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Employment numbers fall National levels stabilize, MTSU job market still tough for professors looking for teaching positions

By ELLEN GEE
Contributing Writer

Despite the economic recession, employment in higher education remained stable during the fourth quarter of 2009, according to a national survey conducted by HigherEdJobs.com, however, the number of available jobs steadily declined at MTSU.

More than 2,600 colleges and universities added 55,000 faculty, administrative and executive job postings in 2009 to HigherEdJobs.com, a leading online source for employment opportunities within higher education.

In addition, the survey found that the

number of available jobs rose 1.3 percent during the fourth quarter of 2009. Yet, Diane Miller, interim vice president and provost, said because of the economic recession the amount of state-funded money allocated to universities and community colleges has decreased.

"Higher education is funded by state dollars and the state of Tennessee lost revenue because our state's primary source is sales tax, and people aren't buying as many things," Miller said. "The state's revenues have been reduced and they had to make cuts, which affected MTSU."

Miller said "new dollars" are being used

to hire more adjunct professors. These "new dollars" come from the increased amount of tuition money MTSU has received as a result of the higher enrollment rate.

Miller said as faculty members retire or transfer to work at another university, those positions are not being replaced. Instead, the additional tuition money is being used to hire adjunct professors.

Miller said budget cuts have impacted each division at MTSU, and that faculty members are not the only ones being affected by the economic recession.

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Greeks crusade against suicide

Fraternity hosts concert, raises awareness for mental health

By HANNAH HOPKINS
Contributing Writer

Alpha Tau Omega National Fraternity sponsored its first Alpha Jam benefit concert to promote mental health awareness and combat suicide rates Saturday, in honor of a member who committed suicide last September.

Alpha Jam was the finale event of the fraternity's Old Gold Week. More than 230 people attended the concert, helping to raise \$1,700 for the fraternity's philanthropy, To Write Love On Her Arms.

"With our story, we want to make a difference – and an impact – in the MTSU community," said Edgard Izaguirre, senior marketing and public relations major and ATO public relations official.

The event comprised five different bands, and attendees enjoyed unlimited food, inflatables, a climbing wall, cakewalk, silent auction and dunk tank.

The fraternity recently changed its philanthropic mission by adopting To Write Love on Her Arms as its charity after the fraternity was personally affected by suicide with the loss of one of its members, Brandon Johnson.

"On Sept. 9, 2009, the Eta Nu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity lost a beloved brother due to suicide," Izaguirre said. "Since that moment, the active brothers have worked to honor him."

To Write Love on Her Arms is a "movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide," according to the nonprofit organization's Web site.

Izaguirre said ATO plans to make Alpha Jam an annual event in order to continue raising awareness about depression, addiction, self-injury and suicide prevention.

ATO President Levi Shirley, senior mass communication major, said that with this being the first Alpha Jam, one goal was to raise as much money for the cause as possible, but mainly to get the word out about the nonprofit organization's mission.

Shirley said that he was a close friend of Johnson, and that they rushed together. Because of that, he said the event meant a lot to him, as well as to Johnson's family, who attended the concert.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about it to some extent," Shirley said, adding that his goal for the concert was to honor him and try to help others.

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Students memorialize those lost in wars



Photo by Ray Ingram, staff photographer

Young Americans for Liberty rallied outside of the Keathley University Center Knoll on Wednesday, in an effort to raise awareness about the costs of war and to honor fallen Tennessee servicemen.

Young Americans for Liberty hosts rally in effort to change US foreign policy

By ANNE ALFORD
Contributing Writer

Members from MTSU's chapter of Young Americans for Liberty rallied for the United States government to approach international relations from a different perspective, during its "War Memorial" demonstration to honor fallen Tennessee servicemen Wednesday.

The chapter's President Stephen Parvin, sophomore economics major; Vice President Eric Sharp, junior political science major; and Treasurer Trey Ray, junior electronic media communication major, organized the "War Memorial" outside of the Keathley University Center.

"The Young Americans for Liberty support the defense of our country, but simply do not agree with the way our political leaders are handling our foreign policy," said Parvin, who is a U.S. military veteran.

The group held the protest as part of "Petition to End the War Month," according to the national organization's Web site.

Parvin said its purpose was to provide students with an illustration of the human lives that have been lost so far as a result of the military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, and it was also designed to encourage students to examine the overall effectiveness of the U.S. government's approach to foreign policy.

"We hope that the event made an impression on students who have not given much thought to American military occupation, and extended a hand to those students who agree with us in principle and are looking to get involved," Parvin said.

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Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer

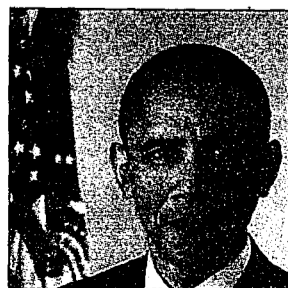
Matthew Stark, drummer for The Compromise, performs at ATO's Alpha Jam on Saturday.

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MONDAY FORECAST



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans."
Ronald Reagan

Learning to teach the NASA way

By SARAH HAMACHER
Staff Writer

Future educators gained new insight and educational tools for teaching science, technology, engineering and math skills from experienced educators, during a workshop Saturday, which was sponsored by NASA.

These skills are commonly known as STEM skills.

"We use this program to teach teachers to use what NASA offers, in conjunction with the standards they have to teach and inspire students to think bigger - outside the box," said MTSU alumna Terry Fanning, director of the NASA TeachSpace Program.

The first presentation featured a video conference, provided by Skype, with an instructor located at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., demonstrating the possible uses of technology.

Wil Robertson, aerospace education specialist for the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center and educational specialist at Pennsylvania State University, said at the end of his presentation he would be happy to do his presentation for any of the students' classes by using Skype.

"I liked the Skype," said Sarah Gardner, junior education and behavioral sciences major. "You can incorporate the presentations into your class, and you can get [Robertson] to do it."

Susan Currie, aerospace education specialist for the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, said the materials being given out

had scenarios that students could spend the day working through, including lesson-specific handouts along with the activities being presented.

"I like that it is teaching us different ways to teach students, lots of hands on activities and it uses critical thinking skills," said Cherie Cox, senior education and behavioral science major.

Cox attended the workshop with two other students from Columbia State Community College after hearing about it from a friend. The workshop's students said they liked the project they were working on because of its versatile teaching applications.

"I like it because they use cooperative learning," said Mary Hickerson, senior education and behavioral science major, as her group tried to figure out what needed to be put into their space shuttle. "It's not just giving you the information; you have to use what you know and apply it."

The workshop attendees had been given several sheets of paper with different shaped boxes to cut out. Each sheet represented a different essential item for the two-week shuttle mission to the moon. They had to decide what was most important to have and how they were going to fit it into the limited amount of space provided represented by a large square on a piece of paper.

Hickerson said this project allowed for group work along with math, spatial and reasoning skills.

"When educating, it is easy to say 'sit and listen' rather than doing activities," said Billy



Photo by Jillian Dixon, staff photographer
Billy Hix, director of NASA TeachSpace, talks to teachers on Saturday in an effort to give them more insight into educational tools for their classrooms.

Hix, director of NASA TeachSpace and professor of education at Motlow State Community College in Smyrna.

"So, we make materials available or tell them where they can get it inexpensively from their local discount store," Fanning said. "NASA provides a lot of material and instructions on how to use them."

Currie said the program was beneficial for

more reasons than encouraging teachers to teach STEM skills.

"NASA also benefits with a generation of youth's unafraid of using STEM skills," Currie said.

For more information on obtaining NASA educational materials, go to NASA.gov/education, or contact Wil Robertson at william.o.robertson@nasa.gov.

Miss Universal to celebrate cultural differences on campus

STAFF REPORT

The Delta Iota chapter of the Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority, an organization a part of the Multicultural Greek Council, is hosting the 4th Annual Miss Universal Pageant to focus on the academic achievements and cultural heritage of women.

Moni De, MTSU alumna and founding president of the MGC, said that the event is "a pageant like no other."

She said the pageant will not feature typical events like swimsuit competitions, but instead it will focus on

where the contestants are originally from and what brought them to their individual successes.

"The importance of the Miss Universal pageant is to recognize not just the beauty, but also to recognize the different cultures and what it is to be a woman" said Rachel Whitten, vice president of LTA and coordinator of the 2010 Miss Universal Pageant. "Miss Universal encompasses more than just looks it also encompasses their mentality, and the way one carries herself."

The contestants will compete in non traditional events, including an event that

highlights traditional cultural attire of each contestant's heritage.

Members of LTA will also present the Rutherford County Domestic Violence Shelter with the money that they raised during their Mixed Martial Arts event, held earlier in the semester.

Cassandra Harris, Stephanie Steed, Cassandra Lucatero, Sarah Ayache, Ana Linares and Lynsie Paul will compete for the crown at the event, and the winner will receive a scholarship for the upcoming academic year.

Whitten said contestants will compete

in formal, business and cultural attire categories as well as talent and question and answer segments.

Miss Universal will be hosted by Brandon Batts, president-elect of the Student Government Association and Melina Rodriguez, founding member of the MGC.

Miss Universal will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the Hinton Music Hall located in the Wright Music Building. Tickets for the public are \$3 in advance or \$5 at the door. MTSU students with a valid student identification card will receive discounted tickets for \$3 at the door.

March Deals

Quiznos Sub Small Veggie Chips & Dip	\$4.99	Swiss Swiss Sandwich & Drink	\$5.00	Choice Sandwich & Drink or Soup or Buffet	\$5.00
Burger Create Your Masterpiece	\$5.00	Cheeseburger Fry, Drink	\$3.00	2 Minis & Drink	\$6.00
Einsteins Bagels Fruit Cup or Yogurt & Bottled Water	\$4.99	Bagel, Schmeer & Coffee	\$4.00	BLT, Chips & Drink	\$6.00
Asian Express ADD A CUP OF SOUP		Egg Roll		GRAND ORDER OF DONUTS	\$1.00
Home Zone Add a Cup of Soup or Dessert	\$1.00	Blue Plate Special Chicken + 2 Sides			\$4.99
Pizza Hut 1 Topping Pizza (Pepperoni, Sausage, Cheese, Veggie) & Drink	\$4.99	6 Wings & Soda	\$6.00	Add Breadsticks & Drink to any Meal	\$2.00
Chick-fil-A Caramel Sauce & Drink	\$6.00	Swiss Swiss Sandwich & Drink	\$4.99	Choice Choice Sandwich & Drink	\$5.00

March Events

- Australian Outback Dinner** - Tues. March 2 **PREMIUM Dinner @ McCallie**
- Mocktails**
- WELCOME BACK FONDUE**
- MARCH BIRTHDAY** - Wed. March 17 Lunch & Dinner @ McCallie & JUB
- March Madness** - Thur. March 18 Lunch @ JUB
- MILKSHAKE MONDAY** - Monday March 22 Lunch @ McCallie
- Maximum Mexican** - Thur. March 25 **PREMIUM Dinner @ JUB**
- Movie Night** - Monday March 29
- CUPCAKE CREATION** - Wed. March 31 Lunch @ McCallie

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MONTHLY PROMO

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'Undocumentary' to tackle immigration debate

STAFF REPORT

The Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition will make a presentation focused on the Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act being pursued in Congress, followed by a showing of the movie "Papers."

The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in the State Farm Room of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The documentary follows the stories

of undocumented youth and the challenges they face as they turn 18 without legal status, according to the producers of "Papers."

The film features children who were brought to the United States by their parents, who are illegal immigrants.

The Delta Iota Chapter of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority Inc., organized the event with members of the TIRRC to raise awareness of the issues surrounding

illegal immigration.

According to its Web site, TIRRC "is a statewide immigrant and refugee-led collaboration whose mission is to empower immigrants and refugees throughout Tennessee to develop a unified voice, defend their rights and create an atmosphere in which they are recognized as positive contributors to the state."

The presentation will talk about the DREAM Act, an act to bring leg-

islation for reform on the status of illegal immigrants.

"Undocumented young people could be eligible for a conditional path to citizenship in exchange for completion of a college degree or two years of military service," according to the DREAM Act Portal, a Web site maintained to educate Americans about the proposed legislation by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif.



Photo by Chris Donahue, staff photographer
Brandon Bell (left) and Adam Inman, members of The Compromise, perform in Murfreesboro at Alpha Jam in an effort to bring funds and awareness to suicide victims on Saturday.

ALPHA FROM PAGE 1

Shirley said he was surprised to learn that 1 in 4 college students are affected by mental illness in some way. He said ATO members hope to make a difference in someone's life by spreading the word about the importance of mental health in an inviting way.

Matt Wood, sophomore exercise science major and ATO pledge, said students were given the opportunity to come out and talk about their own personal experiences with mental health issues in a safe environment through Alpha Jam.

Wood said by helping plan Alpha Jam, ATO had contradicted the stereotypical idea he originally had about fraternities. He said although some may think fraternity members may not take their philanthropies seriously, in his mind, this event proved otherwise.

Throughout this experience, Wood said he had become closer with friends he did not know had dealt with these issues, but through Alpha Jam, he was able to bond with them with a new sense of understanding.

He said the fraternity's ac-

tive involvement in the planning of Alpha Jam and To Write Love on Her Arms has not only helped make a difference in the community, but it has strengthened the brotherhood of ATO members.

The five bands who performed at the event were James Ryan, Sebastian Garcia, The Compromise, The Falling Trance and The Slow Down. Their genres ranged from crunk to pop, but band members said they were all united for the same cause.

"All bands have a connection to the cause," Izaguirre said. "They heard our story and felt compelled to help out because they want to make an impact."

Band members from The Slow Down said they were grateful to have been able to be a part of Alpha Jam.

Daniel Drake, the band's drummer, said it meant a lot to come out to express their immense support for the cause and try to support MTSU as much as possible. He said each member of the band had been affected by suicide or self-affliction in some way, so by being able to support prevention and awareness was something they were passionate about.

The Slow Down's guitarist and back up vocalist, Jared Henderson, said he had been

personally affected by suicide and enthusiastically supported the event's purpose.

"A really close friend committed suicide [my] freshman year, so when we heard about this opportunity and right away I was on board," Henderson said. "Anything we can do to help raise awareness and encourage prevention means a lot to me."

"This is a serious issue that has brought us all closer to each other, and [it] made me feel like I wasn't just another number — but a brother," Wood said.

There were a variety of people at the event, from students to families, who were there in support of the cause.

Megan Bolin, senior elementary education major, said that Alpha Jam had motivated her to get the word out about prevention and help give people a place to come and talk about self-affliction and depression.

"It was surprising to learn that the littlest thing you say can mean so much or hurt someone so deeply," Bolin said.

She said it was shocking to learn how many college students go through depression, and it encouraged her to think twice about how to talk to people, because "you never know what someone is going through."

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**WAR
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Sharp said that although some students did not like all of the philosophical points made, everyone was very respectful. He said people also took the time to fill out a survey that was designed to determine how someone's beliefs align politically.

"We had more than 50 people come by and fill out our 'Operation Political Homeless' quiz," Sharp said. "It was a success, and we were really pleased."

A large sign featured statistics including the number of Tennesseans who have died during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and a message dedicated to Tennessee servicemen who lost their lives overseas during wartime.

Below the sign there were a total of 114 white cards featuring the name of every Tennessee soldier or U.S. Marine who died as a result of the wars, and included the city in which they lived, age of death, date of death and cause of death.

Another large sign was dedicated to the number of Iraqi lives lost since 2003 reading "Estimated Iraqi death since 2003 invasion 1,336,350," and red cards were placed below, each representing 5,000 of the Iraqi deaths.

Parvin said group members put smaller signs on display to explain the organization's stance on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in order to provoke thought. He said he hoped the event would affect anyone who saw the signs, regardless of their position, and from all political spectrums.

Parvin said the organization currently has 50 members and that there are more than 150 chapters throughout the country.

The MTSU chapter of YAL was approved in late October by school administrators to be recognized as an active student organization, which welcomes limited government conservatives, classical liberals and libertarians.

Since then, it has coordinated various events, including the showing of several documentaries, political training seminars, two rallies at the Nashville Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and collected hundreds of petitions in support of H.R. 1207: the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009.

According to the national organization's Web site, the purpose of the group is to bring a positive change by educating people on key political principles: constitutional governments, individual liberty, sound monetary policy and noninterventionist foreign policy.

**EMPLOYMENT
FROM PAGE 1**

The ratio of part-time job postings in higher education has continued to rise nationally as well, according to a HigherEdJobs.com press release, and that this particular trend began in 2007 as signs that the economic recession was starting to take hold.

Susan Hopkirk, English professor, said she has also noticed that other

facets of the university have been affected by recent budget cuts.

"Enrollment has increased but we're not necessarily adding faculty to deal with that," Hopkirk said. "More online classes are being taken outside MTSU and that's impacting the faculty and students as well."

Student Government Association Sen. Brandon Thomas, sophomore political science major, said he knows there have been employee buyouts because the university is trying to save money. He

said he has noticed the number of part-time jobs has risen at the university, not just necessarily in faculty.

"There are going to be a lot more adjunct professors and I think that's a problem," Thomas said. "The quality of education is lower than what you would get with a full time professor."

Thomas said he is worried about this recent trend because students are still paying the same amount of tuition for what could possibly be a lower standard of education.

CURRENT EVENTS

GZA of the Wu - Tang Clan featuring Biscuits and Gravy and DJ Kidsmeal

March 31, 7 p.m.
Location: James Union Building
Admission: \$6 in advance, \$12 day of show

Undocumented, Uneducated? - Lecture followed by the movie Papers

March 31, 7 p.m.
Location: Business and Aerospace Building, State Farm Room
Admission: Free

Art: True Cost of Coal

April 1, 5:30 until 8:30 p.m.
Location: BAS, State Farm Room
Admission: free

VSA Benefit Concert for the blind

April 5, 7 p.m.

Location: James Union Building

Admission: \$5

Omega Delta Psi presents: Dub Step Haiti Benefit with Beat Repeat, DJTX300 and others

April 8, 8:15 p.m.
Location: The Walnut House
Admission: \$6

Kappa Delta Wing Fling

April 8, 12 until 3 p.m.
Location: Murphy Center forest
Admission: \$7 in advance, \$10 at the door

Positive Support and Inclusion Conference

April 29, 7 a.m. until 4 p.m.
Location: James Union Building
Admission: free

vs. St. Louis All Stars

May 1, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Tennessee State Fair Grounds
Admission: \$6.01

Nashville Rollergirls: Honky Tonk Stomp IV - Nashville v. Memphis v. Knoxville

Jun 12, 4 p.m.

Events Policy

Sidelines welcomes current campus and community events submitted by all readers. Please e-mail events to stcampus@mtsu.edu or snews@mtsu.edu, and include the name, date, time and location of the event, as well as your name and a phone number for verification. We reserve the right to refuse events at our discretion as our space is limited.

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CRIME BRIEFS

March 22, 7:47 p.m.

Vehicle
James E. Walker Library
Roosevelt Jones was issued a citation for driving on a suspended license and a verbal warning for reckless driving.

March 22, 10:49 p.m.

Assault
Scarlett Commons
Karissa Marshal was arrested and charged with domestic assault.

March 23, 9:48 a.m.

Theft

Todd Art Building

A complainant reported a stolen computer and accessories.

March 23, 2:27 p.m.

Traffic
Friendship Street
No description was given.

March 24, 3:32 a.m.

Assault
Business and Aerospace building
Norris Nix was arrested for domestic assault and public intoxication.

March 24, 10:12 a.m.

Theft
Alumni Memorial Gym
Equipment was reported stolen.

March 24, 11:46 a.m.

Traffic
Tennessee Livestock Center
A complainant reported his was truck struck by another vehicle while parked on campus.

March 24, 1:46 p.m.

Theft
Phillips Bookstore
A complainant reported textbooks stolen.

CORRECTIONS

In the March 25 issue of *Sidelines*, the Alpha Tau Omega event covered by Nathan Goodwin took place on Thursday and not Saturday as stated in the article. ATO did have an event on Saturday but the two were unrelated.

In the March 18 issue of *Sidelines*, a photo that ran in the Features section of the band Circa Survive was wrongly attributed. The photo was taken by contributing photographer Joel Hebert, not Circa Survive.

Sidelines regrets these mistakes.

STUDENT PROGRAMMING PRESENTS

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GZA

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MTSU - MARCH 31
JUB TENNESSEE ROOM
8PM - \$12 / \$6 STUDENT ADV

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Letters Policy

Sidelines welcomes letters to the editor from all readers. Please e-mail letters to slopinio@mtsu.edu and include your name and phone number for verification. *Sidelines* will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit grammar, length and content.

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HEALTH CARE DEBATE

A lawful, necessary cause or a constitutional violation?

Government-run system more trustworthy than one controlled by corporations

Now that health care reform, along with the "fix-it" bill, has become a reality, it is apparent how dangerous the far right has become.

What started out as idle cries of "socialism" and far-stretched allegories to the Nazi Party have escalated to death threats and acts of violence. Through all of this, one question comes to mind: Is saving the lives of 31 million people really the apocalypse that the GOP has deemed it to be?

The major changes that go into effect this year include keeping children who already have coverage from being denied coverage because of certain ailments, leaving dependants on their guardians' insurance policies until they are 26 years old, and dramatically reducing the "doughnut hole" in Medicare Part D.

The loopholes that the greedy capitalists can slip through are clear and obvious. For example, children will not be denied coverage, but only if they are already covered by a policy. While this will bring forth a newfound sense of what a pre-existing condition is, it is not absolute.

This new law barely hits the minimum of what needs to be done for this nation's children.

By 2014, all citizens will carry a policy of health insurance or they will pay a fine, but even that is not for sure. Families will not have to pay a fine more than \$2,085, with religious beliefs can be used as an exemption. And no individual will have to exceed a fine of 8 percent of his or her income. Somehow, the "bipartisan effort" to find the bill unconstitutional is going out to defend the poor.

First of all, the only Democratic attorney general filing suit is being manipulated by Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, who we all know is making a run for president in 2012. Secondly, the GOP is not even remotely concerned with anyone's Constitutional rights; it is the party of the insurance companies, which wish only to continue to screw over the American people as they have for many years.

President Barack Obama has said that he welcomes the fight and asks why people do not agree.

The people opposed to health care reform are the same people who pushed the Patriot Act through Congress. These people wanted to tap your phones and read your e-mails to continue the search for the weapons of mass destruction.

Somehow, that ardent violation of the Constitution is OK, but saving the lives of millions

of desperate Americans is not.

What we all should look at is the motive behind the mission. The GOP is standing on what is left of its "fiscally responsible" platform, when in actuality, health care overhaul is the most fiscally conservative measure that we have taken in years.

We cannot continue paying the out-of-pocket expenses for the financially challenged. Now, they will have to chip in a larger share.

It costs us more as taxpayers for the uninsured to continue to be uninsured. If you don't believe me, look at the numbers from the Congressional Budget Office.

The uninsured generally have no reason to pay their medical bills, and the only way to make them accountable

would be to put some sort of lien on property or possessions.

This is fiscally irresponsible, and we have paid the price.

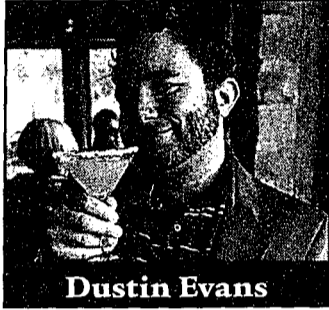
We are moving toward a future in which millions of lives are going to be saved and our federal deficit shall be reduced dramatically. It is a momentous effort, and yet the Republican Party is now sending forth its violent, angry and deluded army to attack people who stand up for the everman.

The GOP, as expected, playing it off as if it would have never evoked such a battle. But rewind your TiVos a bit, and you will see how much Republicans riled the, albeit, less intelligent members of this country – who will, in fact, turn a gun on an American congressional representative, or even the president himself.

If the threats continue, this battle will not be fought for the rights of the citizens, but instead the rights of the corporate capitalists.

Some people say that they cannot trust the government and that it is getting too large. But think about it: Would you rather trust the government you elect, or the corporations that caused our current financial situation and have profited off of the deaths of your family members and the rest of the nation?

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Dustin Evans
Cheers!

Attacks on free-market capitalism and individual choice not worth it

The problem with the health care package passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama is that it's unconstitutional. Forcing every American to purchase an insurance plan violates the Constitution.

This legislation shreds our Constitution into blood-soaked confetti – stained with the blood of every American soldier and U.S. Marine who has fought and died for our freedoms.

First, in Article I of the Constitution, the "commerce clause," refers to "interstate and foreign trade." At the moment, health insurance is operated on a state-by-state basis. Congress is supposed to be limited to regulating interstate commerce, meaning commerce within a state is governed by the state.

Second, it includes provisions that states, no state should be favored over another. Third, Article II states all bills involving appropriations should originate in the House. Finally, it violates the 10th Amendment, specifying that all power not granted to Congress in the Constitution is reserved to the states.

The Democratically-controlled Congress deemed that health insurance could be sold across state lines as long as it regulates the companies via government-subsidized exchange programs. It also included kickbacks to certain states – Nebraska, Louisiana, Hawaii and more – to gain votes, showing favoritism of one state over another.

When did it become the federal government's responsibility or right to mandate that you buy a commercial product?

My objections are not based on the "right of healthcare," rather my argument is against the right of the federal government to circumvent the Constitution.

Let's get something straight: Health care is not health insurance. There is a huge difference. Health insurance does not insure your health, only your wallet.

It does not provide protection from getting sick or even having quality care when you go to a doctor or are admitted to the hospital for any reason – large or small.

Hospitals are not allowed to deny care by federal law. You may go to a hospital if you

don't have health insurance. But, you are legally required to pay for all of the costs. Hospitals usually set up payment plans with patients who are uninsured. Doctors provide a service and should be compensated for their work.

Insurance is only meant to reduce what we call down here in the South, "sticker shock." This means, if you go to the doctor and are billed \$500, insurance covers some of the financial cost based on your premium, which is the amount of money you pay each month or annually for insurance.

For example, if your co-pay is \$100, your insurance technically pays a premium of \$400. However, it's important to remember that if you're insured, you've been paying a premium, regardless if you go to the doctor. So technically, the \$400 the insurance company pays on your behalf to the doctor has been paid for by you, just over time.

Insurance is a financial pool to lessen the financial risk for those who have paid into it. Insurance companies are vilified for making profits. Yet, the average net profit of insurance companies in the U.S. is less than 4 percent. Don't get me wrong, the industry as a whole has abused its privileges but at least under the current system – no matter how screwed up it is – Americans have the choice to purchase insurance elsewhere.

The same Democrats who railed against the insurance companies just passed a bill that requires you to buy health insurance from those same companies. If you don't, you'll be fined or possibly jailed.

If you don't like health insurance companies now, why on God's green earth would you trust the federal government to hand the American people over to them on a silver platter?

This is 21st century servitude, or in other words, financial slavery. No person should be beholden to a master, and that master is now the Department Health and Human Services.

The HHS Secretary will be in charge of numerous federal agencies, programs, research panels and grants all intended to manage the new responsibilities awarded by Congress.

How is the government going to know what's best for your health? It won't.



Marie Kempf
Southern symposium

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A QUICK WORD

From the opinions editor

Being someone who recycles, it pains me to see trashcans full of plastic bottles, papers and other such materials that local recycling facilities accept. I'm sure those of you who also recycle feel the same way.

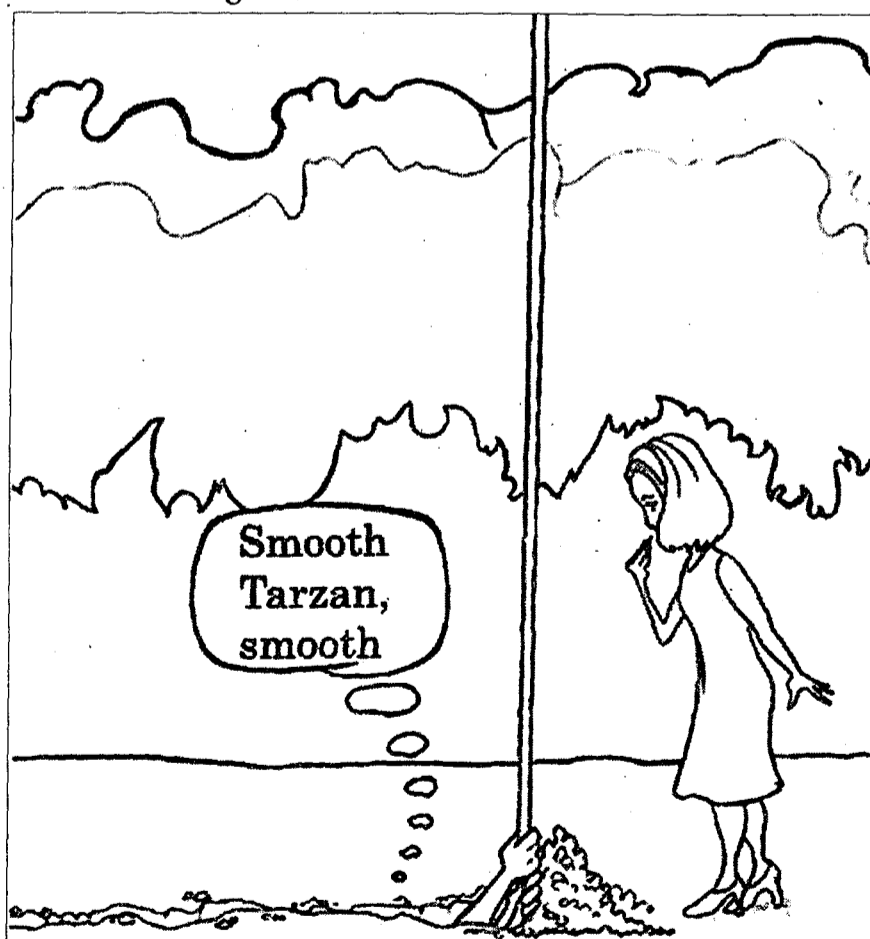
Seeing such waste makes me realize that for every one bottle, aluminum can, cardboard box, etc., I recycle, there are possibly 10, 20 or even 100 of those items tossed away to accumulate in a dump.

For those of you who recycle; don't let this waste discourage you from doing your part. Rather, let the containers full of recyclables at recycling centers encourage you.

All the while, we should hope for a machine that will sort through mounds of trash and divide them up by material.

—Michael Stone, slopinio@mtsu.edu

The finer things...



Tarzan tries out his new bungee cord on the dating scene.

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Weigh in

Who do you agree with about health care?

Check one. Be careful with your checking because there won't be any recounts.

- Dustin
- Marie
- Neither

Let us know your vote and why at slopinio@mtsu.edu

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Blue Raider tennis disposes of Texas-El Paso

MTSU Dispatch

The Blue Raider women's tennis team dominated the University of Texas at El Paso, winning their third straight Saturday in Birmingham, Ala.

MT continued its dominance in doubles competition, winning the point for the 10th time this season before three quick singles wins forced an early stoppage.

Sophomore Carla Nava and freshman Yui Nomoto got things started for the Blue Raiders when the new No. 1 pair defeated UTEP team Dariya Abdrahmanova and Alexandra Glebova 8-3.

The No. 2 match was much closer. It took a tiebreaker for sophomore Alex Dachos and senior Natalie Araya to defeat the Miners' No. 2 pair Carolina DeLucas and Ximena Fuentes.

"We experimented with a new doubles lineup and everyone responded well, especially Alex [Dachos] who was able to get a win under her belt," said

head coach Alison Ojeda.

Sophomore Taylor Coffey and senior Anna Djananova trounced UTEP's Austin Lavallii and Marina DeLuca 8-0 to complete the doubles sweep.

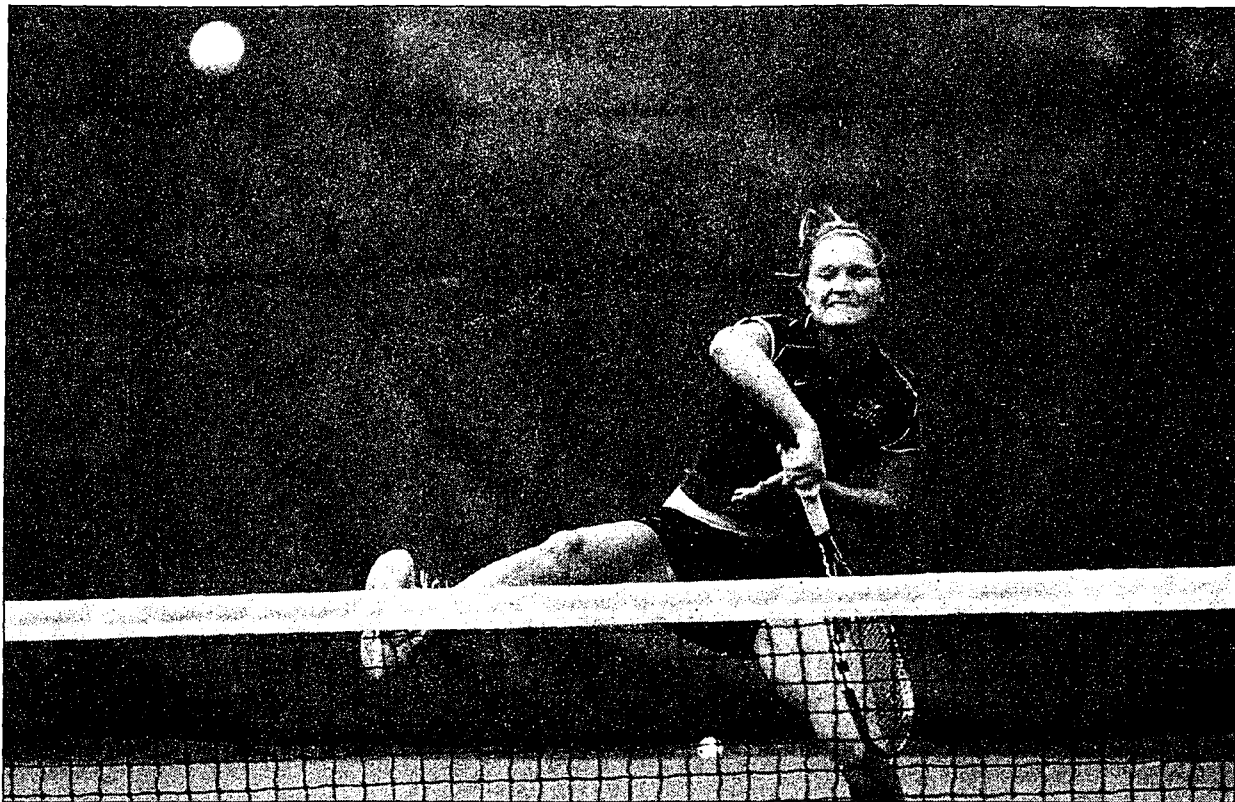
The singles competition was over just as fast when No. 5 Coffey defeated Fuentes in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-2, while No. 6 sophomore Marietta Bigus dismissed Veronika Makashov 6-0 and 6-1.

Araya took over from there, winning a hard-fought first set over Carolina DeLuca 7-5, before forcing DeLuca to retire, giving her and the Blue Raiders the match.

"Natalie played perhaps her best this season," Ojeda said.

The Blue Raiders improve to 8-5 while UTEP fell to 9-8.

MT will return to action Friday, when the team travels to Memphis to take on the University of Louisiana at Monroe before taking on the University of Memphis Saturday.



File photo
Sophomore Marietta Bigus returns a serve on March 2, 2009 against Indiana State. MT lost the match 5-1.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
Sophomore outfielder/pitcher Justin Guidry slides back to first after an attempted steal in the second inning on March 27 against the University of South Alabama.

MT falls to South Ala.

Pitching, errors cost Blue Raiders series

By STEPHEN CURLEY
Sports Editor

If baseball is all about pitching and defense, then the weekend showed the Blue Raiders they still have some work to do.

The team dropped two-of-three at Reese Smith Jr. Field to the University of South Alabama, as runs were plentiful and ERAs severely damaged.

"They played better than us pretty much the whole series, except for seven innings of the first game Saturday," said head coach Steve Peterson.

Senior ace pitcher Kenneth Roberts was roughed up by the USA batters in game one Friday, despite staying in the game for seven innings. The Murfreesboro native was charged with seven runs and credited with the loss.

The Jaguars started fast, scoring two runs in the first inning after a leadoff double by Adam Heisler, who advanced to third after a single by third baseman Jake Overstreet. A throwing error on the play gave Overstreet second base, and both runners were knocked in by right fielder Sean Laird.

A three-run second and sixth inning would give the Jaguars all the runs they needed, as Laird led the way, going 3-for-5 with three RBIs. Despite giving up all seven of the Blue Raiders' runs, pitcher D.D. Hanks threw the complete nine innings to get the win.

Justin Guidry carried MT's offense, turning in the first five-hit game for the Blue Raiders since 2008, going

5-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs.

The other story for the Blue Raiders on Friday was the absence of Bryce Brentz, who injured himself in pre-game warm-ups. The junior star missed all three games of the series.

Game two was another offensive battle, as an eight-RBI day from Justin Miller and the steady pitching of Chad Edwards carried the Blue Raiders to a 19-10 victory.

Miller finished 3-for-6, including a three-run home run in the fourth inning, a towering shot to left field that found its way into the upper areas of Floyd Stadium.

Game three was a disaster for the Blue Raiders, as starter Hunter Adkins was hammered and no other pitcher could stop the bleeding in a 15-0 debacle.

"Adkins had no support in the first inning, but he hurt himself being behind in the count, with wild pitches and walks," Peterson said. "I think he's a very talented young man, but right now doesn't have a lot of confidence in his own talent level."

The Blue Raiders managed only four hits in the game as Jaguars pitcher Baxter Lance dominated, throwing seven shutout innings before the game was called due to the mercy rule.

Overstreet carried the Jaguar offense, going 4-for-5 with two home runs and seven RBIs.

Defensive errors were a huge factor in hampering the Blue Raiders throughout the series, as the team was charged with nine errors through the three games.

"We did not show a lot of mental toughness coming from the first game to the second game," Peterson said.

MT will try to regroup Tuesday when the team travels to Clarksville to take on Austin Peay State University, likely without Brentz in the lineup for that game as well as Wednesday's contest at home against Belmont University.

"I have not been able to get all the details, but it's basically a sprained ankle," Peterson said. "There's no structural damage, it's just going to take time."

SUN BELT BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	Sun Belt	Overall
Western Kentucky	6-0	20-5
South Alabama	7-2	17-10
Arkansas State	5-3	14-9
Florida Atlantic	5-3	14-8
Middle Tennessee	5-4	15-8
Florida International	2-3	14-9
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-5	12-11
Arkansas - Little Rock	3-5	16-9
Troy	2-4	10-11
Louisiana Monroe	3-6	9-14
New Orleans	1-7	6-14

Grizzlies becoming more than just Memphis' team

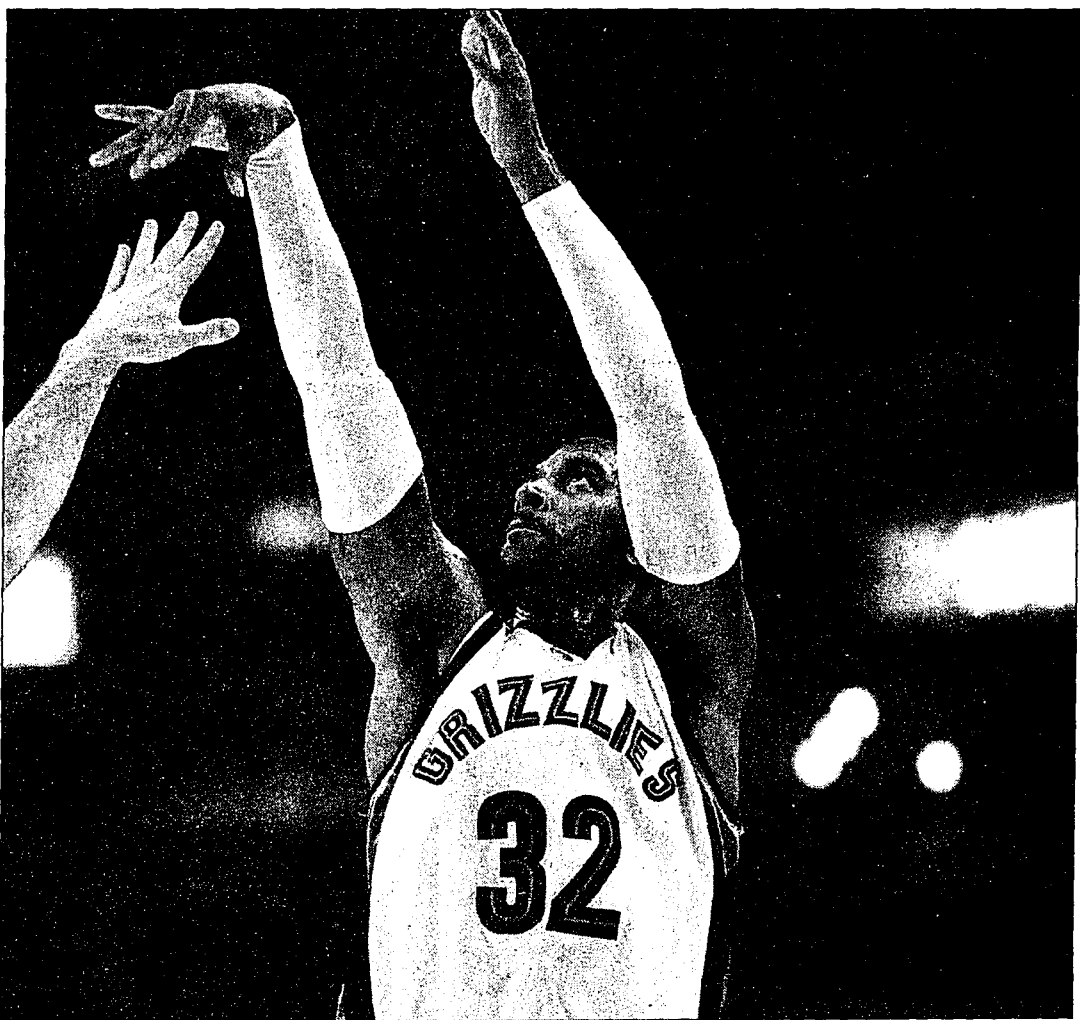


Photo courtesy of Memphis Flyer. Photo by Larry Kuzniowski
Memphis Grizzlies' shooting guard O.J. Mayo has become a vital part the framework of the team in the 2009-2010 season with the ability to score from anywhere on the floor.



The Big Ticket

Jacob Wells

Tennessee basketball fans finally have a professional team to be proud of, and they play their home games on Beale Street.

The brand of basketball being offered by the Memphis Grizzlies this season is something that even long-time followers of the team are impressed with. They win and lose as a team, and for the first time in a long time, they are winning more than they are losing.

Since the team moved to Tennessee from Vancouver in 2001, they have only made the playoffs three times: 2004, 2005 and 2006. All three times the Grizzlies went winless as they were knocked out of the playoffs in the first round.

During that playoff run, the Grizzlies only featured

one All Star player, Pau Gasol. The team was coached by Hubie Brown, whom many consider to be a living legend. Hall of Fame guard Jerry "The Logo" West, served as the team's general manager during those years as well.

After that, the Grizzlies faded into NBA obscurity. They put up a league-worst 22-60 record in 2007, the same record in 2008 and a 24-58 finish in 2009.

Well, as Bob Dylan said, "The times, they are a changing."

The 2009-2010 Grizzlies have already established a starting five who can play with any other starting lineup in the NBA. Zach Randolph earned a spot on the All Star team in this, his first season with the Grizzlies and the first such honor of his nine-year career.

Gasol's brother Marc, who the Grizzlies acquired in the trade that sent Pau to the Los Angeles Lakers, has solidified a center position that the Grizzlies have arguably lacked since the early career of Bryant "Big Country" Reeves.

Mike Conley, Jr. and O.J. Mayo make up a backcourt that is young and fast. They have both shown the abil-

ity to score points when the team needs it the most. Rudy Gay is the most athletic player in the lineup, and he contributes to the entertainment side of professional basketball. Gay prefers to dunk in the most stylish of forms while jumping as high as anyone in the NBA. This team plays unselfishly and they are getting better every night at playing team defense. Zach Randolph and Marc Gasol play like they are two kids in the driveway, working on plays and fancy passes that sometimes even amaze opposing players.

They are having their best season since 2006 and they are playing better team basketball than they have in the history of the franchise. They are currently playing for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference, but they will have to win almost all of their remaining games and hope that some teams ahead of them will lose.

For the first time in a long time, the entire state of Tennessee has one basketball team they can all support.

So Tennessee, stand up and cheer for your Memphis Grizzlies.

MT track & field earn high marks

Three track athletes place in region at Yellow Jacket Invitational



Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
Junior sprinter Robert Carter competes in the Blue Raider Invitational on Jan. 23 in the Murphy Center.

MTSU Dispatch

Three of Middle Tennessee's top female track and field athletes earned NCAA regional places at the 2010 Yellow Jacket Invitational in Atlanta, Ga., on Saturday.

Brittany Cox, currently ranked fourth nationally and second in the region in the shot put, threw 51-3 (15.62m). She placed second in the discus with toss of 143-10 (43.85m).

Kortney Thurman leapt 19-8.75 (6.01m) to place fourth in the event in the East Region. This is Thurman's personal best outdoors. She also placed fifth in the triple jump with a jump of 38-4.25 (11.97m).

Cherice Robertson earned the seventh best NCAA East regional mark of the day as she leapt 5-8.75 (1.75m) in the high jump. This jump places her 11th in the NCAA in the event. She finished ninth in the 100 meter hurdles in 14.40. Ann Dudley placed 10th in the high jump with a mark of 5-3 (1.6m) and 15th in the hurdles in 15.47.

Zamzam Sangau won the 5,000 meters in 17:34.28.

Other highlights for the women included Ashley Comstock, who set a personal best in the 1,500 meters finishing in a time of 4:37.65. Stephanie Smith finished

10th in 4:47.86. Smith also placed eighth in the 800 meters in 2:19.82.

Amber Jackson placed eighth in the 400 meters in 57.95. All-American Sarah Nambawa competed in her first race since knee surgery last winter in the 400. She placed 11th.

On the men's side, sprinter Greg Franklin placed fifth in the 200 meters in 21.87 and seventh in the 100 meters in 10.70. Robert Carter came in 11th in both events.

David Emery finished third in the 1,500 meters in 3:55.30 with teammate Isaac Biwott coming in 10th in 4:01.19.

Festus Chemaoui came in ninth in the 800 meters in 1:55.73.

In the hurdles, Roscoe Payne placed third in the 400 meter hurdles in 52.89 and sixth in the 110 meter hurdles in 14.63. DeRay Sloss came in eighth in the 110 hurdles.

The men's 4x400 meter relay team placed fifth in a competitive field in a time of 3:20.41. The team was composed of Franklin, Payne, Justin Chambers and Curtis King.

The Blue Raiders will return to action next weekend in Auburn, Ala., as the team will compete at the Tiger Track Classic.

MT softball victorious against USA Jaguars in double-header

MTSU Dispatch

Lindsey Vander Lugt threw 17.0 winning innings in two games as the Blue Raider softball team evened their season record at 10-10 after winning both games of the Saturday doubleheader against South Alabama on Saturday. The Blue Raiders sit 2-3 in Sun Belt Play. The final score of the first contest was 2-0 with the second game finishing 7-3.

It marks the first time since 2007 the Raiders have had a .500 record this deep into the season. It is also first time Middle Tennessee has won a series versus South Alabama. A Blue Raider win on Sunday would be the first program conference series sweep since 2004 when the team took four straight against then SBC foe New Mexico State.

"Our girls are getting more confident which is helping us get wins in tight games. We know we have to play our best to be good in this league; getting over the .500 mark is our goal," said Head coach Sue Nevar.

For the day, Vander Lugt threw 17.0 innings, striking out 19 batters while allowing one walk and three runs. All runs came in the second game. She would finish

the day with a season ERA of 1.98.

In the first game, Vander Lugt pitched 8.1 no-hit innings to lead the Blue Raiders to their first conference victory of the 2010 season as the Blue Raiders topped the South Alabama Jaguars 2-0.

Middle Tennessee scored two runs off eight hits while allowing one error to move to 9-10 overall after the first game.

Vander Lugt threw 10.0 total scoreless innings striking out 11. The Jaguars broke up Vander Lugt's no-hitter in the ninth on a lazy fly ball to left-field. The eleven strikeouts ties a career high. The Olympia, Wash. native is currently riding a seven game winning streak and had not allowed a run in 25.0 straight frames after the first game. She also set a new MT record for innings pitched with 795 for her career passing Jennifer Martinez's mark of 787.

In the 10th inning, the Blue Raider bats finally gave Vander Lugt the needed run support to get the victory. Jessica Ives scored the winning run as Brittney Banania dropped a bunt to execute a textbook squeeze play. Banania has eight RBIs for the season. Kaycee

Popham would add an insurance run driven in by Kelsey Dortch. Popham had two hits on the game.

"It is awesome to set the school innings pitched record. That was a big reason I chose MTSU because I wanted the opportunity to get a lot of time as a freshman and sophomore," said Vander Lugt.

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CURRENT EVENTS

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March 30, 6 p.m.
Raymond C. Hand Park
on APSU campus

Baseball vs. Lipscomb

March 31, 6 p.m.
Reese Smith Jr. Field

Women's Soccer vs. Vanderbilt

April 1, 7 p.m.
Dean A. Hayes Track
and Soccer Stadium

Softball vs. Louisiana-Monroe

April 2, 3 p.m.
Blue Raider Softball
Field

Softball vs. Louisiana-Monroe

April 3, 12 p.m.
Blue Raider Softball
Field

Softball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

April 6, 2 p.m.
Blue Raider Softball
Field

Softball vs. Louisiana-Lafayette

April 7, 2 p.m.
Blue Raider Softball
Field

Baseball vs. Austin Peay

April 7, 6 p.m.
Reese Smith Jr. Field

Baseball vs. Florida International

April 8, 6 p.m.
Reese Smith Jr. Field

Men's tennis vs. Memphis and North Florida

April 10, TBA
Buck Bouldin Tennis Center

Baseball vs. Florida International

April 10, 6 p.m.
Reese Smith Jr. Field

Upcoming MT Intramurals

Softball - March 29
Dodgeball - March 29

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MTSU Cheer and Dance Tryouts

WHO: Anyone interested in being an MTSU Cheerleader or Dance Team member

WHEN: Dance: April 3
Cheer: April 30 - May 2

WHERE: Dance: Alumni Memorial Gymnasium 216
Cheer: Premier Athletics

For a list of tryout qualifications and requirements visit our Web site at www.mtsu.edu/~mtcheer

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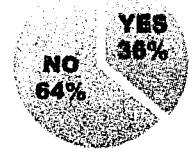
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PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT CHINESE CHILDREN CURIOUS ABOUT WESTERN CULTURE



By ALEX BLACKWELDER
Staff Writer

Children are everywhere in China. They walk around in their funny-looking school uniforms, take buses home all by themselves, and are always naturally curious about awkward white girls – namely, me. Last week, I went to an amusement park while many elementary schools were on a field trip. I walked around a corner and ran into a group of at least 75 enthusiastic, bubbly little kids. Unlike a more westernized Chinese city, Changsha still only has a handful of foreigners. English teachers are usually Chinese, and children take every opportunity to show off their

English skills to a native speaker. They didn't even try to hide their excitement. One poor teacher tried to stop them all from running full speed at me, but I ended up completely surrounded. They threw question after question at me, all in near perfect English. "What is your name? Why are you here? Where are you from? What is your favorite NBA team? Do you like karaoke?" Unlike older Chinese people who are often too shy to approach me and speak English, these kids were eager to practice what they studied everyday. My poor responses in Chinese made them all giggle uncontrollably – I don't blame them. They flashed me the peace sign as they



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, staff photographer
Three boys (left) play at Nanjiao Park in Changsha, China on a school fieldtrip. A little girl (right) at Nanjiao Park in Changsha, China on a school field trip.

whirled around on carnival rides. One by one, their tiny hands reached for mine, mimicking the western handshake they saw on television. One boy placed a Lay's chip in my hand; a friendship offering. When they ran out of English vocabulary words, they returned

to Chinese. They understood what it was like to learn a language. They spoke slow, used hand gestures and even helped correct my pronunciation. Most adults will not correct me because they don't want to embarrass me. My Chinese teachers could benefit from their patience.

After spending an afternoon hanging out with children all over the park, I began to think about the minds of kids. They are curious, questioning and outgoing. They aren't worried about making a mistake while talking to me because they know mistakes are how you learn.

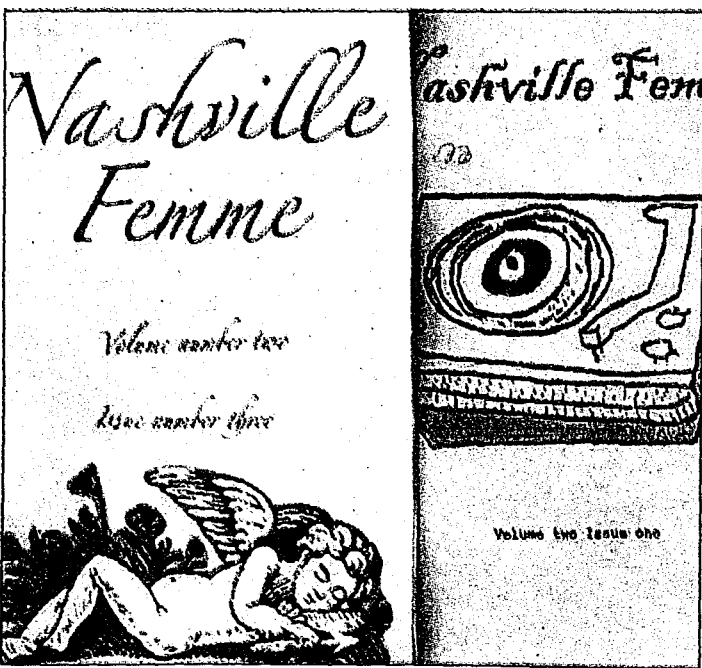


Photo by Jo-Jo Jackson, contributing photographer
Nashville Femme, a new magazine, gives readers a closer look at the new feminist and welcomes all genders to fight for women's rights.

Femme for him Nashville magazine sparks the Middle Tenn. gender debate

By JO-JO JACKSON
Contributing Writer

Strong, creative, health-conscious women now have a new option for reading on campus – it's no longer a boys-game for published materials in Middle Tennessee. "Nashville Femme" offers its readers insight on music, poetry, food, health and feminism. The new magazine is available on campus and creates strong contrasting opinions between men and women. Creator and publisher, Erin Fagot, felt that one of the goals of Nashville Femme is to bring people – men and women – together in discussion and to organize at

a grassroots level. Erin feels confident that Nashville Femme would be able to find a reader base on campus. The magazine includes local band interviews and a monthly show calendar, and the majority of Nashville Femme's content is contributed by the readers. "The main audience is my peer group, but it's not just preaching to the crowd," Erin says. Brenda Navarro, junior philosophy and global studies major, discovered Nashville Femme about a year ago and started contributing to the magazine a few months ago.

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MT music Greeks reinvent dinner theater for charity

By EMMA EGLI, LAURA AIKEN
Features Editor, Assistant Features Editor

The lights go out, a gunshot rings, the audience gasps. We soon discover that diamonds worth millions are missing and a wealthy diamond connoisseur has been shot dead. In the onset of a murder mystery, audience members are more alert, nervous and jittery. Any one of the cast members could be revealed as the sly antagonist who isn't introduced until the climax of the unfortunate events. Delta Omicron, a national music women's fraternity, held its third annual Murder Mystery Dinner on Friday as a fundraiser for Project Help, an organization supporting children with developmental delays or disabilities. Cast members, who consisted of members of Delta Omicron and Phi Mu Alpha, the national music men's fraternity, dressed in ball gowns, tuxedos and carnival masks to hide their identities, thickening the plot in this masquerade murder mayhem. Audience members were treated to a three-course meal during scenes and cast members socialized with dinner guests, all the while staying in character. "My character is kind of ditzzy," says Mara Snowman,



a senior music education major and member of Delta Omicron who played the role of Pink Lady. "I know all the gossip around town." Like any play, cast members ran around nervously before the show, rehearsing lines, haphazardly doing each other's hair and makeup and making sure their costumes were in order. "It's always a little stressful towards the end, but it all came together," says Lauren Jolley, a junior music education major, director of the production and member of Delta Omicron.



Photo by Jay Bailey, photography editor
(top) Elliot Opere-Addo accuses Adrian Peck jewel theft. (bottom) Opere-Addo sifts through Peck's pockets for evidence.

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Hip Happenings

A look at local events occurring in, or around, Rutherford County



Photo Courtesy of Seeing Skies
Seeing Skies, a Knoxville-born alternative indie rock band, is scheduled to play at Bonhoeffer's on April 1.

Tegan and Sara
Steel Train

Holly Miranda
March 31, 7:30 p.m.
Ryman Auditorium
\$27, \$35

One Big Owl CD release
show featuring:
Paper Not Plastic
Seeing Skies

Apr. 1, 8 p.m.
Bonhoeffer's
Free

The Max
Kimberly Quinn
Ali Paine
Quinton Parker
Awake! Awake!
James Ethan Clark
Apr. 3, 7 p.m.

Exit/In
\$6

Copeland
I Can Make a Mess Like
Nobody's Business
Person L
Deas Vail
Apr. 5, 6 p.m.
Rockerown
\$15

The Whigs
Band of Skulls
22-20's
Apr. 7, 7:30 p.m.
Exit/In
\$15

Omega Delta
Psi presents:
Dub Step Benefit
for Haiti

Beat Repeat
DJTX300
Hospitality
Stressed Production
Foxglove Starkush
April 8, 8 p.m.
Walnut House
\$6

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FEMME

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"It's just great to have somewhere where women can submit their information and be able to voice their opinion uncensored," Brenda says.

In addition to Brenda's involvement in Nashville Femme, she's also creating a sister-magazine called "MT Femme" which will coincide with her newly-approved student organization, Third Wave Riveters Women's Feminist Alliance.

"MT Femme should be up and running by the fall," Brenda says.

Erin says that while she's glad the magazine mostly focuses on feminism, she still hopes to attract male readers.

"There are men that think it doesn't have anything to do with them," Erin says. "But the minute any dude opens up the cover, they're interested."

Nick Braden, senior aerospace major, says he felt that the magazine may be too specialized to bring men into its ranks. He says he feels that the feminist bias of Nashville Femme may limit the readership to mainly women.

"I'm sure men might read it out of curiosity," Nick says.

However, Nick felt that feminism pertains mainly to women, so the topic may not be familiar enough to men for them to have major interest in it.

Maurice Zoller, junior anthropology and German major, feels that a feminist magazine may only offer a limited female perspective on issues.

"Feminism puts the other gender in the shadow," Maurice says.

However, Maurice felt that he may be curious to read it.

India Harris, senior recording industry major, says the magazine could be of interest to men, as long as it's not too extreme in its feminist views.

"[It's important] as a female to get other female's perspectives," India says. "It's also important for men to support women's ideas."

In addition to Nick, Maurice and India's opinions, 100 students were surveyed to gauge interest in Nashville Femme. Of those surveyed, about 75 percent were women and 25 percent were men.

About 80 percent of women said they are interested or might be interested in reading the magazine when it's available on campus, while approximately 75 percent of men said they have no interest in it. Approximately 90 percent of all the respondents were between the ages of 18 to 22.

To Nick and Maurice, these opposing interests of the sexes may not be a surprise. To Brenda, however, feminism doesn't mean women have to exclude men, or men should exclude themselves.

"[Feminism] is a women's movement, but you don't have to be a woman to advocate for women's rights," Brenda says.

Nashville Femme can currently be found at the Women's Center in the JUB. Third Wave Riveters will be having an interest meeting this semester and MT Femme will be found at the Women's Center, the Women's Studies office in the JUB and other locations on campus when it is available.

Anyone interested in contacting Erin Fagot at Nashville Femme or Brenda Navarro at MT Femme/Third Wave Riveters can do so by emailing nashvillefemme@gmail.com or twriveters@gmail.com.

MYSTERY

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Their hard work paid off, as every seat was quickly filled with audience members who were amused with the sarcastic remarks that flew by cast members as they accused one another of the dreadful crime.

"My party is ruined," says Olivia Darden, who played Miss White, host of the gala. "My diamonds are gone—quite frankly, I'm just tired of this."

Amelia Bozeman, staff member for Project Help, says the organization was incredibly thankful that the women of Delta Omicron chose their organization to be the beneficiary of the event.

"We hope this event will help bring awareness to other groups on campus of what we do," Bozeman says. "Early intervention in a child's life is a great deal—it could mean

a huge difference in a child's development."

Bozeman says one of the best parts of Project Help is the fact that students majoring in early childhood education and development get to work in the classroom and assist the teachers.

"Project Help is a fun place to be," Bozeman says. "You get to play—it's unlike any other class that you'll get to take."

After the last course of cheesecake, the actors opened the floor for discussion, asking audience members to vote on the cast member responsible for stealing the diamonds and murdering the diamond connoisseur. The discovered culprit was, of course, a shock.

When the finale of the masquerade mayhem rolled around, theatergoers lingered around the room to discuss the event, and how they would definitely be back next year for a good show, good food and a great organization to support: Project Health.

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