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“QUOTE OF THE DAY”

“People want to find a “meaning” in everything and everyone. That’s the disease of our age, an age that is anything but practical but believes itself to be more practical than any other age.”

Pablo Picasso

Details surface on visitor assault

By ROZALIND RUTH
Community News Editor

The female visitor who reported she had been assaulted and robbed in a campus parking lot on Monday night is now being questioned by MTSU police because of new details.

It was originally reported in a campus wide e-mail that the victim said she had been attacked in the James E. Walker Library parking lot; however, the victim has now said the attack could have occurred in the Rutherford lot.

The woman also told police she had gone to Middle Tennessee Medical Center after regaining consciousness, but Buddy Peaster, chief of police, said MTSU police were unable to find any paperwork confirming that information.

Peaster said the female, a Motlow State Community College student, told police that at approximately 7:15 p.m., she was walking through the library lot but later said she was in the Rutherford lot, when the two males approached her, and one of them took hold of her arm.

Peaster said the alleged victim reported she pulled away, fell to the ground and lost consciousness for approximately 30 minutes. When she regained consciousness, she noticed that several of her personal items were missing.

The report was filed after the victim’s father called to report his daughter’s claims. Police were able to talk to her on Monday and again on Tuesday night.

Peaster said MTSU police have yet to identify any suspects in the case.

This case is under investigation by the MTSU Department of Public Safety. Anyone with any information regarding this incident is asked to contact the MTSU Police Department at 615-898-2424.

Senator focuses on education

By MATTHEW HAMMITT
Staff Writer

Sen. Jim Tracy, R-Shelbyville, visited campus Monday to speak about his intents to focus education if successful in his campaign for the seat Rep. Bart Gordon D-Tenn., 6th district, plans to relinquish in the U.S. Congress.

“You can never put enough money into education,” Tracy said.

Tracy, who has served in the state senate since 2004, is running in the Republican primary race for a chance to compete for the 6th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives general election, which is scheduled for November.

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Restructuring continues

Numerous colleges begin preparing proposals for tentative university revamp

By ROZALIND RUTH
Community News Editor

With the deadline to submit ideas to the provost’s office approaching, colleges have been brainstorming how to make changes concerning their own institutions, and departments have been offered the chance to provide suggestions on how to facilitate the

impending restructuring

Diane Miller, interim executive vice president and provost of MTSU, plans to give a proposal suggesting how changes should be made to fulfill requirements for college restructuring, and has asked that faculty, staff and students voice their ideas.

“They have been asked to review the various points in the president’s report, to par-

ticipate fully in groups or committees that are organized to discuss the points of the report and then to make recommendations either through committees or whatever representation they have in the process,” Miller said.

Miller said that the decision of how colleges organize personnel to submit ideas was left to the college faculty members, but groups of all sizes have met with Miller’s office and more are welcome to provide input about the Positioning the University for the Future Initiative.

RESTRUCTURING, PAGE 3

Raiders take the ‘ice’

Student programming brings ice skating rink to campus

By TAYLOR HIXSON
Staff Writer

MTSU Student Programming brought a faux ice-skating rink Monday night to the James Union Building, allowing students a chance to ice-skate for free.

The rink, which was rented through Artificial Ice Events, was made of several pieces of a cutting-board-type of plastic that fit together like a jigsaw puzzle and was coated with a special lubricant to simulate the same speed and glide of real ice.

Greg Feiling, coordinator for MTSU Student Programming, said student programming chose to do the ice rink event because of its novel appeal and because students often do not have an opportunity to ice skate in the area.

“Student programming events allow students to have a release on campus, instead of going to a bar and drinking themselves silly,” Feiling said.

Ten minutes before the event was scheduled to begin, the lobby of the JUB was packed with more than 450 students, many with their own skates, waiting to skate on the 40-by-20-foot ice rink, which was constructed and put together in the Tennessee Ballroom.

Katie Smith, freshman mass communication major, said she does not usually come to events sponsored by student programming, but that this event caught her attention.

“This is something different, and not a lot of people get to do this,” Smith said.

Jessie Bailey, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga college student, said she

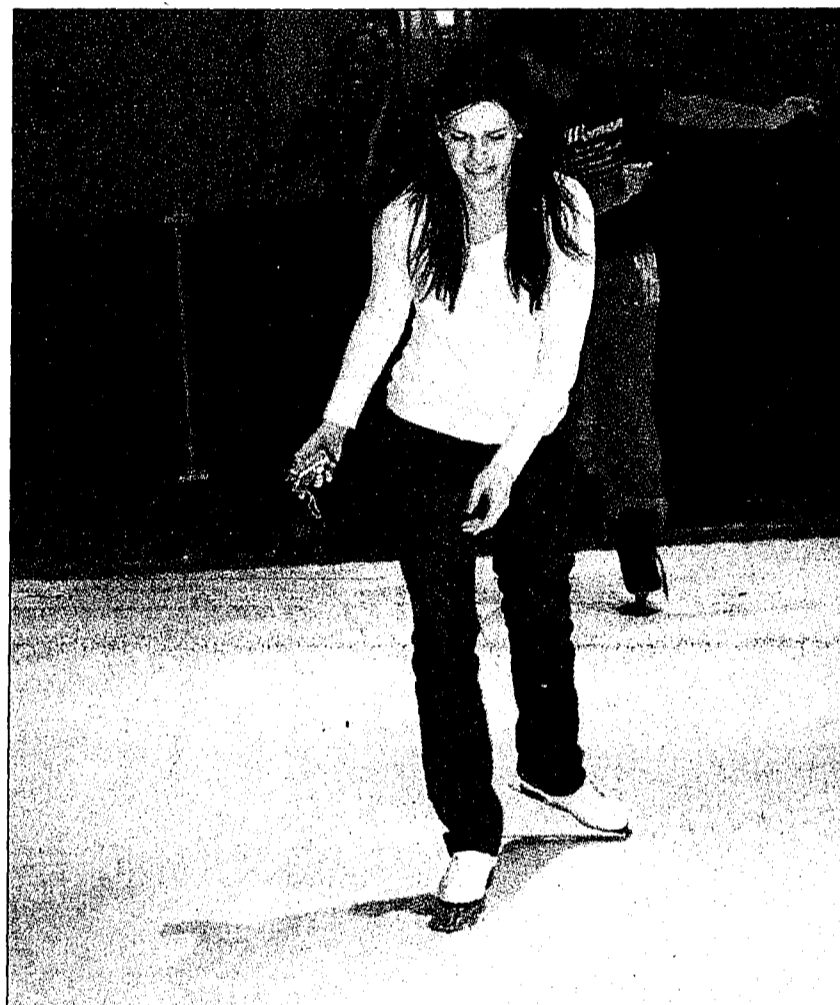


Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
Caitlin Queen, sophomore education and behavioral science major, skates on the faux ice rink in the James Union Building on Monday night.

heard about the event through a friend and came see Beat Repeat, but she was a little wary of the ice-skating rink.

“It looks kind of scary,” Bailey said.

Beat Repeat, a local dubstep electronica group, served as disc jockeys for the evening, providing music for

the students to dance and skate to.

Katelynne Jones, sophomore basic and applied sciences major and resident assistant at Womack Lane, said she was glad MTSU was using the student activity fees for something cool.

“As much as I like inflatables in

front of the [Keathley University Center], this is way more interesting,” Jones said.

Ice-skaters were required to sign a waiver before getting on the ice, and numerous people stood along the barrier to watch and laugh at the ones that fell.

Ryan Hug, senior mass communication major and concert committee chair for MTSU Student Programming, said student programming did not know how popular ice-skating would be, and next time they would try to accommodate more people.

Feiling said that larger events, like the ice-skating rink, happen a couple of times a month, but student programming has something going on almost every day.

He said the total cost for the artificial ice rink, light production and DJs cost more than \$4,000, which was paid with using student activity fees.

Gene Fitch, associate vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Student Life, said that without the student activity fee events like Up ‘til Dawn, MTSU Homecoming and movies on campus would not be able to take place. He said the student activity fee, is designed to entertain students with activities other than just going to class.

“Who says you can’t have fun also,” Fitch said.

Brion Dixon, sophomore mass communications major, said she was not going to the event, but did not mind the fee going towards it.

“Other people can have fun on my dime,” Dixon said.



Photo by Sarah Pinchum, staff photographer
Jacob Whittenburg, (from the left) Brandon Batts, Brandon Thomas and Samantha Nichols talk to students during the executive officer debate on Monday.

Candidates debate for upcoming election

By MARIE KEMPH
Campus News Editor

Student Government Association candidates campaigning for executive officer positions introduced what their goals and initiatives would be to improve student life on campus during a debate Monday night.

The SGA elections officially began last week, and candidates are competing for executive positions for the 2010-2011 academic year.

While roughly 50 students attended the debate, Debra Sells, vice president for Student Affairs and

vice provost for Enrollment and Academic Services, said she hoped more people would have attended the annual debate session as the SGA represents the voice of the students.

“I am confident that one of these years this auditorium will be filled with students,” Sells said. “Every student needs to come out and hear what it is that the candidates that they are considering has to say.”

Incumbent SGA President Brandon McNary said it felt strange to sit in the audience as a spectator.

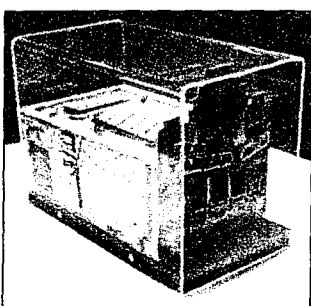
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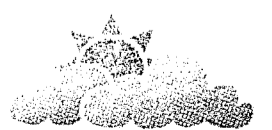


Senior Kent Bulle guides MT men’s golf to a respectable finish Tuesday.

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THURSDAY FORECAST



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Honors fraternity produces 'The Curious Savage'

STAFF REPORT

Alpha Psi Omega, the dramatic arts honors fraternity, is set to open its production of John Patrick's "The Curious Savage" tonight at 7:30.

David McQuiston, senior theater major and director of the production,

said the play is an outlandish comedy that he hope will be the best two hours of the audiences' semester.

"It is a wide range of characters that are always bringing something new to the story," McQuiston said. "I just want to get some good laughs."

McQuiston said the show is about a little old lady, Mrs. Savage, who

has inherited a large sum of money. Her children then place her in a rest home in order to find the spot where she hid the money.

"Getting to play the crazy old lady is just fantastic," said Stephanie Freeman, senior theater major who is playing Mrs. Savage. "I think this comedy is very family based, but it

has a lot of sentimental humor, and hopefully you'll leave with a little tear in your eye – or a smile."

This production marks a major moment for the director. McQuiston said The Curious Savage was the first play that he ever worked on – and is the reason he became a theater major.


Freeman said her moment on the stage is also special for her. She recently transferred to MTSU from the University of Alabama to pursue her dreams in theater.

"The Curious Savage" is scheduled for performances through Saturday, curtain for each performance is set for 7:30 p.m.


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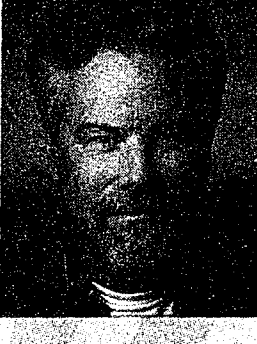
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Students turned down for final three

By ALEX MOORMAN
 Editor-in-chief

The two MTSU students who were selected as semifinalists in the mtvU Oscars Red Carpet Correspondent Contest did not make it into the final three but said they are happy to have had the experience.

"I would not change anything we did," Nicki DeCroce, junior EMC major, said. "It is always better to stand out than to do what everybody else is doing."

The semifinalists, DeCroce and Tony Holt, senior EMC major, video was judged based on votes cast by registered MTV.com members, according to the contest's rules of entry.

"I don't think they did it based on votes, otherwise I think the boy who stripped down to his underwear would have won," DeCroce said.

The winners of the contest were set to be given a chance to report live from the 82nd annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles, on March 7.

"I think the academy wanted to hear from people that stated their credentials instead of people who took a more creative approach, like we did," DeCroce said.

Students from colleges and universities from across the country en-



Photo courtesy of MTTV
 Tony Holt and Nicki DeCroce, both members of MTTV, were chosen in the top 10 by mtvU for their Oscars Red Carpet Correspondent Contest but were not chosen in the final three.

tered the competition, and only 10 teams reached the semifinals.

DeCroce said while she was proud they reached the top 10, after seeing the way the university backed them, she wished they could have brought a win to MTSU.

"It's been really good to see the entire university get behind us," Holt said.

The official contest rules require a team of two college students to produce a two-minute video showing why they would be the best candidates to represent their college and community on the red carpet.

"I don't know what [the judges] wanted, but I think they wanted something before they even had the com-

petition and we obviously didn't do it," DeCroce said. "It was a good experience though, even though we didn't win, we had fun."

DeCroce said that she didn't expect the university to give them so much support but that after the contest, she was really proud to have been from MTSU.

EDUCATION FROM PAGE 1

The lecture was part of the university's political science forum series and allowed attendees to ask questions about issues they were concerned with, in order to learn more about the candidate.

Tracy said he wants to make an effort to bring more funding to MTSU because it has been underfunded for the last few years in comparison to other universities in the state like The University of Memphis or the University of Tennessee.

"MTSU hasn't been funded correctly for a long time," Tracy said.

Tracy said constituents are primarily concerned with two key areas of legislation: the economy and national security. He said he intends to address these issues if elected.

The senator said that the Obama administration's efforts to improve the economy and the use of stimulus funds, as one-time money to pay recurring costs.

"The stimulus plan was done totally wrong," Tracy said.

Tracy said that the best way to revive the nation's struggling economy is to get government out of the way of small businesses.

He said he advocated cutting taxes for small-business owners and reducing government regulations on small businesses, which would create jobs and allow the free market to improve the economy.

Tracy said he thought it is a good idea to reform the cost of health care, and said the socialization of health care was not in the best interest of citizens.

"I don't care what poll you look at," Tracy said. "The majority of people are against government takeover of health care."

Tracy said he agrees with measures that would require people who receive aid through government assistance and entitlement programs, such as TennCare, to pass a drug test before receiving benefits.

The lecture was part of the university's political science forum series and allowed political science students and other interested parties to listen to and ask questions of the candidate.

The 6th Congressional District seat is set to be vacated by Rep. Bart Gordon, who has held the seat since 1985 and has announced his retirement following the end of his current term.

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A complainant reported that a cell phone was stolen from the building.

Feb. 20, 1:45 a.m.

Alcohol
Alumni Drive
Brandon W. Smith, 20, was issued a state citation for underage consumption of alcohol and violation of the open container law.

Feb. 20, 1:45 a.m.

Alcohol
Alumni Drive
Rodney R. Phillips, 20, was issued a state citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

Feb. 20, 2:36 a.m.

Alcohol
Alumni Drive
Benjamin L. Bass, 18, was arrested and charged with his first offense of driving under the influence and violation of the implied consent law.

Feb. 20, 3:21 p.m.

Traffic
Recreation Center Parking
A complainant reported their Nissan Pathfinder was involved in a hit and run accident in the parking lot.

Feb. 20, 9:11 p.m.

Disorderly Conduct
Murphy Center
A complainant reported a fight in the Hall of Fame parking lot.

Feb. 21, 12:28 a.m.

Warrant
Blue Raider Drive
Brandon Antron Dubose, 23, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court and issued a citation for financial responsibility.

Feb. 21, 2:54 a.m.

Alcohol
Davis' Market, East Main Street
Gatlin Joseph Brown, 19, was issued a citation for underage consumption of alcohol and violation of the open container law.
Victoria Greer Stephens, 20, was issued a citation for underage consumption of alcohol.
Andrew Dale Moore, 20, was issued a citation for underage consumption of alcohol.

ELECTION FROM PAGE 1

"For me, it's bittersweet," McNary said. "I'm graduating, and I'm leaving a place that I love."

McNary said that although the number of students who voted in last year's SGA elections shattered previous records, he hopes this year will be even better.

"Everybody's voice deserves to be heard," McNary said. "If you're voice isn't heard - then it's like the presidential election - if you don't vote then don't complain."

Candidates running for student body president are: Samantha Nichols, senior organizational communications major; Brandon Thomas, sophomore political science major; Brandon Batts, senior recreation administration and business management major; and Jacob Wittenberg, junior philosophy major.

All four candidates currently serve as senators.

"I have a passion for serving students,

and it's something I want to continue doing," said Sen. Thomas of the College of Liberal Arts. "I also want to prove that the SGA is not Greek oriented."

Sen. Nichols of the College of Liberal Arts said that although school administrators have the final say in making decisions about issues that directly affect students, they should still be involved with as much of the process as possible.

"I want to put the students first," Nichols said. "I know that Brandon McNary has done an amazing job, but I think that I can do an even better job."

Sen. Wittenberg of the College of Liberal Arts said that many students have felt alienated from the SGA ever since the "Vote Yes" campaign for the All Access Campus Improvement Plan, and if elected, he would do as much as possible to fix the situation.

Read the full story with pictures from the event online at MTSUSIDELINES.COM

CURRENT EVENTS

Free Legal Clinic

Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.
Location: June Anderson Women's Center
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Seussical the Musical

Feb. 26 and 27, March 5 and 6, 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 28, 2 p.m.
Location: The Arts Center of Cannon County
Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 students

Three Blind Wines

Feb. 26
Location: The Factory at Franklin, Jamison Hall
Admission: \$25 per person, 21 and up

Intercollegiate Horse Show

Feb. 26 through 28
Location: Tennessee Miller Coliseum

Gospel Music Extravaganza Benefit Program

Feb. 28, 8 to 10 a.m.
Location: Alumni Memorial Gym
Admission: free

Red Cross Blood Drive

March 1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Location: KUC Room 322

Lecture: Gloria Steinem

March 2, 4:30 p.m.
Location: James Union Building, Tennessee Ballroom
Admission: free

MTSU Lady Raiders and United Way benefit for United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties

March 2, 6 to 8 p.m.
Location: Toot's
Admission: free

SGA Elections:

March 2 through 4

American College Dance Festival Southeast Conference

March 7 through 9, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Various campus locations

Community Celebration of United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties

March 9, 11:30 a.m.
Location: World Outreach Church
Admission: \$10
R.S.V.P. required by Feb. 25

Events Policy

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Upcoming Events!

- black history celebration Tues. Feb. 2 Lunch @ McCallie
- super bowl pregame Thur. Feb. 4 Lunch @ JUB
- cheesburger in paradise Tues. Feb. 9 Dinner @ JUB
- valentine's celebration Thur. Feb. 11 PREMIUM Dinner @ McCallie
- fat tuesday Tues. Feb. 16 PREMIUM Dinner @ McCallie
- february birthday Wed. Feb. 17 Lunch and Dinner @ McCallie and JUB
- macho nacho Thur. Feb. 18 Lunch @ JUB
- root beer floats Tues. Feb. 23 Dinner @ JUB
- jazz brunch Thur. Feb. 25 Lunch @ McCallie

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RESTRUCTURING FROM PAGE 1

"I have been having conversations with individuals, small groups and large groups, including departments and whole colleges," Miller said.

Miller said she had asked individuals and groups who wanted to participate in the decision-making process to meet with her in February, so that she can submit the finalized suggestions to the president by the end of March.

"I certainly cannot complain about the chance that we've had to voice our opinions," said Mark Byrnes, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

"There have been plenty of opportunities to give feedback."

Byrnes said that the liberal arts committee comprises a combination of department chairs, faculty and staff members, and it is working to prepare a report for Miller's office.

"The provost has been quite open, she's had all sorts of meetings with individual faculty and entire departments," Byrnes said. "I think everybody who's wanted a chance to say what they think about this has had the opportunity to do so."

In addition, Byrnes said, the College of Liberal Arts invited its faculty and staff to participate in an online survey, and that those results would be included in the committee's final report.

THROUGH THE SIDELINES LENS

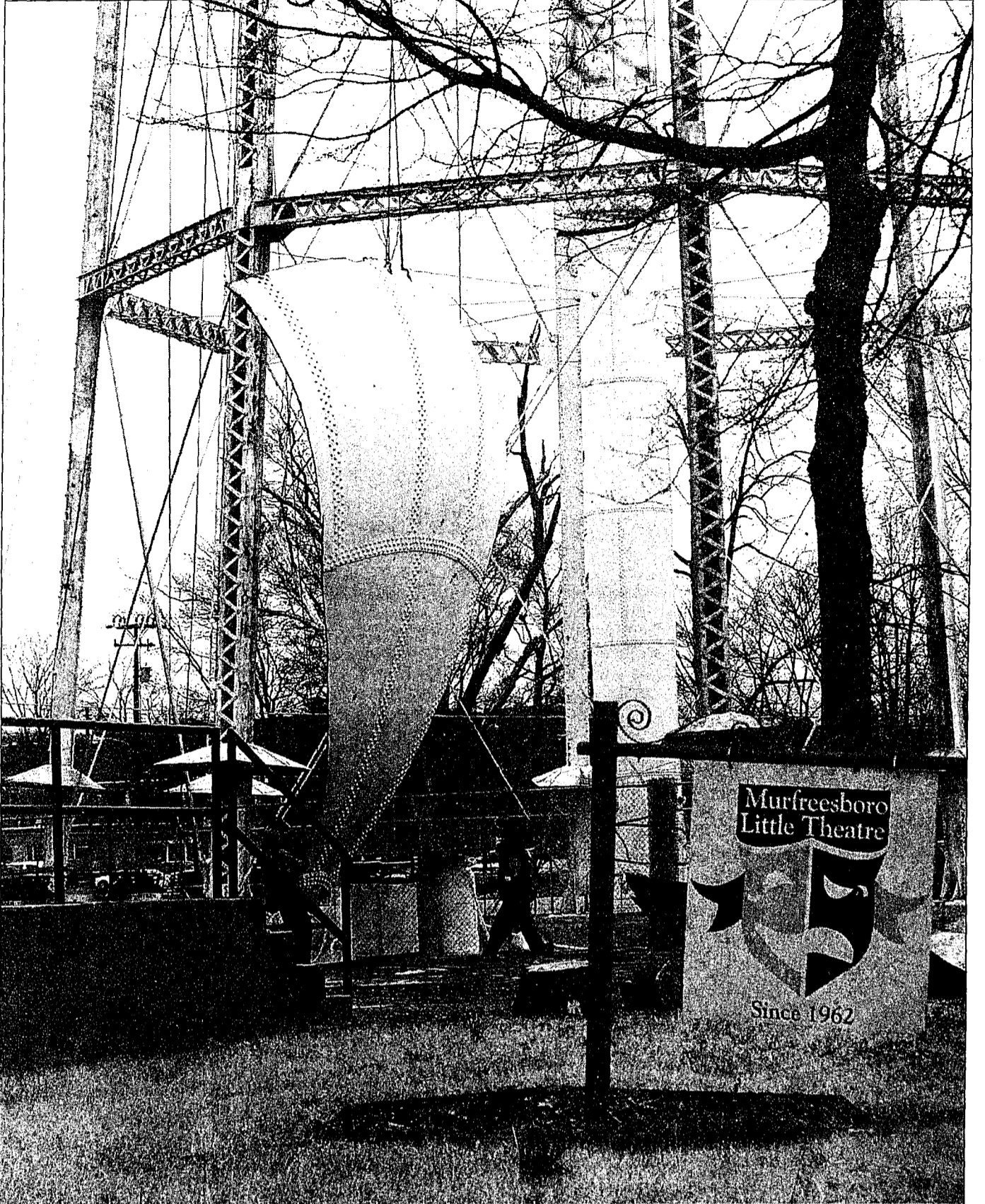


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Murfreesboro crews work on tearing down the water tower in between Ewing Boulevard and Bell Street on Tuesday.

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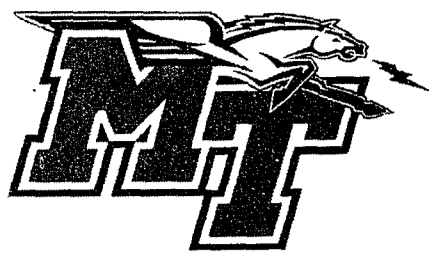
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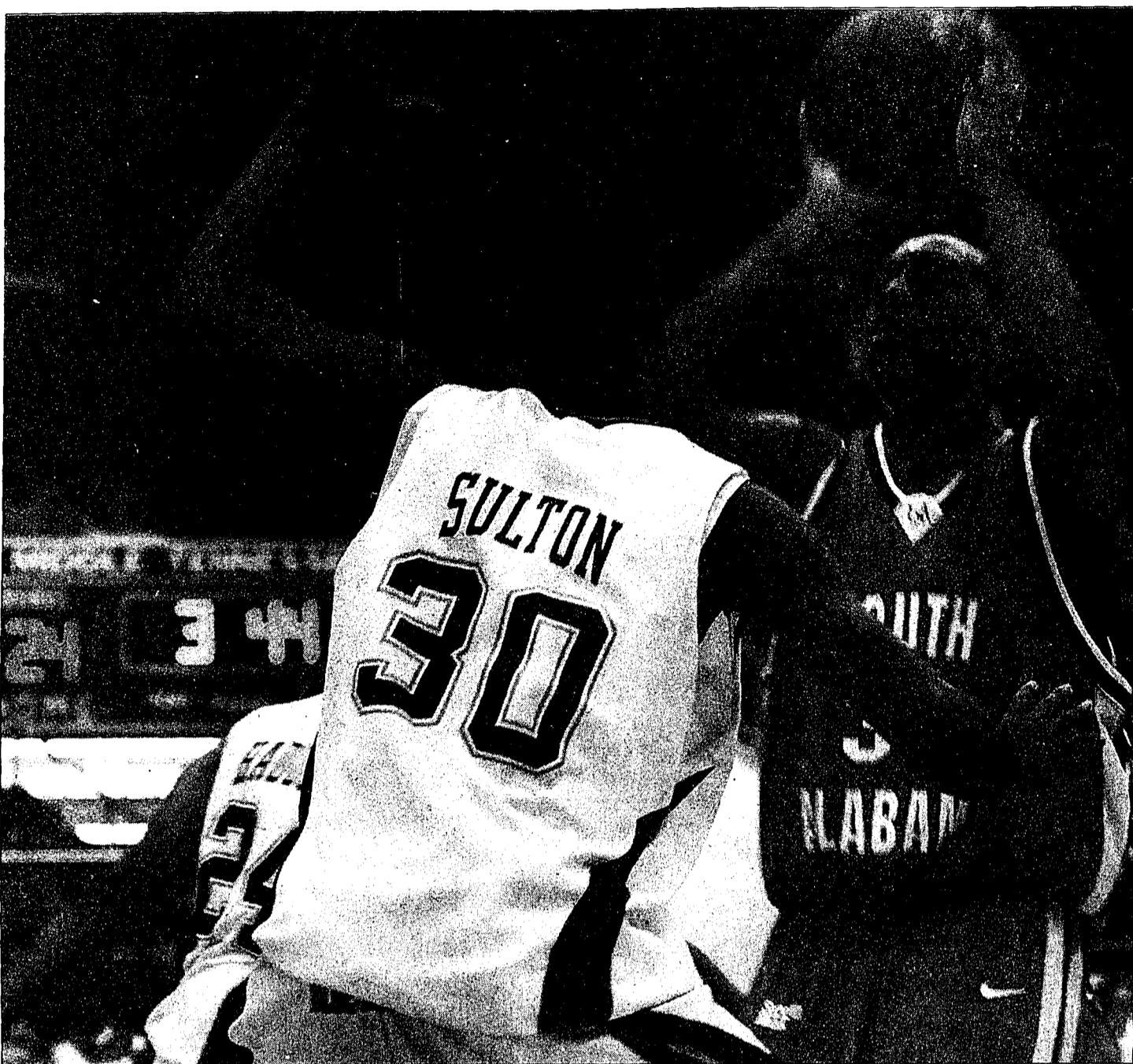


Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor

MT's freshman forward J.T. Sulton blocks the Jaguars freshman forward Javier Carter shot in the Murphy Center last Saturday.

Sun Belt championship on the line in Blue Raiders' final games

By JACOB WELLS
Staff Writer

MT heads to South Florida Thursday to face a struggling FIU squad.

Losers of six straight, FIU and head coach Isaiah Thomas are looking to play the role of spoiler as MT works toward its first regular season conference championship.

The Blue Raiders (16-11, 11-5 SBC) are involved in a three-way tie for the regular season crown with Troy University (16-11, 11-5) and the University of North Texas (19-8, 11-5 SBC).

With only two games left in the season, MT will likely have to win both of them in order to have a chance at the automatic birth in the National Invitational Tournament, which is awarded to the Sun Belt Conference regular season champion.

Troy has won three straight, including a win over MT last Thursday night. North Texas is on a six-game winning streak as it sits on top of the West Division of the Sun Belt.

Western Kentucky, Flori-

da Atlantic, Arkansas State and Louisiana-Lafayette are all still in the chase for the championship as well. All four teams are 10-6 in the conference, putting them only one game behind MT, Troy and North Texas.

MT is coming off of an 81-54 win over South Alabama on Senior Night Saturday night at Murphy Center. Senior forward Desmond "Boogie" Yates was a non-factor, scoring only five points and collecting two rebounds in 15 minutes of action due to early foul trouble.

MT's bench was critical in the win, however, outscoring the Jaguars bench 43-5. Senior Calvin O'Neil led MT in scoring with 15 while senior Montarrio Haddock added 14 points and seven rebounds.

Junior Tim Williams led USA (15-14, 7-10) in scoring with 17 points.

FIU fell 77-74 to Florida Atlantic (14-13, 10-6) at home last Thursday. The Golden Panthers were led in scoring by junior Tremayne Russell with 18, while se-



Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor

MT's freshman forward J.T. Sulton attempts to score while being blocked by the Jaguars freshman forward Javier Carter last Saturday.

nior JC Otero contributed 15 points and 16 rebounds in the losing effort.

MT's final game of the season will be played in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., against

Florida Atlantic University on Feb. 27. The Sun Belt Conference Tournament will be played in Hot Springs, Ark. between March 6 and 9.

Preseason critical to Titans' long-term success

We're still nearly two months away from the NFL draft, but in this part of the country that's as good a time as any for pro football offseason talk.

The Tennessee Titans are entering a free agency period that may be one of, if not the most, critical off-seasons the franchise has seen.

Hesitating to call it "rebuilding," the team has serious work to do defensively, with long-time mainstays like Keith Bulluck and Kyle Vanden Bosch having expiring contracts and likely heading into the market. Add Nick Harper, Stephen Tulloch and Tony Brown into the mix, restricted or unrestricted, and you're looking at potentially having to rebuild an entire unit.

Even coming off a season where the team ranked near the bottom of the league in most defensive categories, it would certainly serve the Titans best if they could at least keep some of those guys, especially the RFAs like Tulloch and Brown.

The defensive end position might be replaceable through the draft, as ends like Florida's Carlos Dunlap and USC's Everson



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Griffin being projected to still be around when the Titans pick at No. 16 or 17 in the draft.

It might have been possible to pick up a linebacker in the second round to step in right away should Bulluck's situation not get resolved. Too bad the team doesn't have a pick in the second round.

In Harper's situation, there's at least one option on the table. The San Diego Chargers are reportedly shopping around All-Pro cornerback Antonio Cromartie in an effort to get a running back after releasing future hall of famer LaDainian Tomlinson. It's a long shot, but if there's a way to make that happen, say involving LenDale White and a draft pick, it needs to be seriously considered.

MT golf hits a knockdown

Impressive round lifts women's golf into sixth place

STAFF REPORT

The Blue Raider women's golf team put up its third-best tournament score in history to finish tied for sixth Tuesday at the Kiawah Island Intercollegiate tournament in Kiawah Island, S.C.

MT posted a score of 296 to finish behind the University of Miami, the University of Minnesota, Augusta State University, Oral Roberts University and East Carolina University.

"Everyone stepped up and contributed for the finish," said head coach Chris Adams. "I am very proud of how this young squad played in our first spring tournament, especially with the talent at this event."

Junior Morgan Hale tied her career low in the third round, posting a 2-under-70. She also posted the third-best three-round score in MT history, shooting a 1-under-215. The score was good enough to finish third, and just two strokes off the lead.

Freshman Olivia Love added a 73 in the third round, finishing a 10-over-226. Fellow freshman Stephanie Smith finished with a 12-over-228.

Senior Clara Leathers posted her best score since her sophomore season, shooting a 77 for the day to finish with a 231.

The Blue Raiders return to action March 7 when the team travels to Augusta, Ga., to compete in the Administristaff Lady Jaguar Intercollegiate tournament.

Blue Raider tennis team takes it home

By STEPHEN CURLEY
Sports Editor

on the team, and if they play well, they win," McNamara said.

The Blue Raiders saw similar results later in the day against Tennessee Tech, winning two of three doubles' matches to immediately go up 1-0.

The pair, Peers and Melo, dismantled Tech's pair, junior Josh Girling and freshman Nicholas Stafford, 8-3 while junior Kyle Wishing and sophomore Matthew Langley struggled to an 8-6 victory over the Golden Bears' junior Lloyd Harris and sophomore Alex Chen.

"The doubles were a challenge," McNamara said. "We got ourselves in a situation there where it was closer than it needed to be."

MT followed up the doubles' contests by winning all but one of the singles' matches, highlighted by Peers again handily defeating another No. 1 in Chen. Both sets ended with a score of 6-2.

"John played really well today, and has been playing well for the last three weeks or so," McNamara said. "We need him to keep doing what he's doing."

Sophomore No. 3 Richard Cowden sealed the win for the Blue Raiders in perhaps the most competitive match of the day, narrowly defeating Tech junior Justin Kirstein in two 7-5 sets.

Again only one match made it to a third set, when Langley edged out Harris to end the day's action.

The Blue Raiders will compete again Sunday when the team travels to Vanderbilt University to take on the Commodores.

The Blue Raider men's tennis team swept a doubleheader against Brown University and Tennessee Tech University 5-2 and 6-1, respectively Tuesday, rebounding from a slow start to the season.

The defending Sun Belt Conference champions improved to 3-8 in their first action at home this season.

"The message was just to keep competing and keep fighting," said head coach David McNamara.

The Blue Raiders dominated doubles action against Brown, sweeping all three games 8-5 to earn the point.

Junior John Peers led MT from the No. 1 position, winning a close first set 7-6. The Melbourne, Australia, native then made quick work of Bears senior Nathaniel Gorham in the second set 6-1, improving to 7-2 individually.

"We started off playing top-10 teams right off, so it's really good to see the guys come through and get a few good wins under their belt," Peers said.

The only match of the day to even make it to a third set was sophomore Richard Cowden taking on Bears freshman Timmy Klanke.

Junior Victor Melo continued to impress, rolling to a straight set victory 6-1 and 6-4. The Maringa, Brazil, native has been on a hot streak as of late, winning six matches in a row and earning Sun Belt Player of the Week honors.

"[Peers] and [Melo] are probably the two leaders

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NASA's launch-freeze detrimental to new tech

End of Shuttle Program, Obama's cancelation of Constellation Program will damage innovation



Maker of happenings

Paul Bernardini

Exploration is absolutely the pinnacle step in a country's onward pursuit for developing new technologies, maintaining a distinguished presence on the international stage, and ensuring advancements for the future.

With the recent redirection of NASA, we are hindering the one entity in our government that has repeatedly done good for this country, and it is unsettling to see a public unresponsive and utterly unaware.

Sept. 16, 2010, will mark the final mission for the Space Shuttle Program. After that date, manned space exploration will be non-existent in the U.S.

The last time America sent a person to the moon was in the early '70s. The Constellation Program, which has recently been eliminated by President Barack Obama's 2010 budget, not only held 7,000 jobs for Americans, but was finally going to send man back to the moon

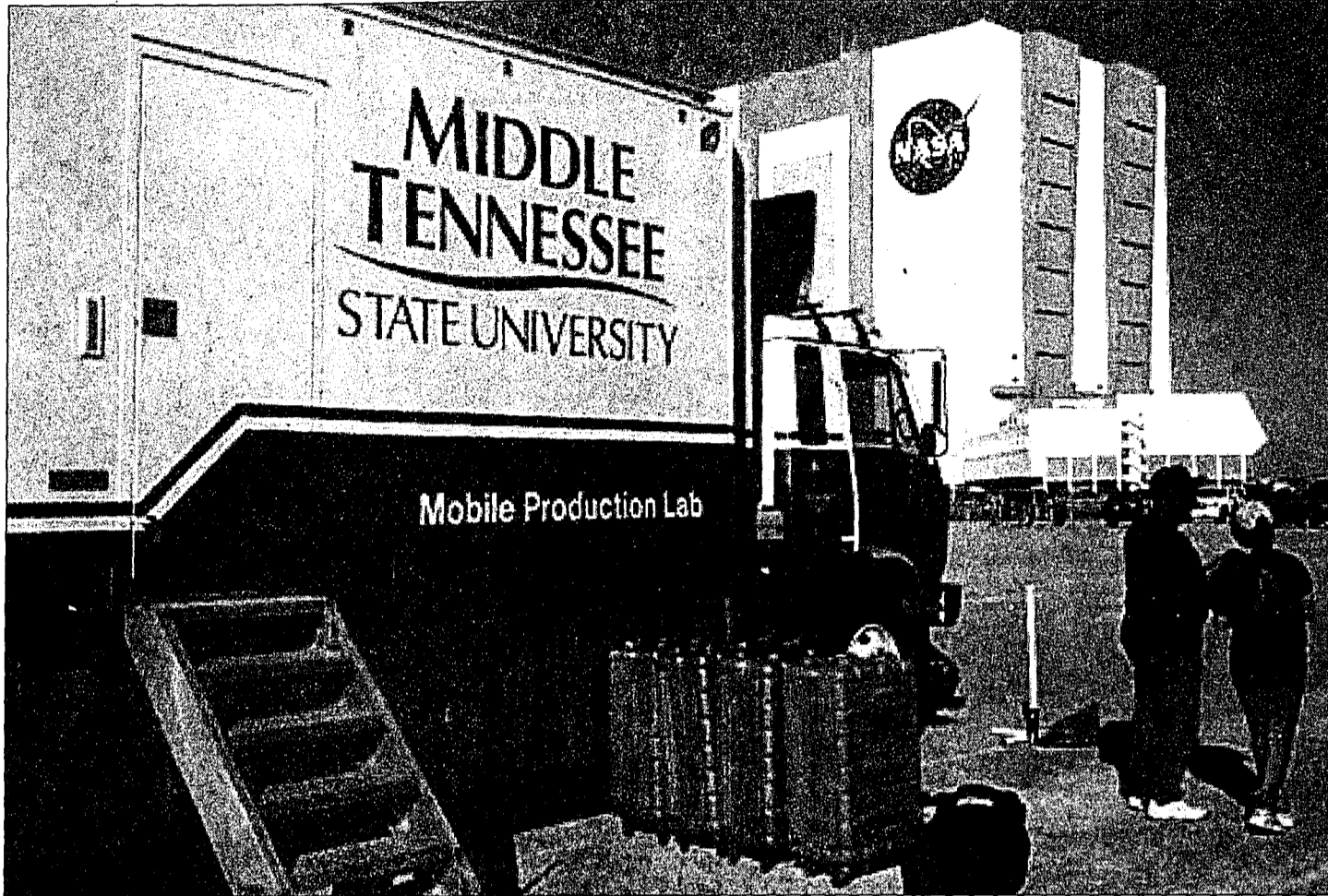


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Mass communication students in last semester's "Remote Teleproductions: Topic NASA" class filmed two separate launches - one of the Aries I-X rocket and another of the shuttle Atlantis - at John F. Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla. Atlantis' launch was the sixth to last for the shuttle program. After the four remaining launches take place, NASA is planning on not sending another person into space for 10 to 15 years.

and beyond.

The government is replacing the program with nothing more than encouraging words for the private sector to take over manned space flights. It's projected under this new legislation that it will be 10 to 15 years until we send another person into orbit, meaning that's 10 to 15 years NASA won't be developing new

technologies, which equate into new jobs, better financial markets and potential life-saving products.

"SpinOff" is a magazine that NASA has been publishing since 1976. The publication sheds light on the 1,400 different products that have been produced for space exploration, and soon thereafter, construc-

tively incorporated into our consumer markets.

Satellites, for instance, have allowed for possibilities of immediate communication throughout the globe, including the technology necessary for cell phones. That's right - the smart phone that some of you are using right now to check what NASA stands for is all thanks to the

National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

NASA has given us - sometimes directly and sometimes indirectly - things such as solar panels, memory foam mattresses, pacemakers, artificial hearts, home-security systems, flat-screen TVs, ultrasound scanners, Velcro, oxygen tanks and the headset you are screaming into

on Xbox-Live.

Forty years before we put a man on the moon, Americans would have thought some of these ideas to be completely preposterous. Now, 40 years later, after accomplishing the seemingly impossible, people have not only stopped caring, but we have a government that has decided to put all further celestial flights to an abrupt halt. Yet, our nation has been reaping the benefits from the programs behind those flights for the past 40 years with dwindling appreciation.

NASA was once an institution that schools would pause classes in order to watch launches. They made headlines daily, and the public was actively involved.

There are only four shuttle launches left in the Space Shuttle Program. I am sure that less than half of the greater public knows when the last one was and certainly doesn't know what is next on NASA's agenda.

Our generation can do a lot, and our capabilities are endless. But without becoming informed on what and who produces many of the products that we deem necessary, and without helping the continuance of these advancements, we will end up slowly entertaining ourselves down a very slippery slope.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sarah Palin living hypocrisy

Man, Sarah Palin sure has changed in the last few years. She now claims to be a tea-bagger who is being paid \$100,000 to tell others not to pay taxes, and it is their duty to not pay them. Yet as mayor, Palin was known as the earmark queen of Alaska. When she left office, she had her town of 6,700 people possessing about \$3,000 each, a total of \$20 million in taxpayer dollars. Do a search on how much debt Palin left her town.

Now she is going to China and Nashville telling people that they need to clean up government and stop paying taxes. She is a joke, one who didn't know her own town's newspaper. And Nashville should be ashamed to have her to come to the city and speak about taxes and government.

She is worse than George W. Bush ever was. He almost took the country into a depression that President Barack Obama is trying to clean up after receiving a balanced budget of more than \$200 million from the Clinton Administration.

-B.E. Meadows, Livingston, Tenn., resident

Vegan options like real thing

Thank you for the feature on the new bakery in Murfreesboro, Get Sconed ("Locals go home, 'Get Sconed,' Sidelines, Feb. 3).

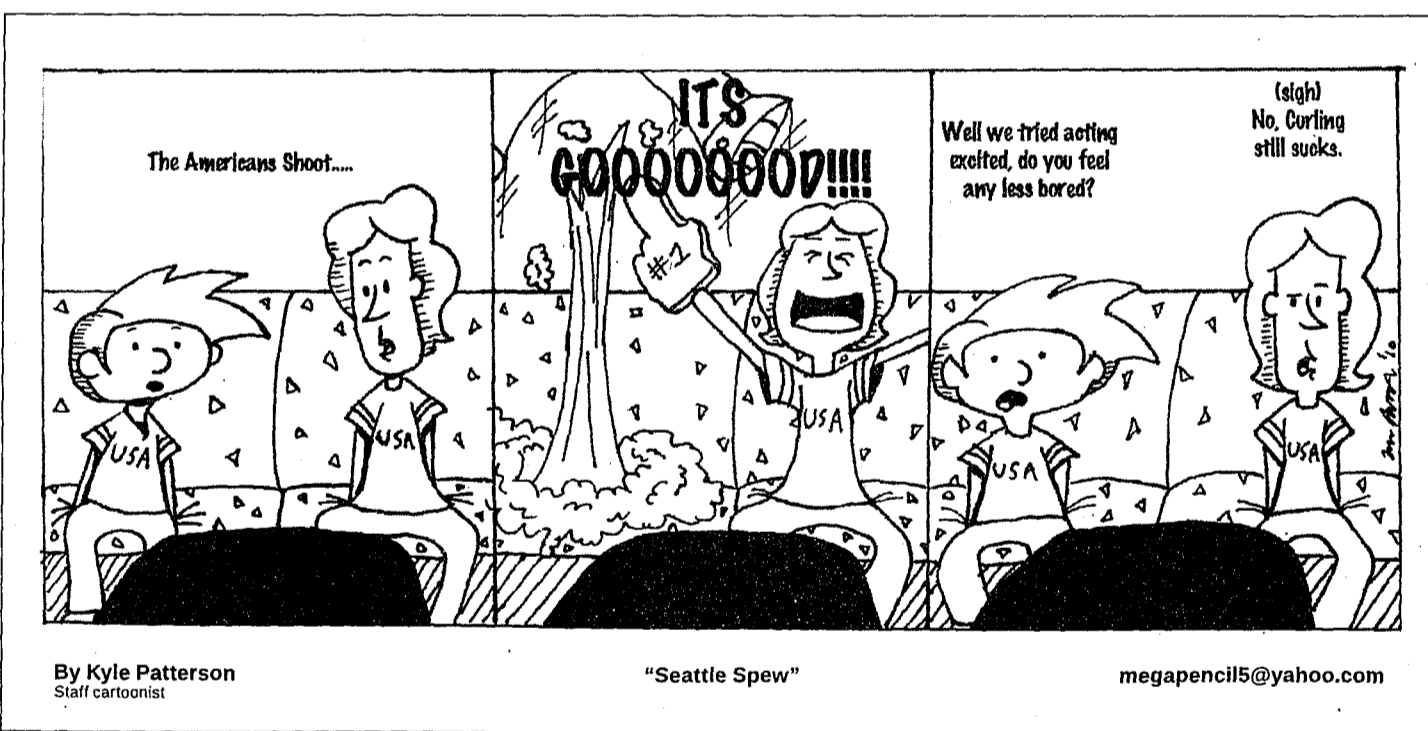
As stated in the article, the restaurant recently started offering a number of different vegan doughnuts, desserts and lunch items. Not only are these new vegan items lower in fat, cholesterol-free, and free of eggs and dairy, but also they taste great.

Regular customers say they taste just like regular doughnuts, and they can't believe they are free of eggs and dairy products.

Now more than ever, it's easier to eat in a way that's better for the animals, the planet and your health. Every year, more than 10 billion land animals are used for food in the U.S. The United Nations has said that, "Livestock's contribution to environmental problems is on a massive scale...The impact is so significant that it needs to be addressed with urgency."

To learn more about a plant-based diet, visit TryVeg.com or check out "Veg Murfreesboro" on Facebook to see a free listing of vegetarian restaurants in Murfreesboro.

-Kenny Torrella, senior recording industry major



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Recent assault raises safety concerns

Security needs to prioritize pedestrian safety over tickets

With a student population as big as MTSU's, crime is going to happen. There's simply no way to prevent it all. One such crime happened on Monday night, as a female visitor to the university's campus was allegedly assaulted and then, while unconscious, had her personal items stolen from her.

The incident happened in the Rutherford Parking Lot. We strongly encourage university planners to look into increasing the lighting in the area, which now only exists on the building's front side. The library is open until midnight on weeknights, so when late-night students emerge from it to walk to their cars, they should be able to do so with more

peace of mind. Another thing that might assist in lowering the crime all over campus, is a re-prioritization of campus police. While we recognize that speed traps on Alumni Drive bring in revenue from tickets, we think that keeping an eye on areas highly trafficked by pedestrians warrants more security than a speed-bump-laden road. Yet another device that can assist in lower crime rates is for students to utilize the free 24-hour police escort system. It's something

that students rarely take advantage of, but it's better to be safe than sorry. To request a police escort, call 615-898-2424. Many students feel secure at the university, as if it were their second home. Incidents like this remind us that we should pay more attention to our surroundings - and take extra precaution. If you have any safety concerns about MTSU's campus that you feel need to be addressed, please let us know by e-mailing slopinio@mtsu.edu.

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Disorders sometimes warrant re-diagnosis

It seems that it has always been the case: People hold interpersonal behaviors to a general standard that their society upholds, and those that do not fit these standards are usually ostracized from whatever society that holds them.

The forms of societal rejection have varied over the course of human history, and it seems that in these modern times, those that do not fit the mold are diagnosed with a psychological condition rather than being banished or subject to witch-hunts.

While it should be said that a lot of the identified conditions and disorders that have resulted from the advancements of psychiatry seem to be supported by scientific empiricism, there still seems to be quite a few that are by-and-large socially constructed and are used as proverbial "diagnostic dustbins" to lump misfits into large, vague categories.

There is one disorder that comes to mind when thinking about such dustbins. Asperger's Syndrome, which is now considered to be a mild variant of autism, varies very little in terms of diagnosis to autism. The only major difference being is those with Asperger's Syndrome should be largely free from any sort of developmental delay or disturbance; this is generally ignored by most professionals.

While most professionals in both academia and in clinical practice view Asperger's Syndrome as being a valid condition, there is actually little research to support its existence; the research that does exist seems to gradually contradict itself as one compares the results of the articles that were published prior to the turn of the millennium to those published close to present day.

No common brain abnormalities or genetic markers can be found among those that have been diagnosed, despite earlier research claiming that males with the condition have larger heads than average. But this could perhaps be compared to the once-widely-held, now-debunked belief that schizophrenics have smaller heads than average.

Behaviors also vary widely among the population to the point where there really is no typical clinical profile. A person with Asperger's Syndrome could range from being a very bright yet extremely shy young boy, to a dull, disruptive student who touches people inappropriately, to an adolescent who actually does have normal interpersonal insight and yet still acts very socially inappropriate due to a subtle, untreated



An outlier's voice

Guy Anderson

form of psychosis.

Basically, the only real common trend that you find among those that are diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome is that they are moderately to severely socially awkward, which probably supports the idea that it really is just a category used to identify those who do not fit into society.

An interesting and important thing to note is that there really isn't any sort of therapy or medication used to directly treat Asperger's Syndrome. Those who are diagnosed with this condition are generally subject to treatment directed towards their comorbid problems, such as anxiety and ADHD, which is another disorder that could very well be considered a social construct, but I'll leave it alone for now.

Since all sorts of individuals with differing problems can get diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, the neurological diversity that would be generated from it would ensure that there really wouldn't be any effective, specific form of treatment for the supposed condition.

While anti-depressants may greatly help one diagnosed individual with their mood swings and anxiety, it could very well make another diagnosed individual chronically drowsy and pre-diabetic. Atypical anti-psychotics could have the converse effect for both individuals.

One has to ask oneself, what is really the point of all of this? Why should people recognize the existence of a certain condition when there is no typical psychological profile, no features or characteristics binding the diagnosed population together, and no specific, proven method of treatment?

Perhaps it is because treatment isn't the point; maybe the very purpose of such conditions is to identify the societal misfits, segregate them and leave it at that. Or if you think that is just being just a teensy bit paranoid, it still isn't solving anything for the individuals who have to go through this ordeal.

From this, it could be said that perhaps professionals and laypeople alike should re-evaluate the importance of such disorders, as well as fully acknowledge that treating psychiatry as a way to identify and label the odd ones out is probably more trouble than it is worth.

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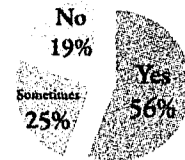
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Not just for the faint of 'art'

Warhol and others leave impression in Todd Art Gallery

By QUINTIN PARKER
Contributing writer

I'm standing in front of Andy Warhol's silkscreen depiction of Albert Einstein. I'm not in New York City at the Museum of Modern Art, nor am I at New York's acclaimed Metropolitan Museum of Art. I'm in MTSU's Todd Art Gallery.

Currently on display at the Todd Art Gallery is an exhibit called "Prints" that not only shows the intricacies and variations in different styles of printmaking, but also shows different artists' takes on these styles. Pieces by everyone from Warhol to Rembrandt can currently be found hanging on the gallery walls.

Christie Nuell, a faculty member in the art department, is the exhibit's curator.

"This is probably the first time Rembrandt's ever been on campus," Nuell jokes, as she speaks fondly of the show.

Nuell is not only overseeing the exhibition, but she is also the primary organizer of the whole event. Both an artist and art enthusiast herself, she contacted numerous art collectors, the majority of whom are from the Middle Tennessee area. However, art collectors weren't the only ones to contribute works to the show.

Mark Hosford, a printmaking professor at Vanderbilt, contributed one of his own works to the show. Hosford has garnered national attention for his screenprint style. While imaginative and almost childlike, the pieces he produces have an underlying dark quality about them.

"He's really an outstanding artist," Nuell says of Hosford. "So I really wanted to include him in the show; I contacted him, and he was

more than happy to oblige."

The only collector Nuell contacted outside of the Middle Tennessee region was Bill Hesterberg, who lives in Chicago. Hesterberg provided several original wood engravings by famed wood engraver and ornithologist Thomas Bewick.

"Bill owns a small press in his basement," Nuell says. "He's an avid Thomas Bewick collector, and it was incredibly gracious of him to send us these engravings."

In addition to the Bewick engravings and the Rembrandt and Warhol prints, gallery-goers can also view remarkable works by famed artists such as Manet and Renoir.

Needless to say, the exhibit has been well-received by students.

"It's nice to see that students are responding so well to the show," Nuell says. "When you do a show like this, you never really know if people are going to get it."

Nathan Henris, junior graphic design major, is one of many students thrilled about the print show.

"I think it's a very good representation of printmaking," Henris says. "It's got a great variety of pieces that range from lithography to etching to silkscreen."

Henris also expressed his thoughts on how he, as a graphic designer, is going to be affected by the exhibit.

"In terms of graphic design, looking at printmaking like this helps you come up with a good compositional mode," Henris says. "It's nice to see the hand-made quality, and the work that goes into it."

While graphic design and art students are likely to be strongly affected by a show of such magnitude, they aren't the only ones who can appreciate or enjoy it.



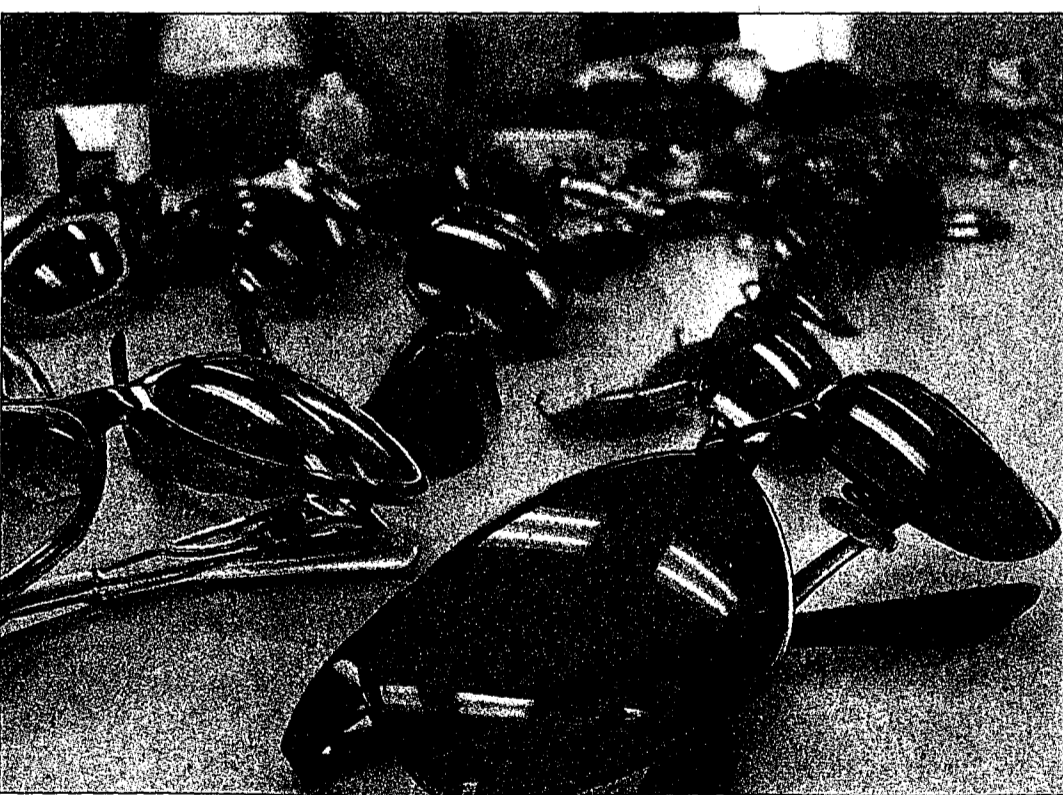
Photos by Jillian Dixon, contributing photographer

Students explore the Todd Art Gallery's "Prints" exhibit, which highlights local and a few national printmakers work. Of the prints seen below is a print of Andy Warhol's silkscreen depiction of Albert Einstein.

Michael Clapper, sophomore nutrition major, was overwhelmed by the exhibition and recommends that students of all concentrations come by to see it.

"I'm not an art student," Clapper says. "But it's incredible to see all of these artists that I've always heard about right in front of me; you can go to the art museums and see them, but to have such easy access to them is mind blowing to me."

The show is open and scheduled to run through March 4. Even those who don't enjoy art will appreciate being in the same room as some of the great artists your high school art teachers talked endlessly about.



Photos by Emma Egli, features editor
Some items that are available in the lost and found sale include sunglasses and flash drives, but many other items can also be purchased, including cell phones and clothing.

Finder's Keepers

Lost and found sale reveals unclaimed treasures, goods

By EMMA EGLI
Features editor

Standing in front of an endless sea of flash drives, I wonder if the previous owners have ever given much thought to the fact that their \$15 2GB storage device they carelessly left in the library might be sold in the future for 50 cents.

This ugly green knit hat could have been someone's favorite winter accessory, but it's now laying in a pile with about 20 others. Tables are full of forgotten items like these, all part of Student Union's annual lost and found sale in the Keathley University Center.

"This is something that we do every year because we have so much stuff and we need to get rid of it," says Jennifer Kirk, assistant director of student unions and programming. "All the stuff we sell here has been in the lost and found for nine months."

So these items have been sitting in the elusive lost and found room, unclaimed and unloved for months. Their owners have made no attempt to claim them, and the student workers have had no luck contacting them either.

"Most of the stuff here is stuff we don't have con-

tact information for," Kirk says. "With things like flash drives, we try to find the student's information so we can e-mail or call them."

I can understand why a student wouldn't go out of their way to find their missing pair of cheap sunglasses, but surveying the room, I see other items of relative value.

"The announcement on Pipeline mentioned cell phones," says Kristina Casterline, a graduate student. "I was definitely drawn to that."

Items of significant worth are kept in a safe somewhere in the KUC, the location of which Kirk wouldn't divulge.

"Everything is kept locked in the safe and only my students have special I.D. access to it," Kirk says.

I asked Kirk if the rumor I had heard of someone purchasing an iPhone last year for \$5 was true.

"Oh I don't doubt it," Kirk says with a grin.

She then surveys the room and asks, "Did we sell that Playstation yet?"

How someone misplaces a normally \$130 game console and then makes no effort to locate it is beyond my comprehension, but I guess the phrase "finder's keepers" now applies.

"It came in a suitcase with a bunch of other stuff," Kirk says, responding to my puzzled look, "including brand new clothes and underwear."

While Casterline peruses around the tables of jewelry, calculators and coats, she tells me "this is making me want to make a trip down to Scottsboro."

You know when you are waiting at the baggage claim carousel and that lone tattered bag makes it around numerous times, yet no one ever claims it? You almost feel sorry for it, wondering what will happen to this poor orphaned piece of luggage and all its contents. The Unclaimed Baggage Center of Luggage in Scottsboro, Ala., is the answer to this question.

With the same concept as the lost and found sale at the KUC, the center takes the "finder's keepers" concept to a much grander scale.

The store advertises that "if searching for bargains is your passion and the thrill of discovering a one-of-a-kind treasure makes your heart race, come on a shopping adventure like no other."

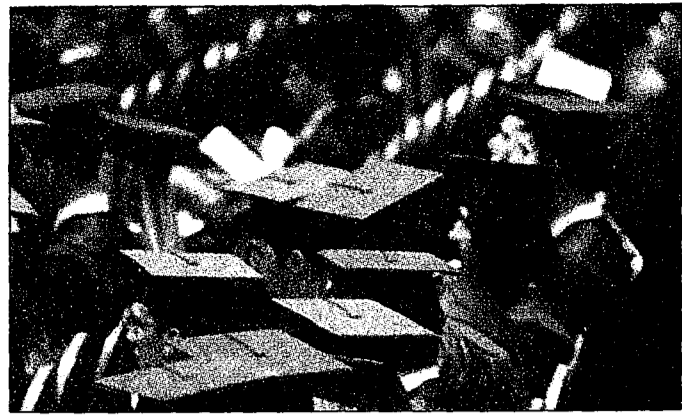


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MTSU's professors give students encouragement for their future in both life and education.

Words from the Wisest

MTSU professors give advice on student's earning education

By CAROLYN JONES
Contributing Writer

Wise, scholarly, worldly, sophisticated, versed, geeky, difficult and heartless – these words might describe how students think of college professors. But whether you see your professor as a mentor or as a pain in the neck, most of them offer more than just PowerPoint slides; they offer valuable advice.

Louis Haas, an MTSU history professor, is an animated man full of stories. His boisterous tales that mix America's history with his personal anecdotes often interrupt the syllabus.

He received his bachelor's in history in 1980 from the University of Southern Indiana – the first in his family to go to college – and when he decided to pursue his education further by going to graduate school, he sought out the advice of his professors.

When he asked one of them how to be successful in graduate school, she gave him the best advice he had ever received in college – tenacity.

"At the time, I thought that was the most dumb-ass thing anyone could have said," Haas says. "But in retrospect, I realize it was quite profound."

He soon realized after starting graduate school at Ohio State University that endeavor was something that takes more fight and hard work than intelligence. By taking the advice of his professor and being tenacious, he was able to compete with and even surpass the "brainiacs" from Cornell and Yale.

To today's students, Haas advises that school be taken seriously.

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'Crazy Heart' a song you can not stop humming

LIGHTNING RATING SYSTEM

4/5 Bolts

Ranking based on the review below. Contact Matthew Hammitt at mch2m@mtsu.edu for comments or further information.

By MATTHEW HAMMITT
Staff Writer

"Crazy Heart" is an engaging and rewarding effort from first-time director and screenwriter Scott Cooper, who demonstrates a restraint in execution many directors never develop.

It's a film with an excellent soundtrack, most of which was crafted specifically for the movie. It's a film filled with solid performances from veteran actors like Robert Duvall, Maggie Gyllenhaal, and Colin Farrell. And yet, for all of the impressive building materials employed in the construction of the film, credit for its success begins and ends with Jeff Bridges.

Jeff Bridges is an actor. He's neither an impressionist nor a showman. His performances are not distractingly quirky or self-aggrandizing. He does

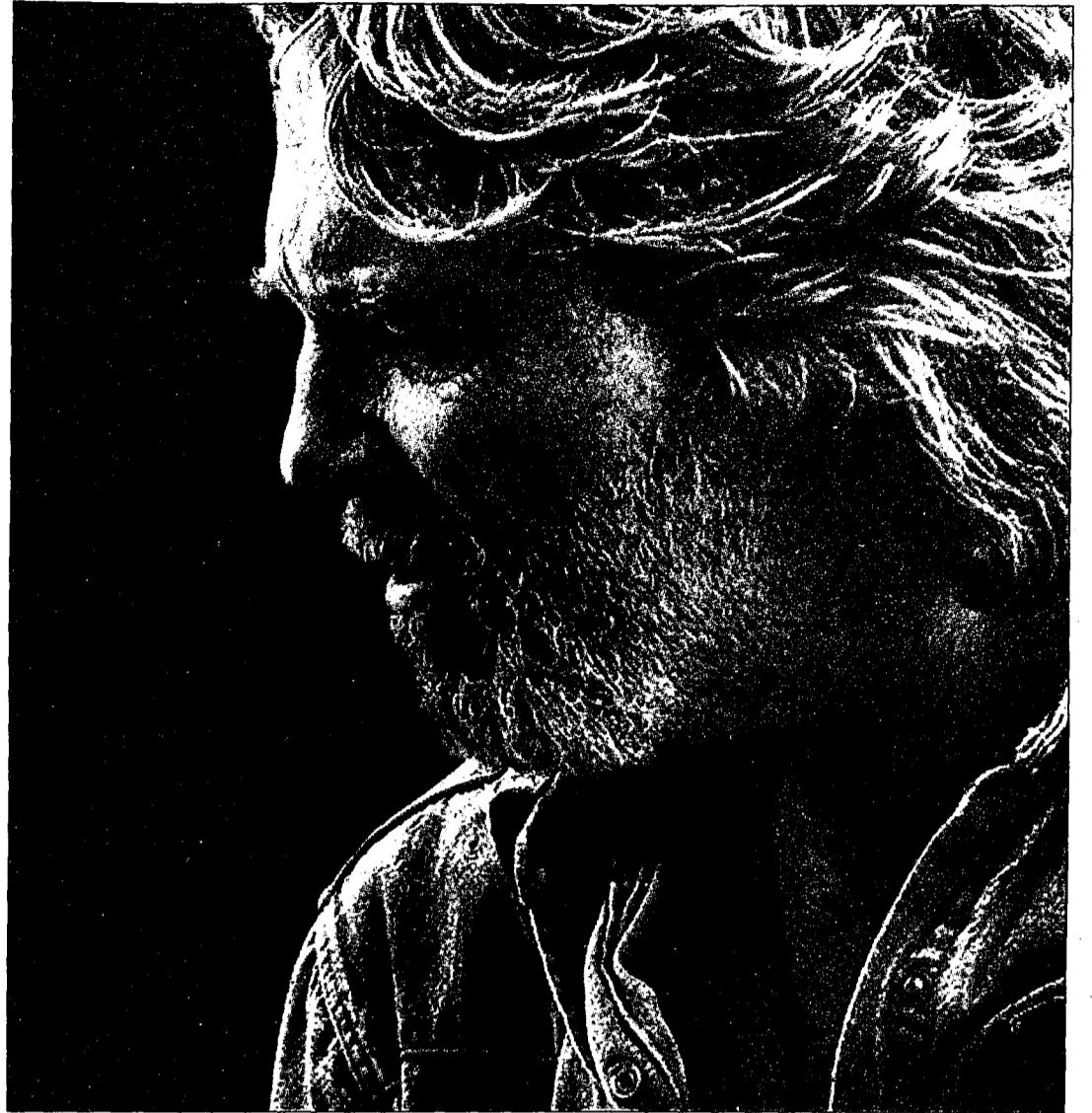


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not execute his roles with a wink, a nod or an unspoken acknowledgment of his own talent. He isn't an actor you could believably accuse of pandering to award voters.

In "Crazy Heart," Jeff Bridges delivers a performance becoming of himself, which is an admirable feat and its own reward.

Bridges plays Bad Blake, a 57-year-old singer-songwriter who has seen his

fortune and a measure of his fame pass him by. He still tours the country to small crowds of passionate and attentive listeners who litter the dimly lit floor space of our nation's dive bars and bowling alleys.

It isn't a glamorous lifestyle, but it provides Blake with the means to keep moving. This transient lifestyle emancipates him from forming allegiances

to anyone other than cigarettes, alcohol, and country music.

Unbeknownst to Blake, a song he wrote at the peak of his success would predict his eventual fall from grace. The song, appropriately titled "Flyin' and Fallin," finds Bridges elucidating how easy it is to confuse the desperate isolation of his existence for vagabond freedom.

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Happy Hour till 10 p.m.
 Two for one draft, wine, well, margaritas
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 Sun \$2 longnecks



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The center buys unclaimed baggage and cargo by the truckload and then sells the new and pre-owned items – designer clothing, electronics and sporting goods – at a fraction of the cost.

While it is thrilling to find cheap treasures, I'm left feeling a little sorry for the previous owners. What if they really loved that hand-knit scarf their grandmother gave them or had a panic attack when they realized they had misplaced their \$100 graphing calculator?

"I think it's only fair," says Ryan Wilson, a freshman computer science major. "They had

a chance to go pick it up from lost and found before this."

Not to mention, all the money made from the items sold is donated to the Habitat for Humanity "Blitz Build" campaign, which is sponsored by the Office of Leadership & Community Service.

"The rest of the stuff not sold, like glasses, I'll take to the Lion's Club because they can make new glasses out of them," Kirk says. "The clothes I generally take to the Salvation Army or Goodwill, and the calculators we will donate to the math or economics department."

So it's almost like a win-win situation for both sides – buyers get a great deal and previous owners unknowingly donate to worthy causes.

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"It's funny how fallin' feels like flyin' for a little while," Blake sings, slowly coming to terms with how quickly the ground is approaching.

Veteran record producer T. Bone Burnett, who wrote or co-wrote many of the songs performed in the film, curated the movie's soundtrack. Burnett employed a workmanlike approach to the film's music, forgoing collaboration with more recognizable country artists to tip his hat to the genre's unsung heroes, the writers behind the songs.

Burnett, along with fellow songwriters John Goodwin, Bob Neuwirth, and the late Steve Bruton, who died before the film's release, wrote all of the songs *Bad Blake* takes on tour throughout the film. He places those songs alongside tracks by country musicians who would find in Blake a kindred spirit, artists like Buck Owens, Waylon Jennings, and Townes Van Zandt.

The music of the film cultivates a believable culture, a culture *Bridges* inhabits confidently. All of the performances *Bad Blake* gives in the movie are *Bridges'* own.

Bridges' voice, one that creaks and quavers and sounds like a man with a mouthful of cotton, is aged to perfection. *Bridges'* weary vocals lend credibility to the appropriately titled "The Weary Kind," a song written by Blake in the movie and by former-rodeo-competitor-turned-songwriter Ryan Bingham in actuality that proves to

be Blake's salvation.

Blake comes across as what most people would describe as "a good man." He is polite and complimentary to the musicians he plays with and gracious and accommodating to his fans, but his addictions often prevent him from being able to deliver on his good nature.

Bridges pulls off a surprisingly sober turn as an alcoholic. Many alcoholic characters in movies vacillate between being loquacious lunatics and delusional delinquents. They are, often suspiciously vibrant and wild for persons slavishly devoted to a depressant. *Bridges* forgoes the flamboyance and instead delivers Blake to the audience as a man who is grounded in reality and close to the soil, even if it's because he's spent so much time face down in the dirt.

The supporting cast provides some very good performances, none more engaging than Maggie Gyllenhaal as Jean Craddock, a small-town reporter in Santa Fe whose candid interview with Blake gives way to romantic entanglement. Like the audience, Jean gets swept up in the whirlwind of Blake's charm and ease of character. Also like us, she remains on her toes, vigilant about Blake's alcoholism, waiting for the other shoe to drop.

For all the accolades and mantle-piece decoration it has earned *Bridges*, ultimately "Crazy Heart" is just another movie about drinking and sinning, loving and losing. It's like a song you've heard a million times before. But it's sung so sweetly that it gets inside your head. You'll be humming it for days.

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"See it as a job with a 40-hour-a-week commitment and realize it's work –hard-ass work at that," Haas says. "Put it first in your life because all the other things you want to put first later will only stand better with the more you know. In today's world, your high GPA shows how easy you are to train in any field, but it is important to be passionate about your subject."

Lisa Moore, communication studies professor and an MTSU alumna, gives a woman's insight and creates a comfortable atmosphere for her students to open up in her classes with her gregarious and laid back disposition.

The best piece of advice she ever received from a professor was that there is just too much information to memorize it all, and you have to know how to research to find the answers you seek. Moore would tell her students now that the most important thing you can learn to do in college is think past the obvious.

"Amanda DiPaolo, a professor of political science, might not meet the typical stereo-

types for a college professor if you saw her perched at the front of her class on a stool sipping her coffee and adorning a Nashville Predators hockey jersey. Because of her young spunk, she gives guidance to students in a modern, relatable way.

She received her bachelor's degree from St. Thomas University and brought her knowledge and Canadian accent to America when she went to Syracuse University for her Ph. D. A professor she had at Syracuse gave her the best advice in regards to finishing her daunting dissertation – just get it done! Remember this isn't your magnum opus, it is just the means to an end to starting a lifelong process of academic research, which is exactly what she did.

DiPaolo reminds her students that the most important thing they can do is to be in love with their subject and take classes they will be interested in.

"I tell my pre-law students all the time not to get bogged down in the minors and the specific course work with the mindset that it will impress law schools," DiPaolo says. "It is your GPA they are looking for, not that you minored in history or philosophy."

When she said, "stop,"
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