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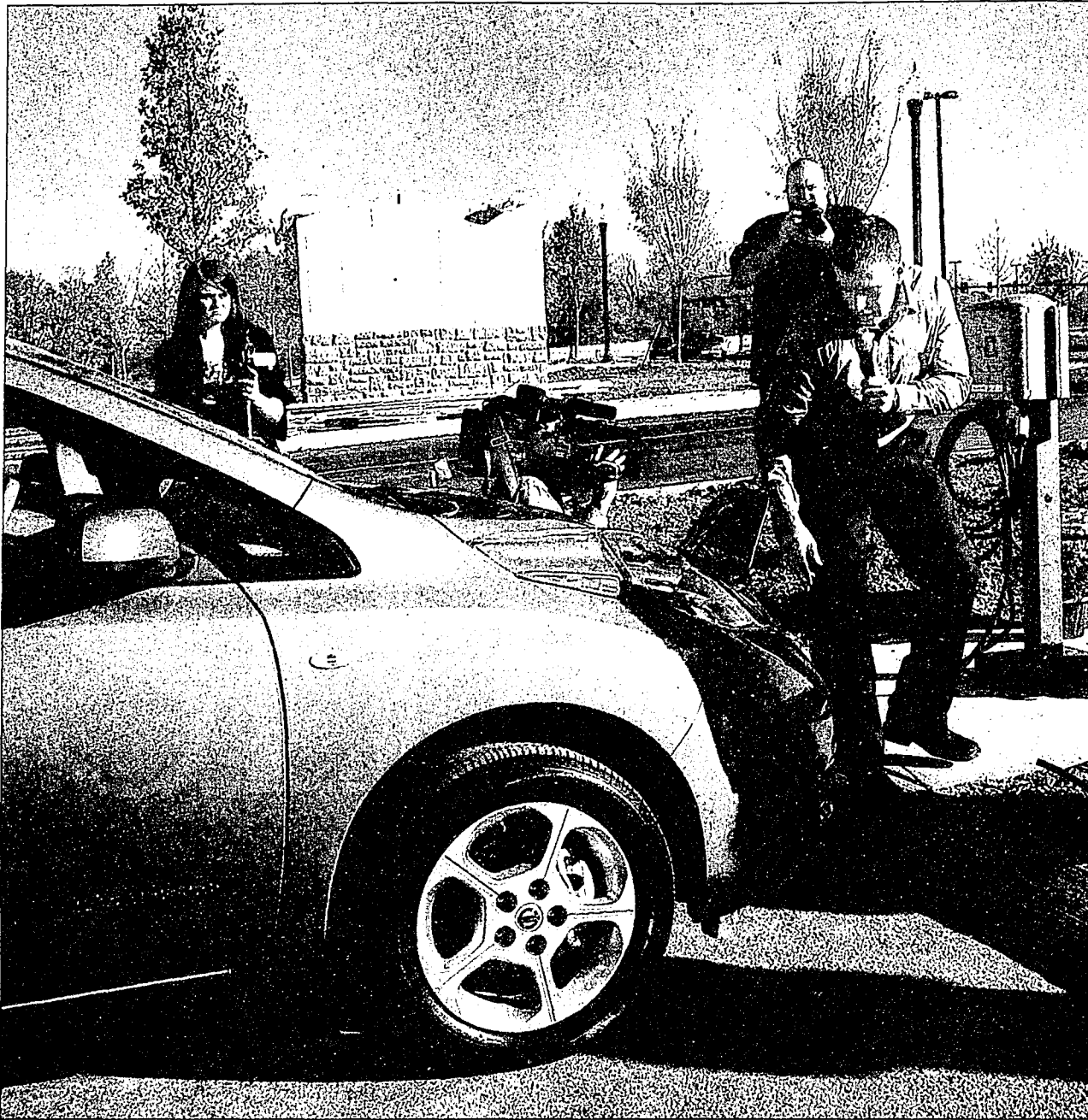


Photo by Becca Andrews, assistant news editor
Members of the local community visit the site of the new Nissan Leaf's charging station Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, outside of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on Medical Center Parkway in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The Leaf, which is the first 100 percent electric car, will be released in December as part of the EV Project, a grant program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Electric charging station opens

By BECCA ANDREWS
Assistant News Editor

Murfreesboro is now home to the second charging station in Tennessee for the Nissan Leaf, the 100 percent electric car that will be launched in five states beginning this December.

The station is in front of the new Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, located on Medical Center Parkway. The use of the facility will be free to owners of all electric cars, said Steve Sax, general manager of Murfreesboro Electric Department.

"This advancement will impact everyone involved, including the Chamber, [Electric Department,] Nissan and the City of Murfreesboro," Sax said. "Supply-

ing the electric charger is just another way we can show we are committed to energy efficiency."

Sax also said that the Chamber sees this as a great benefit for Murfreesboro and Rutherford County employment, as well as the MTSU community.

MTSU student Olivia Bastidas said she attended the opening to support her mother, who works for Nissan.

"It's a nice car," said Bastidas, a sophomore majoring in recording industry, of the Leaf. "It's actually a lot less expensive than I thought it would be."

However, she will not be purchasing a Leaf anytime soon, she said, joking about the budget of a college student.

All cars running on electricity will be able to use



Photo by Becca Andrews, assistant news editor
The Nissan Leaf charges while plugged into a Nissan charging station Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, outside of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

the station because of the industry standard size of the electrical connectors, Sax said. It is similar to a

plug going into an electrical socket: It's one size fits all.

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Proposal blocked

Administration tables name-change for now

By TODD BARNES
Staff Writer

The vice president of Student Affairs will not pass name-change legislation until more research is conducted, according to the Student Government Association president during Thursday's meeting.

Resolution 08-10-F, which regards starting a conversation on possibly changing the name of MTSU, was passed by the senate, SGA President Brandon Batts and then made it to Debra Sells, vice president of Student Affairs, for consideration.

However, Sells sent the legislation back because she and Batts agreed that more research should be conducted on past name-change considerations at MTSU, Batts said.

"Basically, what we're going



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do, we're going give it back to the SGA, and we want to do more research on the topic at hand," Batts said. "Because, pretty much, the SGA senators - nobody - really knows about the past times that we discussed the name change. Nobody knows the cost that goes with this."

Batts said At-Large Sen. Gavin Mosley will form a committee of five senators to conduct the research.

The senators will be picked for the committee according to their opinions on the name change, Mosley said.

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Officials take steps to offset urban run-off

By CHRISTOPHER MERCHANT
Assistant News Editor

While increased urban development in Rutherford County has led to more surfaces that do not absorb rainwater, policies and private projects are being instituted to limit flood damage, according to officials.

Rutherford County has been one of the fastest growing regions in the nation for a decade, said Mark Abolins, an associate professor of geology, who has researched the effects of urban development, adding that the expansion of roads, homes and parking lots has increased the amount of impervious surfaces that cover absorbent soil and slow rainwater run-off.

This run-off has a two-fold downside, said Robert Haley,



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Department. Increased run-off contributes to flooding of small tributaries that flow into the area's major rivers and more pollutants that gather on hard, flat surfaces end up in reservoirs of drinking water, Haley said.

While urban growth presents similar issues to communities across the nation, Middle Tennessee's unique geology poses an additional challenge for developers and policy makers.

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Students offered chance to learn from international speakers

By NOONA KHURI
Contributing Writer

"Global Entrepreneurship Week," an annual event for students who want to gain economic and business skills for the job market, is scheduled to begin today, according to an MTSU press release.

"Global Entrepreneurship Week" is an initiative to inspire young people to embrace innovation, imagination and creativity," said Ramona P. DeSalvo, an assistant professor of recording industry management and a member of the committee for Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Millions of young people from all over the world will meet a group of entrepreneurs to find their dreams and make them happen, DeSalvo said, adding that members of the business community,



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faculty and government officials will join in this week's activities.

Events include keynote speakers, panels and presentations. Also, a documentary about student-created businesses will be shown, highlighting the challenges they faced in an entrepreneurship competition. The film, "Ten9Eight," will be played in the Keathley University Center Theater tomorrow at 1 p.m. and again at 2:40 p.m.

Some of the panelists will be local small-business owners who have gained success on their own and can provide practical advice for others, according to the press release, such as Teresa Harmon, a co-owner of JoZoara Coffee Shop, who

will be delivering her speech entitled "Blending Quality and Atmosphere into the Perfect Shot" on Thursday in Room S130A of the Business and Aerospace Building at 8 a.m.

Deroy Murdock, a nationally syndicated columnist, is scheduled to deliver the week's closing speech entitled "Obama vs. Free Enterprise" on Friday in Room S102 of the BAS at 3:45 p.m.

Murdock's columns have appeared in The New York Post, The Boston Herald, The Washington Times, National Review, The Orange County Register, and many other newspapers and magazines in the United States and abroad, according to the press release.

Sheilah Griggs, vice president of Point 3 Media and executive director of Ladies Who Launch, will be speaking about her experi-

ence in public relations and marketing Friday in Room S102 of the BAS at 1 p.m.

Five-time Grammy Award winner and member of the band Bela Fleck, Victor Wooten, is scheduled to deliver a speech entitled "Be Who You Are In Business: Founding a Business That Fits Who You Are, Rather than Changing Yourself to Fit Your Business," on Tuesday in Room S338 of the BAS at 9:40 a.m.

A tour of the Barret Firearms Manufacturing, Inc., factory is scheduled to begin Wednesday at 9 a.m. Space is limited to 12 students, and anyone interested should contact Rachel Wilson at rcwilson@mtsu.edu.

All events are free and open to the public.

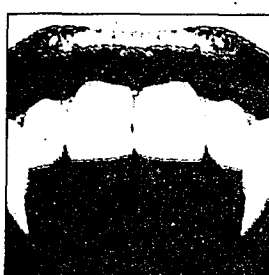
Christopher Merchant, assistant news editor, contributed to this report.

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MONDAY FORECAST



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File Photo
Homecoming Director Donald Abels (Left), Executive Vice President Samantha Cobb, Sen. Rebecca Cathey of the College of Business, President Brandon Batts, Attorney General Caitlin Orman and Vice President of Administration and Public Affairs Sarah Ayache (Right) prepare to start the weekly Student Government Association's meeting Sept. 30, 2010, held in the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building.

No consideration to be made until SGA research completed

SGA
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"I want a couple people for, a couple people against, and one that's in the middle, kind of on the fence straddling," Mosley said. "So, I can see all sides of the spectrum."

The committee will do a variety of investigations, Mosley said, such as polling students, speaking to MTSU alumni, faculty and the Tennessee Board of Regents on how each stakeholder in the issue feels about the name-change proposal.

"We will be taking some form of a poll when it comes to students," Mosley said. "Probably reaching out to alumni in some facet to see where they stand. Talking to faculty members, talking to hopefully higher [officials] in regards to TBR of the state. Just talking to, and finding out all these different opinions."

ions, the committee will be investigating the potential cost of the name change, Mosley said.

"Also, figuring out what a possible cost will be - figuring out how we can possibly go about that cost without affecting students adversely," Mosley said.

The committee will begin researching the issue immediately, and its members plan to offer preliminary updates on the research

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GAVIN MOSLEY
SGA AT-LARGE SENATOR

process during the next formal meeting, Mosley said.

"I believe within the next couple of weeks, definitely by the end of the semester when we plan to have all this research wrapped up, and ready to go by the next semester with a concrete plan," Mosley said.

"I think that we will have some major, major things to report on."

While the resolution was sent back to the SGA, the vote stands as is and will not require another vote unless the senate determines that it is necessary. While Mosley said there is no official requirement that he rewrite the resolution, he said he has considered doing so.

"The only pretense to it coming back this time was the stipulation that we do more research," Mosley said.

In other business, Sells passed eight resolutions and bills along for final approval: the placement of a Redbox outside of the Keathley University Center, relaxed game-day parking for students, motorcycle parking for Peck Hall, replacing benches in the James E. Walker library, the "red route" bus stopping at the gravel parking lot on MTSU Boulevard, raising the speed limit of Alumni Drive, impeaching Sen. Chris Jones, and enacting a "Salute to Service Day" on campus.

MT community to send soldiers videos overseas

Volunteers ring in holiday season with patriotic project

STAFF REPORT

Operation Christmas Care, an organization that sends encouraging messages overseas to soldiers in the U.S. military, is slated to make a DVD today of well-wishers from the community to thank wounded troops.

Each participant will record a 30- to 60-second message, which will be made into multiple

Education Center, who founded Operation Christmas Care.

"Yet, their painful daily regiment toward recovery continues," Newton said, in an MTSU press release. "E-mails are nice, and they're appreciated, but a colorful card or letter with a heartfelt message of support and encouragement can beam from the walls of their hospital rooms until they leave."

"Unfortunately, our soldiers' individual support systems often dwindle after the life-threatening danger has passed."

LEE ANN NEWTON

FOUNDER OF OPERATION CHRISTMAS CARE

DVD sets to be distributed to military hospitals all over the world.

Members of the MTSU community are also being asked to make holiday cards for wounded warriors. The cards will be collected during the Rutherford County Christmas Parade on Dec. 12. Local Boy Scouts will collect the cards along the parade route, and they will then put the cards on the Operation Christmas Care float.

"Unfortunately, our soldiers' individual support systems often dwindle after the life-threatening danger has passed," said Lee Ann Newton, executive aide for the Tennessee Mathematics, Science and Technology

Newton established Operation Christmas Care in 2006 to boost morale for soldiers serving overseas. The service has sent more than 20,000 Christmas cards to hospitalized soldiers, according to a press release.

Newton is also asking for volunteers to help her publicize the cause, as well as to sort and send cards.

"You can volunteer 30 minutes or 30 hours," Newton said. "I am so appreciative of any and all volunteers who come my way."

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should e-mail Newton with "OCC" in the subject line at lnewton@mts.edu.

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News Editor	Opinions Editor
Assist. News Editor	Copy Editors

DEADLINE:
Wednesday, Nov. 24

Public, private sectors join efforts in preventing environmental damage

URBAN
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"Impervious surfaces are an issue in areas all across the country, and we don't happen to have a lot of deep soil to absorb storm water," said Neal Appelbaum, vice president for the Stones River Watershed Association.

Even in open fields and marshlands in the region that have not been developed, the substrate under the surface soil is primarily limestone, which does not absorb water, said Albert Ogden, a geosciences professor in the geology department, who specializes in hydrogeology and has published research on Middle Tennessee's watershed.

The environment around a stream also affects how much water a tributary can manage.

"When you have a big buffer on the side of a stream, it slows the flow of storm water coming down into it," Appelbaum said, referring to vegetation that is cleared away during development.

In addition, two of the primary surfaces that are constructed as part of urban expansion are roads and parking lots, which gather a lot of "asphalt and petroleum pollutants," Haley said.

Water that flows off of these surfaces carries such pollutants into "municipal separate storm sewer systems," Haley said, which carry rainwater into larger tributaries, some of which provide the area with drinking water. The federal government issues permits for the use of such sewer systems.

"I don't think most of the public realizes that 3-foot-deep streams supply the majority of our drinking water," Appelbaum said.

However, regulation on the federal, state and local levels has been put into place to account for increased run-off, Haley said.

"The state is emphasizing managing storm water on site," Haley said. "They are saying that it's better in most cases to let water soak into the ground instead of rushing off."

State legislators have reviewed and updated regulatory documents on "peak discharge control" systems with expanding development in mind, Haley said. These documents require that engineers design building projects with water management devices, such as cisterns and reservoirs, which do not allow "a higher rate of water to leave the property after development than the level that left before development."

management of "reasonable rainfall," Haley said, and do not account for heavy rains that can lead to flooding. Such regulations are not retroactive, meaning that projects that were built before the new standards were instituted do not have to be renovated.

"While additional regulation is likely to come in the near future, citizens need to think about how they are affecting local streams with their actions at home, Appelbaum said.

One way homeowners can do this is by planting flowers, shrubs and trees on their property because such plants have root systems that make soil more porous and absorbent, Appelbaum said.

Many popular grasses have shallow root systems and repellent blades that push water away from soil and into the street, Haley said. He suggested using native grasses because, even though they look wild if they grow too long, some can develop a root system that is 2 feet deep and absorbs large amounts of water.

People should also be aware of where down-

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NEAL APPELBAUM

VICE PRESIDENT OF STONES RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

spouts on their homes drain, Haley said, adding that water should drain into a rain barrel or into the ground rather than onto a driveway or street.

It is also important to be conscious of the impact that cleaning products and fertilizers have on drinking water, Appelbaum said.

Haley said it is important to mix herbicides and pesticides according to the instructions provided on the packaging.

While people can make their own personal efforts, Ogden said research is being conducted on campus to create environmentally friendly surfaces that can be used in urban development, such as permeable concrete. Such materials, in addition to a variety of retention basins and natural sinkholes, have been utilized on campus to manage run-off.

The best step people can take may be to educate themselves about how their actions impact the environment, Appelbaum said.

"People should get in a boat, go fishing, go swimming and reassess their position on the community's water supply," Appelbaum said.

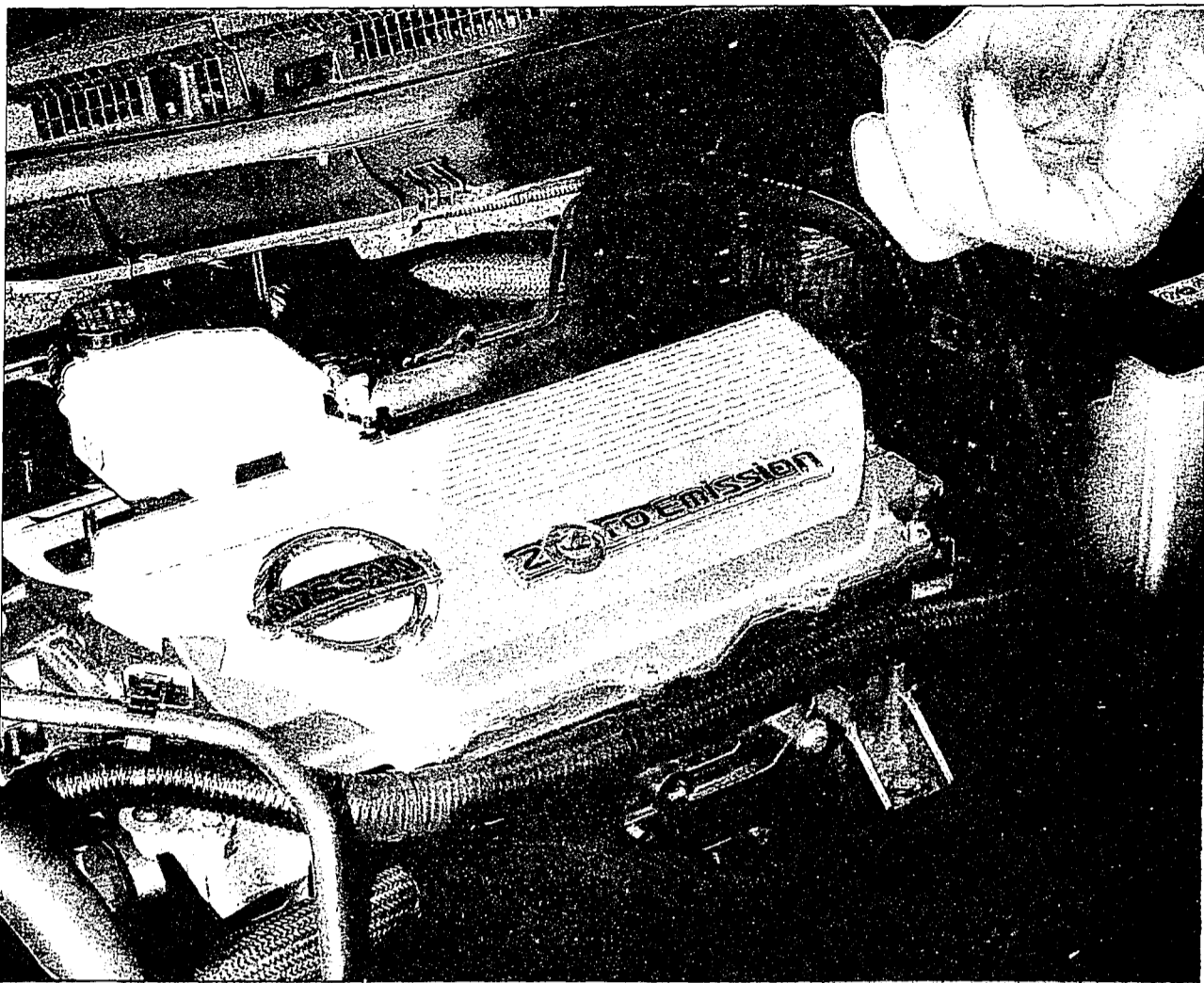


Photo by DuWayne Sterling, staff photographer
Brian Verprauskus, senior manager of Corporate Planning at Nissan, shows off the Nissan Leaf's zero emission engine to the community Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce on Medical Center Parkway in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The charging station is the second of its kind in Tennessee.

Second location to offer drivers environmentally friendly option

CHARGING FROM PAGE 1

"We don't know all of the answers, only some of the questions," Sax said at the grand opening of the station on Friday. "We see this as a great benefit for Murfreesboro and Rutherford County. It's a great thing for this state, and our country because it reduces dependency on foreign oil."

The first charging station opened in Pulaski in August and the Nissan vehicle assembly plant that produces the Leaf is

located in Smyrna.

Paul Latture, the president of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, spoke at the opening about furthering the effort to "go green" in Rutherford County.

"First, [the Electric Department] will be installing LED lighting in a portion of the parking to demonstrate this newest technology, and to further showcase this is a "green" facility," Latture said. "Also, this new Chamber and Welcome Center will have geothermal heating and cooling to reduce energy costs

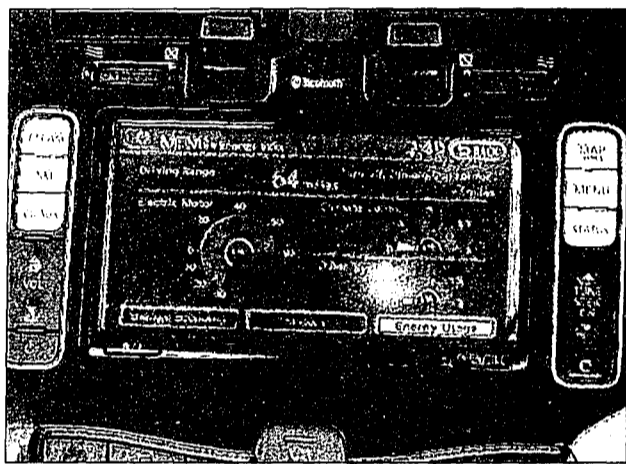


Photo by DuWayne Sterling, staff photographer
Nissan executives (Not shown) highlight the Nissan Leaf's instrument panel Friday, Nov. 12, 2010, at the newly opened charging station in Murfreesboro, Tenn. The panel shows the estimated driving range of the vehicle with its current charge.

and consumption." Rutherford County on Latture said that the map as far as green charging station has put energy goes.

Applications being accepted for fellowship

STAFF REPORT

The registration deadline for the Buchanan Fellowship, a program that covers full tuition and other fees for four years of college for incoming freshman students, is Dec. 1, according to an MTSU press release.

The fellowship covers 16 hours a semester and includes other perks, such as an annual book of allowance of \$1,000, early registration and study-abroad opportunities, said John Vile, dean of the University Honors College, in the press release.

The Buchanan Fellowship is one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships in the

state, Vile said.

The fellowship is limited to 20 high school seniors a year.

Applicants must have a grade-point average of at least 3.5, have an ACT composite score of at least 29 or an SAT composite score of at least 1280, provide an official transcript, and a 500-word essay on what they want to learn at MTSU and how this will impact their community.

Applications post-marked Dec. 1 will be accepted, according to the press release.

The fellowship is named after James M. Buchanan Jr., an MTSU alumnus, who won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1986.

THROUGH THE SIDELINES LENS



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor
MTSU alumnus Robert "Bobby" Couch (Middle), a World War II veteran and past recipient of the Joe Nunley Award, walks down the field at Floyd Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2010, in support of the U.S. military during the university's "Salute to Arms Services Day" halftime show.

LOCAL EVENTS

On Campus

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| Performing Arts:
Stones River Chamber Players: "Happy Anniversary, 2010"
Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.
Wright Music Building, Hinton Hall
FREE | FREE |
| Percussion Ensemble
Nov. 17, 8 p.m.
Wright Music Building
Hinton Hall
FREE | String Studio Extravaganza
Nov. 19, 6 p.m.
Wright Music Building
Hinton Hall
FREE |
| Wind Ensemble
Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.
Wright Music Building
Hinton Hall | Student Life:
MTSU v. WKU Blood Drive Competition
Nov. 15, 12 p.m.
Recreation Center
FREE |
| | "Despicable Me"
Nov. 15, 7 p.m.
KUC Theater
Tickets: \$2 |

Off Campus

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| Concerts:
John Butler Trio
Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Ryman Auditorium
Tickets: \$25-28 | Tickets: \$12 |
| NeedToBreathe
Nov. 18, 7 p.m.
Ryman Auditorium
Tickets: \$25 | Grinderman
Nov. 19, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge/The Cannery Ballroom
Tickets: \$25 |
| Corey Smith
Nov. 18, 9 p.m.
Mercy Lounge/ Cannery Ballroom
Tickets: \$20 | Events Policy
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| Norma Jean w/ Reckoner
Nov. 18, 6 p.m.
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CRIME BRIEFS

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| Vandalism
Nov. 9, 10:11 a.m.
Scarlett Commons Apartment 9
A complainant reported that someone shot at his vehicle with a paintball gun. | Theft
Nov. 9, 2:38 p.m.
Phillips Bookstore
A complainant reported that his book bag was stolen after he left it outside of the bookstore. | Vagrancy
Nov. 9, 11:04 p.m.
Wood Hall
A complainant reported that an individual was trespassing, but officers did not find the suspect when they arrived. |
| Theft
Nov. 9, 12:06 p.m.
Greenland Drive Parking Lot B
A complainant reported that her vehicle had been broken into the day before. | Theft
Nov. 9, 4:46 p.m.
Corlew Hall
A complainant reported that his iPod had been stolen. | Theft
Nov. 10, 7:51 p.m.
Murphy Center
A complainant reported that the athletic department's Playstation 3 had been stolen. |

CRIME STOPPERS

A cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who burglarized the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity house sometime between Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 9:50 a.m. The suspect or suspects forcibly removed plywood from windows on the west side of the house. In addition to breaking into three houses, the suspect or suspects poured blue paint onto the tile floor in the kitchen. These actions are codified by law as felonies.

A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person who committed a hit-and-run accident in the parking lot adjacent to Judd Hall and Sims Hall sometime between Oct. 8 at 10 p.m. and Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. A 2008 maroon Suzuki was reportedly struck on the driver side, causing damage to the front bumper and headlight.

A cash reward of up to \$300 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons who stole a bicycle from the racks at the Saunders Fine Arts Building sometime between 4:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Oct. 7. The bicycle is a red Trek 3700 with front-end suspension and off-road tires.

Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the MTSU Office of Public Safety at 615-898-2424. All callers will remain anonymous.

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THURS., NOV. 18 Ladies' Night Drink Specials till 1am Ladies FREE Guys \$5.00	SAT., NOV. 20 The Homegrown Band, Deep Machine and Incredible Heat Machine \$2.50 Budweiser Family Bottles	FRI., NOV. 19 Tim Bogle ACOUSTIC UPSTAIRS Marshall Creek Band MAIN FLOOR \$2.50 Killian's Draft All Night
SUN., NOV. 21 \$25 Cornhole Tournament 50¢ Miller Lite NO COVER		

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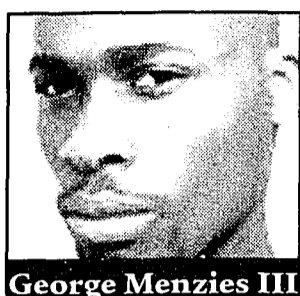
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Is a New World Order just over the horizon?

Despite numerous references by politicians in speeches and publications, the term "New World Order" is usually disregarded as an abstract concept or a "kook indicator" in the mainstream media. Among many Christians, however, the idea of a New World Order is not as farce. Regardless of one's faith, there is reason to believe that many of the elite that occupy key positions of power in society aspire for a New World Order and are working toward it.



George Menzies III

The Bottom Line

reveal that he, along with others, is working toward a one-world structure, and he believes that there is an elite far superior to the common masses.

David Rockefeller, a billionaire banker whose family has been very influential in Western politics, has made numerous statements throughout the years in support of a New World Order. On Page 405 of his autobiography, "Memoirs," he writes:

"Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure - one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

A plethora of influential leaders have echoed the same sentiment. Some of these belong to the Council on Foreign Relations, of which David Rockefeller serves as the honorary chairman of the Trilateral Commission, of which he is the founder.

Some of the commission's members include: former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who served during the administrations of former Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford; former U.S. National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, who served during former President Jimmy Carter's term; and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who served dur-

ing George W. Bush's first term as president.

Others include former President George H.W. Bush, former U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown, Vice President Joe Biden, former U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Walter Cronkite, who was a well-known broadcast journalist with CBS News for decades, and countless others.

But what is the Council on Foreign Relations?

"We shall have world government whether or not you like it, by conquest or consent," said James Warburg, a member of the Council of Foreign Relations, while testifying before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in 1950.

The Council is an independent think-tank dedicated to advancing globalist policies to bring America into a New World Order.

"The sovereignty fetish is still so strong in the public mind, that there would appear to be little chance of winning popular assent to American membership in anything approaching a super-state organization. Much will depend on the kind of approach which is used in further popular educa-

tion," according to documents by the Council, dated 1944.

In other words, Americans were not ready to give up their power to an all powerful, unelected world elite, but more education could change that.

"The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence and submergence into an all powerful, one world government," said retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Chester Ward, who was a member of the Council for 16 years.

Harvard University alumnus Carroll Quigley, a professor who taught at Georgetown University for more than two decades during the mid-20th century, was also a member of the Council.

"The Council on Foreign Relations... believes national boundaries should be obliterated and one-world rule established," Quigley said. "I know of the operations of this network because I have studied it for 20 years and was permitted in the early 1960s to examine its papers and secret records."

MENZIES, PAGE 5

Multiple administrations to blame for economic mess

Whenever you get into a political discussion with someone concerning jobs and the economy, perhaps the most worn-out quote you will hear is, "It was Bush or the Republicans that got us into this mess in the first place."



Tim Johnson

The Virtual Truth

My reply is: What policies are you referring to that got us into "this mess?"

What I tell such commentators is during former Democratic President Jimmy Carter's administration a bill was passed called the Community Reinvestment Act, which granted people with poor credit, and many times no down payment, a greater opportunity to qualify and buy homes that they realistically could not afford.

Under former President Bill Clinton, the CRA was expanded for low-income home ownership at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Banks were forced by the federal government to provide bad loans to unqualified people.

Fast forward to the present day, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., sits as chairman of the Financial Services Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., is head of the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. Both Dodd and Frank fought numerous attempts by former GOP President George W. Bush's administration to regulate and monitor Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Bush suspected a problem, but Democrats rejected his efforts.

Over the past two decades, America housed a Democratic legislature. Yes, there were Republican presidents who served over these years, but their efforts to regulate Fannie and Freddie were halted by the U.S. Congress.

The Republican Party shares some of the burden for our out of control spending. It did nothing when it had the opportunity. However, the party's record proves much better than the Democrats. The media and Democratic politicians have done a superb job spinning the facts, coupled with the hope that you won't do any research into the truth.

These are the facts - but don't take my word for it. Do your own research. Next time you get into a discussion with someone, simply ask him or her to name a Bush policy that got us into this mess. In most cases, you will find the person is dumbfounded and unable to specify which policies he or she is talking about.

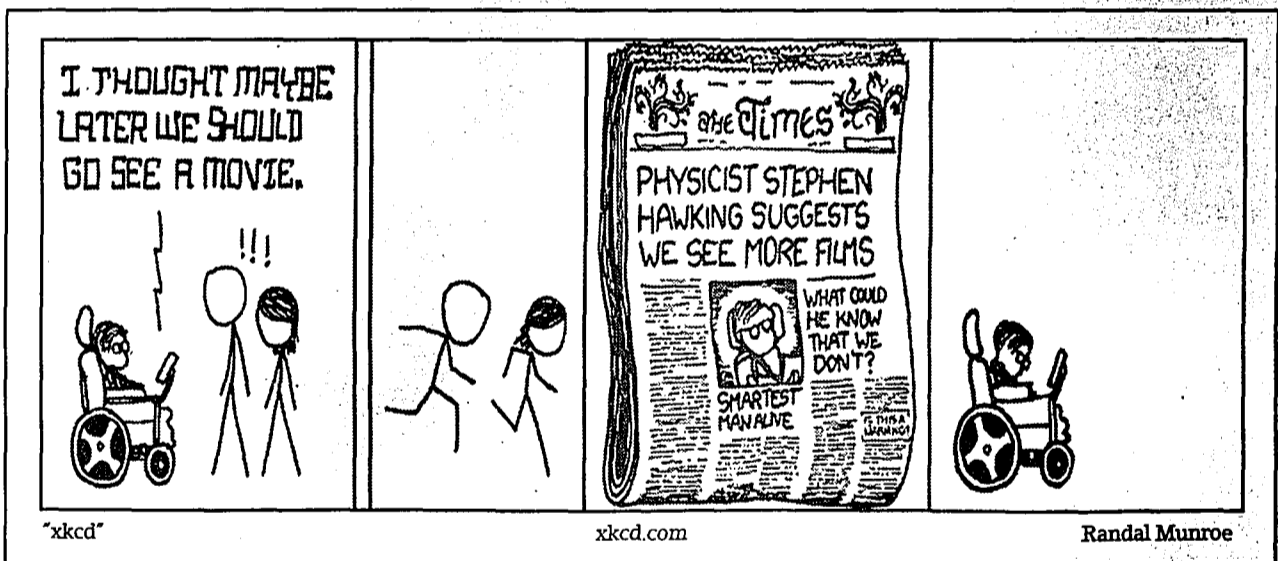
The best ways I know of to compare failed Republican policies of the past with Democrat policies of the present is to use key economic indicators like gross domestic product, unemployment and the stock market.

In 1995, Republicans gained control of the House for the first time since 1957. Since then, we have had two Democratic presidents, Clinton and current President Barack Obama, and one Republican, Bush.

The Republicans had the majority in the house from 1995 to 2006. The average annual increase in GDP was 3.23 percent.

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COMIC



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Campus financial aid shouldn't be given until first day of classes.

I read the opinion piece "Financial aid practices absurd," in the Nov. 4 issue of *Sidelines*, and I feel that Lee Miller needs to be educated.

There are reasons why you do not get your refund early.

First, you must be attending class. Yes, it is true that you may not have class on the day that school starts but, this is money for schooling, thus classes must begin to get the money.

When you buy a house, you do not get the mortgage money until you actually have the house.

Second, Mr. Miller was correct that the university does receive the

money prior to sending out refunds, but when that amount is received, there is an equal amount of accounting that must be completed in order to ensure that everyone can receive their refunds when classes start.

Third, while the Financial Aid Office hands out the money, it is correct that the University Business Office handles all money after that.

It is not fun to wait for the money, but it is not the responsibility of the university to make sure that you have funding in place to move into an apartment prior to classes starting. Many apartment complexes

know that you are getting a refund and will work with you.

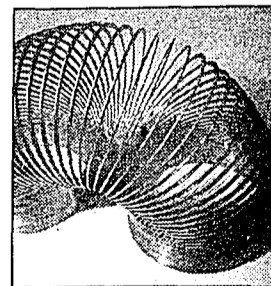
Maybe having funding prior to moving would be a better option?

We could go back to the old method of refunds, a method that many other universities use to this day - not handing out refunds until 30 days after classes start. Some wait until the end of the semester. It would be better if students did not rely on their refunds for all of their living. That could be why the same *Sidelines* issue had an article, titled "Federal regulations aim to combat student debt," as to how student loan debt is now higher than credit card debt.

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SIDEFACTS

FACT: The Slinky was invented by a naval engineer.



Fact courtesy of omg-facts.com

In 1943, Richard James discovered this toy while creating an anti-vibration device for ship instruments. James accidentally knocked over some springs and was transfixed by how they "slunk" down the shelves. But, it was his wife, Betty, who actually came up with the toy's name.

Slinkies were among the first toys to make the trip into outer space. During the Vietnam War, soldiers would sometimes throw a Slinky into a tree to use as a makeshift radio antenna.

Since 1945, about 250 million Slinkies have been sold. If all those Slinkies were all stretched end-to-end, they would wrap around the world 126 times.

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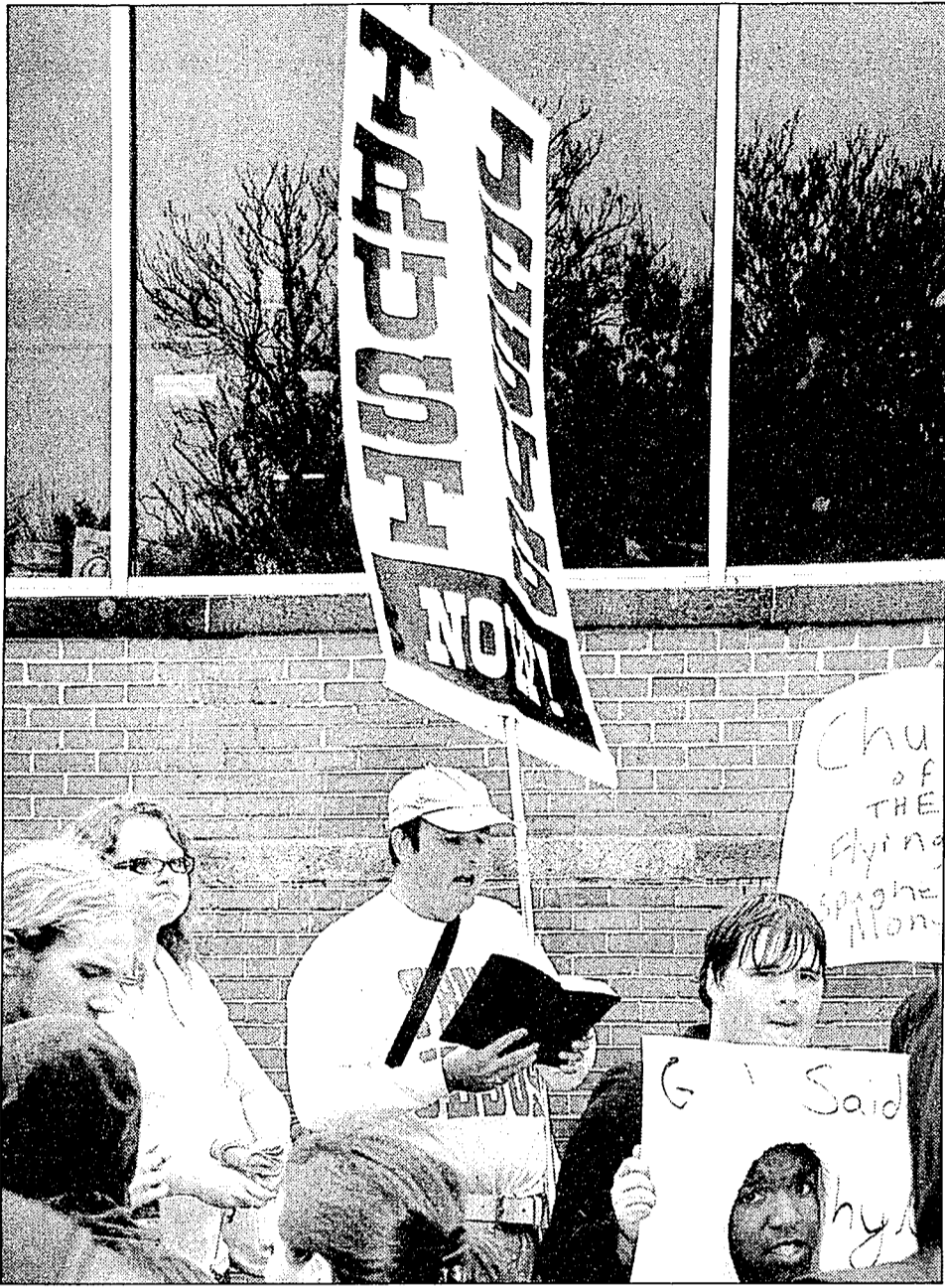
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Double standard applied to free speech



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Members of Pinpoint Evangelism proselytize to students, faculty and staff on the Keathley University Center Knoll Oct. 27, 2009, in an effort to inform the community about their religious beliefs.

Put yourself in the position of a Muslim immigrant in Murfreesboro. You are trying to build a place to practice your religion and are faced with open attacks, not only on the project, but on your religion.

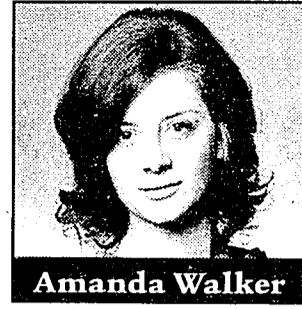
Then you come to MTSU to forward your education and are confronted with a group wielding signs that proclaim, "WARNINGatheist, drunk, lair, thief, sexual pervert, religious hypocrite HELL FOREVER."

In a time fraught with intolerance and hate, a group known as Pinpoint Evangelism was on our campus at the end of October, surrounded by MTSU police officers, spouting a message of a vengeful Christ and eternal damnation in an attempt to save people and bring them to the light of Jesus.

The next logical thought you would have as an immigrant may be, "If they can come to the public and share their message - surely so can I."

Except, that's where you would be wrong.

If a Muslim group attempted to protest on our campus the way Pinpoint Evangelism group is allowed, people would scream about safety, "Americanism" and all



Amanda Walker
Contributing Columnist

how to reach the lost in a Biblical manner and with a Biblical message. With that in mind, we may have many beliefs that differ from you, but they are usually nonessential doctrines (unless of course you are a Calvinist, a Roman Catholic, a Seventh-Day Adventist, a Oneness Pentecostal, a Mormon, a Jehovah Witness, etc.)."

Directly after the motto in which they claim love for all, they immediately discredit numerous other groups and religions.

Now if you want to practice your beliefs with this group, be my guest. But don't be offended when other people expect the very same right that you have. If we are expected to be tolerant of this group then it must be the same for all others, whether they are a Muslim group, Gay rights group, atheist group, etc.

As a side notes, I appreciate some of the other groups who were there quietly, calmly and lovingly handing out other information for the crowd.

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Research key to intellectual debate over politics

JOHNSON
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In the last four years under Democrat control, the annual average is negative 0.23 percent.

Under a Republican majority in Congress from 1995 to 2007, the Dow Jones Industrial Average stood at 3,834. When control was passed to Democrats in 2007, it stood at 12,463, - a gain of 225 percent.

Today, after four years of a Democrat majority, it stands at 11,118, - a loss of 11 percent.

In 1995 under Republican leadership, the unemployment rate was 5.6 percent. During the 12 years of Republican control, the unemployment rate averaged 5 percent.

Unemployment was 4.6 percent at the end of 2006, when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Cali., took

over under the last two years of the Bush administration.

Today, under Reid, Pelosi and Obama it is 9.6 percent. The average rate during the last four years of Democrat control of Congress was 7.4 percent.

So, the Democrat argument is that we shouldn't go back to the way things were and to reject the "fatted Bush policies." Policies that produced an average unemployment rate of 5 percent, an increase in the GDP of 3.23 percent and a stock market that rose 225 percent.

"Hope" and "change" policies have given us an unemployment rate of 9.6 percent with a 7.4 percent average, a negative 0.23 percent GDP, and a stock market loss of 11 percent.

Which one to choose? I'll leave that for you to decide.

I would hope that only a naïve person would believe the Democrat ideology that all the country's economic problems rest on the back of the Bush administration, especially when hard numbers and facts prove otherwise.

I am not defending the Bush administration. It spent taxpayer money like weekend drunks and opened the door to stimulus spending.

To my friends, associates and my opposition, I would suggest that if you want to have an intelligent conversation in regard to politics, do a little research of your own. Do not rely on news me-

dia as your single source of information because too much bias and spin is involved. Learn the facts and get the real story so you can form your own logical argument.

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New World Order not a conspiracy, rather a battle between two sides

MENZIES
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The Council's influence cannot be overstated.

"It's good to have an outpost of the Council right here down the street from the U.S. State Department," said Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, while giving a speech before the Council in 2009. "We get a lot of advice from the Council, so this will mean I won't have as far to go to be told what we should be doing and how we should think about the future."

Throughout the decades the White House has been full of Council members that occupy the presidency and nearly every other cabinet position. More than 10 Council members fill various cabinet positions within the administration of President Barack Obama, as did in the previous administration.

To have the clout that it possesses with the political elite, the Council is not discussed in American history, and few know of its existence.

little difference in policy when one party transitions into office after the next. No matter who is in office, there is a continuity of agenda — the continuance of policies that globalize U.S. institutions, all aspects of American society and challenge U.S. sovereignty. Such political policies include the North American Free Trade Agreement, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America, North Atlantic Treaty Organization, World Trade Organization, and the United Nations. These are in the company of many other government programs.

In recent wars, the U.S. has done so under U.N. resolutions and dictates, instead of declaring war through the U.S. Congress. The U.S. also continues nation building by toppling regimes that will not adapt to or stand in the way of Western globalist agendas.

Members of the Council and other globalist institutions do not belong to either side of the political spectrum, but influence both sides.

For the globalist in power, there is no room for siding with the reds or blues when globalization and a New World Order is the goal.

David Rockefeller said, "All we need is the right major crisis, and the nations will accept the New World Order."

A New World Order will be presented as the answer to the world's problems. It will be offered as the solution to global warming, now "climate change" after the Copenhagen Accord was released, as well as, immigration, international terrorism and the ongoing economic crisis.

The idea of a New World Order is not so much a conspiracy, but rather a battle between those who prefer national sovereignty versus those who favor globalization. The New World Order over the horizon will promise much, but it offer little for those outside the elitist clique.

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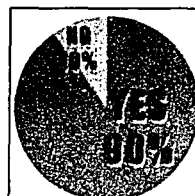
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MODERN VAMPIRES ALLURE FANS

Revamping charismatic undead spikes interest among fairytale lovers

By **KATHY FLEMING, LAURA AIKEN**
Contributing Writer, Features Editor

If you ask most women what they consider to be attractive, many would say tall, dark and handsome.

Pale, thin and cold is not the usual response. But if you ask a "Twilight" or "True Blood" fan, he or she might beg to differ.

This year, you might have wondered why people of all ages are so fascinated with the bloodsuckers that were made famous in Anne Rice's novels.

Good or evil, these creatures have stolen the hearts of many. Celebrities such as Robert Pattinson, Stephen Moyer, Alexander Skarsgard and Ashley Greene have been swept into the limelight since their appearances in the newest additions of vampire productions.

The "Twilight" series was a best seller long before the movies came out, selling millions of books across the nation. The tale of Bella



Photo courtesy of Wikipedia.org
Nosferatu, from the self-titled 1922 film, slowly ascends a staircase to his victim's room.

follows a high school girl who falls deeply in love with a mysterious vampire, Edward Cullen. Although he feels the same about her, he must constantly repress his desire to drain Bella of her blood.

Sherry Pendley, a Murfreesboro resident who is a fan of the "Twilight" books and movies, says the vampires in Stephenie Meyer's series are especially alluring.

"Edward represents the forbidden love, [and] 'Twilight' is all about self-control," Pendley says.

While the "Twilight" films continue to glorify the vampires, the hit series "True Blood" has taken the ancient vampire story to an R-rated level with graphic sex scenes.

In the television series "True Blood," a waitress strikes up a romance with a handsome local vampire Bill Compton and becomes entangled in a love triangle with Eric, a sexy vampire sheriff.

While the actors in these productions might all have been regarded as attractive before debuts in vampire productions, their ranking

in physical appeal has dramatically increased.

What is so enchanting about vampires?

Surprisingly, these immortal creatures have not always had an air of sensuality about them. While Slavic myths maintain that some vampires can be born from the union of the devil, werewolf or a witch, European legends see vampires as bloated, lurid and masochistic from drinking blood.

Despite such a dark reputation, society has such a high demand for what has been condemned.

The eroticism of the vampire can be attributed to Bram Stoker's "Dracula." This renowned novel made its mark on literature, birthing the notorious villain and creating the basis for the modern vampire archetype.

In stark contrast to the Europeans' vampire image, Count Dracula was portrayed as an intelligent, elderly man who held an air of sophistication. He lived in a castle located deep in the beautiful countryside of Transylvania with

three beautiful, seductive female vampires.

Throughout the book, his only victims are women, which begs the questions: Why are women drawn to bad guys?

Although Stoker is credited with creating the basis for the characteristics of the modern conception of vampires, he did not create this sexual image. Stoker's development of the vampire persona was derived from various inspirations in history and literature.

Seductive vampires date as far back as Greek mythology when Lamia became a blood-sucking monster because she caught the eye of Hera's jealous husband, Zeus.

"I think the way vampires are portrayed have changed since 'True Blood' and 'Twilight,'" says Rachel Corley, a senior majoring in English. "But, I picture old school vampires, like from the Anne Rice novels, dark, brooding and timeless."

Throughout time, vampire literature has become synonymous with a sexual intrigue, often portraying vampires as socially unaccepted individuals. Perhaps,

Notable Vampires



EDWARD CULLEN

"And so the lion fell in love with the lamb. What a sick, masochistic lion."

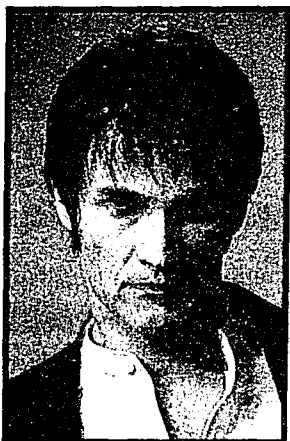
From *Twilight* (2005)
Written by Stephenie Meyer



ERIC NORTHMAN

"You know I love you more when you're cold and heartless."

From *True Blood* (2008)
Created by Alan Ball



BILL COMPTON

"Open aggression against humans? That's insane!"

From *True Blood* (2008)
Created by Alan Ball



LESTAT DE LIONCOURT

"Horror and moral terror can never be exonerated. Pure evil has no real place."

From *Interview with the Vampire* (1976)
Written by Anne Rice



COUNT DRACULA

"Our ways are not your ways, and there shall be to you many strange things."

From *Dracula* (1897)
Written by Bram Stoker



LOUIS DE POINTE DU LAC

"That will never happen to you. You will never grow old, and you will never die."

From *Interview with the Vampire* (1976)
Written by Anne Rice



ALICE CULLEN

"As predators, we have a glut of weapons in our physical arsenal."

From *Twilight* (2005)
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Freshman midfielder Paige Goeglein (12) dribbles past University of Denver player Shannen Johnson (21) during the Sun Belt Conference Championship on Nov. 6, 2010, at the University of Western Kentucky. Goeglein hit the game-winning shot in a penalty kick shoot-out to send the Lady Raiders to their first ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

MT soccer falls short in tournament

Blue Raiders lose 0-3 to Florida State

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

The storybook season of the Middle Tennessee soccer team came to an end this weekend as the Blue Raiders fell to No. 2 seed Florida State by a score of 0-3 on Friday in the school's first appearance in the NCAA tournament.

Representing the Sun Belt Conference following its exciting run through the conference tournament, MT entered the match as the clear underdog. However, the two teams played an even game for a majority of the first half.

The squad came out aggressive and managed the first three shots of the game; however, FSU managed to turn the tables and outshot the Blue Raiders 7-0 to close out the half.

After 44 minutes of scoreless action, FSU scored a goal with two seconds remaining in the period. The shot put the Seminoles on top entering the locker room, shifted the momentum, and left MT playing from behind for the remainder of the game.

"It was a big goal, obviously, for a lot of different reasons," said Eric Bell, FSU head coach. "It changed the momentum of the game."

Now trailing, MT Head Coach Aston Rhoden was forced to change his game plan.

"That goal certainly changed tactically what we had to do," Rhoden said. "Now, we were chasing the game, and against a team like Florida State, who is a very possession-oriented team, the more you chase the game, the more they are going to find gaps."

Meanwhile, FSU was able to settle down and cease control of the tempo.

"You think you're going in at the half, and it's an even game," Bell said. "Now, we're up a goal and Middle Tennessee has got to make adjustments. Our team is going to be a little more settled down. We can relax a little bit. We can breath. It seemed as though there was a little more pressure on us than we had anticipated. With the goal it allowed us to relax a little more... and we were able to go out and play our game."

Indeed, FSU came out in the second stanza more aggressive, and MT was left chasing. The Seminole's Casey Short connected after only five minutes of play in the half.

The Seminoles managed seven more shots in the second period, and Short scored her second goal of the half to seal the game.

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Photo courtesy of MT Athletic Communications

Goalie Rebecca Cushing (1) launches a return Oct. 15, 2010, against Louisiana. Cushing had four saves against Florida State University during the NCAA tournament in Tallahassee, Fla., on Friday, Nov. 12, 2010.

Lady Raiders outlast Bulls in season opener

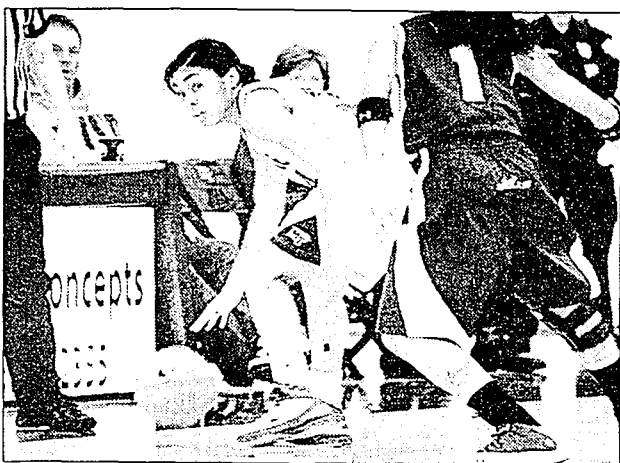


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Sophomore point guard Kortni Jones (24) dribbles past South Florida's Jasmine Wynne (1) on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in the Murphy Center.

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee Lady Raiders held off an athletic South Florida team to start their official 2010-2011 campaign with a 71-59 win. The team used a late second-half run sparked by the sterling play of freshman Ebony Rowe to surge ahead and hold on for the victory.

Rowe's collegiate debut was "Clark-esque" in numbers and eased any

anxieties fans had entering a season after losing four starters including All-American Alysha Clark.

"I thought Ebony Rowe played a tremendous game," Head Coach Rick Insell said. "A double-double in her first college isn't bad, is it?"

The Lexington, Ky., native racked up game-highs in points and rebounds with 25 and 16, respectively. She converted 9-of-11 field goals and showed her aggressiveness by getting to the line

14 times. Rowe also added three assists, three blocks and two steals in playing the entire 40 minutes.

The 6-foot-1 forward showed why Insell rewarded her with a starting position as she brought a sustained level of energy the entire game. Rowe probably had a game-high in floor burns as well as she was constantly fighting for loose balls and battling for position in the paint.

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MTSU volleyball claims Sun Belt's top seed

By SCOTT HENRY
Staff Writer

The clash of the Sun Belt's volleyball titans was more one-sided than might have been expected, but the larger battle is yet to come.

MT (25-5, 15-1 conference) claimed its first-ever, outright Sun Belt Conference regular season championship in a 3-0 (25-21, 25-22, 25-19) sweep of Western Kentucky on Friday night. The victory broke a tie atop the Sun Belt's East Division and earned the Blue Raiders a top seed for this week's Sun Belt Tournament.

In years past, Middle Tennessee has made itself at home in the conference tournament, claiming three of the last four championships. This year, they will literally be making themselves at home when the tournament begins this Thursday at Alumni Memorial Gym. Coach Matt Peck's team enters the SBC championships seeking a fifth consecutive NCAA berth.

"Winning the championship is a great accomplishment for us," Peck said, following the win over WKU. "But, now we have to focus on the tournament."

MT will face South Alabama, who took only one set from the Raiders in their two meetings this season. In each match, the Jaguars committed 21 attacking errors, nearly handing MT a free set.

In the two teams' first meeting on Oct. 10, the Jaguars were unable to take advantage of a rare quiet night from Middle Tennessee's star outside hitter and five-time Sun Belt Conference player of the week, Izabela Kozon. Kozon managed only seven kills, six of those coming in the first set.

Junior Maria Szivos was left to pick up the slack, recording 10 kills and four service aces.

In the second match on Nov. 5, South Alabama's offense was much more productive. Junior Samia Salomao and freshman Torlandria Jones combined for 26 kills, just two short of the entire team's total from the first match.

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Cross-country ends season in stride, Chemaoui finishes MT career

By WILL TRUSLER
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee cross-country season concluded this weekend as three Blue Raiders competed in the NCAA Regional Championships in Hoover, Ala., on Saturday.

Senior Festus Chemaoui led the team, placing 32nd overall. The Kenya native finished the 10k race in a time of 31:29.9. His finish does not qualify him for the NCAA Championships on Nov. 22 but caps a record-setting season and a decorated career as a Blue Raider.

He was joined by teammates Chris Ma-

son, who finished 57th overall, and Justin Cacaro, who came in at 74th.

The trio was eligible for the meet following their performance at the Sun Belt Conference Championships.

Chemaoui finished third in that meet to pace a MT runner-up finish. He completed the grueling 8k in 25:02.8 behind, host school, Western Kentucky's duo of Shadrack Kipchirchir and Dues Rwaheru, who ran the race in times of 24:33.1 and 24:52.7, respectively.

Seniors Mason and Isaac Biwott nearly



Chemaoui

missed making their second All-Sun Belt teams as they took 11th and 13th place, respectively. Meanwhile, Cacaro came in 19th, and David Boiywo rounded out the scorers for MT as he finished 31st.

Chemaoui finished the season with a school record four individual victories.

"In his four years here, he has proven he has range like no other," said head coach Dean Hayes. "As an athlete who excels so much in the 800 and 1,500 meters events, it is impressive to watch him challenge the



Mason

best at this distance."

The women's squad concluded their season at the Conference Championships with a fourth place finish.

"It was good experience for our young women's team," Hayes said. "It hurt us not having anyone from our top last year."

Freshman Deanna Brasz led the team for the sixth meet in a row. She placed ninth overall en route to becoming the third rookie in MT history named to the All-Sun Belt team.

With all five scorers returning and only one senior on their roster, MT will look to return to the top of the conference next season as well.

Rowe steals show in collegiate debut

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"Ebony is such a physical player," Insell said. "She's got great upper-body strength, and once she got the ball in her domain, she finished. It takes a good player to do that."

Ironically, Rowe became the first freshman to start a season opener since teammate Anne Marie Lanning did so in 2007.

Lanning, now a senior, was second on the team with 18 points. Like Rowe, she played the entire game and chipped in a game-high six assists and career-high tying eight rebounds. More importantly, she provided vocal leadership on the court, directed traffic and calmed down her teammates when needed.

"Anne Marie gave us great leadership," Insell said. "[She] overachieves every time she hits the floor. She is just a battler. It is amazing what she is able to do."

Lanning, known for her shooting, finished the night 4-of-7 from the floor, 3-of-5 from behind the arc and 7-of-8 from the charity stripe.

After the Bulls opened the game with a 7-0 run, Lanning hit two of her triples back-to-back to close within one.

"We know that we were going to be tight at first with our young team, and we were," Insell said. "Then Anne Marie hit a three, and then we hit another one, and we loosened up."

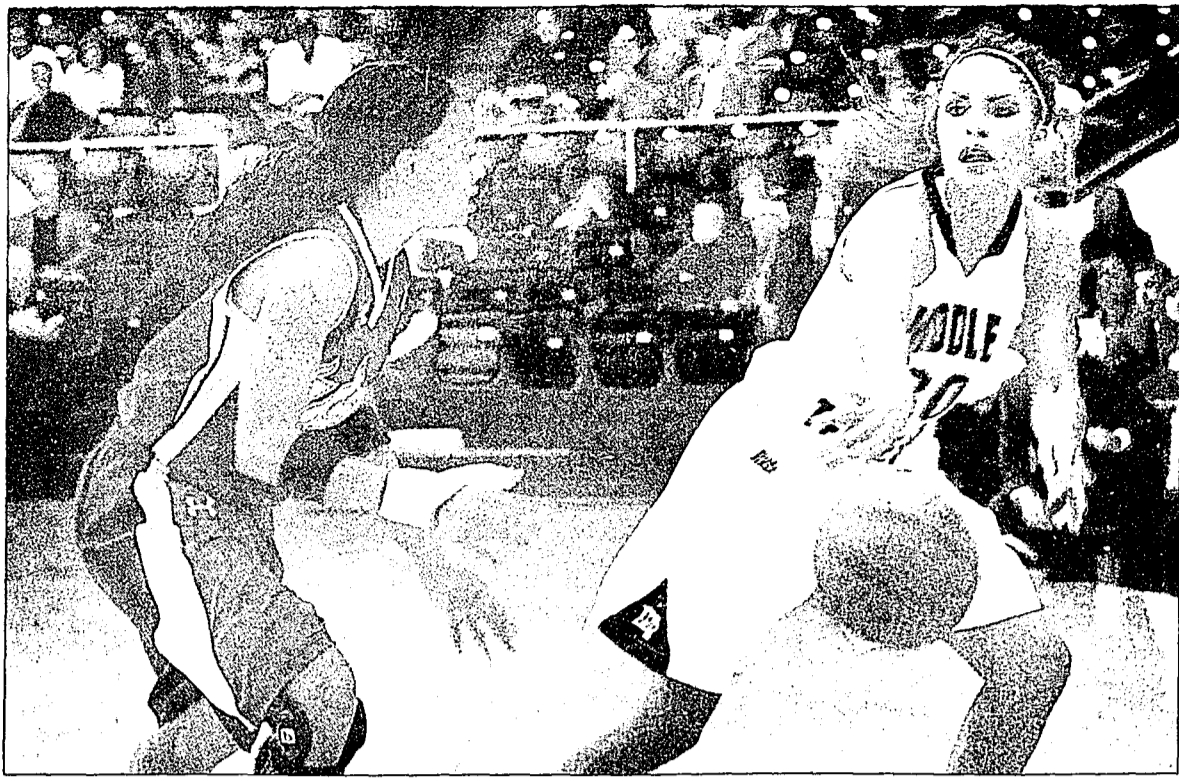


Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor
Senior shooting guard Anne Marie Lanning (30) throws an entry pass for one of her game-high six assists on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in the Murphy Center.

The teams battled the remainder of half with neither being able to gain a big advantage. There were five lead changes in the period, but MT was able to secure momentum entering halftime.

Lanning's third 3-pointer of the game came with 1:30 left in the first half and sparked a 5-0 run for MT. Rowe hit a jumper with four seconds remaining to give the Lady Raiders a three-point cushion entering the locker rooms.

MT carried the momentum into the second half, as they would increase their lead to 10 points behind the play of Rowe and fellow post Dymon Raynor.

Raynor provided quality minutes in relief of starting center, Icelyn Elie, who was limited with foul trouble. Raynor had eight points and four rebounds in only 13 minutes of play.

USF countered with a press that

forced MT out of their comfort zone. In three minutes, MT committed five turnovers and their lead quickly evaporated.

Turnovers plagued the Lady Raiders throughout the game as they gave the ball away 30 times. Fortunately, USF could only capitalize with 16 points off of MT's miscues.

"We hung in there," Insell said. "We had 30 turnovers and you do not win games with 30 turnovers. We just gutted it out and made some shots when we had to."

As a team, the Lady Raiders shot 41 percent from the floor and used a 48-31 advantage on the glass to secure the win. They also managed to get to the free-throw line 36 times, a sign of their aggressiveness on offense.

Middle Tennessee will travel to Clarksville, Tenn., for its next game, a 7 p.m. Tuesday matchup with Austin Peay.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photo editor
Freshman forward Ebony Rowe (21) shoots a free throw against University of South Florida on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010, in the Murphy Center.

FSU wins over MT in NCAA tourney

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The three goals were the most allowed by the Blue Raiders since they played defending national champion and then No. 1 North Carolina in September. The team's streak of 15 games of allowing less than one goal was also snapped.

Sun Belt Conference tournament MVP, Rebecca Cushing, paced the offense with three shots on the night, all of which were on goal.

Senior Vanessa Muegler, meanwhile, paced the offense with three shots on the night, all of which were on goal.

"I was really proud of the way our team responded and did not quit in the second half," Rhoden said. "That says a lot about our group and its character."

The Blue Raiders have shown the same no-quit attitude throughout the season as they battled back from a 3-7 start to finish the season 12-2. The loss was the first in more than a month, and FSU was the fourth nationally ranked opponent MT faced this year.

The game caps the team's record season but also the careers of Muegler, Jaime Cooper, Fran Howells, Emily Snowden and Emily Harris.

"We lose some very strong leadership in our seniors, but they have helped to set the bar high for us," Rhoden said. "We want nothing more than to be back here, hopefully playing Florida State, again in the NCAA Tournament."

Blue Raiders enter tourney as favorites to repeat

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Unfortunately for the Jaguars, Kozon was much more productive, as well. The Warsaw, Poland native smashed 18 kills to spearhead the offense and also added seven digs to aid the defensive effort. Junior Stacy Oladinni added 10 kills in support.

South Alabama will need to tighten up its attack to improve its results against MTSU. The team managed only a .157 hitting percentage over the season, more than 130 points behind the Blue Raiders' .290 mark. South Alabama's statistics were heavily weighed down by 632 attacking errors on the year, an average of just over six errors per set.

In the tournament's other first-round matches, second-seeded Western Kentucky will face Louisiana-Lafayette, third seed Florida International will take on Denver, and West Division co-champions North Texas and Arkansas State will battle. The winner from the North Texas and Arkansas State match will face either MT or South Alabama in the semifinal round.

Semifinals are scheduled for Friday with the championship match beginning Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

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