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Anthrax tests negative; post office reopens

By Jason Cox
Assistant News Editor

The substance found in the campus post office Monday has tested negative for anthrax.

The Tennessee Department of Public Health contacted the university yesterday morning and said the suspicious white

powder tested negative for spores of anthrax.

The post office reopened yesterday afternoon and will be open for all services today. Students will have access to all mail.

MTSU President Sidney McPhee said TDPH will likely do additional tests to the pow-

der, but anthrax was the "only agent we've been dealing with in this country" and the substance is not considered a threat.

Robert Glenn, vice president for Student Affairs, said the TDPH lab likely will not determine what the substance is. Glenn said that the TDPH merely determines whether the

specimen is or contains a harmful substance such as anthrax spores.

As reported yesterday, the Murfreesboro Fire Department responded to a call concerning a suspicious white substance in the post office on the first floor of the Keathley University Center.

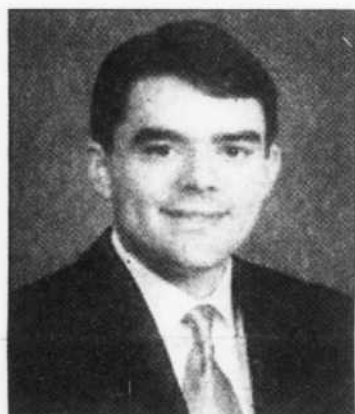
The first floor of the KUC was evacuated as MFD's Hazardous Materials team collected the substance and items that had come in contact with it. They also cleaned the table where the substance was found, and the area surrounding it with bleach and water.

The materials were removed

from the post office in biohazard containers and taken to the TDPH lab in Nashville.

Until yesterday afternoon, students were kept from their mailboxes, but outgoing metered mail was processed at a campus warehouse. ♦

SGA officers try to impeach Marshall



John Marshall

By Jason Cox
Assistant News Editor

A bill calling for the beginning of impeachment proceedings against Student Government Association President John Marshall was brought to the floor yesterday afternoon at their biweekly meeting.

SGA Bill No. 5-01-F, authored by Susan Wilson, speaker, Jamie Burns, vice president for administration and public affairs, and Daryn Thornbury, election commissioner, proposed Marshall's impeachment based on an alleged misappropriation of funds.

Shortly after Wilson began to read the bill, Jason Searles, a senator from the College of Basic and Applied Sciences, objected to the reading of the bill.

After a debate regarding procedure, the objection passed 16-14, stopping the reading of and effectively killing the bill.

Marshall said "the Senate made a loud statement" at the meeting by passing the objection. He declined to comment further.

Searles said he felt the Senate's time "was wasted debating a bill that shouldn't have been brought up in the first place." He said no evidence was presented at the meeting regarding misdeeds committed by Marshall.

Marshall and Searles both said they were aware that the bill was on the agenda, but there had been no previous discussion in a formal meeting.

Searles said the meeting, while mostly conducted as usual, was rushed by Wilson, skipping the usual reading of SGA subcommittee reports.

Marshall is the only SGA president in MTSU history to have been re-elected to the position.

Wilson, Burns and Thornbury could not be reached for comment before press time. ♦

Nurse shortage ensures jobs for MTSU graduates

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

The increasing need for nurses caused by a national nursing shortage had medical providers at Monday's Nurses/Health Career Day in the James Union Building vying for job commitments from MTSU students and recent graduates.

Organizations such as Murfreesboro-based National Healthcare Corporation sent representatives to MTSU offering competitive wages and increased benefits including their tuition reimbursement program that pays newly licensed nurses \$4,800 as soon as they start work.

Rehabilitation Nurse Manager Bridget Hill graduated from MTSU in 1997 with a nursing degree and immediately started working at NHC. NHC, like other long-term health facilities, started feeling the nursing crunch first.

"Because of the stigma associated with long-term health-care facilities, most younger nurses want to work in hospitals," Hill said. "They don't realize that we have a variety of patients for them to practice their clinical skills on."

However, it's no longer just long-term facilities that are hurting for nurses. With the United States expecting to lack 20 percent of the needed nurses by 2010, hospitals across the state had recruiters trying to get their share of the MTSU nursing pool.

"That's why we are all here scrambling for nurses," said recruiter John Ferguson from Metro-Nashville General Hospital.

Ferguson blamed managed care programs for causing the nursing shortage.

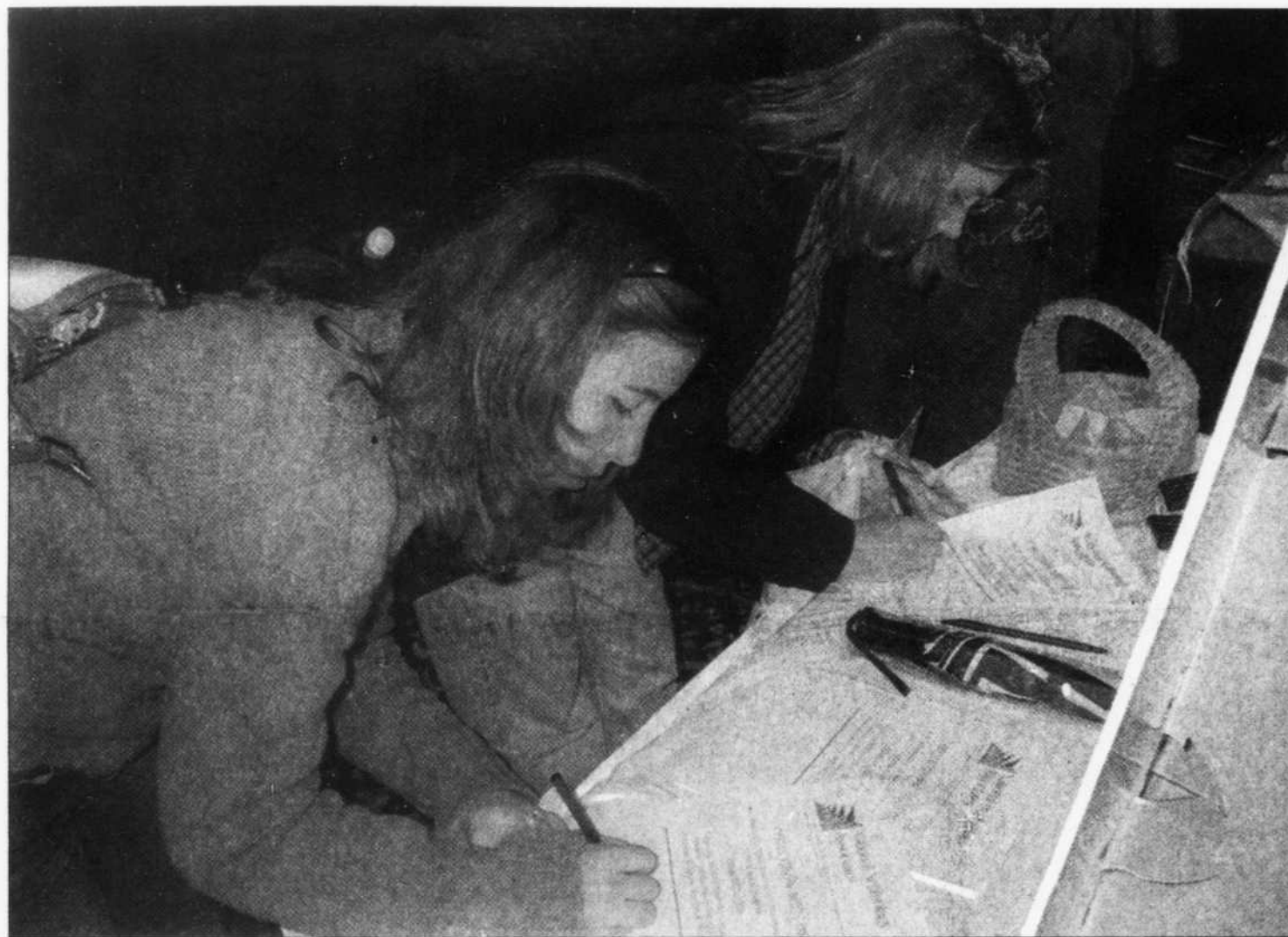


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Jana Hargis and Elisabeth Hedges fill out paper work for the National Nephrology Associates during the Nurses/Health Career Day Monday in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

"Before managed care, there wasn't a need for as many primary caregivers," Ferguson said. "It's just simply supply and demand. Schools weren't turning out as many nurses because there wasn't such a need. Now there is."

Managed care is not the only cause of the nursing shortage. Nursing is also hurt by the fact that it has been historically seen as a woman's profession, causing 94 percent of the nursing

population to be female in a time following women's liberation, said Suzanne Prevost, chairholder of the National Health Care Chair of Excellence at MTSU.

"In the past, women have had limited career options," she said. "They were nurses, teachers and secretaries. In the past 10 years, women have been pursuing a variety of career options. We are recruiting more men into nursing, but changing

historical stereotypes is a challenge."

"Nursing should come with an advisory warning," said Shara Stodola, the director of nursing at Treveca in Nashville.

"You will have to miss 50 percent of your holidays, pull overtime and do shift work. We are dealing with people so we have to work 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The baby boomer generation has increased the need for nurses.

es. As the baby boomers age, they will require more health care. The increase of people needing health care is hurting a profession whose average age is 45. The rate at which nurses are retiring is faster than the number of nurses graduating.

"We are an aging discipline," said Pamela Holder, Director of MTSU's School of Nursing.

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McPhee addresses student questions at forum

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

MTSU President Sidney McPhee addressed questions concerning campus development, finances and the future of the university last night at an open forum for students and faculty.

McPhee, along with Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Glenn, invited students and faculty to ask questions regarding any issues, campus-related or otherwise.

One audience member questioned the physical development of the campus and what construction projects were in the making.

"We will be spending \$65 million over the next 11 years to do a complete makeover of all of our buildings," Glenn said. There will be some buildings left out, however, such as the abandoned Ezell and Abernathy halls, he said.

McPhee's reply included plans to renovate the Todd Library to create a new art facility, the creation of a building to house the College of Education, a new science building, a new health services facility and the possibility of a near-campus street tailored to student interests.

Another attendee asked what students could do to convince legislators of the need for university funding, which has been cut to free up money for other state functions and is critical to all aspects of a learning institution.

Students should communicate to legislators their concerns about what's going on in the state, McPhee said, and they should utilize the power of their vote.

"While we're not in a position as [we were] 10 years ago to have serious dollars flowing



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

MTSU President Sidney McPhee fields questions from a crowd of students and faculty yesterday evening in the Keathley University Center Theater.

MTSU Photo Services director vying for mayor

By Amanda Maynard
Staff Writer

Jack Ross didn't plan on staying at MTSU when he arrived here as a student in the 1970s, but the director of Photographic Services is hoping to stay on for another job — mayor of Murfreesboro.

A former City Council member making his second run for mayor, Ross announced his

mayoral candidacy earlier this year.

The Franklin County native went to college in Florida after he got out of the military in 1974, but the mass communication program at MTSU brought him back to Tennessee.

The first face he saw at MTSU was journalism professor Ed Kimbrell's. The longtime faculty member and founding dean of the College of Mass Communication encouraged Ross to transfer. After spending his spring break away from Florida visiting the Middle Tennessee campus, Ross packed up his things and moved 700 miles mainly because of the man who would become a mentor and later a close friend.

Ross' ties to MTSU began as a photographer for the *Midlander* yearbook and *Sidelines* student newspaper. From there, he fell in love with the community beyond campus.

"I enjoy the campus and the



Jack Ross

community," Ross said. "There are great people here and good friends."

After finishing his degree at MTSU in 1977, Ross married and had his first child. He began working in Nashville and after a year and a half, a job opened in the MTSU Photographic Services office.

Ross applied for the job with

no plans of staying. Twenty-two years later, he's still an active member of the MTSU and Murfreesboro communities.

Ross' involvement in Murfreesboro politics began in 1975 while still a student. He took pictures and distributed yard signs for a number of campaigns over the following years.

In 1990, he became involved in recycling. He saw that landfills were reaching capacity and there was controversy over how to reduce the amount of waste in the county, so he helped create the Recycle Rutherford program — a grassroots, citizen effort.

Around the same time, Ross created Leadership Rutherford, a nine-month program that educates residents about local government. For one day every month, interested citizens learn about the local school systems, health care funding and the criminal justice system.

While regularly attending City Council meetings, Ross came to the conclusion that there were issues that needed to be addressed, such as improving salaries for policemen and firefighters. His interest in that issue led to his election to the City Council in 1992 and reelection four years later.

Ross became an active voice

in the City Council and — on one issue in particular — a singular voice of opposition.

The commerce center project proposed by the City council drew Ross' attention. Without public involvement or even seeking voter approval, the Council planned to build a private hotel with a city conference center and nine holes of golf on 400 acres of land purchased by the city near Thompson Lane.

However, the project posed a public relations problem for its proponents — real estate developers and their business associates and relatives on the City Council. When citizens learned of it, some circulated a petition calling for a voter referendum on the project.

When the council voted 6-1 to turn down their request, Ross was the lone vote for holding a referendum.

With his help, project opponents began another petition drive to force a voter referendum. When they got enough signatures, the mayor put the project on hold for future consideration. The 400 acres of city land is now being considered as a site for a new Middle Tennessee Medical Center.

"I questioned the methodology of the project," Ross said. "You've got to have the trust and

faith of the people."

Seeing what he perceived as problems in Murfreesboro city government, Ross ran for mayor in 1998. He lost by 425 votes but has decided to run again.

He believes in service-oriented local government with a focus on economic development, strategic planning and citizen involvement.

"We need a more diverse economic base in Murfreesboro," Ross said. "We need to actively recruit employers to employ our MTSU graduates."

Ross believes his experience on the City Council, his knowledge of the Murfreesboro budget and issues that need to be addressed and his appreciation of the resources of MTSU combine to make him a strong candidate.

Presently, Ross is the only announced candidate for mayor. If that changes, he said, his strategy won't.

"I am running for office," Ross said, "not against anyone."

Ross plans to begin actively campaigning for the April 16, 2002, election after January. Among his hopes for the campaign, he said, is to get students more involved in the electoral process. ♦

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Scott Laming - Staff Writer

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Oct. 24 and Nov. 6. This log was compiled from actual police reports.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 5:39 a.m.

James Towry of Brentwood, Tenn., was charged with two counts of aggravated trespass, public intoxication and underage consumption by Corlew Hall.

Thursday, Oct. 25, 4:02 p.m.

Matthew Boyling of Nashville, Tenn., and Caleb R. Williams were charged with theft by fraudulent use of a credit or debit card at Corlew Hall.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2:22 a.m.

On MTSU Boulevard, Christina Mathis of Gallatin, Tenn., was pulled over and charged with first offense DUI and underage consumption.

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2:22 a.m.

Phillip McMorries of Memphis, Tenn., was pulled over on Greenland Drive and charged with underage consumption, first offense DUI and violation of open container law.

Thursday, Nov. 1, 8:10 a.m.

Parking Services reported to police, vandals broke or shot out the windows of the Parking Services office trailer. The case is pending an investigation.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 1:49 a.m.

Chad Rutledge, 19, of McMinnville, Tenn., was arrested on Old Lascassas Pike Saturday morning. The subject was driving erratically and was arrested for a first offense DUI and for underage consumption.

Saturday, Nov. 3, 3:38 p.m.

Gary Lee Cox of Murfreesboro was charged with a DUI violation during the football game Saturday afternoon after some friends contacted campus police and said he was intoxicated and gave a description of his car. He was later pulled over by campus police near Cummings Hall and arrested for DUI.

Sunday, Nov. 4, 2:13 a.m.

Jay W. Fuels, 23, of Murfreesboro was arrested for a DUI after campus police stopped him for driving erratically. Police said the car smelled of alcohol and that Fuels failed the field sobriety test.

Monday, Nov. 5, 1:40 p.m.

Campus police received a call Monday afternoon of a car parked in Greenland Lot A that was in flames. After police noticed smoke coming out from the under the hood, they used a fire extinguisher to put out the fire. Murfreesboro Fire Department was dispatched to make sure the fire was out.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2:25 a.m.

Adam G. Hays of Murfreesboro was arrested for an outstanding warrant for theft of property. Police pulled him over after noticing that he was driving erratically. After doing a background check on Hays, Campus Police found that Rutherford County had a warrant for his arrest.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 6:17 p.m.

At Corlew Hall, five counts of burglary were reported to campus police. Students claimed that some CDs, a watch, ZIP drive, CD player, Mini-disc and a pocket watch were stolen from the seventh floor of Corlew Hall between the times of 3:30 and 5 a.m. The students had left their doors open during the night. Campus Police are investigating the incidents. ♦

Forum: McPhee fields questions

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our way, we have to find other creative and innovative ways to get dollars," he said.

One audience member asked what students could do to help McPhee fulfill his goals for the university.

McPhee expressed hope that students would, both individually and through student organizations, voice their concerns to the administration.

"If you complain ... only to yourselves and to your friends, we never have the opportunity even to make the effort to try to make a change," he said.

McPhee also said he wanted to help students develop a greater sense of pride in the university and encouraged students to become involved in student activities to make their time at MTSU more meaningful.

"I believe this institution has the potential to be one of the best," McPhee said. "It's going to take all of us working very hard to make that a reality." ♦

Nurses: Many retire early, increasing the shortage of health care workers

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retirees is the nursing shortage itself, Prevost said. Nursing has previously gone through cyclical shortages every five to 10 years. When this happens, nurses are forced to work more hours and are under more stress.

Under these conditions, many nurses choose to retire early. This situation is expected

to get worse as the nursing shortage continues.

To combat the shortage, the U.S. Senate is looking at bills that would give universities grants to increase their nursing programs.

This would help nursing programs like MTSU's that are forced to place a cap on enrollment.

MTSU currently accepts only 40 students a semester into its

nursing program, a recent increase from the previous 36.

"I know that doesn't seem like a huge increase, but that has really stretched our resources," Holder said.

The nursing program is largely dependent on state financing. In the past few years the need for nurses has increased but the university's nursing budget has remained stagnant.

Holder said she does not expect increased financing from the state during this time of Tennessee economic crisis.

"We are pretty much analogous to the university at large," Prevost said. "Before we can expand, we have to make sure that we are providing the best education to the students we already have."

In the meantime, MTSU nursing majors are guaranteed a

job in whatever nursing field they decide to pursue.

Melanie McGhee, who will graduate from MTSU in December, said she chose nursing as a way to deal with a patient's mind, spirit and body. Still, she admits job security is a strong benefit to studying nursing.

"You will always have a job because there will always be sick people," McGhee said. ♦

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For pre-law scholars, February 28, 2002

There will be an informational meeting about this program on Tuesday, November 13, 2001 at 3:30pm in Peck Hall room 211 and Wednesday, November 14, 2001 at 4:30pm also in Peck Hall room 211.

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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SIDELINES ♦ 5

Misconceptions of Muslim women

Muslim Student Association explains women's true role

By Jessica Hall
Contributor

In a post-Sept. 11 world, Muslim women have become a topic of discussion, penetrating media coverage. However, some members of MTSU's Muslim community say Muslim women have been misrepresented in the American media.

Zaid Brifkani, president of MTSU's Muslim Student Association said the majority of what Americans know about Muslim women comes from various media outlets, which frequently are inaccurate. However, he added, the negative coverage of Muslim women is offset by the actuality of their treatment and respect in Islam.

"In our societies, women go to school, work and participate in the political arena. Women have as many opportunities as men do," he noted.

Zaid, who was born in Iraq, said he was surprised to see the American media's portrayal of Muslim women but admitted their extreme treatment in some areas does not mirror Islamic law.

"Most, if not all, of the Muslim and Arab governments are not ruling according to the Islamic laws," he said. "[But] that is a result of their tribal or cultural rules which they mix with Islam."

Furthermore, Zaid said, in cases such as these, Muslims are living in areas where they are

unable to read Islam, have no education and are practically isolated.

Isra Brifkani, a computer science major and fellow MSA member, said while some cultures might treat women as second class, that is not the case regarding Islam. Thus, while she acknowledges the improper treatment of Muslim women in some societies, Isra said Islam sees both women and men as equals.

"It is clear that the (Qu'ranic) view of women is no different than that of men," she said. "In Islam, both men and women are God's creatures whose goal on earth is to worship their lord, do righteous deeds and avoid evil."

Isra also said that although Muslim women have different laws regarding them, these principles of Islam are meant to bring more respect to women. For example, she said Muslim

women are not expected to work because it is the duty of the husband to provide for the family. However, this does not mean they have to stay home, she said.

Also, Muslim women are exempt from prayer and other obligations while giving birth or going through monthly cycles, Isra said.

MSA member Maie Eliskandarani said Muslims in many of the Gulf countries believe women are more needed at home to benefit society by raising well-behaved and educated children. She said cultural aspects or beliefs such as these somewhat resemble American culture and the choices American women make to stay home and rear their children.

Mirfat Abdelhadi, secretary of the MSA, supplements the notion that women have a role in the home by explaining that they are not confined to that role.

"According to the (Qu'ran), a woman's role on earth is not only limited to childbirth and housework. [A woman] is required to do as many good deeds as any man is required to do," Abdelhadi said.

She said another important issue surrounding Muslim women is their dress. Consequently, she said, in Christianity and Judaism, women are encouraged to cover their heads and wear modest clothing. However, women in the West wore scarves on their heads as late as last century, and nuns still preserve the tradition but are never persecuted for it, she said.

"A question must be raised why when a nun covers herself from head to toe, she is respected for devoting herself to God, but when a Muslim woman tries to be modest in her clothing and do what God said, people, and especially the media,



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A Muslim woman prays during one of the five prayer times of the Islamic faith. Head scarves and modest clothing are part of the Islamic faith.

say she is oppressed," Abdelhadi said.

Isra said she feels it is important for people to know that Muslim women are not forced to wear scarves, but do so to be modest and fulfill God's commands. Overall, she said, she believes the media plays a big role in equipping people with false information about Muslim women and shaping their per-

ceptions around biased coverage.

"We have to understand that in every culture and in every religion there are some bad people, and not all people who call themselves Muslim practice Islam," she explained. "The media [try] to make the picture of Islam black and judge Islam based on the acts of just one group of people." ♦



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East Asian Muslim women are a part of the population that makes up Islamic faith.

Movie Review:



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Fast cars, hot stars

By Stephanie Saujon
Staff Writer

The *Fast and the Furious* should come with a warning label: Kids, don't try this at home. The movie, playing this week at the Keathley University Center Theater, is aimed more at boys who like fast cars than at girls who don't like sexism.

The story line is pretty basic. A team of Los Angeles street racers is hijacking 18-wheelers for the pricey merchandise inside while a street-smart cutie cop is undercover trying to fit in with the crowd. The cop, Brian (Paul Walker), is investigating a street-racing champion, Dominic (Vin Diesel). A little romance makes it way into the flick when Brian is introduced to Dom's sister, Mia (Jordana Brewster).

While Brian is trying to figure out which rival street-racing team is behind the hijackings, he grows closer to Dom by helping him outfit drag-racing cars. This false friendship presents the typical dilemma that faces Hollywood undercover cops: who can he trust?

The plot of the story doesn't break any new ground, but the action is jaw-dropping. The racing scenes are probably the

most fulfilling part of the movie. Director Rob Cohen has certainly discovered new techniques in shooting the scenes and uses special photography and editing effects when showing the cars crash and burn.

If you're sensitive to noise, wear your earplugs because this movie is loud. The soundtrack, showcasing Ja Rule, is mainly rap music, but some R&B makes its way into the scenes.

Showtimes at the KUC Theater are Thursday at 7 and 9:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Admission is \$2. ♦



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Band dedicated to originality

By Lisa L. Rollins
and Catherine Flanders
Contributors

By their own admission, the last place the members of the Murfreesboro-based band known as Laws Rushing want to take you is Genre-ville.

"After all," says recording industry major Laws Rushing who serves as the quartet frontman, namesake and primary tunesmith, "we're a song-based group, (and) we put a lot of emphasis on the music."

Together just six months, the group's moniker is derived from one of its members, not because he is an ego maniac, but because the other members felt Laws Rushing was a namesake that wouldn't cause their music to be pigeon-holed.

"We tried to figure out something that definitely wouldn't put us in any category, and it's a weird name," says Rushing, 25. "But it doesn't put us anywhere too quickly."

"It's a name that leaves us open to do what we want to do and not be blocked in too hard-core — in Genre-ville."

In addition to Rushing, the act includes 22-year-old drummer Erik Nordquist, also a recording industry major, 26-year-old bassist Steve Mayo, a 1999 graduate of MTSU, and lead guitarist Dwayne Rushing, 25, who is Laws' fraternal twin.

Although the bandmates grew up in different locales, each of them began playing musically in junior high.

Laws and Dwayne call Jackson, Tenn., home, while Nordquist hails from Fredericksburg, Va., and Mayo is from Bethune, N.C.

Collectively, the music makers have been inspired by Bob Dylan, the members of Led Zeppelin and even the Everly Brothers. Yet, when these influ-

ences are combined with the players' own tunesmithing and drive, Laws says the end result is "energetic" to say the least.

"We are all on our own, and that's why we're banded together and so strong," he says, referring to the foursome's dedication to its original sound. "Other than school, it's [the band's music] that we live for."

Formerly known as Evil Twin, Laws Rushing delivered its guitar-driven sound for locals Nov. 1 at Wallstreet, located at 121 N. Maple St. in Murfreesboro. Nashville-based act Kim's Fable opened the show.

Laws says those who have heard his former project, Evil Twin, shouldn't expect to see or hear a "cookie-cutter" show or old songs because Laws Rushing is a different musical venture.

"There will definitely be a common thread [in the music], but always there's something new in each song. There's a distinct sound to it ... and my brother is the real musician out of the two of us," he says of his Telecaster-toting sibling. "Dwayne has been playing for a long time."

Aside from changes in personnel, "Musically, the difference [between Evil Twin and Laws Rushing] is that the songs have more of a point now. They're easier to understand and the music is more complete, a fuller sound," explains Laws, who also has switched from an acoustic guitar to an electric one in the name of "bigger sound."

Subsequently, Laws Rushing has already taken its fuller sound to the studios of Church Street Sound in Murfreesboro.

"We've been recording since summer, and when we're finished, we'll have 12 tracks," Laws says. "... And all the songs are different subject-wise."

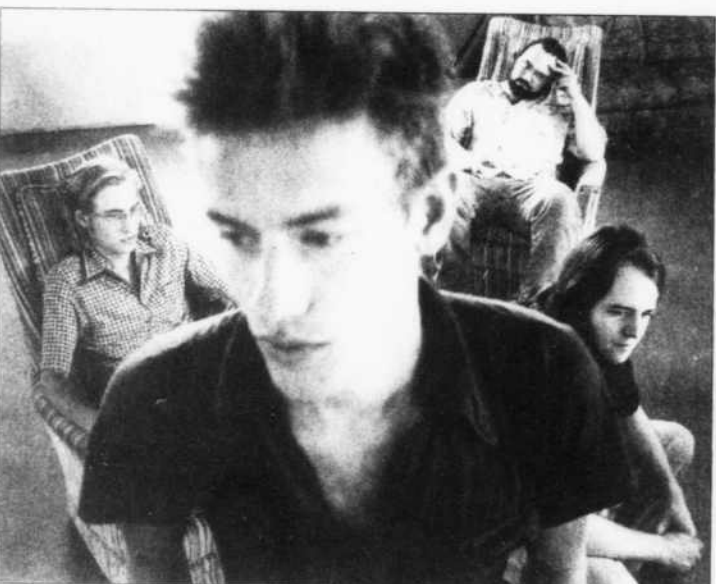


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Laws Rushing, formerly known as Evil Twin, will perform at The Boro Bar and Grill Nov. 29. From left of Laws (at forefront) are band members Dwayne Rushing, Erik Nordquist and Steve Mayo.

Laws also adds that listeners can expect to hear band originals such as "Striking," "Got It" and "Long Gone Love" on the band-produced recording.

"As far as our music goes, there's a lot of variety on this recording. Everyday stuff, like being alive one more day," he says. "But all of our music is definitely guitar-driven and vocal-driven. It's melodic-driven rock."

And while the recorded project, which is now halfway completed, has yet to earn a working title, it's assuredly a band effort. "All of the band has contributed to the music, and they all write their own parts," Laws says, "but as far as the initial song, I do that."

"I write the initial song, music and lyrics ... and there's some music that Dwayne has written with me. But all of the members are definitely filters for what we're doing."

"This is truly a band effort,"

he continues, "despite the fact that, seemingly, there's a front-man kind of deal. It's just not that way."

"This is a band."

As for the quartet's upcoming show, Laws says he hopes concert-goers not only like what they hear and are entertained, but also are challenged because the band doesn't do the status-quo rock.

"We're not a cover band, so it's not so easy-going," he says, smiling.

Laws Rushing will play at The Boro Bar and Grill Nov. 29, located at 1211 Greenland Dr.

Also, the original music of Laws Rushing will be featured Nov. 25 on 102.9 FM The Buzz during the station's local music program.

Broadcast times for the program were not available at press time, however. ♦



SPORTS



SIDELINES ♦ 6

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Sports Guide



David Hunter

Staff Writer

Defense has tough test ahead

The Middle Tennessee defense will have to give everything they have if the Raiders are to upset LSU Saturday.

After starting the season with lots of inconsistency, the defense has played a lot better in the last five quarters, beginning with the fourth quarter against New Mexico State. In the final quarter against NMSU the defense held the Aggie offense scoreless. Last week against Arkansas State, they held the ASU offense to 6 points on 174 yards.

Already this year, the Blue Raiders have been to the state of Louisiana twice. They have come back home with two victories.

This week MT pays their first visit to Death Valley on the campus of Louisiana State University. The stadium has a history of being one of the toughest places to play in the nation. This game is also LSU's homecoming.

"It is a great opportunity to play one of the best teams in the country and in one of the greatest atmospheres in college football," coach Andy McCollum said.

Last week the LSU offense broke school and SEC records against Alabama. Quarterback Rohan Davey passed for 528 yards to break LSU's school record, surpassing Tommy Hodson's 1989 mark of 438 yards in a game against Tennessee.

Wide receiver Josh Reed caught 19 passes for 293 yards, setting new LSU and SEC records for a single game.

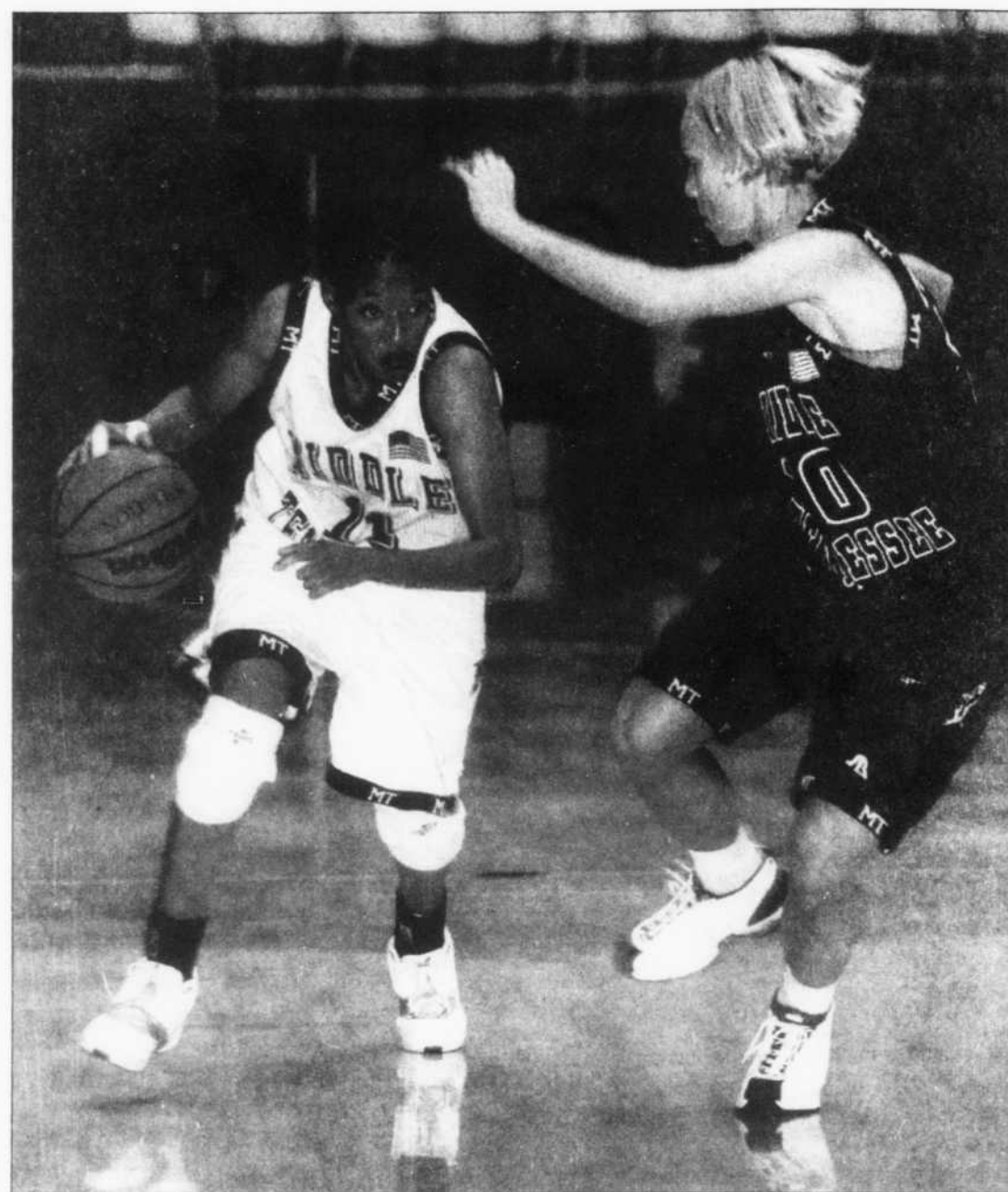
This will be a tough test for the MT defense that held ASU to 72 passing yards and 102 rushing yards last week.

"We go play as hard as we can, don't give up any easy plays and execute on defense. We need to play hard every snap, create turnovers and stop the run," McCollum said.

Last week, LSU running back LaBrandon Toefield rushed for 3 touchdowns on 23 carries for 73 yards with a sore Achilles' tendon.

The game is Saturday at 7 p.m. and will be televised locally by WSMV channel 4. ♦

MT teams hit the court



Jessica McClure drives as the defender tries to gain position to block her from the

Blue Raiders begin season with 81-68 win

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team played the first of two exhibition games against Tennessee Temple Monday night.

The Blue Raiders jumped out to an 11-3 lead, which was capped off by a Tommy Gunn jump shot 2:10 into the first half and never looked back.

At about the 15-minute mark, and continuing up through the second half, the Blue Raiders used a 1-3-1 trapping press, double teaming the man with the ball.

"Tonight we wanted to play a lot of guys, but we normally would not do that during the regular season," Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel said. "We are a team that likes to spread out the offense because that's what you do when you have a team as big as ours."

"These games are important because we use 13-14 guys and we can experiment in games

like this, which is especially important since we have six new guys," Wiel said.

Despite the six new players, according to Raiders center Lee Nosse, team chemistry so far has not been an issue.

"It's developing, and it's still in it's working stages, but once it comes around I think it is going to be a show to see," Nosse said.

Following the 11-3 run, the Blue Raiders went on another run, extending the lead to 18-8 at the 14:04 mark of the first half, finished off by a Mitchell Bryant jump shot. Tennessee Temple then responded with a 9-0 run, which was finished at 12:16, cutting the lead to 18-17. However, over the next 5:50, the Blue Raiders went on a 19-2 scoring splurge, extending the score to 37-19.

Going into halftime, the Blue Raiders led 45-32. For the first several minutes, MT and TTTU went back and forth until the 15:00 minute mark when Nosse committed his fourth personal

foul.

After Nosse's foul, the Owls showed signs of creeping back into the game, getting as close as 12.

"I don't think you would call it helplessness, it's just frustration," Nosse said about not being able to help the team after committing his fourth foul.

Although Tennessee Temple made strides to come back in the second half, the Blue Raiders held, winning 81-68.

Liro Tenngren, who scored 20 points and 10 rebounds with a 9-12 effort from the field, led the Raiders. He also hit all four of his shots in the first half. Tommy Gunn scored 13 points and added four assists, while Bryan Mitchell contributed 10 rebounds.

For the Owls, Josh Templeton scored 25 points.

The Blue Raiders next exhibition game is Nov. 12 when they play West Florida at 7 p.m. In the Raiders first home game, they will be hosting Bryan College Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. ♦

Lady Raiders win first game

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team took the opening tip-off and continued to roll, pulling out a 20-point win against Life College in its first exhibition game Tuesday.

The Lady Raiders jumped out to a 7-0 lead before Life scored its first basket. MT built a 40-25 lead with 3:09 to go in the first half. The first half ended with the Lady Raiders leading at 43-32.

Life came out of the locker room and scored the first basket of the second half. MT quickly answered as Keisha McClinic hit 2 three-pointers at the 16:20 mark.

The Lady Raiders built a 72-51 lead at 3:41 remaining in the second half. This was the biggest lead of the half.

MT led the entire game pulling out a 79-59 win.

The game saw many different players in action for the Lady Raiders.

"This game was exhausting for me," head coach Stephany Smith said. "We played a lot of players tonight because I know what the six veterans can do, and tonight was about evaluating the rookies."

MT's freshmen saw much playing time during the exhibition game. Patrice Holmes was

on the floor for 21 minutes and scored 9 points. Renee Hall saw 19 minutes of action, scoring 8 points and grabbing 4 rebounds.

"We had five freshman on the court the last four minutes of the game," Smith said. "That may not happen during the regular season, but I wanted to see what they could do. I was excited about the play of our two big kids, Renee Hall and Jessica Schlueter, tonight. It was good to see what the freshman could do out there because it is a different look when you add a couple of veterans on the court."

"It was good to get into a real game situation with the exhibition tonight," senior Joanne Aluka said. "It gives us a chance to work on our chemistry on the court. This is a good chance for the freshman to realize what game time is all about and know they have to give their all for 40 minutes. Right now the newcomers are focusing on finding the right spot on the court and then just playing."

Sophomore Keisha McClinic led the Lady Raiders with 13 points and was the only MT player to reach double digits.

MT shot 100 percent from the free-throw line in the first half but dropped to 45.5 percent in the second half.

The Lady Raiders play West Alabama Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Murphy Center. ♦



Liro Tenngren runs past the defender and begins to jump.

Blue Raiders go to SEC in search of a win

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee football team (7-2) will not only have to face a powerful Southeastern Conference opponent in Louisiana State University (5-3) Saturday, but must be prepared to use its big guns on offense as it enters the rowdy confines of the Tiger Den.

"We know it is a very tough environment," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "We've been in some tough environments before, though. (But) this may be the toughest."

For the second straight time, the Blue Raiders will be facing an SEC opponent that has played the Alabama Crimson Tide the week before. MT's previous SEC opponent was the Ole Miss Rebels, who used a fourth quarter rally to push back the Tide. LSU beat Alabama 35-21 last weekend. But unlike the Blue Raiders meeting with the Rebels, MT will be coming into the LSU game with momentum on its side after having beat Arkansas State for a piece of the Sun Belt Conference championship.

"It is going to be tough, but what else would we be doing on

Saturday?" McCollum said. "Let's go play one of the top teams in the country. We've got a good team, too."

With the performance MT provided last weekend against the Indians, it would be hard-pressed to find anyone to disagree with this assessment.

The Blue Raider offense displayed the fire power that had them ranked as one of the top offensive units in the country early in the year, and their defense posted a stifling performance holding the Indians to a 174 yards total offense, eight yards coming in the fourth quarter.

"It's a big challenge for us defensively, but we won't back down," linebacker Scotty Brown said.

The MT defense can't afford a let down when they face SEC Offensive Player of the Week Josh Reed. Reed was the beneficiary of Rohan Davey's generosity as the wide receiver collected a SEC record 19 catches for 293 yards. Davey passed for a LSU school record 528 yards.

"They have a wide-open offense, and we have to contain the quarterback and put pressure on him," defensive lineman Tanaka Scott said. "(Our) secondary has done a great job

covering the pass."

LSU knows something about covering the pass, too, having been battle tested in the SEC against teams such as Florida and Tennessee. The MT offense will have to be prepared for linebacker Trev Faulk, a Butkus Award semifinalist, and a hostile crowd of 91,000-plus.

"Our offense is fast-paced and audibling at the goal line may be tough," offensive lineman Brandon Westbrook said. "But as long as we have the play and know who we're blocking, I think we'll be OK."

"We can't come this far and not finish the season."

The Blue Raiders have already taken a Sun Belt Conference championship away from the 2001 season and have the opportunity to show the nation that they can also compete against the mighty SEC. A win against LSU will give MT a 2-1 record against SEC opponents this season and an 8-2 record overall.

"We want to go out and represent the Sun Belt Conference and play like we have the last two games," Brown said.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m. in Tiger Stadium. ♦



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Blue Raiders end season with seventh place finish

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's golf team shot a three-round 870 to finish its season with a seventh-place finish at the Fall Beach Classic Tuesday.

J.R. Wade shot 70 on the final day of play to finish tied for seventh overall. Wade had a three-round total of 211.

Fellow Sun Belt Conference

team Arkansas State won the event with an 844.

"I thought we would have played better as a team in the final round," head coach Johnny Moore said. "We made some real mental mistakes on the course today, which came back to hurt us. I was extremely proud of the way J.R. (Wade) played. I also saw some good things out of freshman Carter

Henderson."

John Beddies shot a season-best 69 in the final round to finish in a tie with teammate Carter Henderson for 33rd with a total score of 221. Charlie Gibson had a 222 total to place in a tie for 40th. Patrick Williams tied for 44th with a 223. MT will begin the spring season Feb. 11 at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic. ♦

TEAM STANDINGS



- 1 Arkansas State (290-274-280=844)
- 2 So. Florida (284-280-285=849)
- 3 Western Kentucky (290-285-275=850)
- 4 Southern Mississippi (288-285-285=858)
- 5 South Alabama (278-292-294=864)
- 6 Memphis (286-293-286=865)
- 7 Middle Tennessee (293-287-290=870)
- 8 Tulane (298-283-291=872)
- 9 Columbus State (288-289-298=875)
- 10 Troy State (302-297-294=893)
- 11 New Orleans (308-297-296=901)
- 12 Centenary College (307-298-297=902)

MT tennis players ready for Indoors

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Middle Tennessee's Daniel Klemetz, Robert Gustafsson and Oliver Foreman play today in the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Championships in Dallas, Texas.

Klemetz will face Indiana State's Vedron Vidovic. Gustafsson plays Loure Brajkovic, also of ISU. Gustafsson and Foreman face off with Baylor's Marcus

Hornung and Reiner Neurohr.

First round singles play opens today at 8:30 a.m.

That will be followed by first round and quarterfinal doubles matches in the afternoon and evening.

The Championships rank among the top three most prestigious events in tennis and are one of three championship events.

The other events are the Riviera Women's and Intercollegiate Tennis

Association Men's All-American Championships and the NCAA Championships.

The Championships use a 32-player singles field and 16-team doubles field for men and women.

These players include qualifiers from Omni Hotels Regional Championships held across the country during the fall, the ITA National Small College champions, the winners of the ITA All-American Championships and at-large

and wild-card selections made by the ITA National Tournament Committee.

Overall, more than 10,000 players from nearly 600 schools participate annually in the Omni Hotels Regional and National Intercollegiate Championships.

The event was inaugurated in 1978 and has been traditionally held in the month of February. This year will be the first time the event will be played in November. ♦

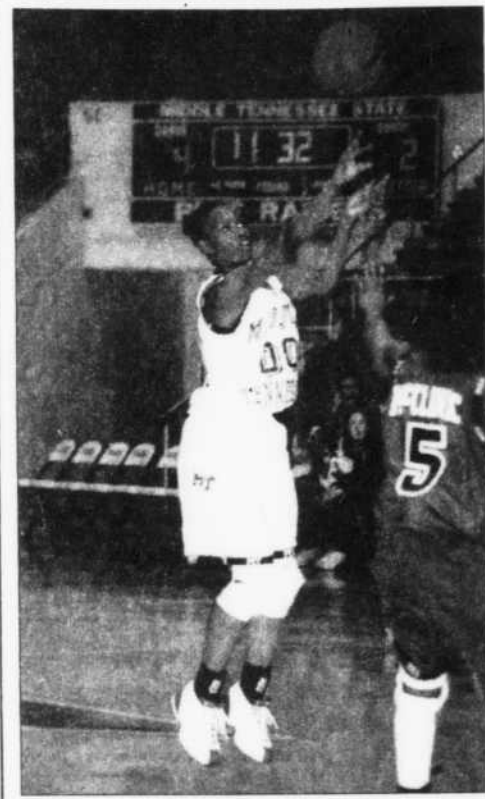


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Clara Gray shoots over the out-stretched arm of a defender. She is one of seven freshmen on the Lady Raider team this season. She played 12 minutes and scored 6 points on a perfect 3-for-3 night Tuesday against Life College.

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