected to receive the 33rd annual award which goes to the best book in all categories of American music—blues, classical, jazz, pop, and country and is the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize in the field.

Dr. Wolfe will fly to New York City for a ceremony in December and will be honored by ASCAP, a membership association of more than 100,000 composers, songwriters and music publishers. This is the second time that Wolfe has won the Deems Taylor award, he is also a three time Grammy nominee, and has won the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Recorded Sound Collections, an international society with members in 23 countries. ♦

Schools with grad student unions examine results

By Molly Jacobs
The Chronicle (Duke U.)

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. - While most scholars don't usually consider themselves laborers, a trend of unionization among graduate student employees has taken hold at many of the nation's universities.

After a recent ruling by the National Labor Relations Board that gave students at private schools the right to unionize, a number of graduate students —

although not many at Duke University — have begun to examine the benefits of forming collective bargaining units. And New York University's graduate students this week confirmed the positive results of their own vote to unionize. Meanwhile, many public institutions have had the right to form unions for more than two decades.

The most recent ruling has re-energized the collective bargaining debate at the University of Massachusetts at Boston,

where last week, 96 percent of graduate students voted to unionize.

The vote will allow students at UMass-Boston to form their own branch of the Graduate Employee Organization, an affiliate of the United Auto Workers. The UAW already represents students at two other universities in Massachusetts.

"UMass-Boston wants to be more on the par with other campuses and this is a way for the university to offer their graduate

students a better package," said UAW organizer Lisa Davis. "This was greatly needed. (Teaching assistants, research assistants and graduate assistants) at the universities already under GEO receive higher stipends, a decreased curriculum fee and access to health and dental care."

While benefits to students in Massachusetts have gone up, university officials across the nation said unionization has had mixed results. Joseph Childers, assistant dean of graduate school

at the University of California at Riverside, said the unions have only caused problems at his school.

"The union has formalized relationships between faculty and graduate students," he said. "In many cases, graduate students are supervised by their faculty mentors, which has put the faculty into the management — which is an uncomfortable working relationship that lessens

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Activism: Protect process

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MTSU Professor Gary Wolf, an avid supporter of Ralph Nader and the Green Party, was on hand to share his views and to talk about some of the issues that the Green Party has pushed for.

He stressed the need for political reform, campaign finance reform, easier voter registration and possibly even a longer voting period for the elections to help encourage more people to get to the voting booths.

"Radical reforms are possible and must happen," Wolf said.

Wolf also pointed out that although third parties are still not widely recognized as a major political force, it took independent party's ideas and input to move the country ahead on such issues as the abolition of slavery, women's rights, reducing the deficit and social security.

The youth of the country was also a focus at the demonstration. Murfreesboro resident Darlene Reive, who voted for Al Gore and found out about the event through the Internet, said it was important that she interest her ten-year-old sons Matthew and Aaron in the political process at an early age.

"I'm just here to protect their right to vote and to have it counted, not to influence their political views," Reive said.

Chris Horne, the minister of Youth at the Saturn Drive Baptist Church in Nashville, was on a field trip with some children and made a point to walk his group by the demonstration.

"I just really love protests and wanted to show the kids that voting isn't your only voice in the process," Horne said.

For more information, go to www.geocities.com/countercoup and www.trustthepeople.com. ♦

Greens: Third party role not to be elected

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official party," Wolf said.

Aside from contributing to the quest for recognition as a viable political force, the Greens in Tennessee plan to work on a state platform and prepare for upcoming local elections, in which credible Green Party candidates plan to run.

Despite its defeat in the presidential election, the Green Party does not plan to fade into the shadows of the two existing major political parties. Wolf said that third parties have virtually always existed to bring to light issues that most mainstream candidates avoid.

"The role of third parties in American politics has not been

to get elected. It's been to talk about things that aren't otherwise talked about," Wolf explained.

Third parties have in the past forced such issues as the abolishment of slavery, women's suffrage and the outlawing of child labor into the national political arena.

This year, the number one issue in the Green platform is political reform. The Greens are especially committed to the idea of abolishing the Electoral College and revising the entire national voting process. This is an issue that most major party candidates avoid discussing.

"Things that would have prevented what's happening in Florida never got talked about,"

Wolf said in reference to the controversy over the hand-counted ballots in selected Florida counties.

Regardless of the eventual outcome in Florida, Wolf asserts that the Green Party will continue to strive to reform and improve American politics and society.

"I said all along we didn't have to win to win," Wolf commented.

"We just had to leave something behind after the election. It looks like we've done that. Now the job is to make it survive and thrive."

Information on the Green Party can be found on their Web site at www.green-party.org. ♦

Stardust: Shower to be seen in the east

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Klumpe advises that there are three things to do.

The first is to take a quick nap in order to be awake and alert at

midnight. Secondly, find a viewing area that is as far away from lights and trees as possible. The last step is to lie down facing east and relax.

There is one more important

thing to keep in mind, however.

"The key is," Klumpe emphasized, "you have to see the constellation Leo, which doesn't rise above the eastern horizon until about midnight." ♦



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Multiple faiths urge peace in Mideast at Boston U.

By Lindsay Crudele
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON - While the wind-whipped papers were held in mittened hands and noses grew red under the warm glow of Marsh Chapel, a group of almost 30 people came together Thursday night for a candlelight vigil in hopes for peace in the Middle East.

The Boston University Women's Interfaith Action Group organized the event, which started three years ago as an opportunity for members of different faiths to gather together in open lines of dialogue. Thursday night's vigil was time for members of the community to voice frustration over the inability to tackle the issues surrounding the ongoing violence in the Middle East.

"The whole conflict in the Middle East has been in the news lately ... I think it's horrible that all this killing has to take place. It's sad that the leaders are negotiating and still people are getting hurt. Over the past 100 years,

there have been resolutions and each time it's not enough," said College of Arts and Sciences senior and WIAG Treasurer Christina Avvento. "I hope that it raises awareness for everyone to see many other people out there with hopes for peace. Just through being together, there will be strength."

Speakers stood in the November chill to read selections representing many faiths, all with a common message of peace and hope.

"We just hope that we can offer our perspective for peace in all regions of the world. Peace is an issue near to us because we are founded as a religion based on non-violence," said Deeptee Singh, a freshman in CAS and member of the Boston University Sikh Association, a religious discussion group. "We hope people in all areas of the world can find unity and recognize that we are all children of one creator."

The crowd listened to words encouraging peace from the religious texts of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Mormonism,

Sikhism, Hinduism and Baha'ism.

"Basically, people are feeling very helpless about this. We're turning back to religion to help solve the problem," said Ellie Gebarowski-Shafer, the secretary of WIAG and a senior in CAS.

The groups' selections reflected a desire to end Middle East violence.

For example, a selection from Ephesians 4:25-32 read, "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another ..."

The Hindu song "Shanti Nilava Vendum" implored its audience to "Spread peace through compassion and love / For good and peace to prevail even over cruel and violent people / Let us teach them good habits / Let us eradicate ignorance and fear / Let us encourage good conduct in all citizens / Let us gain strength from non-violence ..."

CAS senior and WIAG

President Jennifer Randall began planning the vigil a few weeks ago when she realized her discontent with the current situation.

"I was just talking to different people in the community and I was frustrated that no one had done anything. It's a terrible situation," she said. "We can do something."

After the speakers finished, the crowd assembled into a circle, in order to sing and join in a moment of silence. Randall said some groups held individual prayer groups afterward so as not to violate the tenets of any religion present last night.

"It was really well-done. It's hard not to rally behind the peace process," said School of Law post-graduate student Ronny Carny.

Gebarowski-Shafer said she hoped that attendees left with a heightened sense of consciousness for the current situation.

"The presidential fiasco has taken attention away. We want to raise awareness for what is going on," she said. ♦

Unions: Groups agree unionization brings proper wages

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collegiality ... I hope that we will be able to get around these issues and not damage the culture of the university by these kinds of work rules and demands," he said.

The University of Kansas instituted a union two years ago, and both grad students and administrators said unionization

has caused a disruption in their relationships. But both groups agreed that unionization is one of the few ways grad students can receive proper wages and benefits.

"A union is like a strange bird at a university. It brings a level of bureaucracy between (graduate teaching assistants) and administrators and makes things more formal," said Jeanette Johnston,

KU assistant to the provost. "Before the institution of the union, students would not have been able to bargain for what they probably deserve. It has made them eligible for health care and kept the individual departments, who pay their own graduate students, from squirreling their money away for other purposes."

Students at KU agreed, not-

ing their gains since organizing a collective bargaining unit.

The debate over graduate student employment is far from over. Members of Duke's Graduate and Professional Student Council voted overwhelmingly last week to endorse the NLRB decision, but stopped short of endorsing a union at Duke. It is, however, an issue that may surface again. ♦

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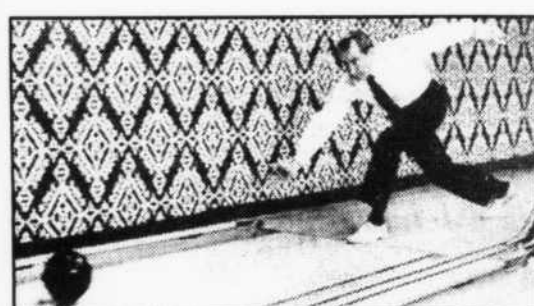
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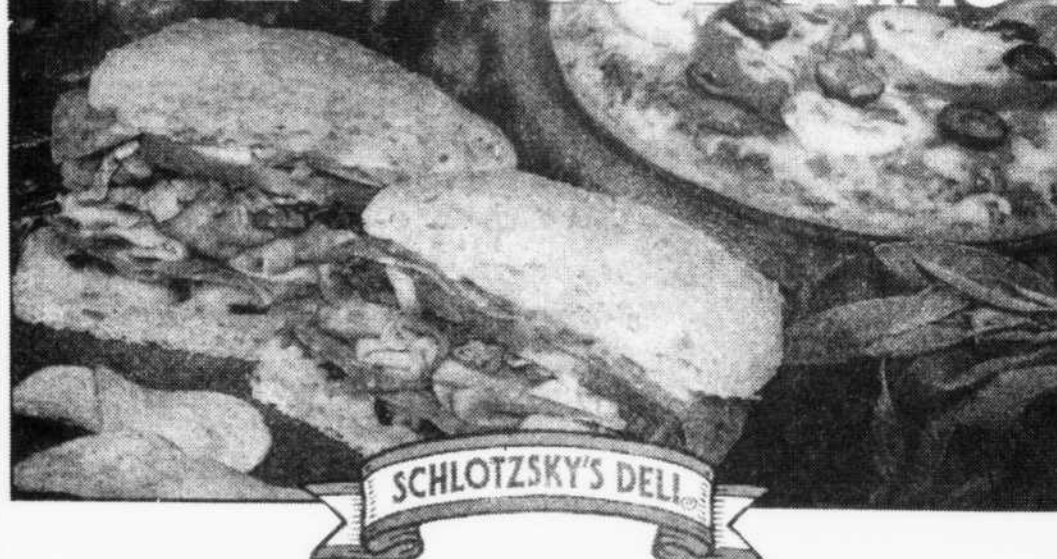
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From the staff No matter who wins, your vote counted

With all the election hoopla going on, some American citizens are losing faith in the political system.

Those new voters who were initially skeptical about voting but were persuaded to do so may view their trip to the polls a "waste of time." Some may feel that if the person they voted for loses the presidential election, then their vote didn't count.

Well, if you have this mindset, then you are completely wrong. It is your privilege as well as your responsibility to exercise your right to vote. By voting (something so many of us take for granted) you are expressing your concern about the future of your country.

Even if the candidate of your choice isn't elected into office, you still have an influence on American politics and that is something you can be proud of.

Therefore, your vote did count and was not in vain.

Although our most controversial, the 2000 election

has motivated Americans citizens like no other before. People are rallying, marching and protesting in response to all the confusion.

No matter what you think of the candidates, the system or the situation that has caused all of the confusion surrounding the election, you have to hand it to the American people for mobilizing behind their beliefs.

Some call the current situation, "crazy," and some of us here at *Sidelines* agree, but we can't ignore the fact that people came out to the polls in record numbers and have given a lot of their time and energy into seeing this thing through. People are really starting to care about our country.

We don't know who will be the next president, nor do we know when anything will be decided. However, we do know that if the people of the U.S. of A. maintain the fire that they have today, then the United States will one day become the country it claims to be.

Our school has its share of ups, downs

For Argument's Sake



Jason
Cox

Staff Columnist

Some may have their gripes about MTSU, but not everything here is bad, contrary to popular belief. Here are some of the ups and downs of MTSU.

Up: For the money you pay, the freshman meal plan really is a good deal, especially if you're like me and eat ridiculous amounts of food.

Down: Food options on the weekends. I had to have Burger King twice in one day simply because nothing else was open. They don't even open half the restaurants in the cafeteria(s) that are open.

Up: The professors are very helpful when you ask them for advice. Sure beats some of the teachers in high school, where they're obviously annoyed if you ask them a question.

Down: Why is there no janitorial service in the dorms on weekends? Why is there still dried vomit on the bathroom floor in my dorm hall Monday night? That's ridiculous. Dammit MTSU, we live here! This shouldn't be an issue.

Up: People that are willing to talk to *Sidelines* about pertinent news issues.

Down: When readers of *Sidelines* attack them for using a descriptive term to (now here's a new one) describe people involved in an incident! Unlike these readers (and myself), Ms. McNema: didn't have the time to sit down and think about what she was going to say before she said

it. Besides, why would she have thought that she'd be attacked as a racist for using a term that came from the civil rights movement? Please!

This publication had no reason to apologize for its source, and should not be expected to edit quotes. In the wake of this, I would imagine that some people would be more reluctant to speak to reporters because of the way their quotes could be portrayed, and I can't say that I blame them.

Up: I know some of you will hate me for this, but I like having my parking fee included in my main bill. Perhaps in the future, those who were upset with having to pay the fee (which also covers the bus service, an underutilized luxury), will be able to check a little box on the application saying they don't want to pay for a permit, but for me it was nice to be able to have it all on one bill.

Here's something else cool: I had a car parked on campus w/o a permit for about 16 hours and THEY DIDN'T CATCH ME! HAHAAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!

Down: The way parking is laid out (where green or blue or white can park, etc.) is more confusing than any ballot Florida could ever come up with. Over by my dorm, there is a legal parking spot between a handicapped spot and a metered spot, and on the other end of the lot what was green changes to white with little warning. That's silly.

Well, this is my last column before the Thanksgiving holiday. I hope you all get to have a wonderful dinner with all the things you love. I, meanwhile, will be spending the day shoveling popcorn and serving drinks to you when you come see a movie.

Eh, such is life.♦

Letters to the Editor

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu.

Letters may be edited for length, grammar, or content.

No need to abolish Electoral College

To the *Sidelines* Staff:

I would like the opportunity, if I may, to diplomatically disagree with your opposition of our nation's Electoral College system that you published on November 8, 2000.

I believe that my position has much merit due to the fact that I previously supported abolition of the Electoral College system in favor of direct popular election until I did extensive research recently on how the system actually works, and how it is essential even today. No doubt, we are not the same country of our founders, but I believe that their genius still applies to us today because the electoral system is not a "constitutional relic" or an anachronism. Here is what I see.

The Electoral College is an expression of the Federal system. Ultimately, the states elect the President of the United States. The highest popularly elected official in the United States is the state governor, not the president. Any change toward a popular voting system undermines the states, and the very basis for the Federal system.

The direct election system is subject to types of fraud that are impossible under the Electoral College system. With direct election, there would be incentive, for example, for Nebraska to produce more Republicans votes or Massachusetts to deliver more Democratic votes. Majority fraud would be too hard to combat because the majority party would also be responsible for counting the votes. The electoral system concedes some states to the party in power, but it eliminates any reason to "run up" the vote.

Any fraud in the current system must be in swing states where the parties can keep each other accountable.

Many direct election proposals allow for a minority vote to elect a

president. Under the present system, the winning candidate has to win outright at least twice: first in the party convention, then in the Electoral College. Direct election makes minority rule even more likely than the present process. The winner-take-all feature of the Electoral College system discourages third-party efforts. In contrast, a direct election system encourages candidates is a dangerous illusion (sic). In practice, well-organized minorities have a very good chance to achieve the highest share. While the Electoral College tends to produce candidates that look like Tweedledee and Tweedledum, direct election could produce a choice between Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson or Jesse Ventura and Jesse Jackson.

Also, the Electoral College system provides a fair voice to all states including the ones with a smaller population. Let's face it. People who live in California do not face the same issues, have the same mindset, or understand what it is like to live in rural Alabama, for example. Why should people in one concentrated location or another have so much influence in the outcome of the election that chooses every state's leader?

In addition, under the Electoral College system, only U.S. citizens who are residents of a state may vote. Under a direct election system, how could the U.S. legitimately deny the vote to citizens who are residents of U.S. territories and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico? The number of people affected would be significant. Puerto Rico has three million people. Under a direct election system, is it defensible to deny citizens the right to vote for promoting democracy throughout the world, to even propose such an idea?

Lastly, if you do not like our system...move to Russia! Russia illustrates what can happen in a free-for-all direct presidential system.

Our system has worked successfully since its formation. Why change it?

Respectfully,
Cal Majure

It is woman's choice to have children

To the Editor:

I would like to set the record straight on women who choose not to have children. I am 33 and have made this choice for many reasons, some of which I would like to share. First of all, the choice I have made is no one's business but mine and my husband's. Secondly, I don't feel it's selfish if I have made this choice perhaps to save the child from some genetic disorder that the child might be predisposed to.

As for women denying themselves of any motherly instinct, what about the mothers who physically, sexually or emotionally abuse their children or even kill them? What of their motherly instincts?

As for the males, far too many seem to want children to prove their virility and then abandon them when the child becomes an inconvenience. I am not saying that all males do this, as I know many who don't shirk their responsibility and give in to their fatherly instinct. But let's be fair - it happens far too often. Some men are also guilty of child abuse and murder.

I'm not saying that there is anything wrong with a person wanting to have a child.

What I am saying is that it is my choice, and no one has the right to condemn me for my own choice. I think that it is far better to realize that I do not want the responsibility of raising a child before I get pregnant than having to exercise another one of my rights — my right to choose.

Margaret Williams

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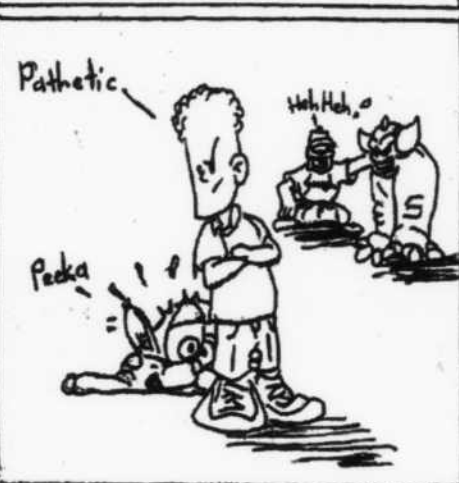
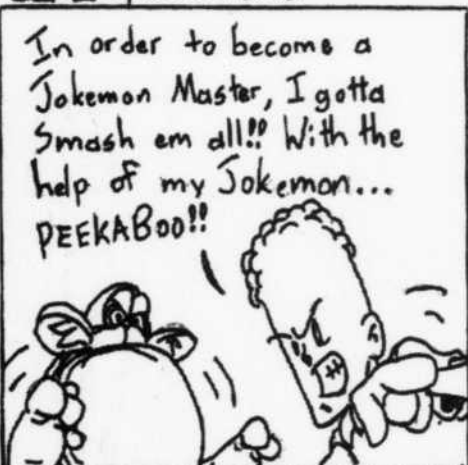
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Cash running our schools, government

By Wayne Green
Staff Writer

Cash rules everything around me (C.R.E.A.M.) seems to be the motto of a lot of people today. Corruption and greed is filling up today's schools, streets and even the government.

You can find a lot of corruption or politics in the universities and schools of today. A person with the right amount of currency can persuade the school board to favor his or her decision.

A decision that had a big effect on America's schools was the rule that prayer in schools would not be tolerated. Only a small group of individuals decided on this rule. There was not a survey asking everyone's opinion.

Another example of corruption in the schools and universities is sports. If a wealthy person has a child or relative, he or she can help persuade a coach to put that relative on the team or give them more playing time.

It is sad to say, but a teacher can be persuaded to give certain students better grades. This type of situation has

happened plenty of times, and it's sad to say it will continue to happen. It all depends on the streets.

There is corruption and greed in the streets everyday in today's society. If a person had a lot of currency and popularity, he or she can often get away with breaking the law.

Often times, there will not be any penalties handed to these individuals. Consequently, in the streets, anything goes.

Last but not least, the government has more corruption than any other organization. For example, look at the 2000 election results. Look at what state the final decision is held in, and look who is the governor of that state.

These days, it is not what you know, but who you know. "What can a person do for me?" is a commonly asked question.

But look on the good side - there are some good-hearted people in this world. Consequently, the good people in this world are overshadowed by the bad people, who are corrupt and live by the C.R.E.A.M. motto.♦

REVIEW

Brought to you in Technicolor



Photo provided

Adam, Jeff Scott, Austin Sanders, David Noga and John Williams perform in the weekend's run of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Storm of the century washes up well

By Philip Duncan
DVD Columnist

Based on actual events that happened in October of 1991, *The Perfect Storm* is more than an interpretation of the events surrounding the storm, it is an intimate look at the town that was affected by it.

Director Wolfgang Petersen has created an excerpt of the daily life of the locals of Gloucester, Mass. This small fishing community was home to Captain Billy Tyne (George Clooney) and his crew.

As we are introduced to each of the supporting characters we learn a little about their life and the people in it. These interactions with the other characters are important moments in this film. It allows us to see these people for who they really were, part of a family, part of a community, part of a lifestyle, to which most of us would be unfamiliar.

It is a drama set against one of the worst storms that mankind has ever seen. It's a recreation of real people and real events.

Petersen does his best to set up the film as a study of the characters and lives surrounding the event, but the film can't escape the action/disaster feeling.

This same feeling of small town characters is repeated on the DVD release of the film as well. On top of the top-notch video and audio, Warner Brothers has included several extras that bring you as close to Gloucester as you can get.

First off, there is the *HBO First Look* documentary. These short 15-minute, behind-the-scenes documentaries are insightful looks at what goes into making a film of this caliber. It gives a glimpse of the care that was taken in adapting this true story. The cast and crew really got to know the locals they were portraying in the film.

The second short deals with the process of scoring the film. Done by Academy Award winner James Horner, the score is better than most, but the inclusion of the rock guitar is bothersome at times. For those unfamiliar with the process, it shows how quickly everything must come together to be ready in time for the film's release.

The last documentary is a short four-minute selection of interviews with the locals of Gloucester, Mass. In keeping with the feel of the film and the DVD, these interviews reveal the opinions of the people the film portrays. The three documentaries included show the care that was taken in adapting this film.

On top of these documentaries, there are three nice commentaries included as well. The first is with director Wolfgang Petersen. It is the most informative of the three, with an interviewer present that must poke and prod Wolfgang for his comments. But he keeps him talking throughout, providing several insights into the making of the film.

The visual effects supervisor and the visual effects producer provide the second commentary.

While informative, this is the least interesting of the three. The information is strictly limited to those that are interested in learning what it takes to plan and execute all the special effects needed for such a large-scale film.

The last commentary, by *The Perfect Storm* author Sebastian Junger, is as well done as the main commentary. Junger actually lived in Gloucester for several years and it shows in his commentary. He is able to provide an outsider's and insider's perspective to the story at the same time.

All in all, *The Perfect Storm* is a great DVD and one that should be available for a small price.

The extras and actual film accent each other nicely and combine to create a well rounded package that almost rises above its disaster film background. ♦

By Sara Jane Vaughn
Staff Writer

Some lucky members of the Murfreesboro community and MTSU took pleasure in witnessing a fantastic performance of *Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, produced by the Wesley Foundation, this past weekend.

The show ran from Nov. 15-19, to a full house and had to extend its run for a Sunday night performance due to public demand.

The story, a retelling of the biblical tale of Joseph, is inspiring as well as fun to watch. In the tale, Joseph deals with his jealous brothers, his rise from slavery to becoming the Prince of Egypt, his ability to interpret dreams, an attempted seduction, guilt of his brothers for their behavior and a happy ending without ever using the word God.

Cynicism aside, the show has a great story to tell and those from all walks of life and religious backgrounds get the message of realizing a dream.

Being of biblical inspiration, the Wesley Foundation made an excellent choice. Directed by Brandon Reece, MTSU senior theatre major, the show was appropriately and creatively choreographed and was aesthetically pleasing.

Reece, who recently choreographed parts of 10 different events in New York and has directed *West Side Story* and *Children of Eden* at

Oakland High school, did an excellent job.

Open auditions were held at the Wesley Foundation, and "there was an abundance of talent that turned out," said Reece. The 30-member cast was made up of a wide variety of individuals.

Ian Hunt, an eighth grader from Central Middle School, who played one of the brothers, shared the stage with Brenda Dent-Gregory, choral director at Oakland high school as well as MTSU chemistry, math and geoscience majors.

The multi-talented cast was accented by the vocal strengths of the 17-member Oakland High School Swing Choir.

Steven Malone as Joseph was better than Donny! Close Every Door, a solo number, that was later joined by the OHS choir, held the audience in a trance. Malone had style and charmed the audience into including into his every move.

The narrators included Natalie Aulvin, MTSU theatre major; Brenda Gregory, OHS Choral Director and Kristy Wilson, MTSU freshman. Their distinct vocal sounds complimented each other as well as their distinct black, red and blond hairstyles.

Those Canan Days, a solo by Adam Johnson, who played one of the brothers, was cleverly staged and stands out as one of the most memorable of the solo performances of the show.

Another display of talent came from Lewis Lewis. Benjamin Calypso, performed by Lewis

with the brothers as backup, showcased the vocal talent and stage presence he possesses.

The simple multi-colored set made of 'technicolored' painted flats were economical and functional for this production.

The costumes were simple solid black with various accessories added for different numbers.

The lights were white, which worked, but needed to have a little color added.

And besides a few technical difficulties that inevitably happen during small productions, the show was a success.

The one and only thing that this production needed was bigger stage.

"It was a highly innovative, energized production with clever multi-level choreography and a strong commitment to entertaining the audience," said Richard Hansen, Associate Theatre Professor, who saw *Joseph* on a national tour at the Shubert Theatre in Chicago in 1982, long before the 'Donny' version.

"I had a lot of help from Bonnie Wilson, musical director for the Wesley Singers, and Andrew Bryon, conductor/pianist for the show," said Reece. "I could not have done the show without them."

The lucky ones who saw this production were witness that with excellent choreography, direction and the right amount of talent, a small stage and a small budget matter nary when entertaining an audience. ♦

THANKSGIVING A LA MTSU

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving, for many of us, is a time for family and food.

Being away at college makes the visit home even sweeter and the food sure doesn't hurt. But, for those of us who can't be with our families during this wonderful holiday, due to distance, MTSU can solve the problem.

The MTSU Parents Association is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner for all students who are unable to be with their families this holiday or who just want a good meal. The dinner is being held at the Scarlett Commons Clubhouse on Thanksgiving Day.

Students are welcome anytime between 2 and 5 in the afternoon, and it's come as you are. Parents of the Parents Association are providing the food and drink—all you need is a good appetite.

Thanksgiving is a time of thanks for family and friends, so let's all thank the Parents Association of MTSU for giving students a little taste of home. ♦

See the light through 'The Threshold of Darkness'

Staff Reports

A "Threshold of Darkness" is on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery in the LRC.

This 40-piece exhibit by photographer Harry Wilson documents his trip through Eastern Europe and is complimented with poetry on text panels.

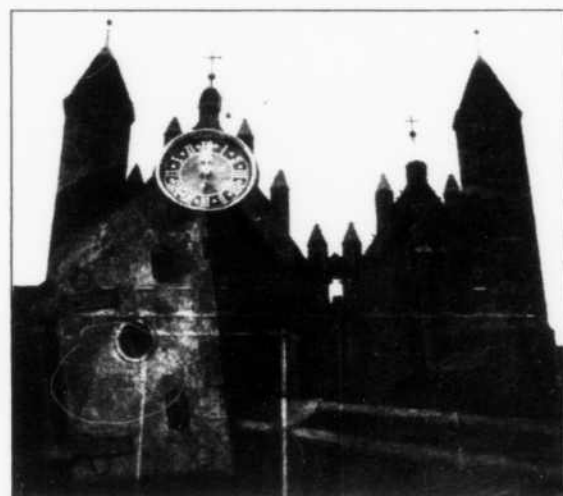
Wilson said he made the photographs "as a response to the charm and beauty that is Central and Eastern Europe—and to the persistent horror that is also a part of this European experience."

"Vestiges of the Holocaust are hard to avoid," he added. "That supreme tragic event of modern times still marks this area in a not so subtle way and has its effect on those who pass through."

The photo collection is comprised of silver gelatin black-and-white photographs. Director of the gallery, Tom Jimison, said that some of the exhibit's most fascinating photographs are large double exposures that present unique and spontaneous records of conditions in the countries that Wilson has visited.

Wilson explained how he got these "unique and spontaneous" photos. "I work with two cameras. In one, I make single exposures, and these are presented as complete images. In the other camera, I make double exposures by running film through twice."

And by doing this, "I allow chance to play a



role," explained Wilson. "I like to think that I, and the place, and the medium, and the muses conspire to create something unique."

Wilson's work has been published in *Artweek*, *Black Mountain Review II*, *New Mexico Photographer*, *Rolling Stone* and *San Francisco Camera*. His photographs also have been widely exhibited at galleries and universities from San Francisco to New York.

"Threshold of Darkness" is on display through Dec. 13. The gallery is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from 8-11:45 a.m. on Saturdays and from 6-9:45 p.m. on Sundays. ♦

ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

To submit an On Campus announcement, come by the James Union Building, Room 308. Due to limited space, some announcements with later dates may be held.

Nov. 20

Bring a friend or come make one at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Concert at 6 p.m. Riley Armstrong will be live in concert with Audio Adrenaline. The dinner is free and is located at 615 N. Tennessee Blvd. at Faulkenberry Dr. (next to the BSU.) Call 867-7370 or 893-1787 for more information.

Nov. 21

The Circle K club is holding a bake sale from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of Phillips Bookstore. All proceeds will benefit the Circle K's Christmas

project. Stop by the table to learn more or e-mail the club at circlek@mtsu.edu.

Nov. 28

Got game? Three on three basketball at Campus Recreation will let you know! Sign up Nov. 6-22 at the Rec. Center. Call Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

Nov. 30

A team captain's meeting for the Rec. Center's intramural whiffle ball is in the Conference Room at 6 p.m. This is also the last day to register for participation in intramural whiffle ball. Contact Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring a free legal clinic from 7-9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU stu-

dents, faculty and staff. Appointments to speak with the attorney can be made by calling the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

Dec. 2

Continuing Studies and Public Service are holding an ACT exam preparation course from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the KOM Room 122. The cost is \$110 and Harley E. Anton is the instructor. Call Continuing Studies and Public Service at 898-2462 for more information.

Dec. 3

Let's play whiffle ball—men,

women and co-rec leagues. Campus Recreation is sponsoring intramural whiffle ball at 5 p.m. Call Chris at 898-2104 for more information.

Continuing Studies and Public Service are holding a MAT exam preparation course from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the KOM, Room 122. The cost is \$99 and Harley E. Anton is the instructor. Call Continuing Studies and Public Service at 898-2462 for more information.

Dec. 6

Housing and Residential Life and URHA are sponsoring a Charity Ball benefiting Up 'Til Dawn from 7-midnight. It is a formal ball for all MTSU students and is being held in the JUB Tennessee Room. The cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per couple. Contact Natasha Bronson

at 898-3649 for more information.

Dec. 9

Continuing Studies and Public Service are holding an ACT exam preparation course from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in the KOM, Room 122. The cost is \$99 and Harley E. Anton is the instructor. Call Continuing Studies and Public Service at 898-2462 for more information.

Ongoing

Applications for Student Activity Funds are available in the Keathley University Center, Room 130. The application deadline is Dec. 1 at 4 p.m. To be eligible for funds you must have attended one of the orientation sessions presented during the fall and be a registered organization. For further information call 898-5822.

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC, Room 303.

Chi Rho Lutheran Fellowship holds "Experiencing God Bible Studies" on Sunday nights. Any college students interested in a three month weekly bible study in order to grow into a personal relationship with God are welcome to attend every Sunday night from 7:45-9 p.m. at 811 E. Clark Blvd. Contact Jason Dail, pastor, at 904-0570 for more information.

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SPORTS

Football: 21 seniors play final day in front of family, earn first winning season since 1996

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himself after missing a 38-yard field goal and the end of the regulation.

Unlike the presidential election, there was a winner. Kelly drilled the 20-yard field goal through the uprights, casting the deciding vote in favor of Middle Tennessee.

The Blue Raiders gives the Blue Raiders its first winning season since 1996 and its first as a Division I-A program.

Amidst all the hoopla, there were several individual performances that contributed to this year's winning campaign.

There were two candidates that were a benchmark of consistency this season.

Sophomore running back Dwone Hicks, in his run for the school's best rushing season, and the smooth hands of All-American candidate junior wide receiver Kendall Newson.

Hicks needed 170 yards to break Kippy Bayless' record of 1,346 yards in '94. And Newson was only three grabs behind his own mark of 69 for most receptions in a season.

"It means a lot to me, but I know I've had a lot of great guys around me like the quarterbacks and Coach (Steve) Byrd who has made me a better receiver," Newson said.

He now either leads or is in the top five of practically every receiving category at Middle

Tennessee.

Newson did his part in deciding the outcome, catching eight passes for 85 yards. But it was a true freshman running back that did most of the damage through the air.

Don Calloway, who entered the game in the first quarter after Hicks sprained his ankle, caught five passes out of the backfield for 136 yards and one touchdown.

And by the way, Calloway also rushed for 108 yards on 25 carries and three more touchdowns.

Calloway had only 325 total yards from scrimmage on 63 touches coming into the Saturday's game. Against Lafayette, Calloway had 244 total yards from scrimmage on 30 touches.

Not even Calloway thought he could do what he did.

"I was surprised. The offensive line was the reason for my success tonight."

The deficit to the Cajuns was the first of any kind at the friendly confines of Floyd Stadium this season.

"Coach told us just don't give up. We played with heart and we believed," Johnson said, who entered the game in the first half.

The turning point of the game was late in the third quarter when Lafayette tailback Jerome Coleman took a snap on

fourth down and tried to run for a first down while in punt formation.

"That was not a called play. I was as surprised as anyone," Lafayette head coach Jerry Baldwin said.

Middle Tennessee, after the turnover on downs, went 32 yards in six plays and cut the lead to three points on a one-yard dive by Calloway for a touchdown.

"These kids could have folded anytime," head coach Andy McCollum said. "Being down by 17, we showed we wanted to win. We've never had to win a game like that. This was a testament to the hard work this team has put in all season."

Senior offensive tackle and All-American candidate Barry Hall ended his college career Saturday not missing a start in 42 games.

"Words can't explain how good this program feels and how good the seniors feel right now," Hall said.

The 21 seniors include four year players: Keith Dollar, Rashaad Craft, Corey Conner, Keith Pauldo, Isaiah Brown, Bo Browne, Lebron Elder, Chris Howington, Martez Phelps and the aforementioned Hall.

Transfer seniors include: Jermaine Francis, Delvin Pikes,

Marcus Harvey, Glenn Jones, Reggie Primas, Gil Matias, Brock Lillis, Xavier Hatnot, Terrence King, Diko Tinch and Brent Walker.

While the election in Florida is still in limbo, in Murfreesboro, all the ballots have been counted, all the candidates have ran their campaigns, and a winner has been declared in the form of the Blue Raiders. ♦



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The Blue Raider defense stepped up in the second half, tripping up Jerome Coleman and the ULL rushing attack.

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Lady Raiders hang tough in tourney

Staff Reports

New Orleans defeated the Lady Raider volleyball team 3-0 to move on to the finals of the Sun Belt Conference tournament. The loss ended the Lady Raiders season at 16-18.

The Lady Raiders became the first new school since Sun Belt expansion three years ago to advance to the semifinals.

Middle Tennessee moved into the semifinals after a first round win over the University of South Alabama and a victory over Denver. But, the loss of sophomore Katie Thiesen on the first day of the tournament during warm-ups and a rowdy New Orleans crowd proved to be too much for the Lady Raider squad.

In the first game, Middle Tennessee came out flat as UNO jumped out to a 9-1 lead and never looked back taking the first game, 15-4. The Lady Raiders responded well to falling behind by getting out to a quick 7-3 lead in game two.

However, the Privateers sparked a 6-1 run to take the lead and went to win the game 15-11 to go up 2-0 in the match.

In the third game, Middle

Tennessee led 10-6 midway through the final period, but UNO score 11 of the next 16 points to win the third 17-15 and the match.

After having four different players register a double-double during the quarterfinal win over Denver, only sophomore Alicia Scott finished with double-digit kills with 10. Sophomore Erin Hillstrom recorded 11 digs and added five kills. Freshman Goldie Bilyeu finished with a team high 14 assists.

The loss ended the season for the young Lady Raiders, who had their best season since 1995. The loss marked the final match for seniors Lindsay Pritchard and Scott.

Earlier in the tournament the Lady Raider volleyball team advanced with a 3-2 (11-15, 15-12, 15-11, 13-15, 16-14) win over the Denver Pioneers, the No. 1 seed out of the west division.

Pritchard had 20 kills to help lead Middle Tennessee to the five-game victory. Pritchard, who led the Lady Raiders in hitting percentage on the season, committed only five errors in 42 attacks.

Hillstrom and Scott posted

double-doubles for the second consecutive match. Hillstrom had 13 kills and 13 digs while Scott earned 18 kills with 15 digs.

Freshman Caia Morstad also added 13 kills and tied senior Abby Hartup for a match high 24 digs. Hartup's 12 kills gave the Lady Raiders four players with a double-double for the first time this season.

Neither team led by more than two points during the fifth game. The game was tied at 12, 13, and 14 before Scott registered her 18th kill and Hartup followed with an ace to end the match.

In their first round match, Middle Tennessee overcame the loss of their top hitter, sophomore Katie Thiesen, who sprained her ankle during warm-ups, to defeat South Alabama 3-0. The Lady Raiders responded to the challenge rebounding from a 10-7 deficit in the first game with a narrow 15-13 margin.

It was the beginning of a very closely contested match as the Lady Raiders took game two 15-11 and then came back from another deficit in game three to claim the match 19-17. ♦

Lady Raiders: MT opens season with win

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just 3 of 13 behind the three-point arc.

However the Lady Raiders sizzled, going 34 for 58 from the floor. A question mark from last season, rebounding, was answered at least in the initial test for the Lady Raiders. They out rebounded TSU 44-36, including a career high nine by Davenport.

Blue Raiders: No miracles for St. Francis

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Middle Tennessee went into the locker room at half time leading 52-26.

During the first half, the Raiders were 58.3 percent from the field, hitting an astounding 21 of 36 shots. St. Francis was held to only 8 of 25 shooting and only 1 of 6 in the 3-point department.

The second half was no different. The Raiders came out gunning with four consecutive points by senior center Lee Nosse, who finished the game with eight points. Nosse suffered a hyperextended ankle in the

Thomatis attributed playing against a male practice squad and better rebounding as reasons why the Lady Raiders started strong.

"Condition is a key factor, we're definitely coming along," she said. "We had great shot selection and great rebounding tonight."

Friday night marked the opening game for freshman guard Keisha McClinic going 3

of 5 from the field and 7 of 8 from the free throw line to give her 13 points.

Sophomore guard Paula Penttila, who is the primary ball handler for the Lady Raiders, led the team in minutes played with 34, contributing 15 points and six steals.

The Lady Raiders are in action tomorrow night against the Belmont Bruins at 7 p.m. at Murphy Center. ♦

first half, which limited his playing time. However, Wiel said that he did not expect Nosse to miss any action.

The Raiders also continued their trend of substituting deep down the bench. Iiro Tenngren and Demario Watson came in and put down 13 and 10 respectively, with most of those points coming in the second half. None of the Raiders starters were in double digits for the game.

The play of the game came in the second half with the Raiders up 65-40.

Tenngren pulled up for a jumper that was a little off. Bryant Mitchell came flying in

and slammed in the put back to move the Raiders ahead by 27 midway through the second half.

"I knew we had to play hard coming in," said Mitchell. "Our defense really stood up to them."

Jeff Rekeeweg, the St. Francis coach, echoed Mitchell's statement.

"They took us out of everything we wanted to do," Rekeeweg said. "We just couldn't execute our style of offense."

Middle Tennessee will head to Nashville tonight to play TSU at 7 p.m. Although these schools are no longer conference foes, the game will have all the emotion of previous years. ♦



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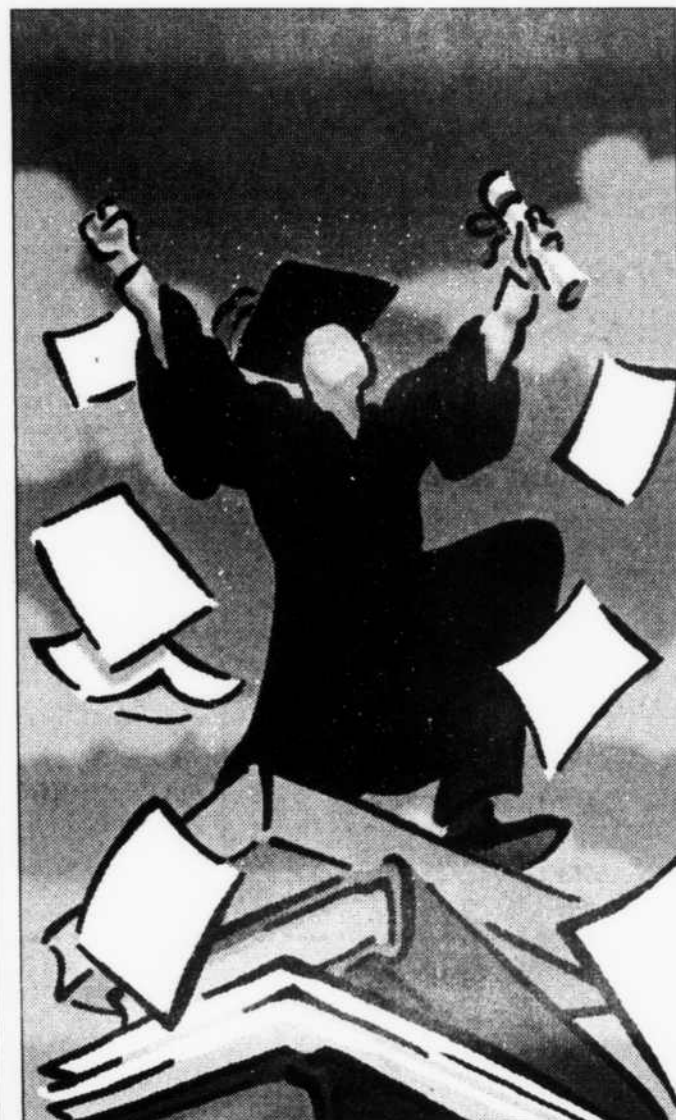
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Fast Breaks

Here are some notables of the women's and men's opening night performances Friday.

Sophomore guard Mia Parviainen scored the first basket of the Lady Raiders' season.

The Lady Raiders shot 60 percent from the field in the second half.

Junior forward Chrissy Davenport registered career highs in points, with 19, and rebounds, with nine.

Junior forward Jamie Thomatis earned a career high in assists with six. Her 20 point effort on the night moves her career scoring total to 825, 175 points away from the 1,000 point club. Starting this season, 13 Lady Raiders had accomplished the feat.

Coach Stephany Smith is 7-1 against the Tigers from Tennessee State in her four years of coaching the Lady Raiders.

Five players earned double figures against TSU - Davenport, Thomatis, junior forward Joanne Aluka, sophomore guard Paula Penttila and freshman guard Keisha McClinic.

The Lady Raiders are 3-0 in home openers against TSU and next face Belmont at home tomorrow.

Friday's action marked the return of Freddie Martinez for the Blue Raiders. The senior started and scored seven points. He has missed 47 games over the last two seasons.

Due to off-season surgery, senior Fernando Ortiz could only play a limited number of minutes. In those 12 minutes he scored 14 points, including 11 in the last six minutes of the first half.

Senior Kevin White scored the first points for the Blue Raiders this season.

Sophomore Bryant Mitchell finished with a double-double, the first that has occurred since the 1998-99 season. Mitchell scored 12 points and hauled in 11 boards.

The men used 15 players in the game, with no one earning more than 20 minutes of playing time.

The Blue Raiders also had four members scoring double figures - Ortiz, Mitchell, junior forward Iiro Tenngren and junior forward Demario Watson.

The Blue Raiders play at Tennessee State tonight.

Sun Belt Honors

Senior Lindsay Pritchard capped a stellar career at Middle Tennessee by being named to the 2000 All-Sun Belt Conference Volleyball first team.

Pritchard led the Lady Raiders with a .332 hitting percentage on the season. She also led the team in block solos, block assists, and total blocks.

Her 147 block assists set a new school record at Middle Tennessee and her 1.56 blocks per game ranks second all-time in school history.

Common Bond

Middle Tennessee and Louisiana-Lafayette share a very common bond with one another.

Coach Frank Faulkinberry, who was the head coach at MT from 1926-32, was the father of a man who would go on to play an essential roll in the history of Ragin' Cajun football.

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The elder Mr. Faulkinberry was an essential key in putting Blue Raider football on the map. The coach took his team to Florida one season, where he defeated the formidable Miami Hurricanes. To this day Coach Faulkinberry's name sits in the Hall of Fame and a road named in his honor runs beside Johnny "Red" Floyd Stadium. ♦

Calloway stops Hick-up

Raiders win game despite injury to Hicks



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff

The Blue Raiders' defense swarms Louisiana-Lafayette. Senior Diko Tinch and freshman Joe McClendon swarm Ragin' Cajun Darren Brister.

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

The election battle for Florida had an encore performance Saturday on the frozen, green turf of Floyd Stadium.

The only difference between the Florida election and the MTSU/Louisiana-Lafayette game was the temperature. The cold weather may have kept some of the fans from showing up, but it didn't keep 21 seniors from ending their collegiate careers with a win in the most exciting game

since kicking a last second field goal to beat TSU by one point in 1998.

The Ragin' Cajuns took a 24-7 lead early in the third quarter and was looking as if they could pull off the shocking upset.

Then the Blue Raiders ran off 24 unanswered points to take a 31-24.

But Lafayette pulled even with Middle Tennessee on a 1-yard plunge from Cajun running back Darren Brister with 1:46 left in the game.

Then it was time to 'recount' the points in overtime.

Lafayette won the toss and elected to go on defense first. MTSU junior quarterback Jason Johnson scrambled up the middle 16 yards and a touchdown on third and 2.

Cajun quarterback Lance Domec cast his ballot for a win as he connected with Marcus Wildridge for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

The hand count, affectionately known as double overtime, began with Lafayette on offense. The Blue Raider defense stepped up and made their case as to why they should win by not allow-

ing the Cajuns a first down.

Place kicker Brent Bergeron pulled a 40-yard field goal wide right and the battle continued.

Middle Tennessee took possession of the ball and ran freshman Don Calloway down Lafayette's throat five consecutive times to the three yard line.

On 4th and 1, freshman place kicker Brian Kelly had a chance to redeem himself after missing a 38-yard field goal and the end of the regulation.

See Football, 9

Lady Raiders poach Tigers in opener

By R. Colin Fly
Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders basketball team pondered their lack of depth and low post game going into the season opener at home against the Tennessee State Lady Tigers.

However, a career high in points for junior forward Chrissy Davenport and a 20 point night for junior forward Jamie Thomatis eased pre-season concerns as the Lady Raiders defeated the Lady Tigers 90-68 at Murphy Center.

The Lady Raiders (1-0) jumped out to an early 8-0 lead, but constant pressure and an up tempo pace kept the Lady Tigers (0-1) close.

Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said that TSU was "more athletic" and the score was not indicative of either teams performance.

TSU, a former Ohio Valley Conference rival, took their first lead of the night with a bucket from senior forward Tamara Washington to go up 23-21 in the first half.

"We started out rough," Davenport said. "[Washington] is an awesome player. It wasn't until we went into 50s that we started to click."

The term "50s" is the name used by the Lady Raiders for zone defense.

"I didn't expect we'd play 32 minutes of zone, but the zone was so successful that we didn't come out," Smith said. "My brother (Cameron), a former assistant under Smith) called earlier today and said 'remember



Photo by Robin Wallace | Staff

Joanne Aluka battles for the loose ball in second half action.

against TSU, 50s, 50s and more 50s."

Tennessee State was clearly affected by the zone. The Lady Raiders went on a 21 to 2 run before TSU closed the score to 46-35 at the break. In the second half, the Lady Raiders responded with a 29-9 run in the second half to finish the Lady Tigers.

"The turning point in the game was when we decided to be the aggressor," Smith said. "Our post players have the opportunity to feed off each other. When they get double teamed, they have to find their buddy."

Thomatis and Davenport did just that, combining for 39 of the Lady Raiders 90 points. Sophomore forward Joanne Aluka also contributed 10 points to the 'post party.'

While TSU's Washington had a game high 27 points, no one else clearly stepped up for the Lady Tigers who went 24 of 66 from the field for a 36.4 shooting percentage, including

See Lady Raiders, 10

Raiders cage Cougars, 93-59

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

After an impressive Lady Raider win, the stage was set for the Blue Raider men to take over.

St. Francis (IN), an NAIA II member, came into the game 3-2, losers of their last two.

The Raiders (1-0) were primed to make them fall to .500 and that's just what they did, trouncing the Cougars 93-59.

Senior guard Fernando Ortiz, who has been hobbled all pre-season, led the Blue Raiders off the bench with 14 points in only 12 minutes. Sophomore forward Bryant Mitchell also came off the bench and had the game's only double-double, contributing 12 points and 11 rebounds.

The Raiders offense looked to be in sync early in the game.

Kevin White drained a three right before the shot clock went off on the Raiders second possession. The Blue Raiders opened up on a 10-2 run.

The defense was equally strong holding the Cougars without a field goal until Jeremy Criegh knocked down a 3 at the 15:33 mark making the score 10-5.

That would be as close as St. Francis would get for the rest of the game as the Raiders extended their lead to as many as 34.

The Raiders were up 31-21 when Ortiz came into the game.

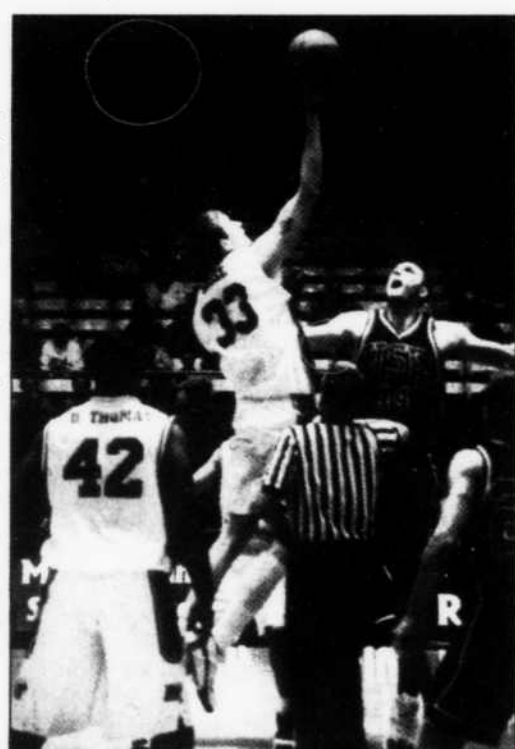


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Lee Nosse (33) wins the opening tip. Nosse left with a hyper-extended ankle.

"I feel pretty good, and I was taking good shots," Ortiz said.

With 5:00 minutes left in the half, Ortiz became the obvious go-to-guy. He scored nine straight points and highlighted 17 unanswered for the Raiders.

"Fernando was only supposed to play for 10 minutes, the trainers told us to keep him rested," said head coach Randy Wiel.

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