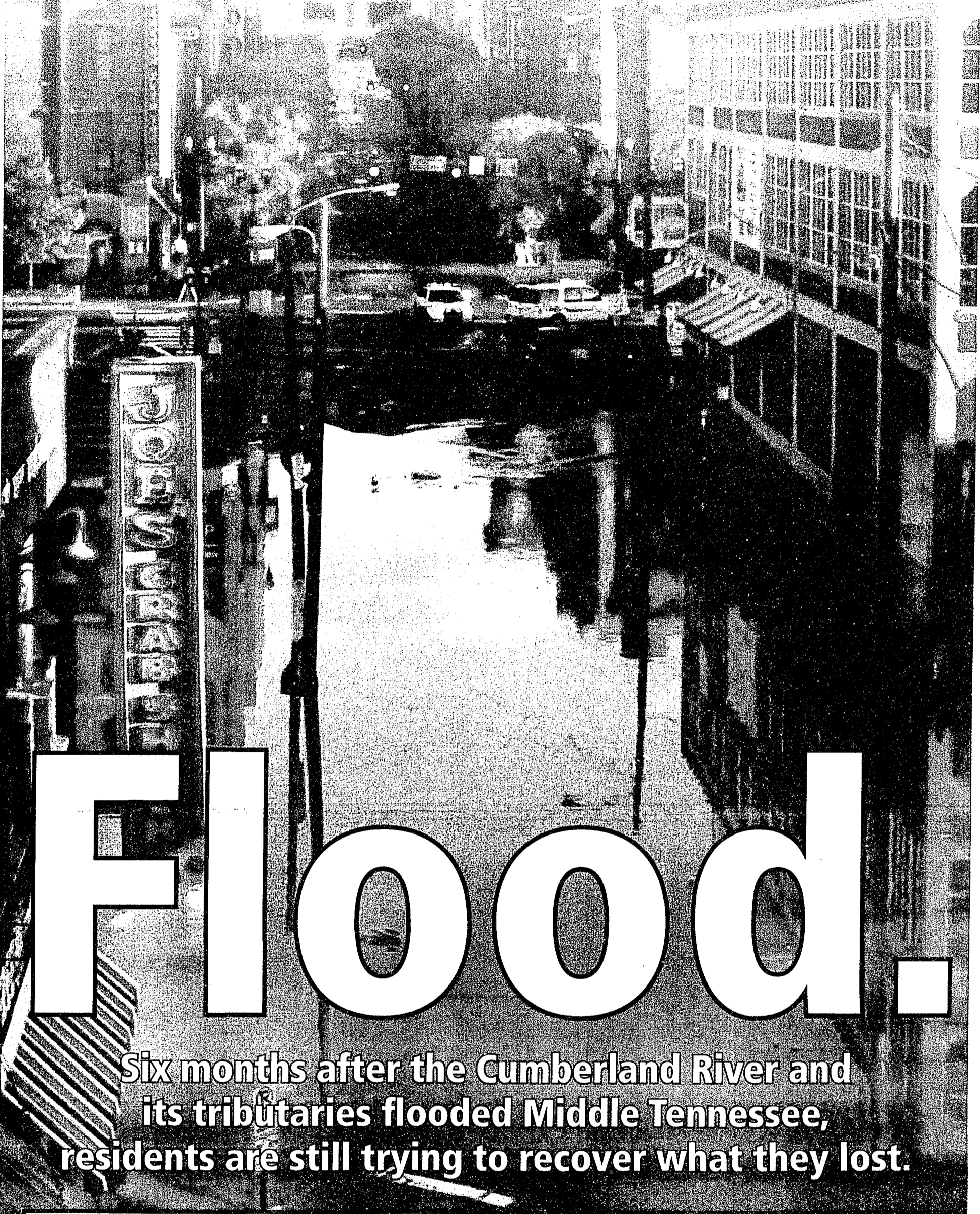


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FLOOD

Six months after the Cumberland River and its tributaries flooded Middle Tennessee, residents are still trying to recover what they lost.

By JORDAN BRIEN
Staff Writer

Today marks the six month anniversary of the May flood, and a full recovery has yet to be achieved, especially in areas like Bellevue, where in one neighborhood 170 homes were severely damaged and some destroyed.

Harpeth Woods of Bellevue is still far away from getting back to normal, said Tammy Travis, a volunteer and stay-at-home mom in Bellevue.

Travis said she and other volunteers set up a tent on May 7 in Harpeth Woods.

"This is a neighborhood where 170 homes had water damage, and 150 of these homes with level three and four damage, meaning the houses were close to or were completely devastated," Travis said.

Travis said from May to August the

tent was in operation everyday but Sundays. Although the tent is still in Harpeth Woods, it only operates on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The volunteers at the tent provide lunch, and if there are leftovers, dinner, to the flood victims. They also provide things like cleaning supplies and toiletries to the victims.

Bettina Hutchings, media correspondent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said 67,954 people applied for individual assistance after the flood and that \$164 million in grants has been paid under the Individuals and Household Program

Travis said the victims were provided \$30,000 from FEMA but some needed between \$40,000 and \$60,000 to even begin repairs.

"Some of the victims include single mothers who had no other choice but to walk away and let the bank buy their

house," Travis said.

Travis said that the majority of the houses are being fixed or have been fixed, but there are still some homeowners who cannot afford to pay for the cost of repairing badly damaged homes.

There are 20 houses for sale that are still severely damaged, but the owners cannot afford to fix them, so they must sell them as they are, Travis said.

"There are houses for sale that are nothing but studs," Travis said.

Jeremy Heights, the public information officer for the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, said each case is different and some families are able to bounce back from a natural disaster quicker than others for various reasons.

"All businesses and individuals strive for stability after a disaster, but the path and timing of recovery is dif-

ferent in every case," Heights said.

Heights said local first responders, citizen volunteers and all of the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster groups were extremely important to the successful emergence response and the recovery process.

According to TEMA, the tolls included 24 deaths, 1,500 homes were destroyed, 1,150 homes were severely damaged, and 10,000 individuals were displaced.

Travis said the volunteers at the tent are not only there to provide food and water, but they are also there to be an information source for the victims. Directly after the flood, volunteers at the tent handed out packets on how to remove debris and other helpful information, and they continue to try and keep people informed of ongoing developments associated with the recovery.

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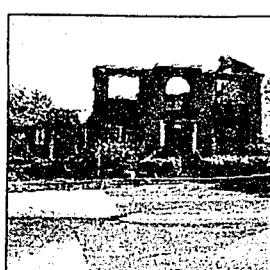


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A student describes the struggle she and her boyfriend faced during the flood.

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NO THREAT OF RAIN
HIGH 70, LOW 64

Corps responds to criticism of flood reaction

Officials say proper decisions were made

By CHRISTOPHER MERCHANT
Assistant News Editor

While a report is still being compiled, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers responded in the best way possible to the flooding in May, according to officials from multiple government agencies.

"At the end of the day, I don't think we would have changed how we operated the reservoir system," said Robert Sneed, the supervisory civil engineer and chief of Water Management, Engineering and Construction for the Nashville District Corps of Engineers.

"We just would have changed how we got our information out there," Sneed said.

An official after-action review on the Corps of Engineers' treatment of the tremendous storms and subsequent flooding is nearing completion, Sneed said.

While the report is likely to contain instructions for dam and reservoir operators in response to the catastrophic rainfall of last May, Sneed said the biggest change would likely be the way controllers inform other organizations about how they are operating dam equipment and how that might affect the public.

The primary organization that the Corps of Engineers was communicating with, Sneed said, was the National Weather Service, which was issuing statewide advisories to the public.

While the information that the Corps of Engineers was providing to the Weather Service was accurate, it might not have been as timely as it should have been, Sneed said. In part, this was due to a communication breakdown at the Corps of Engineers' headquarters located at the Estes Kefauver Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse Annex in downtown Nashville.

"On Sunday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., we lost our Internet connection at the Federal Building due to a flood-related accident," Sneed said, adding that a redundant Internet system was being implemented at the headquarters to prevent similar incidents in the future.

However, disasters of this scale can never be fully prepared for, Sneed said. Thomas Johnstone, a warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service, said he agreed.

"We were expecting excessive flooding, but the final magnitude was unbelievable," Johnstone said. "You can never be prepared to handle a disaster of that magnitude."

The highest amounts of rain were in Terry County, which received almost 19.5 inches after 36 hours of rain, Johnstone said. Most other areas received between 8 inches and 13 inches.

"Ten inches of rain is



Photo courtesy of nashville.gov
The Cumberland River floods streets lining Metro Riverfront Park in downtown Nashville on May 3, 2010, following three days of rain, which resulted in damages of more than \$1.5 billion citywide.

unheard of," said Christopher Andrews, weather operations coordinator at the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency.

Emergency Management Agencies across the state communicated with the National Weather Service and warned citizens in each county of what to expect, Andrews said.

While the Corps of Engineers has contingency plans and computer models to manage disasters like the flooding in May, there is no way for any organization to respond perfectly in a crisis situation, Andrews said.



Photo courtesy of nashville.gov
Water reaches the awnings of Joe's Crab Shack on 2nd Avenue in downtown Nashville on May 3, 2010, as a result of the Cumberland River flooding several sections of the city.

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Outside spending groups tune out 6th District race

By MARIE KEMPH
News Editor

Although outside spending groups have largely ignored the 6th Congressional District race between the Republican and Democratic candidates for U.S. Congress, both have relied on home-grown support to finance their campaigns.

As of Oct. 13, Republican candidate state Sen. Diane Black has raised more than \$1.7 million from within the state, while U.S. Army Capt. Brett Carter, the Democratic candidate, trails at \$205,000, according to financial disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

Despite the stark financial contrast between the two campaigns, both candidates have one thing in common — interest groups from around the country are not focused on either of the two candidates vying for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

With less than 24 hours until Election Day, many constituents in the 6th District have not been bombarded with the onslaught

of outside spending groups' media campaigns in regards to the 6th District race.

"This race is not perceived as being a competitive race," said Mark Byrnes, a political science professor in the College of Liberal Arts.

Political strategists have predicted Black as the most likely person to win the 6th District race, including analysts with The New York Times.

However, according to the FEC filings, there has been a significant amount of more money spent by out-of-state groups in two races: Democratic Rep. Lincoln Davis' reelection bid in the 4th District and the 8th District race that is up for grabs as a result of Democratic Rep. John Tanner's retirement.

"There has been a lot more money funneled to those districts," Byrnes said, adding both districts are considered to be highly competitive due to the political climate, and for that reason, he is not surprised that groups have flooded the two districts with indirect spending.

Despite the lack of interest by outspending groups, the

6th District race is similar to other races in that numerous political action committees have donated to candidates, in addition to individual contributions by constituents, according to FEC disclosure reports.

In all, individuals and political action committees have donated more than \$16 million dollars to Tennessee candidates who are running for election in federal campaigns, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Health care, financial and real estate industries based out of Tennessee have leaned in favor of Black, while Tennessee-based lawyers and lobbyists have favored Carter, according to the center.

Even so, individual donors who live in Tennessee have primarily funded both candidates' campaigns, and both candidates have relied on self-financing throughout this election cycle, according to FEC disclosure reports.

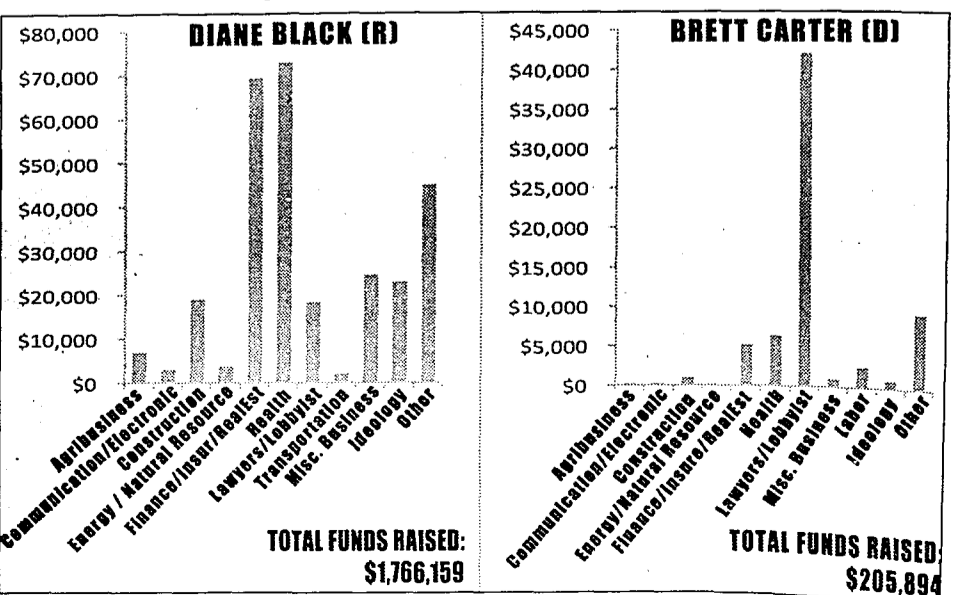
"Interest groups make a judgment about races, and in this case, that was to sit out," Byrnes said.

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DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Nov. 24



Tornado warnings confusing to some

Students' reactions to Tuesday's inclement weather alerts leave officials concerned

By LESLIE LYNN
Contributing Writer

The National Weather Service issued three tornado warnings Tuesday for Rutherford County. The first siren got everyone's attention and classes were put on hold. Students filled the hallways in anticipation of a funnel cloud.

Many people were observed walking around ignoring the emergency, according to Tom Tozer, director of the Office of News and Public Affairs.

"In this in-your-face society, I personally don't think we care as much as we should for one another," Tozer said. "We want to take care of ourselves, but I should care enough about you, and the people around me, to say, 'Hey we are in a situation where we all need to take cover.' I don't think a lot of us do that like we should."

Students registered for Rave Alerts received an emergency notification in the form of a text message, voice alert, e-mail or all three during the emergency, but students who are not signed up for the alert said they were confused when they got to campus.

Zach Hughes, a junior majoring in communications, and Ashley Moyer, a senior majoring in communications, said they carpooled to campus without knowing what to expect

when they arrived.

"I heard the sirens from my house, but I couldn't miss class, so I came to campus," Hughes said.

Both students said they were shocked at how many people were ignoring the warnings, and they felt confused and lost when they arrived on campus.

"People should have been getting everyone inside, but they were walking around not taking it seriously," Moyer said.

Hughes and Moyer said they were both confused as to whether they should attend class during the alarms, and that they wished they had received a notification about resuming their normal schedule or taking cover.

The most important thing to keep in mind during a tornado warning is to seek safe shelter, said Police Chief Buddy Peaster of the MTSU Office of Public Safety.

"I think that it's important to at least take four or five minutes to check out the buildings that you are likely to be in, and think about where those safe places are," Peaster said.

What do you do if you are off campus or in between classes when a tornado warning occurs? Most people, like Hughes and Moyer, said they were under the impression that they were still accountable for showing up to class

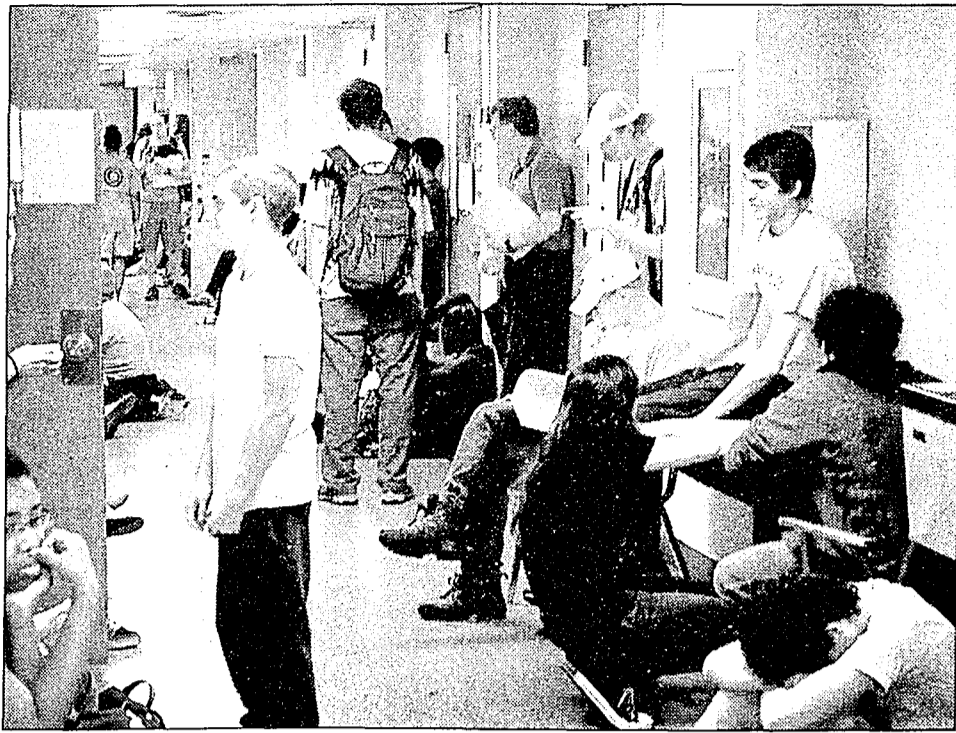


Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor
Students line the halls of the basement in the Wisner-Patten Science Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2010, during a tornado warning on campus. Students received three MTSU Alerts that day.

or work on time.

"During a warning, they should not go to class," Peaster said. "They should seek shelter as best you can, and from there, stay under cover until you know it's over. You really don't need to leave until then."

Students should not have to be concerned

with attending class during an emergency, Peaster said.

"We are pushing for a universal understanding that if a student doesn't go to class because of a tornado warning, then there shouldn't really be any discipline or backlash against that student," Peaster said.

Tax credit for flood victims still available

STAFF REPORT

The deadline for flood victims to file relief claims for sales tax refunds is Nov. 30, according to a press release from the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

"The Department of Revenue is pleased to play a role in supporting relief and restoration to Tennesseans affected by this tragedy," said Revenue Commissioner Charles Trost in the press release. "I want to urge qualified flood victims to take advantage of this opportunity and file their claims by the Nov. 30 deadline."

Claims are intended for purchases made between May 1 and Sept. 30, according to the press release. For these purchases to be eligible for refund, items must have been bought to replace damaged or destroyed items, and must be filed by the Nov. 30 deadline.

This refund applies to individuals receiving disaster assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of the flooding.

Eligible items include major appliances and residential furniture used in the individual's primary residence with a purchase price of \$3,200 or less per item, and building supplies used for restoration of the individual's primary residence with a purchase price of \$500 or less per item.

The maximum amount of refund available on any residence is \$2,500, according to the press release, and only one claim for refund may be submitted.

Individuals filing a claim will be asked to provide documentation to validate prospective refunds, according to the press release. Anyone who knowingly files a fraudulent claim is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$25,000.

While there has been discussion about enacting legislation to allow additional tax relief, the deadline is still set at Nov. 30, according to the press release.

The Natural Disaster Claim for Refund form and information on claims is available at www.tn.gov/revenue.

LOCAL EVENTS

On Campus

Events:
Middle Tennessee Scratch Battle
Nov. 1, 7 p.m.
James Union Building
Tickets: \$10

Nigerian Cultural Night
Nov. 8, 7 p.m.
Corlew Hall
FREE

Student Life:
"Scott Pilgrim vs. The World"
Sponsored by Student Programming
Nov. 3, 10 p.m.
Keathley University Center
Tickets: \$2

Karaoke Night
Sponsored by Student Programming
Nov. 7, 10 p.m.
Cyber Café
FREE

Guest Lectures:
"Language Use in China"

Presented by Jun Da
Nov. 1, 3 p.m.
University Honors College, Room 106
FREE

"Our Garbage Dilemma"
Presented by William L. Rathje
Nov. 3, 6 p.m.
Tennessee Room
James Union Building
FREE

"Packing on the Pounds"
Presented by David Bassett
Nov. 4, 7 p.m.
State Farm Lecture Hall
Business and Aerospace Building
FREE

Performing Arts:
MTSU Jazz Ensemble
Presented by the School of Music
Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Hinton Music Hall
FREE

Off Campus

Concerts:
Josh Turner
Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Grand Ole Opry House
Tickets: \$32 - \$42

The 'Boro Blues Jam
Nov. 2, 8 p.m.
Gilligan's
FREE

John Mellencamp
Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m.
Ryman Auditorium
Tickets: \$42 - \$97

Events:
"Barkaroo"
Middle Tennessee Dog Festival
Nov. 6, 10 a.m.
Murfreesboro Bark Park
FREE

Beer, Bourbon & BBQ Festival
Nov. 6, 12 p.m.
Nashville Municipal Auditorium
Tickets: \$20 - \$40

Performing Arts:
"Noir Suspicions" Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m.
The Center for the Arts
Murfreesboro
Tickets: \$30

"In the Boom Boom Room"
Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m.
Out Front On Main
Murfreesboro
Tickets: \$5 - \$10

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CRIME BRIEFS

Vandalism

Oct. 28, 12:33 p.m.
Clement Hall
A complainant reported that the passenger side mirror on his vehicle had been vandalized.

Miscellaneous

Oct. 28, 1:10 a.m.
James E. Walker Library
A student was reportedly being disorderly in the library.

Theft

Oct. 28, 4:28 p.m.
Andrew L. Todd Hall
A complainant reported that his bicycle was stolen.

Assistance

Oct. 29, 12:29 a.m.
James Union Building
A subject was transported to the Emergency Room at Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

Theft

Oct. 29, 8:17 a.m.
John Bragg Mass Communication
South parking lot
A complainant reported that items were stolen from her vehicle.

Assault

Oct. 29, 1:00 p.m.
Andrew L. Todd Hall
A complainant reported a simple assault.

CRIME STOPPERS

Hit and Run

A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for a hit-and-run accident that occurred sometime between 5:30 and 10:50 a.m., on Oct. 7 in the McFarland Health Services parking lot. A silver 2005 Ford F-150 was reportedly struck on its front passenger side bumper.

Hit and Run

A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for a hit-and-run accident that occurred sometime between 4 and 7:30 p.m., on Oct. 6 in the McFarland Health Services parking lot. A silver Ford Escort

was reportedly struck on its rear passenger side fender and bumper, destroying the bumper and causing at least \$400 in damage.

Hit and Run

A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for a hit-and-run accident that occurred sometime between 9:30 and 11:40 a.m., on Oct. 1 in the Rutherford Boulevard gravel parking lot. A silver 2007 Mazda was reportedly struck on its passenger side door, causing at least \$400 in damage.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the MTSU Department of Public Safety at 898-2424.



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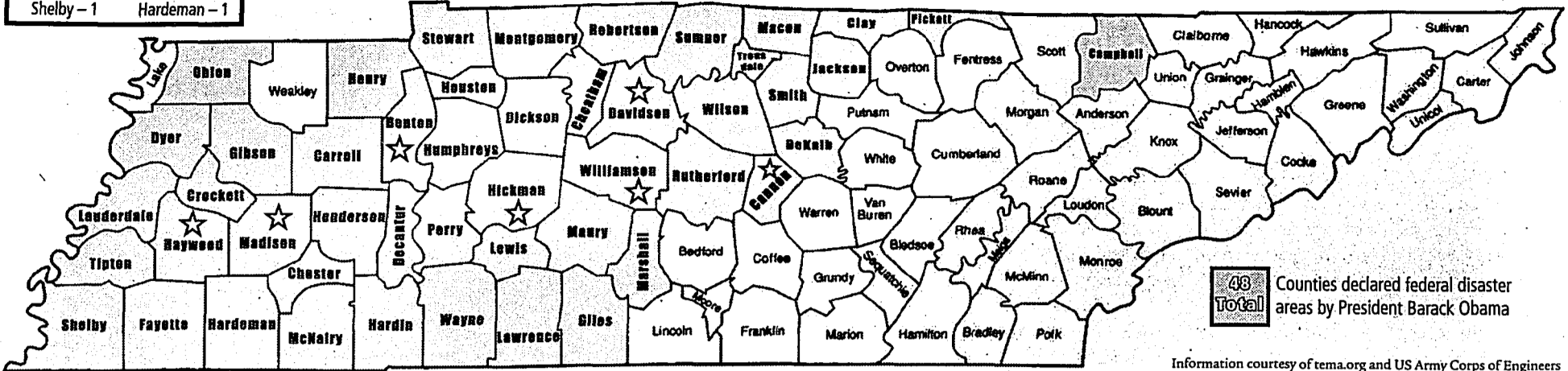
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DEATH TOTALS

Davidson - 11	Gibson - 1
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Stewart - 2	Montgomery - 1
Carroll - 1	Tipton - 1
Williamson - 1	Maury - 1
Shelby - 1	Hardeman - 1

☆ HIGHEST RAINFALL TOTALS REPORTED IN TENNESSEE BETWEEN MAY 1 - 2

Camden (4.5 NE) - 19.41"	Mt. Moriah Birdsong Marina - 17.51"	Bon Aqua (3.0 ESE) - 17.09"
Fairview (3.8 SW) - 18.04"	Brownsville (1.0 SE) - 17.50"	Brentwood (2.8 NE) - 17.07"
Fairview (2.9 SW) - 17.71"	Jackson (4.9 NW) - 17.36"	Belle Meade (1.2 ESE) - 17.02"
Belle Meade (1.4 NNE) - 17.67"	Brentwood (2.5 NE) - 17.15"	



Information courtesy of tema.org and US Army Corps of Engineers

Corps justifies release of flood water upstream of Nashville

FLOOD FROM PAGE 2

"Quite frankly, no agency is ever prepared for an unexpected disaster like that," Andrews said. "The Corps had hypothetical plans, and then they did the best they could."

Though the Corps of Engineers has been criticized by some for releasing flood water at certain dam installations, Andrews said the response was justified.

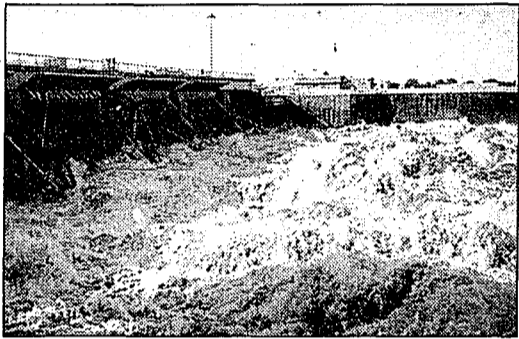


Photo courtesy of US Army Corps of Engineers. Water bursts through the Cheatham Dam in Nashville on May 3, 2010, after three days of heavy rain that caused flooding.

"The [Corps of Engineers] received a lot of headache for releasing water," Andrews said. "However, slowly releasing water is better than holding too much, because letting that water back up would have caused more devastation. If it had caused a breach, that would have let huge amount of water out all at once."

Of the 52 counties that Gov. Phil Bredesen selected in his request to President Barack Obama for federal disaster

recognition, 48 were approved. Further rains caused flooding on Aug. 16, prompting Bredesen to request that 10 more counties in the Upper Cumberland area be declared federal disaster areas. This request was approved on Sept. 15.

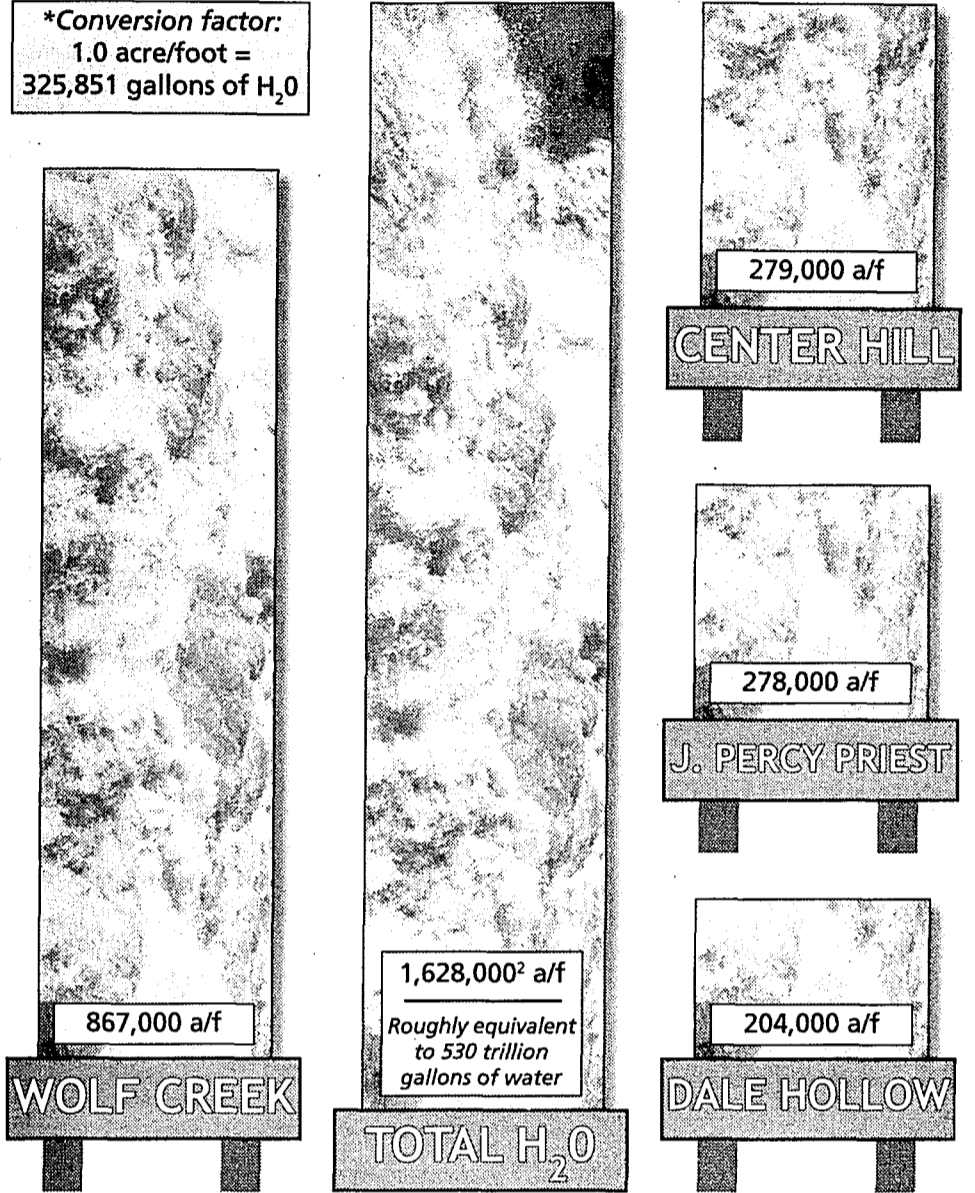
The experience with the flooding in May likely helped the Corps of Engineers and other organizations to react better in a crisis situation, Sneed said.

While 24 were killed in Tennessee and 10 in Kentucky and Mississippi as a result of the storms in May, it could have been a lot worse, Johnstone said. Many organizations, including the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Association, had done inter-organizational training to prepare for flooding during the August prior the storms in May.

"I thought the response was heroic," Johnstone said. "I can't say enough good things about the Emergency Management."

WATER CONTAINED DURING MAY 2010 FLOOD

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Suspect sought for assault on two students

STAFF REPORT

A white male suspect is wanted in connection with two incidents involving women who were inappropriately touched

while walking on campus, according to officials with the MTSU Office of Public Safety.

According to campus police, two females reported that a tall, slender man with dark hair estimated to be in his mid- to late-20s or early early-30s approached the two students on separate occasions and intentionally, and without consent, fondled them.

At the time of one of the instances, the suspect was

wearing a short-sleeve white shirt with blue khaki pants, and in the other, he was wearing blue jeans and a blue-striped polo shirt. Both females described the suspect as being clean-shaven and well dressed, according to campus police.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at 615-893-STOP between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.



Photo courtesy of MTSU Office of Public Safety. Based off descriptions provided by the two female students who were inappropriately touched while on campus, MTSU police released this composite sketch Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2010, of the suspect wanted in connection with the incidents.

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Iraq, Afghanistan wars topic of lecture Tuesday

STAFF REPORT

The director of the U.S. Army Military History Institute will be on campus tomorrow to discuss "America's Counterinsurgency War: Iraq and Afghanistan," according to an MTSU press release.

U.S. military veteran Conrad C. Crane will discuss how insurgency tactics have affected both wars. The lecture is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building, and it is free and open to the public.

"Enemies will make us fight these kinds of wars until we get them right," Crane said in the press release. "Then, they'll switch."

Crane is the lead author of the current U.S. Marine Corps counterinsurgency field manual, which was released in



CRANE

December 2006. During an interview with Military.com that same year, he said

warring nations would continue resorting to insurgencies because they cannot take on the U.S. military through conventional warfare, according to the press release.

He is a 26-year veteran of the military, of which he spent nine years teaching history at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

The lecture is part of the MTSU Distinguished Lecture Series and is presented under the joint sponsorship of the departments of History and Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and the Society for Military History.

SPORTS

Insell preps for upcoming season

Lady Raiders starting at the top of the key

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

The Lady Raiders basketball team will take the court for the first time in the 2010-11 season in an exhibition game against Lincoln Memorial University on Thursday.

Head Coach Rick Insell enters his sixth season facing many questions. Last season, the Lady Raiders enjoyed rankings in the national polls, brought in significant media attention with star forward Alysha Clark, and pushed a tough Mississippi State University team to the limit in the NCAA tournament.

This season begins without Clark or a ranking, and with a difficult nonconference schedule to start the campaign, last season's post-season run is a distant memory.

With 11 of the 15 players on the roster either freshmen or sophomores, Insell began the preseason workouts with the basics.

"You can imagine what the practices have looked like," Insell said. "We started our first practice by holding up a basketball and saying, 'this is a basketball.'"

Despite the many new faces, however, MT is not without leadership. Senior guard Anne Marie Lanning, a Murfreesboro native, returns as the team's top scorer. Last season, Lanning averaged 8.4 points per game and was named to the All-Sun Belt Tournament team after averaging 12 points over the three tour-

namment games. Additionally, she was honored by being named to this preseason's All-Sun Belt third team.

"We hope Anne Marie plays the same role she has played before," Insell said. "She is the glue that holds us together. She makes big shots and is the best passer we have. If she gets her feet set, she is one of the best pure shooters in the conference."

Senior forward Emily Queen is looking for a solid return after being sidelined last season by a knee injury. Despite only playing in 12 games last year, which she averaged 4.4 points and 5.8 rebounds, she was named this preseason to the All-Sun Belt second team.

A regular starter throughout her time at MT, Queen brings definite veteran consistency and leadership up front. Still, the staff is taking no chances early in a long season. Insell described the situation as "wait and see" and said Queen had practiced but would not take the floor in a game until she was healthy.

With so many questions riding on this season, Insell has been focused on defense and the transition, believing that it will pay off on both ends of the court.

"We are not going to change our system," Insell said. "We will continue to press 94 feet. We will press everybody and hope we can get some points out of that."

After Lincoln Memorial, the Lady Raiders will play one more exhibition against University of

Alabama-Huntsville before opening the regular season at home against South Florida. MT will then hit the road for a tilt against Austin Peay State University before meeting their first of three major road tests of the year as they take on SEC foe University of Arkansas.

After two home contests against East Tennessee State and South Dakota State universities, the Lady Raiders will travel to Atlanta for a matchup against ACC power Georgia Tech.

MT's greatest challenge will likely come on the road at the University of Kentucky in the final nonconference game on the schedule. Last season, under Coach Matthew Mitchell, Kentucky developed into a national power after years of obscurity, going to the Elite Eight in the NCAA tournament.

The Lady Raiders will also take on Xavier, who is ranked fifth to start the season, but have the luxury of home court advantage.

With questions in virtually all phases of the game, the odds may appear stacked against Insell's squad this year. However, his outlook remains the same. It was those very challenges that pushed him to continue to put some of the nation's toughest opponents on the schedule.

"It gets us ready for conference and gets us ready for the NCAA Tournament," Insell said. "Our goal is to take this program and this conference as deep into the NCAA Tournament as we can."



File photo
Guard Ann-Marie Lanning, 30, shoots against the University of Denver during a basketball game in the Murphy Center on Feb. 10, 2010. The Lady Raiders won 94-78.



File photo
Guard James Washington, 15, dribbles past University of New Orleans players on Jan. 28, 2010, in the Murphy Center. The Blue Raiders won 66-46.

Blue Raiders gear up for basketball season

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee basketball squad will hit the court for the first time Thursday when they close out a double-header against Lincoln Memorial University. The exhibition contest will mark the beginning of a new season as Head Coach Kermit Davis and company hope to repeat last year's success.

The Blue Raiders return with six players who were instrumental in a last year's record season and will need all of them to step up their games and their leadership, if they hope to repeat as Sun Belt Conference champions.

Senior guards James Washington and Rod Emanuel return to lead the squad's talented backcourt where they will be joined by sophomores James Gallman and David Murray as well as newcomers Jimmy Oden and Jason Jones.

Washington started 29 games last year at point guard and averaged 11.8 points and 3.8 assists per game. The St. Louis native will once again hold down the lead guard position and the Blue Raiders will need him to bring scoring and vocal leadership every game.

Washington is known for

his 3-point shooting and has shown he can do major damage from behind the arc. Last season, he exploded for 34 points against Houston Baptist where he set a school record with 10 3-pointers in a game.

He was honored by coaches when they voted him as a member of the Third Team All-Sun Belt Preseason team to begin the season.

Emanuel and Gallman both played in every contest last year with Emanuel starting in 17 games. The senior averaged 5.9 points and 2.9 rebounds per game last year and will look to greatly increase his production this season. His size and skills can give opponents fits on the wing, but MT will need him to step up defensively to replace the defense Calvin O'Neil brought last year.

Gallman showed his prolific ability to shoot the ball in his freshman campaign but will look to expand his offense repertoire this season. Likewise, Murray will be expected to contribute more with a year under his belt.

"James Washington, Rod and James Gallman played a ton of minutes together," Davis said. "We played them together at the same time during big parts of our championship run, so that experience will re-

ally, really help."

Senior Trevor Ottley and sophomore J.T. Sulton are the only returning post players for MT, but at 6'9" and 6'8" respectively, both have shown the ability to anchor the frontcourt.

Ottley averaged 15.8 minutes as a junior but still led the team with 42 blocked shots. He started eight games last year and boasts career highs of 10 points, 12 rebounds and five blocks.

Sulton averaged nearly identical stats in his 15.7 minutes per game. The Yazoo City, Miss., native started 12 games and shot 50 percent from the field.

"Trevor and J.T. will give us great leadership on the frontcourt," Davis said. "They both had a lot of quality starts and were very instrumental in our strong play during the Sun Belt regular season."

Davis will also look to a trio of freshmen to bolster the post depth.

Shawn Jones, 6'8"; Kyle Hunt, 6'9"; and Trevor Charles, 6'9", will all push for playing time behind Sulton and Ottley.

"They are fast and athletic, and getting in much better condition right now," Davis said. "It's going to be by far the



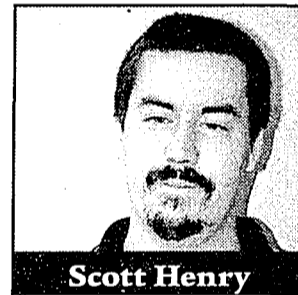
File photo
Guard James Washington, 15, runs down court against Florida-Atlantic University on Jan. 16, 2010, in the Murphy Center. The Blue Raiders lost 61-60.

most depth and best collection of athletes we have had around the goal."

The Blue Raiders were predicted to finish fourth in the league according to a coaches' poll at the Sun Belt annual media days.

"Much like last year we are picked third and fourth in a lot of polls, and last year we went on to win the Sun Belt regular season championship," Davis said. "I think there are always surprises within the league and I sure hope we are one of those teams again

Men's basketball chasing its tale



Scott Henry

Overtime

The Sun Belt Conference's men's basketball media days were overshadowed this week by an announcement from the league office. According to the release, stringent scheduling guidelines are being re-implemented. Starting next season, the Sun Belt's members must schedule nonconference opponents with a three-year average Ratings Percentage Index rank of 150 or better.

MTSU's 2010-11 schedule would fail the conference's litmus test. Even with University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University and Auburn University lined up this season, the Raiders' opponents carry a combined three-year RPI average of 186. That figure actually gives MTSU the league's second-weakest schedule this season.

The league is demanding that its members compete in the top half of Division I by scheduling near that weight class. Satisfying the "150 rule" is not impossible, but it may be highly impractical.

While last season's rankings show Belmont University (RPI rank 135) and Rider University (139) roughly competitive with University of Michigan (131) and UCLA (137), it's unlikely that Joe Fan or the NCAA Selection Committee will see that. A victory over Michigan carries more weight than a win over Rid-

er, not to mention that it's much easier to sell tickets for the former.

A name opponent looms larger in the minds of the players, as well. A date with Belmont may be taken much more lightly than a game against UCLA, even though a loss will do much more damage to the team's tournament resume.

The problem with scheduling schools in the top 150 is finding the ones willing to play on Sun Belt courts. That's where the money is made and the games are won, unless a school is willing to feed its athletes into the meat grinders at Duke University, University of Kansas, or Syracuse University.

Sun Belt teams will need to schedule even more big-name road opponents to balance their average against the Furmans and Campbells of the world. After all, those lower-level teams are the ones most likely to travel to Murfreesboro, Lafayette, or Denton. Even mid-majors want hefty cash commitments, which SBC schools may not be willing or able to afford unless they also offer themselves up to more top-25 opponents. And the dog keeps chasing its tail.

The league thinks that it should have some at-large teams in the NCAA Tournament, and that's a fine aspiration. Never mind that it's only happened once since 1994. Volunteering for road poundings to offset the winnable home games is an odd way to alter the Belt's little-brother reputation.

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Rising from the ashes



Yes, ashes. The O'Learys were tested by both water and fire.

By LAURA AIKEN
Features Editor

While many families were affected by the turbulent floodwaters, there's only one family of phoenixes living in Franklin.

Nancy O'Leary went back to her home to get her pet parakeet and move the family's photo albums to the second floor. The rain hadn't let up yet, and she wasn't going to take any chances. The garage was already partially full of water, leveled with the family's van while orange gasoline containers floated around it.

Luckily, her neighbor had offered his guest house for her and her youngest daughter, Kelsey, to live in because the entire neighborhood had been ordered to evacuate the night before — seven adults, five kids, three dogs and one baby had piled in the back of her neighbor's pickup truck.

Nancy, a 47-year-old mother of three, closed the mint green door, placed her right hand on it and said a prayer. Keep my home safe, she prayed. She left with her parakeet in its cage and the keys to her house in hand.

Erin O'Leary, a senior majoring in photography, awoke to her cell phone ringing loudly at 8 a.m. on May 3. It was her father, John, calling with some bad news.

"Everything is gone," he said. She hung up the phone. Got dressed. Brushed her teeth. Gathered her things. Erin had spent the night at a friend's house, so she hurried, trying get out of there as soon as possible with her head on straight. She walked down the hall and past the kitchen. The TV was blaring loudly in the living room.

Right as she reached the door, she stopped dead in her tracks — she didn't make it. Words

like "fire," "explosion" and "house" came from the TV. Her stomach coiled and then dropped. Reluctantly, Erin turned to face the screen, fighting the urge not to look.

It was worse than she'd expected. "On my way to Franklin, everything changed," Erin recalled. "I saw baseball fields flooded to the tops of the dug outs — that's when it really hit me."

The O'Leary family stood in front of ancient ruins, while sparks that had once reached 75 feet above the rooftop earlier that day sizzled out. Only two partial walls remained standing, the front wall and the right side. Erin looked up at a charred window on the second floor where she could see blue sky and white clouds — the only two colors not drained from the dreary portrait of burnt rubble and gray ash.

The air was dense and smelled foul, burnt mold and ash that stung the insides Erin's nostrils. The smell was so revolting at first that Erin had to walk down the street a couple of times to breathe in fresh air.

It was especially difficult for Mrs. O'Leary to believe that only a few hours earlier she'd received a phone call from the fire marshal saying, "I regret to inform you that there's been an explosion in your home."

"What's the damage?" she had croaked. He'd replied: "Total destruction."

Sifting through the wreckage, Erin found some keepsakes that she decided to set aside: a few pictures singed around the edges, a teddy bear and one flip flop — never to smack the pavement again.

Most of the items weren't salvageable. Erin's prom dress was gone. The journal she wrote in when her grandfather died was gone. Her elementary school project on the state of New



Photos by Erin O'Leary, staff photographer

The O'Learys and their neighbors clean up the rubble at the site of their home in Franklin on May 3, 2010, after flood waters damaged the gas line, causing the house to explode.

Jersey was gone.

Mrs. O'Leary's photo albums were gone. Kelsey only had one flip flop.

The fire marshal and the police had come to the conclusion that the oil had spilled out of the containers and dispersed in the water. Reaching a pilot light, the vapors off the water ignited an electrical spark, which caused the gasoline-filled garage to detonate.

"Well, it was a good thing I grabbed the bird then," Mrs. O'Leary added.

It's been six months since the 1000-year flood consumed Nashville and its surrounding cities with damages surpassing \$1 billion.

The O'Learys have moved into a rental home and are waiting for their house to be rebuilt. The crew broke ground about one week ago.

"I am so excited," Mrs. O'Leary announced. "After the incident, I couldn't go to yard sales because it was too emotional — but now I go all the time. I am looking forward to decorating our new home."

Erin is enthusiastic but still scarred from the experience.

"I am nervous about having the house re-

built in the same spot, because it could happen again," Erin admitted. "When something traumatic happens to you, suddenly your eyes are open to the possibility that traumatic things can happen to you — I wouldn't be surprised if someone called me and something bad was happening."

However, a new house and new memories are on the horizon for the O'Learys, but at the end of the day, they acknowledge what is most important.

"When it comes down to it, at least it's just stuff," Erin asserted. "After all, a house is just a house."

When the construction crew bulldozed the house down, Erin and her mother sat and watched. All that was left of their house was the mailbox.

"My heart aches as my kids are reflecting and remembering their beloved toys and favorite things, [but] I'd rather be the owner of a mailbox with the most amazing neighbors in the world, than live among a vast piece of land alone," Mrs. O'Leary exclaimed. "We have a lot to be thankful for, and I don't want to ignore what God has done to bring us out of the ashes."

Flood survivor reflects on life saving swim

By TAYLOR HIXSON
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Almost six months after the floodwaters have receded in the Middle Tennessee area, the memory of the cataclysmic event has not faded from one flood survivor's mind.

"I forget how new it is. It feels like it happened so long ago," said Andrea Silvia, 19, a sophomore in the College of Mass Communication, adding that she still dreams about the rising water.

Silvia, an active member at her church, and her boyfriend, Jamey Howell, 18, were trapped on the roof of Howell's car for almost two hours before taking a risk and jumping into the swiftly moving floodwaters to swim to land.

"It's kind of hard to not think about because a near-death experience like that sticks with you," Silvia said. Only hours before her brush with death, Silvia, a Hendersonville native, was on her way to church. Center Point Road was already flooded, so instead of driving she decided to hitch a ride with Howell, who drove a Jeep Cherokee.

Howell, a stocky high school football player, took several alternate routes to try to get to the church, but they were all blocked.

After a fellow member called to say the church session was canceled and not to worry about coming, they were still determined, despite the deterrents, to make their way back to Howell's house. The couple finally found Lower Station Camp Road still open.

Even though a couple inches of water was covering the Lower Station Camp and Saundersville Road intersection, the man directing traffic gave them the OK to pass.

Before crossing the intersection, they briefly stopped to contemplate their chances of making it across the bridge.

"Maybe we shouldn't go over it just because it kind of looks like there's a current," Silvia told Howell.

"I think we'll be able to make it," Howell said, judging by the cars on the other side.

Howell carefully began to drive the car over the bridge, but water immediately pushed the car against a guardrail and water start-



Photo courtesy of Andrea Silvia
Jamey Howell's Jeep Cherokee (above) remains covered in debris May 2, 2010, the day after flash flooding caused the Cumberland River and its tributaries to overflow. Andrea Silvia and Howell (not pictured) revisited the abandoned car in Hendersonville.

ed flooding in.

Keeping a level head, Howell called his parents, who offered to come get the two.

"No," Howell said reluctantly, "it's a lot more serious than you think it is."

Fearing no one would believe they were in big danger. Silvia called 911 for

assistance. Neither the Hendersonville nor Gallatin rescue services had any recommendations for the couple.

"You're not supposed to get out of your car, but if you have to you have to," the man at Gallatin's dispatch said.

Silvia, disappointed, called her dad for his opinion, but she saw an ambulance coming down the road, lifting her spirits. Her excitement was short lived when the ambulance turned around and disappeared.

Soon after, a fire truck played the same disappearing act as the ambulance, driving down the road close enough to tempt a rescue but turning around just as quickly as if to mock them.

Only five minutes had passed when the water in the car was up to Silvia's waist. She knew then they would have to make a decision before the water got any higher.

Luckily, the electrical equipment in the car was still working. They rolled down the passenger side window and climbed out onto the roof of the car to wait for something, anything to save them.

Silvia fit through the window easily, but Howell's tall, broad body had trouble climbing through the compact window.

"I don't think I can get out of the window," Howell said, his body stuck half way through.

"You have to get out of the window! You can't

stay there! You're gonna drown!" Silvia yelled.

Eventually, Howell pulled his weight out of the window and onto the roof where they clung for an hour and a half, hoping one of the rescue teams nearby would be able to find a way to get to them but the current was rough and their chances were slim.

Silvia waited and watched, but nothing happened.

The rescuers began untying equipment from trees and putting it back in the fire truck. A bad feeling crept over Silvia as she watched the teams give up on them.

Feeling helpless with murky, muddy water rushing all around her, Silvia realized their only option was to jump.

Before the jump they made the ingenious decision to send Silvia's heavy schoolbag into the water as a test subject: whichever way the bag floated was the way they would swim.

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Bleary our eyes, as bleary as the skies

1000-year flood displays depth of Tennessee's compassion, love

Lounging in my house across the street from the Murphy Center, my boyfriend and I watched the rain May 1. My way of dealing with livid skies is to declare a movie day.

We, however, couldn't keep still and the water rose.

The skies continued to weep and the lines in the Greenland parking lot vanished. Gutters of rising worry flooded the minds of residents in Middle Tennessee.

No one had any idea how bad it would get before we could assess the damage. I doubt many were brave enough to compare our flood with the devastation of Katrina in New Orleans, but it was bad, and if you lived in Middle Tennessee, you could feel it all over.

I was bleary eyed to see a friend of mine on the news carrying a woman and wrapping his jacket around her shivering body. Nashville and Murfreesboro are big, small towns.

Beyond my own home, I could see across to campus and knew that just up the road my friends in Nashville where I'd lived for more than 10 years were in the worst

of it. I became obsessed with the media, as were most living in our area. I felt hopeless and fearful.

A co-worker told me her baby sitter was driving home as the flood rains came down. Her car was one of the many that was washed away down Interstate 24. As she hiked toward her home off Blue Hole Road, a mole floated by her in the water. Without hesitation, she reached down and grabbed the mole and put it in her purse. When she finally reached her home and found a little earth, she dug a small hole with her hands and took the mole out of her purse and watched him dig further down and make a new home.

Sometimes finding another purpose to serve is enough to keep one person hiking through a flood. It becomes a connection to our humanity that Facebook and the clock make us forget about. The innate desire to preserve life



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Opinions Editor

and get home still sends shivers down my arms and legs when I think about how my neighbors and friends literally fought the elements and their own emotions to get home.

When the rains did stop, I could hardly think of a way to help my friends who lost their homes, heirlooms, clothing, pets, cars, crops and places of employment. Soon the realization flooded me as the rain had flooded our homes that if everyone could do just one thing

then we could clean up this mess. Just doing one thing per person would create hope within me and within those that I could touch.

Some people felt that the media outside Tennessee didn't cover our flood enough. At one point, I was enraged. I was flustered that my family in Atlanta and New York had no idea how devastated we were besides my updates online. However, just like in any good crisis management, anger became a passion to help us. Middle Tennesseans really proved to be the volunteers we've always been by getting out of our homes and helping each other.

I couldn't do much beyond the means of a meager student, but a couple of the women in the MTSU chapter of Public Relations Student Society collected clothing and household supplies and delivered them to the Ladies Who

Launch in Nashville in order to aid women who needed to get back to work and had no clothing in order to do so.

It was my one thing. The one thing that gave us hope through bleary eyes was enough for a few women who needed to return to the comfort of their daily lives.

Six months down the road, we're doing well. After moving back to Nashville, I noticed the musky smell of my neighborhood dwindle with time. The water line on the trees and bushes of the Greenway still haunts runners, walkers and bike riders in Shelby Bottoms. There are still quite a few abandoned homes. It used to make me cry to drive down the street and see the dressers and televisions and pictures on the curbs, but it's getting better.

My advice to anyone enduring or having endured a casualty of life is to do one thing for those around you—whether or not you think it's enough. It's enough to care.

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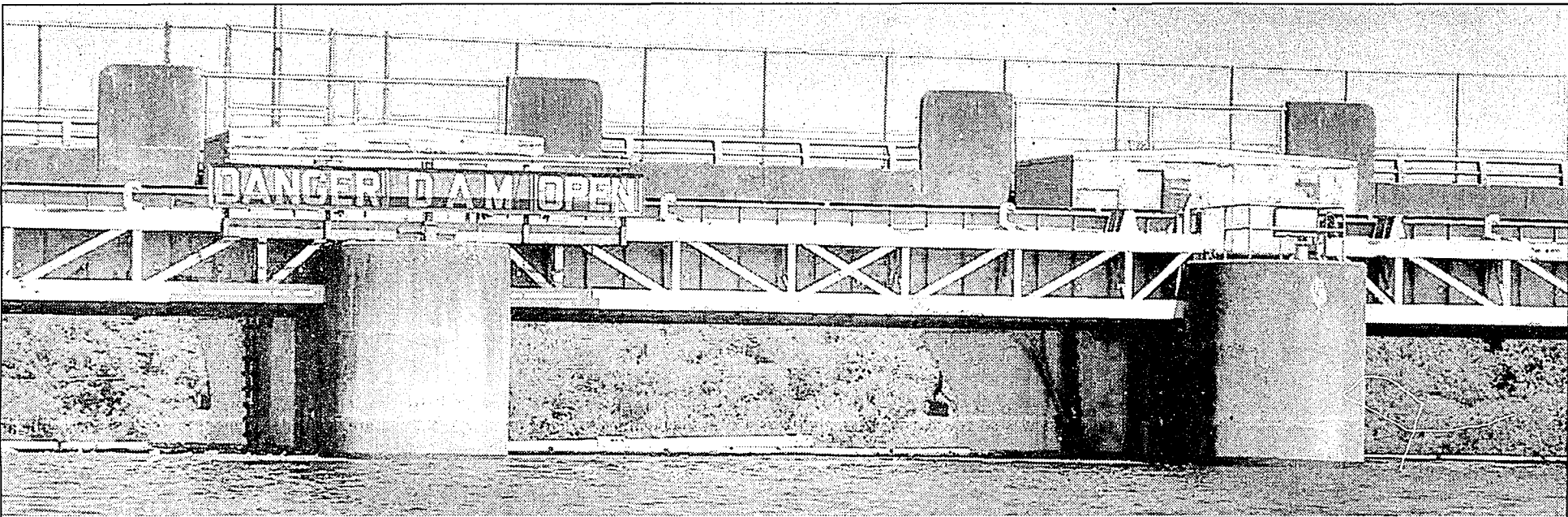


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Facts misconstrued concerning name change proposal

When reading over the Oct. 25 issue of *Sidelines*, I left quite baffled following an opinion article on page 5 entitled "University not ready for name change." The article was about a piece of legislation that I put forth in the Student Government Association and how it is supposedly putting students into an uproar.

A little less than two weeks ago, I presented a resolution to the elected body of SGA representatives. To understand the reasons behind the resolution, we must first examine some myths that have been set forth.

It was said in a previous issue of *Sidelines* that the resolution was presented with the intent of changing the name of our beloved institution. This statement ladies and gentleman is completely and unequivocally false. The resolution was proposed with the purpose of beginning a conversation, not with the intention of changing MTSU's name overnight.

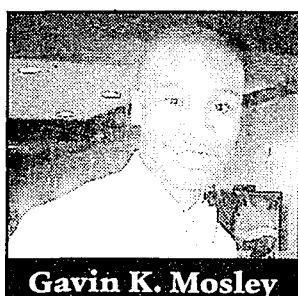
While reading the above mentioned article this past Monday, Chris Wright argued in a submitted letter to the opinions editor that Ivy League institutions of higher learning such as Harvard University, formerly known as Harvard College, and Cornell University have stuck

with their names for hundreds of years and that because of this fact, our institution should not break from this tradition.

While these are both undeniable facts, I would also like to direct Mr. Wright to some other facts, well actually, a series of facts that comprise an even bigger and more important fact: Of the eight private institutions that make up the Ivy League, five institutions have changed their name over the course of hundreds of years.

The claim or argument cannot be made that MTSU is comparable to these institutions as was made in Wright's article. This argument cannot be made not because MTSU isn't of the same quality of these institutions, not because MTSU isn't as progressive as these institutions, but because MTSU's history does not span hundreds of years as these institutions obviously do. For us to make that claim, we would have to be willing to sit here and say 300 years from now, the name MTSU will still stand as the name of our school, and because none of us possess the power of time travel, we cannot make that claim.

Once again, these are facts that should have been looked at before this particular opinion article was published. Mr.



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Contributing Columnist

Wright said himself that these are the greatest institutions in our country, but what he did not explain, or neglected to find out, is that the majority of these institutions have gone through drastic name changes.

The second inaccuracy that I must address is what has been said by many about students not being involved in the conversation about the future of our beloved institution. This, as well as the previous claim, is absolutely false. For those that were not present at the meeting in which this was discussed, the first words that came out of my mouth were in regards to the proposed conversation being one that is structured and one that not only involves the students, but one that also addresses the concerns of staff, the state, alumni

and anyone that has a stake in our university.

The final point that needs to be addressed is the statement that is made by Mr. Wright regarding the countless alumni that would be upset and the number of students who "believe this is a stupid idea."

Over the past week, I have received countless numbers of e-mails from alumni who have expressed a strong desire to change the name of our university. I must ask Mr. Wright, how many people were included in your sample? I know, and I am not ashamed at all to admit that I have heard opinions from all sides of the spectrum and more importantly, I respect each opinion.

The fact of the matter is, for the moment and quite possibly for a very long while, the name of MTSU is not going anywhere. I don't feel that a reality check is needed on my end, despite what Brandon Thomas wrote in his opinion article, "SGA needs reality check," published Oct. 14.

I cannot speak on behalf of anyone in the SGA, nor can I speak on behalf of those in power in SGA, but I can speak on my behalf when I say that when I was elected some eight months ago, I came into office

with the mindset of representing everyone. I am not involved in SGA just to embrace and represent those that voted for me.

I am in SGA to represent the student body, to hear everyone's concerns, and have constructive conversations with anyone about anything. The opinion of those that do not support a name change is just as, if not more important than those that do support it. Why, one may ask? The answer is quite simple.

No matter what opinions may divide us, no matter what religion, political association, or Greek affiliation that may divide us, at the end of the day, the same Blue Raider blood that runs quite deeply through my veins, runs throughout all of us. More importantly, the common link that Blue Raider spirit shall remain whether the name of our school is Middle Tennessee State University or The University of Middle Tennessee. The love that I have for this institution will reside in my heart no matter what name it goes by.

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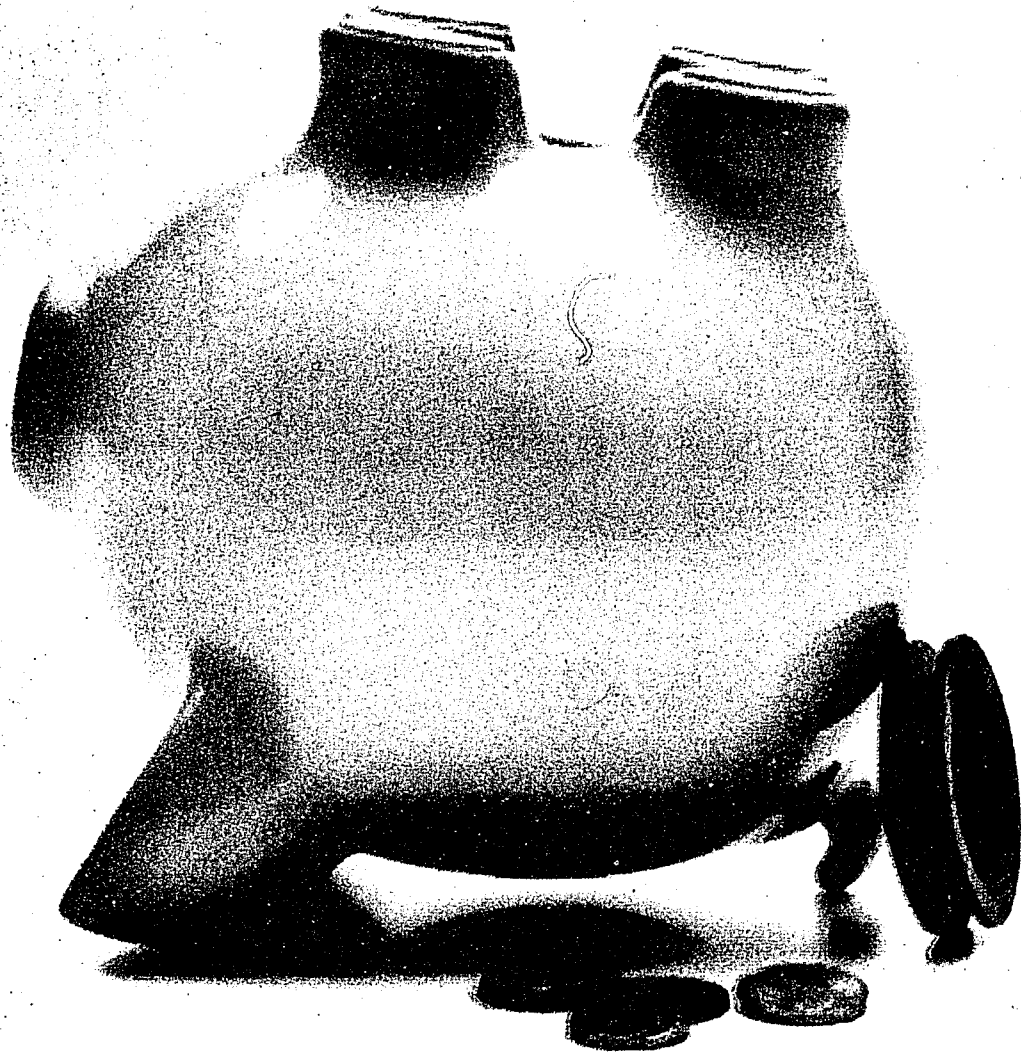
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