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Wal-Mart plans for store near campus



Photo by Jason Cox | Staff

The above parcel of property at the intersection of Woodbury Highway and South Rutherford Boulevard is the proposed site of a new Wal-Mart Supercenter in Murfreesboro.

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

A new Wal-Mart Supercenter soon may be built within walking distance from the MTSU campus.

Murfreesboro currently has one Wal-Mart Supercenter on Old Fort Parkway, approximately 10 miles from campus. The new store will not be as large as the current store, said Joseph Aydelott, director of City Planning.

"[The new Wal-Mart] may reduce traffic a little and help keep retail sales in the community, keeping local option sales taxes in our community," Aydelott said.

The proposed site is on the southeast corner of Woodbury Highway and South Rutherford Boulevard, approximately three-fourths of a mile from Greek Row.

According to the Wal-Mart district office, a city as large as Murfreesboro should have three stores, Aydelott said.

While some residents may not like the idea of such a large store being built near their homes, it's coming regardless, said Don Smith, who lives less than half a mile from the proposed construction site.

"[With the Wal-Mart] you get more traffic, you get more accidents and more noise," Smith said.

One of the biggest criticisms of the Wal-Mart dynasty has been its negative impact on locally owned grocery and retail stores.

"We're the only independent grocery store left in Murfreesboro," said Eric Habel, manager of JR's Foodland. "Overall, we don't think it will affect us."

Habel also added that, while Wal-Mart may be tough to beat when it comes to low prices, Foodland is recognized by their clientele for their fresher meat and better service.

The store will be helpful to people who can't get all the way across town, said Tiara Hairston, a freshman record-

ing industry major.

"I think it'd be great for students who can't drive," Hairston said.

It will add a major retail and commercial business close to the university, which will benefit students, Aydelott explained.

City Planning must approve the development before groundbreaking can begin.

"We're taking this a step at a time, which is the normal procedure," Aydelott said.

Wal-Mart's largest competitor, Kmart, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection yesterday. Kmart has a location in Murfreesboro on Broad Street. ♦

Educators see flaws in Bush reforms

Funding, standardized testing cited as problems

By Maura Satchell
Staff Writer

President Bush signed into law HR-1, also known as the "No Child Left Behind" Bill, Jan. 6, but some professional educators have problems with it.

The new law sets forth regulations and guidelines falling within one of four "pillars," which form the foundation of the president's education reform: accountability and testing, flexibility and local control, funding for what works and expanded parental options.

"The fact that our country and our government has put education at the top of the list is a very good thing," said Bobbie Solley, associate professor of elementary and special education. "I'm elated that the president is so concerned about what is going on with our schools and is willing to put money into the school system."

"Now, the real questions become: Will the states choose wisely? Will they invest in accountability systems that motivate excellence and measure what matters most?" wrote Tony Wagner, co-director of the Change Leadership Group at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, in a *Washington Post*

editorial in late December.

Some MTSU education professors agree.

"A standardized test is one measure, but we need alternative assessments going on all year," said Kathleen Burriess, associate professor of elementary and special education. Alternative assessments should include such items as portfolio evaluations, journals, projects, performance tests, teacher-made tests and exhibitions, Burriess said.

"There is a major mismatch between what is tested and what is actually in the curriculum for any given school district," Solley said. "But an even more troubling shortcoming is the purpose for which standardized tests are designed. They are designed, intentionally, to spread scores of a population of test takers."

"When teachers teach what is important and children begin to do well on that portion of a test," Solley said, "the test is redesigned to take out those questions where children are all scoring well and replace it with items that will again spread the scores."

"We, as educators, need to look closely at what Bush's plan is asking us to do and determine the best, most appropriate ways to go about doing it besides using standardized test scores as the sole determiner of success," Solley said.

Connie A. Jones, associate professor of elementary and special education, said

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EYESORE OF THE WEEK

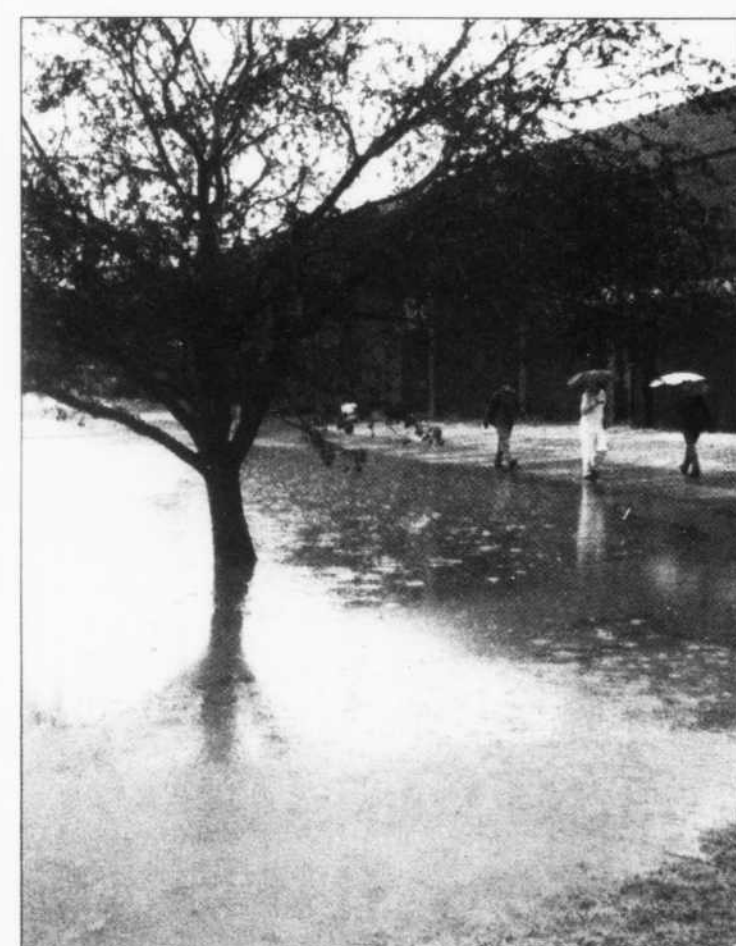


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This small lake collected yesterday afternoon in a grassy area in front of the Learning Resources Center.

"Eyesore of the Week" will examine the inadequacies of our campus in hopes of drawing attention to flaws that need to be addressed. If you have seen any "eyesores" around campus, please let us know by calling 904-8357 or e-mailing almedit@mtsu.edu.

Developmental studies funds reduced, remedial program cut

By Jessica Kent
Staff Writer

The Tennessee Board of Regents has approved a budget reduction proposal, which includes eliminating remedial courses from four-year universities, as well as reducing the funds for developmental studies programs.

The plan is a part of "Defining Our Future," a report to the General Assembly from the TBR, which includes suggestions on how to reduce the budget among TBR colleges and universities. Moving all remedial courses to two-year colleges is a part of this plan.

The TBR's rationale is that this will support higher admission standards at universities, as well as move remedial programs

to a low-cost environment, according to the "Defining Our Future" report.

There are currently fewer than 100 students taking remedial courses at MTSU, said Carol Bader, chair of the developmental studies department at MTSU.

According to the definition provided in the TBR report, remedial classes aid students who are currently performing below eighth-grade level.

The university is currently looking into Motlow State in Smyrna as a location to send these remedial students, Bader said.

If the plan is approved by the General Assembly, the TBR hopes to accomplish the removal of the remedial courses within the next five years.

The developmental studies program will not be eliminated from four-year universities, Bader said. However, the funding for developmental studies programs will be reduced to equal the amount community colleges will spend on remedial courses.

Bader said that 9,330 students have graduated from the developmental studies program here at MTSU. Last fall about 2,000 students took developmental studies courses. For them, the budget reduction would mean the developmental studies labs would be open fewer hours.

In the long run, if the General Assembly passes this plan to reduce the budget, it could raise big concerns.

"If there is a negative effect,"

Bader said, "there will be a great deal of economic impact." The workforce won't be as educated and prepared for graduation if the developmental studies programs lose funding, she said.

Developmental studies courses help students who are performing at a high school level to achieve college level performance, Bader said, but when there are talks of budget reductions, someone has to take a cut.

Other parts of the plan will involve actions to help students before they reach college. TBR plans to improve high school education so that fewer remedial and developmental studies courses will be needed. The board wants to work with the Tennessee Higher Education

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Scott Laming — Staff Writer

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by MTSU Public Safety between Jan. 4 and Jan. 18. This log was compiled from actual police reports.

Friday, Jan. 4, 1:30 p.m.

MTSU police responded to a call that a student on campus had drug paraphernalia in his possession in a second floor dorm room of Reynolds Hall. After police investigated the room, a marijuana pipe was found and confiscated. The situation is being handled through the dean's office and no charges were brought up by police.

A subject reported coming to her car in Greenland Drive lot B and noticing that somebody had attempted to break in through the passenger window. It appeared to MTSU police

that the weather stripping had been pulled away from the door in an attempt to force open the locks. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Thursday, Jan. 10, 9:30 p.m.

A female at Sigma Nu fraternity house reported to MTSU police that the side mirror had been broken off her vehicle. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

Sunday, Jan. 13, 7:02 a.m.

Kodi Chaney of Murfreesboro was arrested after MTSU police noticed that he was stumbling along the road. After stopping Chaney, police noticed that his eyes were blood shot and he had an odor of alcohol. Chaney was arrested for public intoxication and will go to court March 12.

Tuesday, Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m.

A complainant advised that there were two males attempting to sell magazines near the Davis Science Building. After police stopped the individuals, Daniel Marte of Spokane, Wash., was arrested for criminal trespassing and for solicitation.

Tuesday, Jan 15, 6:04 p.m.

Justin Bradburn of Murfreesboro was arrested for possession of a weapon on campus. After police searched his room, a semi-automatic .40-caliber Glock was found. Bradburn is scheduled for a court date March 20.

To report an emergency or crime, dial 2424 from any campus phone or dial 898-2424 from off campus. ♦



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Students work in Peck Hall's developmental studies lab.

Sidelines Open House

Today from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 4-6 p.m. in the James Union Building, Dining Room C (third floor)

Remedial: Legislature must approve reductions

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Commission and the Tennessee Tomorrow project to help provide more qualified teachers. The board also will work with the State Board and State Department of Education to improve teacher training.

The "Defining Our Future" report was sent to the General Assembly in December. The General Assembly is currently reviewing the budget reduction proposals. The plan is just a suggestion now, Bader stressed. MTSU officials will meet with the TBR in February to discuss the plan and how it will impact the university. ♦

Education: Jones: Better education stifles crime

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education is a valuable tool for society.

"You pay on the front end or the back end," Jones said. She warned that the cost of incarcerating criminals is much more than that of educating a child to become a productive member of society.

"We have to ask ourselves: What is the ultimate role; what is the mission of public schools?" Burriss said. "It is not to perform well on standardized tests." ♦

Sheriff's deputy charged with DUI

Staff reports

An off-duty sheriff's deputy was suspended and charged with DUI after crashing into a Murfreesboro police car Sunday on Old Fort Parkway.

Terry McBurney, 31, turned into oncoming traffic on Old Fort Parkway from Stones River Mall Boulevard at approximately 10:15 p.m. Sunday when he ran head-on into the police cruiser of Brian Arnold. Arnold suffered a bruised hand in the accident.

McBurney, who officers said reeked of alcohol when they encountered him, answered only "too much" when asked how much he had drunk.

McBurney will be suspended without pay while an investigation is conducted. ♦

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Editorial

MTSU parking rules too shady for us

It's not often that *Sidelines* gets a chance to raise questions regarding parking. OK, so maybe it is.

But parking is an issue that is near and dear to our hearts, and from the sounds of it, the hearts of thousands of students as well. That's why we felt the need to write about it, once again.

According to a Parking and Transportation Services advertisement that ran in *Sidelines* for the first couple of weeks of school, patrol hours for some spaces have been extended to 24 hours. This means that any time you park in a reserved spot, such as a housing staff or Scarlett Commons space (assuming you're not on housing staff or a resident of Scarlett), you can receive a ticket — even at 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning when the lot is completely empty and desolate.

The ad states, "Unless otherwise noted, most reserved parking areas are reserved 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Some reserved areas include handicapped, Womack Lane, Scarlett Commons, Greek Row, housing staff, maintenance, health services and library staff spaces." Most? Some? What is it with the vague language? What other spaces are reserved that aren't being patrolled?

Also unclear is the difference between what the ad says and what Parking Service's Web site says. The ad says all reserved spaces are reserved 24 hours a day, seven days a week, yet the Web site (<http://www.mtsu.edu/~parking>) says reserved library staff spaces are reserved only from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Connie Hagberg, director of Parking Services, told a *Sidelines* reporter last week that parking received complaints from residents of Womack Lane, Scarlett Commons, Greek Row and other places on campus that their reserved spaces were being occupied by cars without the proper permit. She also said the regulations are, in fact, not new, but have always existed and now are being enforced.

The complaints are legitimate and should be taken seriously, but we question why any spaces should be policed 24 hours a day and on the weekends.

At the very least, we would like to see some clarity and consistency regarding the regulations so students can understand them and avoid finding one of those dreaded yellow envelopes tucked under their windshields. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

U.S. government looking after detainees



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

especially women, children and the elderly).

These scumbags were terrorists. They didn't care who they attacked, as long as the victim was a Westerner. Secondly, and perhaps this is the most important factor in deciding how to treat the terrorists, they are not being held as collateral or so we can negotiate a peace treaty with their government.

They have information about how their network of evil is set up, and we must have that information to prevent future terrorist attacks and to destroy said network.

Getting to that information is going to be rather tough if the detainees get to stay at Club Med-esque resort, like some human rights advocates would like to see.

Interrogating individuals is a tricky business, especially ones as dedicated to their cause as these people (I use that term loosely) are.

It's going to take a lot of mind games to get them to sing; even more if they have a free stay at the Paradise Inn. ♦

The standardized test: our school's own worst enemy

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

For many decades the American public school system has greatly relied on standardized testing. This is a very unfortunate situation.

It has now gotten to the point that some congressmen view high standardized test scores as their definition of "teacher accountability."

I see several problems with this. First, a standardized or multiple choice test always allows the student to guess; therefore it does not always test what the student actually knows.

Next, standardized tests require that teachers take their already precious class time and prepare for these tests, many of which are state mandated (TCAP, ACT, SAT, etc.).

Thirdly, according to an article written by the National Education Association, some members feel that it also discourages reading, because students see it as something that they do for standardized tests, not something that they can do for pleasure.

Finally, many children with "special needs" have very high problems passing these tests. Not only does it hinder their ability to learn, it can also hinder their academic progress, but it also can cause much frustration on the part of the parents, teachers and students.

The reason for which "special needs children" cannot pass standardized tests varies from person to person.

Some students cannot pass the tests because of dyslexia. Some cannot pass these tests because their eyes jump around from one line to the next. A student might read the question, then read half of choice A, the last part of C and the middle of B. That just won't work.

The government has started recognizing some of these problems, and George W. Bush recently gave \$1 billion to the schools, specifically for "special needs children" in an attempt to raise stan-

dardized test scores.

Although I guess this is a step in the right direction, it is still nowhere near where the U.S. government or even the states themselves need to be going with this.

I have taken it upon myself to write up what could be my own proposal that is an alternative for standardized testing. I propose that teachers should be given grades based upon a combination of the following:

1. Academic progress that students are making (one member will sit down with the teacher and she will show her this).

2. How teachers handle students who are behavior problems or are unwilling to learn.

3. At the end of every school year, starting in the third grade, each student must participate in a final exam that involves the whole class. The exam could be just about anything and it cannot be written. In order to show that the student has learned the material, they cannot use an outline containing specific information. This will be determined by the instructor.

State money will be distributed with the following criteria: parent involvement, absenteeism and number of students in the school system.

This system is fair for the following reasons:

1. It is known in today's modern school setting that parent involvement is key to a child's success.

2. A child who does not want to show up to school does not want to learn.

3. A large school system requires more resources in order to provide children the opportunity to learn.

George W. Bush hit it right on the nose this weekend when he claimed that it is the democratic right of every American to be provided the opportunity to get an education.

In order for "no children to be left behind," this is what our Congress needs to look at. ♦

Enron's cash trickled down to me, too

Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

I must admit it. I received money from Enron. Add my name to a long list of congressmen and government officials whose reputations are tainted by dirty Enron money. I fear it may have been all too obvious that I was under the influence of Enron when I published columns with such titles as, "You can trust your money with Enron" and "I love Enron."

I never expected to receive any money from

Enron. I just happened to be in an abandoned warehouse when a nondescript gentleman handed me a McDonald's sack filled with cash and french fries. I ate the fries and spent the cash.

The next summer, I needed a job. I applied for an internship at the abandoned warehouse, which I now know was owned by Enron. People who gave sacks of money to strangers seemed like they would be fun to work for.

The personnel director asked if I knew anything about accounting. I said no. He said great. Accounting is pretty easy. It does involve a lot of math, but not as much as I thought. Mostly it's remembering that only 20 pages go through the

shredder at a time.

Only two people, Arthur and Joe, worked with me in the warehouse. We got bored a lot, there wasn't much in the warehouse except for our desks, filing cabinets, and McDonald's sacks with money and french fries. Every Tuesday a black Cadillac would drop off bags of money.

Arthur, in accounts receivable was responsible for unloading it. I put it in McDonalds sacks. Joe was responsible for giving the sacks to the men who came and asked for them.

I asked Joe once what kind of company Enron was. He explained to me that Enron was an energy company. Energy, he said, was what makes the world move. To make anything

WHAT A SCHMUCK !!

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"I want candy," said '80s rockers Bow Wow Wow.

But if this week's schmuck, New York University nutrition and food sciences professor Marion Nestle, gets his way, thousands of people may become unemployed and items from Junior Mints to Fritos may disappear off grocery store shelves.

Commenting to FOX News reporter Michael Y. Park in a story published yesterday online, Nestle said, "These companies can't behave like cigarette companies. (Yet) there's lot of people who benefit from people being fat and sick, and the whole setup is designed to make people eat more. ... So the response to the food industry should be very similar to what happened with the tobacco companies."

What's happened to individual responsibility? How many people can we blame for our own faults? If Jerry the two-ton circus freak doesn't have the willpower to say no to a fourth or fifth helping of pig's feet with a healthy side of lard, then it's his own XXXL fault.

Things are only going

to get worse for Lydia the elephantine secretary if she has someone holding her hand saying, "It's not your fault you're obese. The evil, evil companies have made you this way. That Little Debbie cake roll demanded you eat him and all his sugary friends."

Clearly Nestle has some repressed anger from being taunted by elementary schoolers with names like "Crunch," "Kit Kat" and "Butterfinger." He needs a therapist, not a lawsuit.

Professor, stop trying to project your own ingestive inadequacies on the food companies and dish yourself up a big spoonful of personal responsibility. ♦

happen, you need energy. In America, to make something happen, you need money. Enron makes things happen with money. I asked where the money came from, and he said it came from the black Cadillac.

I asked who else worked for Enron. Apparently all the men who came and picked up sacks of cash worked for Enron. I asked what would happen if the Cadillac didn't show up. He didn't say anything, but he did show me his plane ticket to Brazil.

Then school started, and I forgot all about Enron. Enron didn't forget about me, they kept sending me sacks of cash. It is good to know that in America, a company can stay in business by sending

sacks of cash to people.

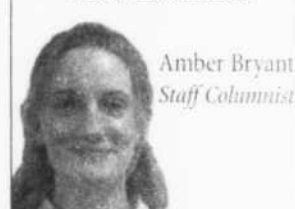
I was a bit worried yesterday when the FBI and IRS visited me. They said I was one third of the entire Enron Corporation. They said Arthur, Joe, and I were running the entire company from the warehouse. I said that was impossible. Somebody had to drive the Cadillac.

Besides, all the people who came in and got sacks of cash were employees of Enron. They wanted to know what people. I showed them my list of everybody who had come in and got money.

I started keeping a list after I saw so many important and famous people. They took the list and said I could have immunity. I said I'd already been vaccinated. ♦

Call me old fashioned, but feminism needs a makeover

What the Smack?



Amber Bryant
Staff Columnist

I recently asked a male friend why men no longer open doors for women, seeking the rationale behind the numerous bowls of door soup I have been served.

It turns out that men have abandoned this age-

old tradition in fear that they will stumble across the woman who has been hoarding centuries worth of female oppression for just such an occasion.

To sum it up, an act of pure politeness is getting the big flush because Nazi-grade feminists think it's condescending.

Now before all the girl-power advocates on campus collapse into foaming grand mal seizures before coming together to plot my violent downfall, let me elaborate.

It's just a door.

As mind-boggling as it sounds, I seriously doubt that men assume women do not possess the strength or ability to open doors for themselves. It is not made of lead, nor is it surrounded by a pit of fire or venomous snakes.

If women couldn't open doors for themselves, ladies' rooms across the country would be filled with rotting corpses.

It is simply an act of kindness, possibly one of the last ones women can

get in this age of declining manners.

Personally, I find it somewhat disrespectful, as well as annoying, when a man lets a door slam in my face, not because I'm a delicate dewdrop, but because it's rude.

If these are the most horrific injustices women face, we should consider ourselves fortunate.

Call me a pansy, but perhaps feminists should concentrate on more important issues, such as equal pay, domestic vio-

lence, the fact that women are continuously viewed as the lesser of the two sexes and, of course, the detestable *Man Show*.

If feminists focus their energies on such insignificant issues as door opening, the entire movement will be for naught, allowing men to shake their heads and chuckle.

So the next time a man attempts to open a door for you, keep your brassier on and your man-hating fury at bay. There are bigger fish to fry. ♦

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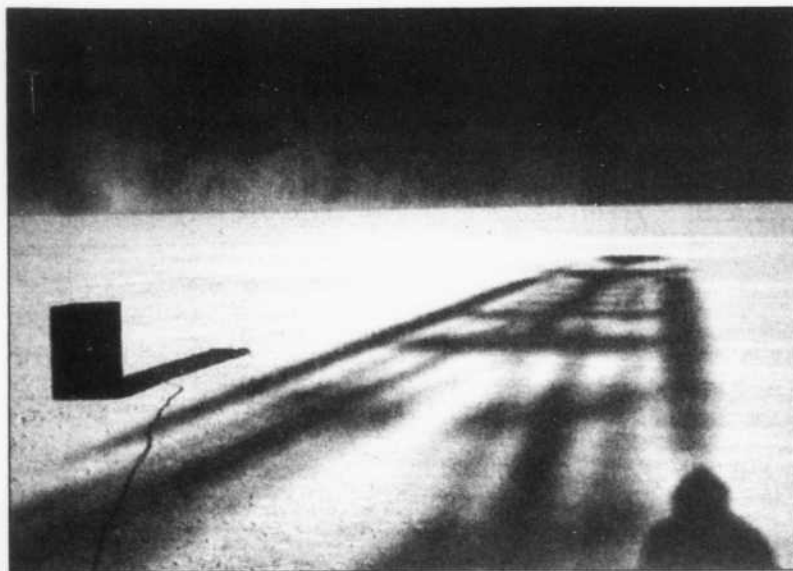
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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

'Burning Man' redefines photography



Riddle of the Sands, Barbara Traub

By Beverly Jenkins
Staff Writer

Wandering through the Baldwin Photographic Gallery might give you the impression that you are stepping into horror writer Clive Barker's *Skins of the Father*. The photographs by A. Leo Nash and Barbara Traub capture an expansive desert of everything but normality where monstrous beings of all shapes, colors and sizes congregate each year with contraptions that challenge everyday familiarity.

The photographs in "Images from Burning Man" are not meant to horrify, but rather capture the spirit of the annual "Burning Man Festival" in the Black Rock Desert of Nevada. The monstrous beings are actually humans. Some are decked in unimaginable and elaborate costumes, while others are nude and painted in colors like blue or red with devil horns.

Anything goes at "Burning Man," which started in 1986 when Larry Harvey and Jerry James burned a wooden 8-foot tall figure at Baker Beach in San Francisco. People across the beach gathered around to witness what would become a tradition.

In 1990, park authorities prohibited Harvey and James from burning their figure on the beach, prompting Harvey and James to move the festivities to the Black Rock Desert, a prehistoric lakebed that supports no animal or plant life. Now, the wooden figure looms at over 40-feet tall and about 25,000 people come from around the world to attend. The challenge of the festival is for all attendees to participate and contribute in a

unique and personal way.

Pictures taken by Nash and Traub document the creativity of the festival over the years and simultaneously become their form of creative expression and participation at "Burning Man."

"I'm sort of performing, [and] I'm part of the spectacle," Traub said.

In 1994, she relocated to San Francisco from her hometown of Baltimore and discovered "Burning Man" after a road trip led her to the Black Rock Desert.

Once back in San Francisco, she found a brochure advertising Burning Man and decided to go that year. She said the festival signaled a beginning for herself in her new city. The trip was more than a beginning.

"Burning Man had defined my life in San Francisco," Traub said.

Nash also began attending Burning Man in 1994. He said he heard of the event through friends and decided to accompany them that year to the festival.

"It was like a door opened," Nash said about his initial impression of the festival. He said he felt at home with "all these people that were not interested in mainstream America."

Does the size of "Burning Man" endanger its underground approach to art? Not at all, Nash said.

"The fact that it is bigger allows the organization to create on a bigger scale," he said.

Nash said this means the creativity has gotten better each year, and that the creativity has a different effect on each photographer.

"It's always interesting to see how two different

artists view the same thing," senior Amie Farr said.

Tom Jimison, the curator of the Baldwin Photographic Gallery, also said he liked the contrast between the two photographers.

Jimison said he first encountered Nash and Traub at "Photo Americas," a festival in Portland celebrating photography, in October 2000.

"I was thinking about doing a two-person show, which we've never done before," Jimison said.

According to him, the opportunity presented itself when the gallery had a spot to fill in January and February due to a cancellation.

"It's really like having two shows," Jimison said. He described Traub as being more reactionary.

"She goes for the moment," he commented.

Nash, however, sets his pictures up, Jimison said.

"The subjects are working with him," he adds.

Nash said he considers himself a people photographer, but his pictures become landscapes.

"I'm not really sure what [the photographs] say about me," Nash said.

Looking at Traub and Nash's photographs makes the desert seem more like a clean canvas. The participants and their creations are like strokes of vivid paint upon the barren expanse of land captured by the "Burning Man" photography veterans.

Traub's photographs hold an eyeful to look at while Nash's are sparser and have a lot of energy packed into a concentrated area. Traub focuses more on people and their immediate energy.

When taking pictures, Traub said she seeks the "weirdness of everyday life." She describes her work as surrealistic and considers "the figure as a landscape." She said her pictures ask, "Where does the rock end and the body begin?"

Despite the impact "Burning Man" has had on her, Traub does not know if she will attend this year.

"What's left to shoot?" she asked, but she said she also wonders if "Burning Man" is her life's work. To her, the festival is "very American" and at the "forefront of American avant-garde." She said she feels like she is part of a movement, a cultural renaissance.

Nash, on the other hand, said the decision isn't so easy.

"So many of my friends are involved with it," he said.

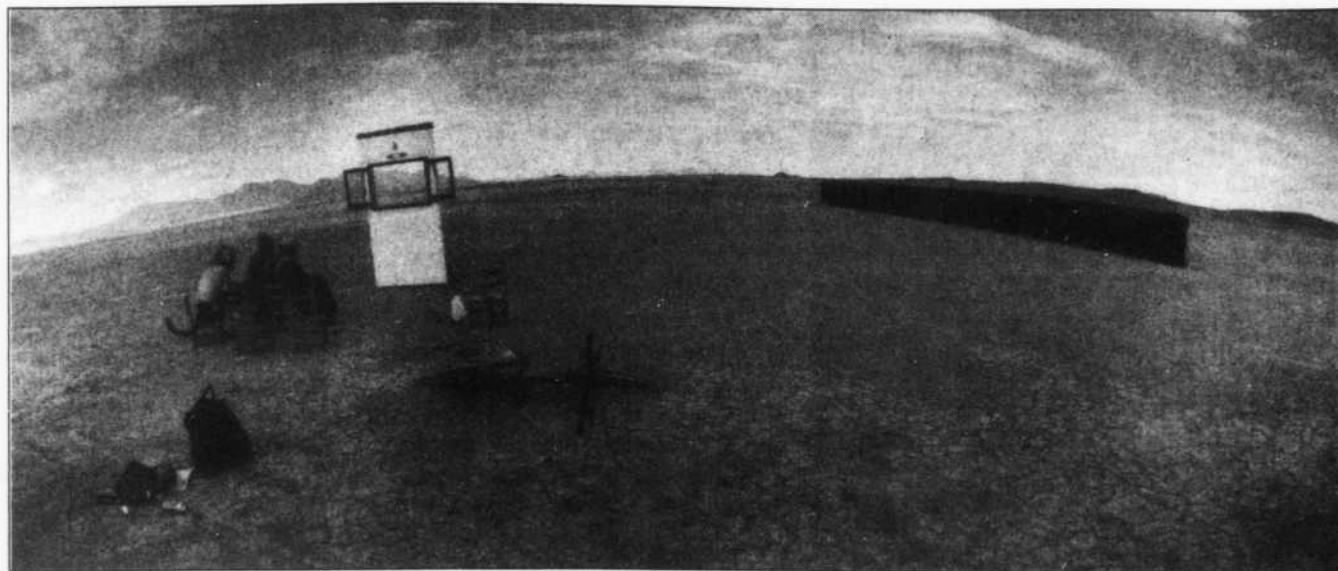
No, it's not a Clive Barker story. It's more like Mardi Gras with a twist of depth. It's not about the party but it is about the experience.

Traub said the strangest sight she ever saw at "Burning Man" was when she looked toward the sky one evening in 2000 and saw a "quartet of comets," which she was told later was a satellite breaking apart. She said everyone saw it, and they were all part of the experience together.

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery will display 25 images from Nash and Traub until Feb. 28.

Both photographers will be at MTSU Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. to give a lecture and slide presentation in the John Bragg Mass Communication Building, Room 103.

A reception will follow in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery afterward. ♦



Laughing Scorpion Puppet Theatre, A. Leo Nash

Professor, mother concerned with educating gifted children

Personal experience makes task a gift from the heart

By Rebecca Parker
Staff Writer

Belinda Traugher is a child psychologist and professor at MTSU, but she is also an advocate for gifted children.

Having two gifted children herself, she is interested in making sure the needs of gifted children are met.

Traugher explained that there are two types of children in special education, those who have special needs and those who are gifted.

"A lot of energy is put into the special needs children," Traugher said. But she feels that many times the gifted programs are less than effective.

"Highly capable children are not being well served," Traugher added.

She explained that when put in a class with all the other children, a gifted child will learn the curriculum much faster and may not have to work as hard as the other high achievers. This may lead them to become bored, or feel like they don't have to put forth effort to make good grades and earn recognition.

Gifted children also may feel like they are different than others.

"People often think that the parents of gifted kids push them to learn earlier, but that is not always the case," Traugher said.

With her own children, Traugher doesn't push them to learn and excel past their grade level.

Instead, she lets them learn at their own pace so they will not miss out on their childhood.

Many times the gifted children are split into separate classrooms. A method commonly used is when the children "breakout" or are taken to a different classroom once a week.

"For some systems this works great," Traugher said, "but people assume they are only gifted one day a week."

This system, Traugher explained, still leaves children feeling like they are different.

Traugher also explained that not all gifted students are on the same level



Traugher

either.

When given an IQ test, gifted children may score anywhere from a 130 to 145 and be considered moderately gifted, or they may score 145 and above to be considered highly gifted. There is a large difference between 130 and 150, which is the IQ where the test caps off. Even when put together, a child with a 150 IQ may feel very different than a child with a 130 IQ.

One issue brought to the legislature, of which Traugher is a supporter, is that gifted children should be moved out of the special education department.

"The children would be better off with the move if the transfer provided resources," Traugher said.

They would not be helped, she explained, if nothing was done for them, but with the right steps taken, their education could be furthered.

"Whether gifted education stays in special education or not, the bill will not provide for the transition," Traugher said. "The teachers will still need training."

"Academics is the only place where we are grouped by age," she said.

She pointed out that in most scenarios people are grouped by abilities, but in education people are put in the same grade because they are the same age. This type of system does not help the gifted child who has knowledge surpassing their peers.

Traugher is promoting a system called "clustering." In this system the gifted children in the same grade level are put into the same classroom. This way they can work together if they choose, and only one teacher has to work with and develop the curriculum

they need.

This system, she explained with much enthusiasm, doesn't cost any more money but will be highly effective. Clustering works in school where there are a number of gifted children.

"Clustering works very well and doesn't cost anything," Traugher said. "It ought to save money."

Traugher, in a letter written, described that the clustering strategy is recommended by the National Association for Gifted Children. This system, she explained, is "rarely used and often actively resisted by schools due to a lack of understanding of its benefits."

"This allows children to truly have the possibility of intellectual peer interaction," Traugher said in the letter.

This system, Traugher explained, will also help to meet a set of needs for the children, such as pretesting, compacting, differentiation and acceleration.

Traugher said there is a lot of confusion about clustering and many think it is the same as tracking, which puts a group of children with the same ability together and leaves them that way for much of their schooling.

Gifted students benefit from learning together, and need to be placed with similar students in their area of strength, according to a publication on clustering from the ERIC Clearinghouse on Disabilities and Gifted Children.

According to Susan Winebrenner and Barbara Devlin, authors for the ERIC Web site, many of the gifted students already have learned what is expected of them.

This could mean much of their class time is wasted.

"We want kids to have fun and be excited about going to school," Traugher said.

She explained that if children are not pushed to learn, they may become bored with school and will lose interest.

"There are two things all children, including gifted children, need: the opportunity to interact with their intellectual peers and superiors," Traugher said.

"Many gifted children are not getting this." ♦



Disney's monster masterpiece soars

By Rebecca Parker
Staff Writer

From the second the lights go down and the first animated character of *Monsters Inc.* takes the screen, the audiences are enthralled.

Disney has done it again. Teamed with Pixar, the creators of *Toy Story*, *Toy Story 2* and *A Bug's Life*, they have made another Disney masterpiece. *Monsters Inc.* is directed by Pete Docter, part of the team for *Toy Story*, and produced by Darla K. Anderson.

"*Monsters Inc.* represents another major achievement for Pixar animation studios and the art of animation," said Thomas Schumacher, president of Disney Animation on the *Monster's Inc.* Web site. "The film itself is a brilliant

piece of entertainment with memorable characters and hilarious situations."

Monsters Inc. is filled with lovable characters. It has a nice blend of comedy and emotion, leaving viewers feeling both humored and touched. In addition, there is a nice array of voices, including John Goodman, Billy Crystal, Mary Gibbs, Steve Buscemi, Jennifer Tilly and James Coburn.

The main characters, James P. Sullivan (John Goodman) and Mike Wazowski (Billy Crystal), are two monsters who work at the Monsters

Inc. scare factory. Sulley, an 8-foot tall furry monster, is the top scarer. His job is to be that monster that was always hiding in your closet and jumped out to scare you as soon as your parents left the room. Mike, a round green monster with one eye, is Sulley's best friend, roommate and assistant at Monsters Inc.

These two monsters embark on a wild journey once they accidentally let a human child into the monster world. This child, Boo (Mary Gibbs), as Sulley named her, will steal your heart the minute she is introduced into the movie.

With her huge brown eyes, tiny brown pigtailed and playful laugh, she is impossible not to fall in love with.

Of course, as in every Disney movie, not all the characters are good. There is an arch enemy and deviant bad guy. Randall (Steve Buscemi) is a lizard-like monster with eight sets of legs. He is the second-best scarer in the company, second only to Sulley. Randall is consistently causing trouble throughout the film.

Though they are captivating, these main characters are not the only notable ones. There are others who make us laugh and add to the story, such as Celia, a monster with live snakes for hair who is the Monsters Inc. receptionist and

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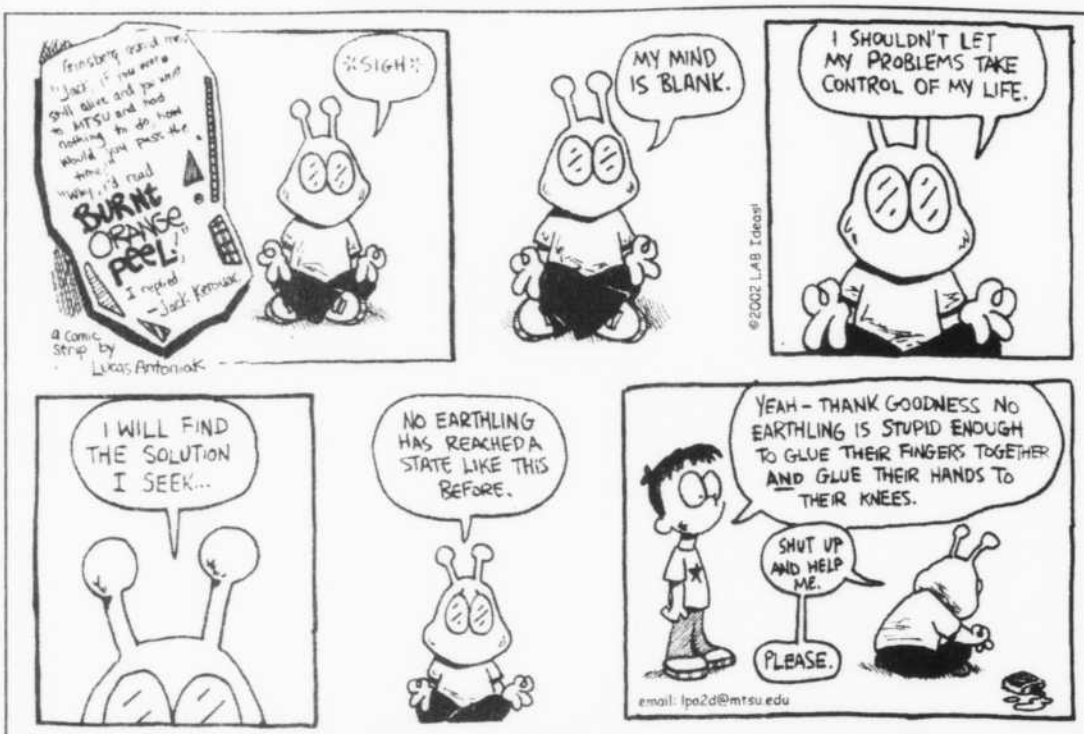
Monster: Movie success

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Mike's girlfriend. Another character is Henry J. Waterhouse, the CEO of Monsters Inc., who is worried that the company is not getting enough screams from children.

Finally, there's Roz, the slow-moving, wormlike dispatch manager who consistently reminds Mike that he hasn't filled out his paper work.

This movie is a scream all the way through, but the laughter doesn't end with the film. Pixar has yet again added outtakes during the credits, which are just as funny as the film itself. *Monster's Inc.* is showing in the Keathley University Center theater at 7 and 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. ♦



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CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike
Features Editor

Monday, Jan. 28

The Survival Honors Lecture Series continues with "Hope: Viktor Frankl, B.B. King and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Revisited." The lecture will from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

There will be a summer job/internship fair in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 898-2500 or go to www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm.

The Center for Popular Music and the Middle Tennessee Popular Music Studies Group invite the university community to "Music at Mid-Week," a series of lectures and discussions on popular music topics. Each lecture will be in the Dean's Conference Room (241) of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31

There will be a free legal clinic at the June Anderson Women's Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. To set up an appointment with an attorney, or for more information, call the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

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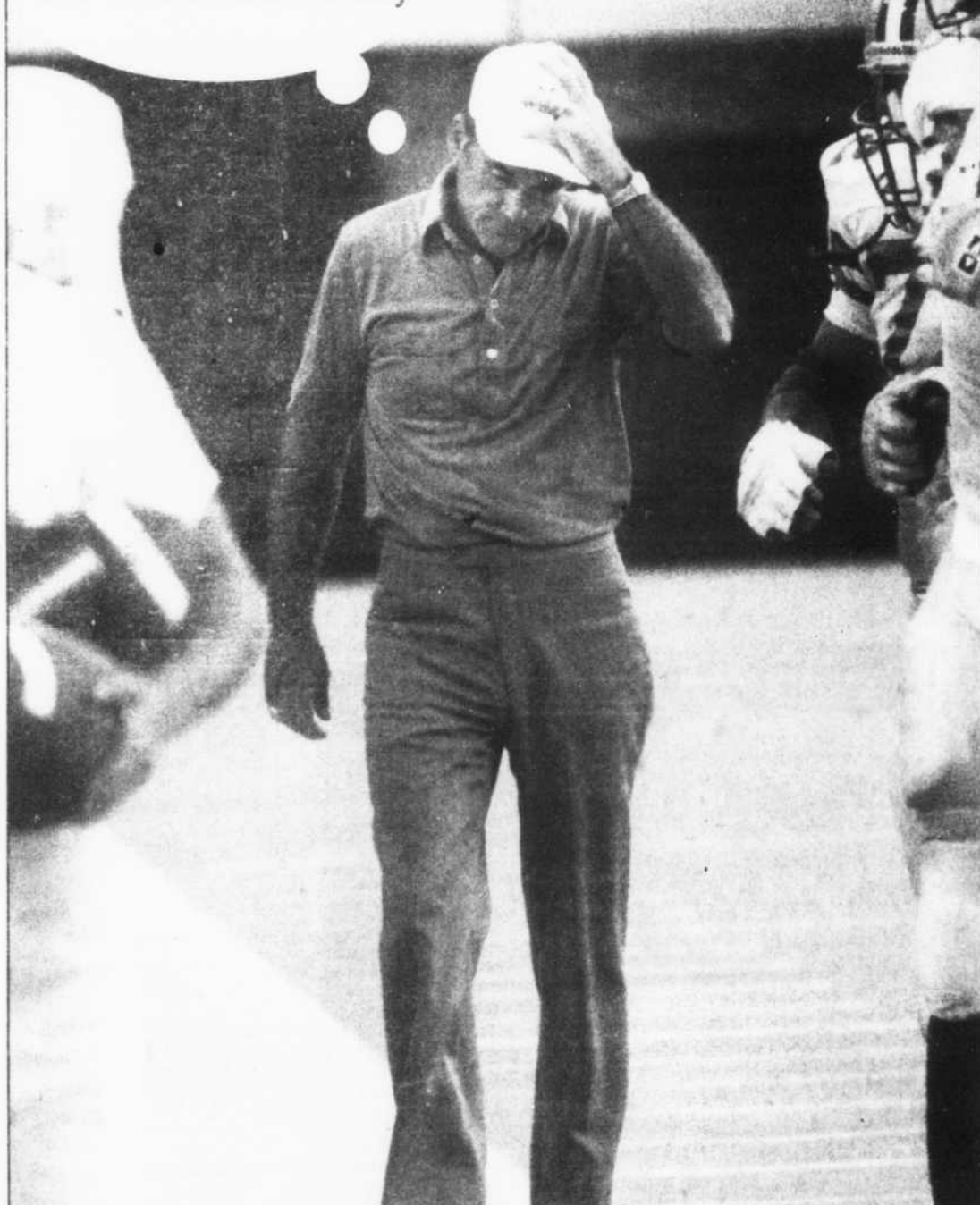
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Blue Raiders hire offensive line coach

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee football team added a new coach to its staff yesterday.

Steve Campbell will coach the offensive line and coordinate the running game. Campbell was the 2000 Division II National Coach of the Year. He served as head coach of Delta State University the past three years.

"I am extremely excited about what Steve (Campbell) brings to our program," head

coach Andy McCollum said. "He will fit well into what we do and our philosophy. This position was my top priority and I think we got one of the top coaches in America. He has experience, is well thought of nationally and will represent this university and program the right way. I plan on wearing him out the last two weeks of recruiting."

Campbell had two coaching stints at DSU. During his most recent stint, he led the Statesmen to a 14-1 record, a

2000 Gulf South Conference and the N C A A Division II national championship.

He had a 27-8 record in his three years as head coach of DSU. His .771 winning percentage ranked among the best in school history. He ranked fifth in victories at DSU



Campbell

and fourth in the GSC.

Campbell coached at Southwest Mississippi Community College from 1996-98. In 1996, he coached the offensive line. The next two seasons he served as head coach. In his two seasons as head coach, he accumulated a 12-8 record.

He led SMCC to its first winning season in 12 years with a 7-3 record in 1998. Under Campbell, 25 players signed with Division I schools. His offense also led the conference

in rushing both seasons.

Campbell began his coaching career in 1988 as a graduate assistant at Auburn University. From there, he moved to DSU for his first go around. While at DSU, Campbell coached the offensive line for two years and served as offensive coordinator for another season.

From DSU, Campbell went to Nicholls State University for three seasons. He worked as the offensive coordinator. After the 1995 season, Campbell moved on to SMCC.

Campbell started at center for the Southeastern Louisiana University football team from 1984-85. He started at the same position for Troy State University in 1986-87. The 1987 TSU team won the NCAA Division II national football championship. Campbell received first team All-Gulf South Conference honors that season.

Campbell earned a master's of business administration in marketing from Auburn in 1990. ♦

Lady Raiders travel to Arkansas for key Sun Belt match-up with Indians

By Eric Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball squares off against Arkansas State University Thursday in a battle for third place in the Sun Belt eastern division and travels to the University of Arkansas Little-Rock Saturday.

Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith realizes that the team is still young and improving but at the same time, she is expecting some leadership from

her veterans.

"We are still young and improving," Smith said. "We get better at different aspects of the game every day."

This factor may also be ruled out as ASU lost four players to graduation last year.

The home team has never won in the three meetings between MT and ASU. In the last meeting, the Lady Raiders beat the Indians 79-67. The last time that the Lady Raiders played at ASU, the Indians won 85-63.

Since, the Lady Raiders do have a young team this year with seven freshman and two sophomores this may not have an impact on the game, but at the same time the Lady Raiders still seem to be learning.

"We had a young lineup at the beginning," said senior forward Jamie Thomatis. "Over time they will learn that you have to play safe. Hopefully the offenses that we are running will come together by tournament time."

Smith is also expecting that some of the Lady Raider veterans will soon be taking a leadership role.

"I am ready for Paula (Pentilla) and Jessica (McClure) to carry more of the load in running the team and dictating some of the action on them floor as two veteran point guards should be able to do," said Smith.

ASU is coming off a loss against Florida International 70-69. Game time for the game against ASU is Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Lady Raiders have defeated the Trojans both times in which they have met, the last time being a 77-61 win Jan. 20, 2001. The Trojans are 5-12 on the year and are looking for just their second win in their last nine games. During the last two years, the Trojans have gone only 16-57, including a 6-22 record last year.

The Lady Raiders for the year are 9-9 and 2-4 in the Sun Belt Conference. They will be going for their first win in four games. Before meeting up with the Lady Raiders, UALR will play Western Kentucky Thursday.

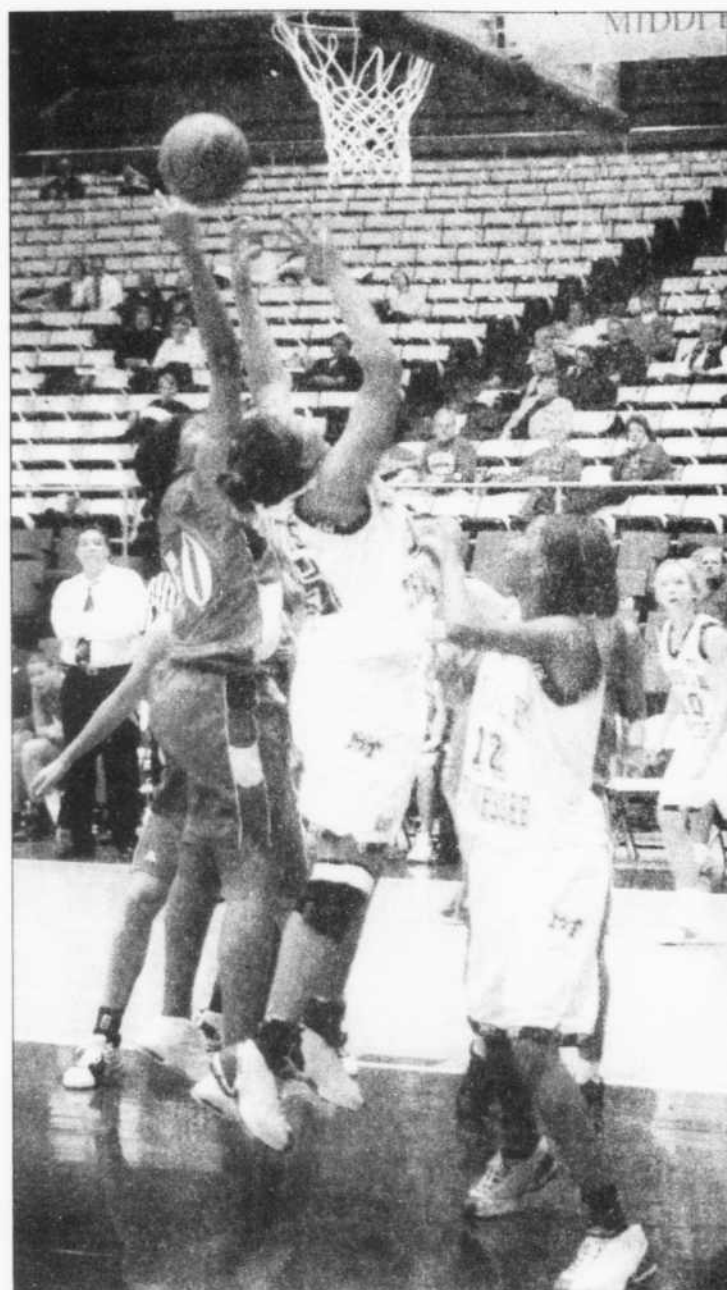


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Jamie Thomatis fights to grab the rebound from WKU.

Both of these teams are also evenly matched in experience as the Lady Trojans lost six players to graduation last year, as did the Lady Raiders.

Jamie Thomatis is currently leading the Lady Raiders in points and rebounds with 18.5 points per game, while shooting 52 percent from the field and is

averaging 6.3 rebounds per game. Patrice Holmes is the only other Lady Raider averaging double figures in points, scoring 11.5 points per game and grabbing 5.3 rebounds per game.

Tip-off for the UALR game is 7 p.m. See Monday's *Sidelines* for results. ♦

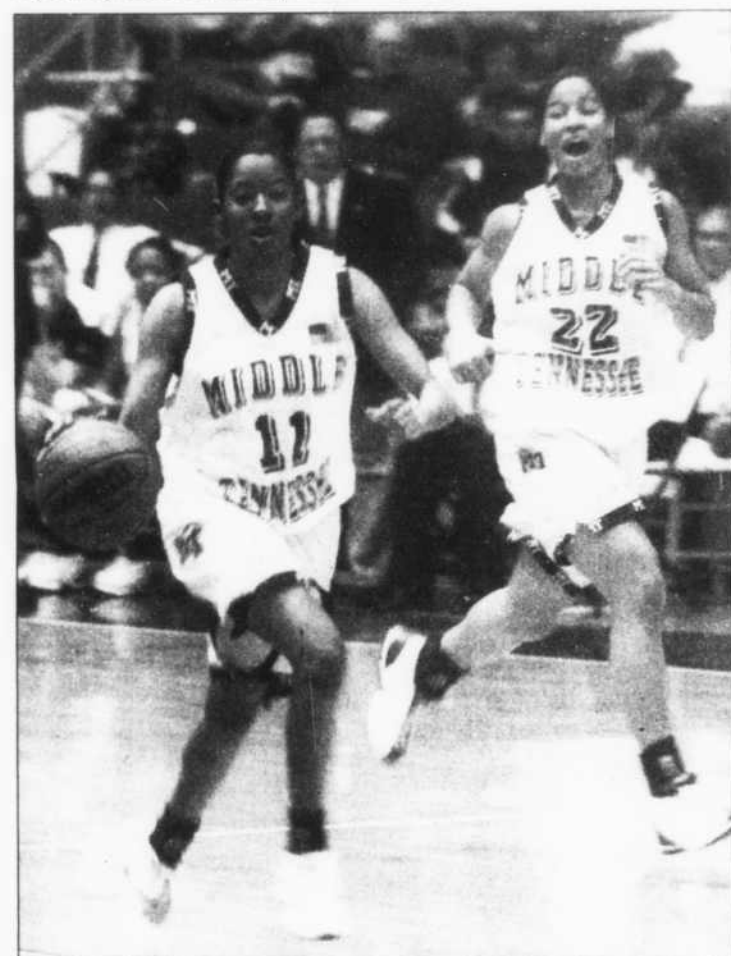


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Jessica McClure (11) leads the break up the court.

Blue Raiders try to get out of Sun Belt cellar

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team has two key home Sun Belt Conference games against Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Thursday and Saturday.

The games are must wins for the Blue Raiders with both teams in the Sun Belt eastern division. UALR currently stands in second place in the east with a 5-1 conference record and 14-4 overall. ASU currently is in third place in the east with a 3-3 conference record and 12-9 overall. MT is last in the east

with a 2-5 record in the Sun Belt and 7-11 overall.

"We hopefully want to make some gain in the standings," coach Randy Wiel said.

MT is coming off losses to Western Kentucky University and the University of North Texas last week. MT also suffered a setback at Tennessee Monday night losing 74-56. MT led by as many as 6 points in the first half of the UT game. William Pippen led the Blue Raiders with 12 points.

The Blue Raiders have to deal with ASU's Jason Jennings Thursday. He leads the Sun Belt with 77 blocks, 3.85 per game. Jennings had 8 blocks against

Georgia and had two other games with 7 blocks each this season. He also ranks seventh in the conference in scoring, averaging 15.1 points per game. Jennings is also in the Sun Belt's top 11 in four other offensive categories.

"We have to be ready to defend him and keep him away from the low post," coach Wiel said. "We have to double team him."

Jennings has had five double-doubles this season. His last double-double was Jan. 12 against South Alabama with 17 points and 11 rebounds.

ASU leads the Sun Belt in scoring with 79.6 points per game. ASU holds their opponents to 40 percent shooting, tops in the Sun Belt. ASU beat MT twice last season 73-61 and 86-66.

ASU's Odie Smith leads the Sun Belt with 5.19 assists per game. He is third in the conference with a 1.88 assist to turnover ratio.

The Blue Raiders welcome UALR Saturday. UALR leads the Sun Belt in field goal percentage, shooting 48 percent per game. The Trojans have one of the top defenses in the Sun Belt. UALR ranks in the top five in seven defensive categories including second in scoring defense only allowing 66 points per game.

"We have to take time to run offense, good shot selection and try to get second shot opportu-

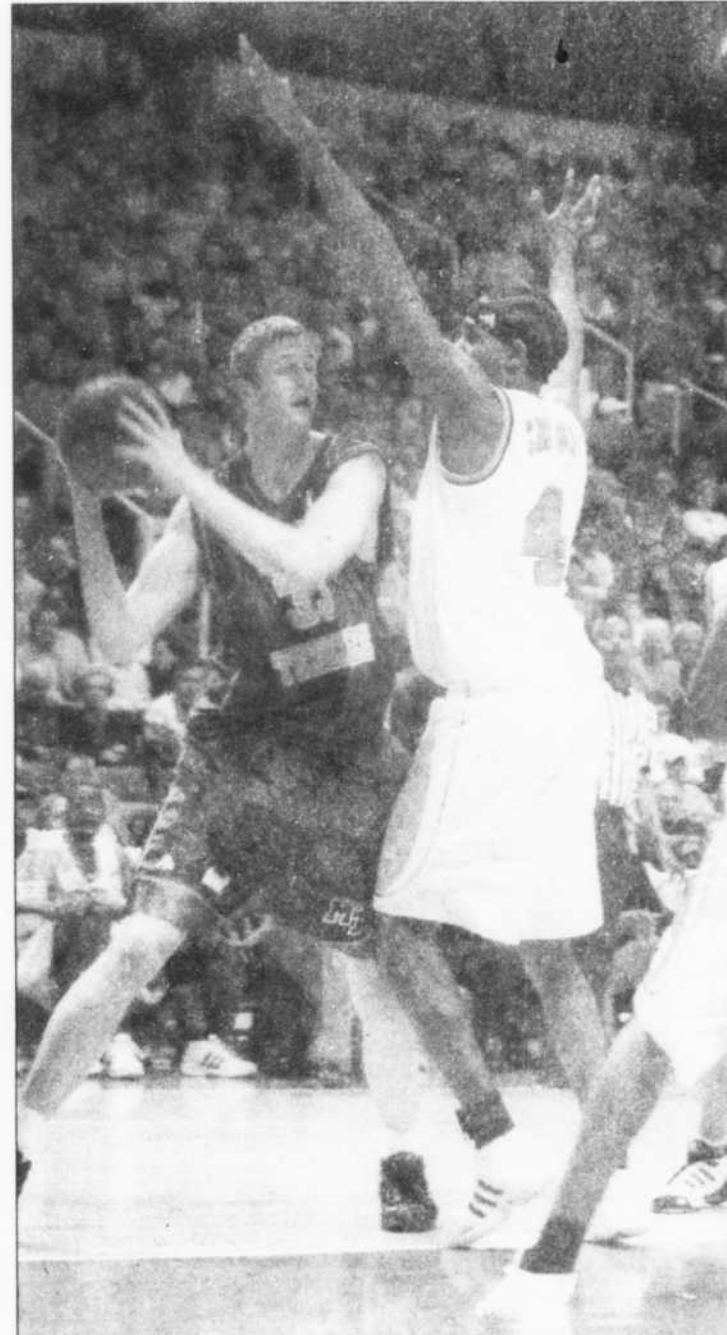


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Lee Nosse attempts to pass around Brandon Crump (4).



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Tommy Gunn studies the court and prepares to make his move on Tennessee defender Jon Higgins.

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Women's tennis to play No. 20 team in nation

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will travel to Waco, Texas Friday to play Baylor University, which was recently ranked 20th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

While the matches will be season openers for the Lady Bears, the Lady Raiders are going in to the matches after losing to No. 4 Vanderbilt and No. 23 Kentucky.

BU will be coming out strong with five players returning from last year's NCAA Sweet Sixteen team. Also, players like 3rd ranked Katja Kovac, 5th ranked Vida Mulec, 8th ranked Frida Borjesson and 14th ranked Patricia Graf will be tough to beat. ITA also ranks the four players in the top 10 in the Southwest Region for doubles play.



The Lady Bears are not the only ones who will be bringing top-ranked players to the match, though. Sophomore Manon Kruse was ranked No. 33 after finishing the fall season with an impressive 9-2 record, which included wins over top ranked players.

ITA also ranked Kruse, with doubles partner junior Stacy Varnell, No. 32 nationally after they finished the year with an 11-2 record.

Despite the team's losses this season to nationally and regionally ranked teams, individually, the Lady Raiders have had some success. Kruse beat 27th ranked Sarah Riske of Vanderbilt and 53rd ranked Sarah Witten of Kentucky.

Freshman Jennifer Klaschka had her first collegiate win against Kentucky Sunday. Klaschka just joined the tennis team this spring after playing for different club teams in Germany where she is ranked 97th. In double's play, Kruse and Varnell beat the Kentucky ranked team, improving their record to 12-3.

Kruse and Klaschka will be leading the Lady Raiders in match play followed by Verena Preiss, Carlen Venter, Michaela Gridling and then Stacy Varnell. In double's play Kruse and Varnell will lead the pack followed by Preiss and Klaschka at No. 2 and Gridling and Venter at No. 3.

Not only is Friday's match against Baylor the third for MT, but it is also the third time that the Lady Raiders will play a team ranked in the top 25. Following Baylor, MT will play the No. 22 Texas Christian University Saturday and then back to Waco, Texas Sunday to play Rice University.

The Lady Raiders don't play their first home match of the season until Feb. 8 against Murray State. ♦

Basketball Notebook

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team followed 1-40 East home after a three game losing skid that ended in Knoxville. They return home with a 7-11 record, 2-5 in conference play, looking to set up camp in the Murphy Center for two all-important conference games.

Nosse's Posse:

The Blue Raider squad is highly dependent on the big man's production, but they seem to be having problems even when Lee Nosse carries them on his back. Nosse had a streak of 11 straight games scoring in double figures that was snuffed in Knoxville, but the team had lost by 10 and 19 before that debacle. Nosse has a broad back, but for the Blue Raiders to make any kind of dent in Sun Belt

Conference play, someone else will have to help shoulder the load.

Hog Wild:

Arkansas native William Pippen made a blip on the Blue Raider scoring chart when he threw 12 points down on the Tennessee Volunteers Monday night. If Pippen and Nosse could combine their efforts, then the rest of the Sun Belt opponents could experience a slight sting when they face future Blue Raider attacks. Watch out if they get The Tommy Gunn shooting well, again.

Conference Play:

The Blue Raiders are desperate for a win – any kind of win. Nothing has more impact than conference wins. Well, the opportunity will present itself this Thursday night when Arkansas State University wanders into the Murphy Center, and

again Saturday as the University of Arkansas-Little Rock comes to town. Tip-off will be at 7 p.m. for both events.

Lady Raiders:

A fresh start may be just what the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team needs after losing two straight at home. Their 9-9 record, 2-4 in conference play will be put to the test as they travel to Arkansas for a series of conference games.

The O Down:

Marquee forward Jamie Thomatis did the work of two in the Lady Raider's loss to the University of North Texas as she put together another of her patented double-doubles. It wasn't enough though as the squad lost 74-72 in a nail biter at the Murphy Center. Thomatis put together a 23-point, 13-rebound effort but had

to watch helplessly as UNT took the game from the foul line.

Baby Got Back:

Though the points came in a losing effort to UNT, there were contributing scorers other than Thomatis. Patrice Holmes dropped in 14 points, and Jennifer Justice added 10.

D is for Dangerous:

Jessica McClure can move into the fourth spot on the MT steals list with 202 steals. McClure passed Kelly Chastain when she collected 3 steals in the game against UNT. Though the Lady Raiders suffered in their loss to UNT, Justice was served. Justice sent 3 UNT shots back to sender. Justice's 3 blocks were her highest total since she wrapped 4 up against Houston Dec. 20. ♦

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opportunities," Wiel said.

Nick Zachery leads UALR scoring 15.2 points per game. He is in the top 10 in six other statistical categories in the conference. Last season UALR defeated MT 66-52 and 77-56.

UALR is coming off a 72-65 win Saturday over South Alabama. ASU lost to New Orleans 68-65 Saturday.

Guard Eric Parham had a career night scoring 20 points in an 85-63 loss to North Texas. Lee Nosse had his streak of games scoring in double figures end Monday night in the loss to UTK. He only had 8 points in the contest. His streak ended at 11 games.

The games are at the Murphy Center starting at 7 p.m. ♦

	Sun Belt Standings	
	Conference	Overall
WKU	6-1	16-3
UALR	5-1	14-4
ASU	3-3	12-9
FIU	2-4	8-12
MT	2-5	7-11



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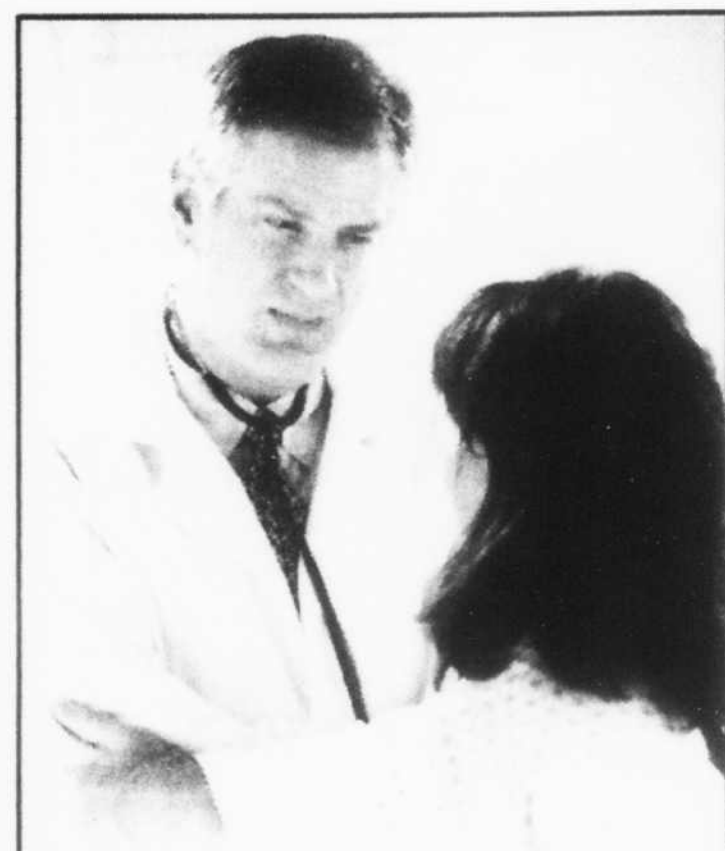
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