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Students watch Super Bowl around town

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The bitter cold and left-over snow could not keep the Murfreesboro community from enjoying Super Bowl XLI.

While most Murfreesboro residents and MTSU students stayed at home to watch the game, some braved the frosty night air to travel to their favorite local hangouts to watch the Indianapolis Colts take on the Chicago Bears at the chance of being crowned Super Bowl champion.

MTSU students and residents of the Murfreesboro community had differing opinions on which team would win the Vince Lombardi trophy, the NFL's highest honor, at the end of the night.

"I would be inclined for the Indianapolis Colts to win with Peyton Manning and the Tennessee relationship," John Hood, House Representative for Tennessee's 48th district, residing over the MTSU area, said.

"I'm from Illinois! I'm going for the Bears big time!" Barbara Brown, senior philosophy major, said.

Kickoff did not look good for Manning as Chicago Bears defensive back Devin Hester returned the opening kickoff for 92-yards for a touchdown. The extra point by kicker Robbie Gould was good giving the Bears a 7-0 lead.

Manning answered the Bears by connecting a 53-yard pass to wide receiver Reggie Wayne. However, the extra point never got off the ground following a bad hold by Hunter Smith.

The Bears roared back to life after Manning fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Bears' defensive end Mark Anderson. Then with 4:40 remaining in the

first quarter, Bears' quarterback Rex Grossman passed for four-yards to wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad for a touchdown. The extra point kicked by Robbie Gould was good giving the Bears a 14-6 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Despite a rocky first quarter for the Indianapolis Colts, MTSU students were not going to give up on their team just yet.

"I am going for the Colts," Nathan McDougal, senior public relations major, said.

"Peyton Manning has been waiting for a Super Bowl ring for so long. I want him to get one."

Midway through the second quarter Manning connected a short pass to tight end Dallas Clark for five-yards. The next play resulted in a 29-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri making the score 9-14 Bears.

Despite several attempts by the Bears to even the score, the Colts continued to dominate the first half.

Manning threw the football with his teammates ending up on the Bears' one-yard line. On the next play, Colts running back Dominic Rhodes hurred himself across the goal line giving the Colts a 16-14 lead after Vinatieri's extra point was good.

Around town, the Murfreesboro community gathered at various local eateries to enjoy the game among the company of other fans. Colts and Bears' fans gathered at Toot's to share a beer, eat some wings and watch the game on the big screen. Nashville Star winner Chris Young and patrons packed the restaurant to watch the game. "They both deserve a win," Young said. "I don't usually follow either [team]; the Green Bay Packers are my team [because of



MTSU Students and Murfreesboro residents at The Boro off Greenland Drive watch as the Indianapolis Colts win the Super Bowl, 29-17. Around town, the Colts were the favorite to win the game, but Chicago fans were not giving up hope on the Bears' head coach Lovie Smith and his team.

Brett Favre], but between the Bears and Colts, I'm pulling for the Colts to win."

Young was visiting Toot's to sign autographs, give away souvenirs and take donations to benefit the United Way.

"This is my first year to come for the Super Bowl. Usually, they have a football player here, but it's been really good," Young said. "We had a line from 5 p.m. till 6:30 p.m. for autographs."

Between autographs, Young was able to catch the highlights of the game.

"This is the best game I've seen in a long time. It's been very unpredictable. I think they said this was the first Super Bowl with a score on the first play of the game," Young said.

Advertising executive Melinda Tate, who was involved in bringing Young to Toot's, said she was not watching the game for the football.

"To tell you the truth, I really don't know that much about football," Tate said. "I'm really watching for the commercials."

Super Bowl XLI has been faced

with controversy, not over the rulings on the field but because of the commercials. According to CNN.com advertisers paid up to \$2.6 million for a 30-second commercial spot during the game.

"I think given all the problems in our society, the money could be better spent solving problems rather than feeding addictions," Rabbi Rami Shapiro, MTSU religious studies professor, said.

However, some Murfreesboro viewers are fans of the commercials and look forward to watch-

ing them for entertainment.

"With all of the money spent on them, sometimes the commercials are better than the game," Hood said.

However, not all MTSU students watched the game for the football action.

"I will probably have the game on but will be watching more for the commercials, not the game," said Maleeka Haynes, senior advertising major.

See Bowl, 2



Kerin Neff threw her parking pass out of the window of her vehicle in December 2005. She received a ticket the following semester though the ticketed vehicle did not match hers.

Former student fights campus parking ticket

By Mary Rose Fox

Community News Editor

During the summer semester of 2006, alumna Kerin Neff was issued a parking ticket at MTSU, although she had not been on campus since her graduation in December 2005.

Neff, who graduated with a degree in criminal justice, said someone else had used her old parking pass.

As soon as she graduated, she said she got into her car and grabbed her parking pass.

"I said, 'Well, I won't be needing this anymore,' and tossed it out the window," Neff said.

She now has a \$25 ticket, issued to a brown sedan.

"That's obviously not my car," Neff said. "Someone picked [the pass] up and used it. Why don't they send the ticket to the person registered with that license plate?"

Vance Watley, office supervisor for Parking Services, said campus parking tickets range from \$10 to \$200, depending on the offense. A \$25 ticket is for parking in an unassigned location, such as parking in a white pass area with a green pass.

Neff said she made an appeal to have the ticket rescinded.

"I got a letter in the mail, two sentences long, saying that my appeal was denied. I don't understand why," she said.

The last letter she received from the Business Office stated she already had plenty of time to pay the ticket or chose not to.

"If I didn't pay in 15 days, they would refer me to a law firm," Neff said.

Neff said she had the check written out, but ripped it up because she did not think she should pay it.

"They make enough money on parking tickets that they can forgive that one that wasn't even mine," Neff added.

She admitted in a letter to the Business Office she should have been more responsible than throwing her pass out the window and instead thrown it into a "proper garbage receptacle."

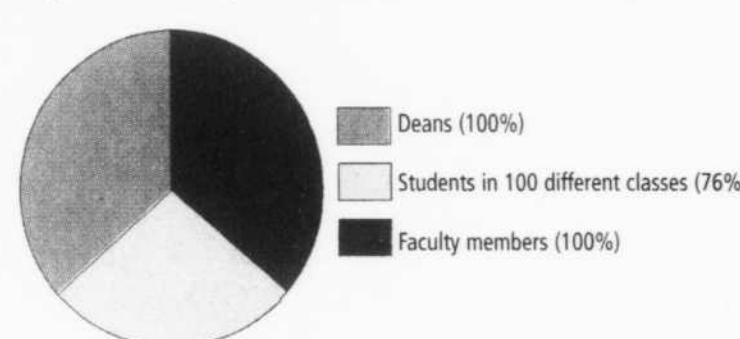
"That is like someone throwing their credit card out," said Chief Buddy Peaster of the Campus Police. Peaster said the best way to dispose of any important document is by shredding it.

"I do not approve of littering," Peaster said.

A littering ticket is not normally issued unless an officer witnesses the offense, Peaster said. If the individual then refused to pick up the litter, a citation would be handed out. ♦

Instructor reviews get much needed upgrade

Percentage of campus that feel the reviews need change



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By Faith Franklin

Staff Writer

The end of the semester instructor evaluation underwent a major transformation from students and faculty, reworking how students review their classes and instructors.

The Pedagogy Task Force began conducting a pilot study on a new teaching evaluation method last spring and concluded during the fall semester.

The evaluation method will remain the same as before, with students filling out questionnaires, however the questions will be more specific to the professors.

The study found that 100 percent of faculty, 76 percent of students and 100 percent of deans and deans who participated and provided feedback felt that the evaluation form and its results were an improvement over the university's current evaluation of professors.

"[The tested evaluation method of professors] proposes questions that are more detailed, that provide information on a lot of categories organized into teaching effectiveness and measurement," said Michael Fleming, assistant professor of recording industry and Task Force co-chair.

According to Mary Hoffschwelle, professor of history, the current evaluation is inadequate in rating the professors.

"[It is] the tip of the iceberg in terms of what examples [professors] are doing well," Hoffschwelle said. "It is very hard to use as a real evaluation [tool]."

According to Wendy Koenig, assistant professor of art and Task Force co-chair, the questions are vague and tell little about the professors' teaching.

"I feel that the current system does not accurately show the students view because it does not ask specific questions that have anything to do with teaching," said Nekabari Awanen, freshmen, political science major. "It asks general unrelated questions to teaching, like did your class start and end on time, or what grade do you expect to receive."

The Pedagogy Task Force began in 2003 and according to the pilot study's final report, the main focus was to provide strong teaching practices across MTSU.

"Our job has been to find ways to improve teaching," Koenig said.

According to Vic Montemayor, professor of physics and astronomy, the Task Force spent a couple of years deciding on the best way

to improve teaching. Eventually, they decided that a better measurement of teaching was needed for any improvement to be made.

The task force selected an instrument that was developed by assessment experts at the University of California at Berkeley.

The task force chose this evaluation method because the categories that feedback provided could be turned into workshop topics to improve the results in those categories.

"[The new instrument provides] a more effective voice and the professors have a better understanding of what is working in their teaching style and what is not working," Koenig said.

In addition, the task force chose the method because it not only provided meaningful feedback, but it also will not take more time to complete than the current evaluation of professors.

Volunteers that included over 50 faculty members who had over 100 classes containing over 1,600 students tested the evaluation instrument. The volunteers ranged from undergraduate freshmen to graduate students

See Reviews, 3

Online orders make for simple dining

Delivery options show new food trend

By Josh Hudson
Staff Writer

Students may never again have to leave their dorms or apartments when they have cravings for restaurant food. Several Web sites are now working with local restaurants to provide delivery service to their customers.

Murfreesboro Restaurants To Go opened for business in January of 2006. The company takes orders through their Web site, murfreesbororestaurantstogo.com, for a variety of restaurants, including Moe's, Milano's, Toot's and Bellacino's, and delivers the food to the address provided.

"A friend of mine mentioned that Franklin had a Web site like this, and I thought it was such a good idea and wondered why Murfreesboro did not have one," said Tracy Pence, owner of Murfreesboro Restaurants To Go.

Campusfood.com is another Web site that provides online ordering for local restaurants. It is a nationwide service geared toward college students that allows the user to pick a state and college. All restaurants that use the service around the school are displayed. China Spring and China Wok are the only two restaurants in the Murfreesboro area using the

service so far.

"We usually get three or four orders a day through the Web site," said Lisa Fong, manager of China Spring. "We get good business out of it."

Campusfood.com was founded in 1997 and is based out of New York City.

It was introduced to the Murfreesboro area in 2004.

Both Web sites have full menus displayed for each restaurant using the delivery service. The user simply clicks on what he or she wants and pays, either online with a credit card, or with cash when the delivery arrives. This method is very similar to ordering online with Papa John's Pizza or Domino's Pizza.

The difference between these two services is that Campusfood.com simply relays an order to a restaurant, leaving the delivery up to them. Murfreesboro Restaurants To Go places the order and assumes responsibility for delivery, providing this service for restaurants that normally do not offer it.

"I think [Murfreesboro Restaurants To Go] is great," said Joseph Jordan, a junior journalism major. "It is perfect for when you get out of class and you are too lazy to cook and too lazy to go through the drive-thru."

This is not the first time Murfreesboro has had a service

like this, Pence said.

"The last Web site like this in the Murfreesboro area had to shut down because they could not meet the demand they were receiving," Pence said. "I have been taking applications for drivers, though, and have about 30 people interested in a job when we reach that point."

In the three weeks since Murfreesboro Restaurants To Go opened, business has been slowly gaining momentum.

"We have been getting about 20 orders a day," Pence said. "We have gotten most of them from students and single mothers, and we are starting to get repeat business."

Restaurant managers in town think that the business will really catch on. Bellacino's manager John Pennington said that the restaurant has been getting two or three orders a day through the Web site.

Steve Gilmore, manager at the O'Charley's on Memorial Boulevard, described Murfreesboro as a big carryout town. The restaurant does not offer delivery, but does take carryout orders.

"I think it is just a matter of convenience," Gilmore said. "People either do not feel like getting dressed up or cleaned up, or they just do not have the time to sit down and eat."

Bowl: "Students cheer for Colts."

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Tate believed Lovey Smith being the first black football coach to possibly win a Super Bowl was too much of a controversy.

"I understand that [the issue of the coach's race is] kind of a big thing this year, but I hope in the future years, [race] won't even be an issue."

Despite the torrential downpours in Miami, Manning and the Colts managed to hold onto a two-point lead going into halftime. Prince, who ironically closed out the show by singing his hit "Purple Rain," gave the halftime show this year.

The third quarter kicked off with a 58-yard punt by Bears kicker Robbie Gould which was returned for 38-yards by Colts

wide receiver Terrence Wilkins.

Midway through the third quarter, the Colts were on their way to scoring again. After several incomplete passes, Colts running back Dominic Rhodes ran the ball to the Bears 8-yard line in which Adam Vinatieri kicked a 20-yard field goal to extend the Colts lead 22-14.

The Bears came charging back, passing the football down the field and completing several passes. With 1:30 left in the third quarter, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman threw an incomplete pass, which brought Bears kicker Robbie Gould up to kick a 44-yard field goal. The kick was good cutting the Colts' lead to six.

William Hankel, a junior aerospace major watched the game from a crowded Murfreesboro

Hooters.

"I'd be totally disappointed if the Bears won," Hankel said. "Manning is playing pretty good. It's been since '71 or '72 since the Colts won the Super Bowl; something like this doesn't happen every day."

With 11:59 left in the game, Bears quarterback Rex Grossman threw a pass deep right, which was intended for wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad, but instead was intercepted by Colts defensive back Kelvin Hayden who ran 56-yards for a touchdown.

However, Lovey Smith and the Bears challenged the officials ruling which was upheld giving Indianapolis a 29-17 lead.

Some information was taken from Associated Press reports. ♦

Seminar to help students

By Josh Daughtery
Staff Writer

Personal safety and crime prevention is the focus of a seminar sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center this Tuesday.

Kimberly Freeman, founder of Impact Training, will be hosting the seminar, "How Safe are You?" Impact training is an organization Freeman began in 1997 and teaches men and women how to avoid dangerous situations and prevent crimes.

"I run the gambit from keeping your home safe to being safe on the road [and] in parking lots and how to avoid a mugging," Freeman said.

Freeman has 17 years experience teaching people about personal safety, according to her Impact Training biography. She has also trained with police, rape prevention experts, a certified weapons instructor and a former FBI agent.

"I try to make sure everyone has an option no matter what their age, size or strength is," Freeman said.

The seminar involves several stories from the Middle Tennessee area, different scenarios and how to avoid them, as well as a mugging demonstration.

"I don't do a lot of hands-on," Freeman said. "But I will simulate a mugging and it drives home the point that, number one, we're not prepared when things happen most of the time, and number two, if you don't think about what you should do in advance, you might make the wrong choices."

The women's center had been thinking about having a seminar focused on personal safety for some time, said Terry Johnson, director of the JAWC.

"When you talk about safety issues, a lot of people come in with fear and concern," Johnson said. Johnson said they are working to create a safe and comfortable environment for students, faculty and staff to learn about personal safety.

"If they're in a relaxed environment, they're more willing to learn," Johnson said.

The seminar is not necessarily a defense class but more of a means of sharing information on how to be safe, Johnson said. The topics and scenarios discussed both affect men and women.

Freeman said she hopes people will walk away from the course feeling empowered and knowing they have an option in the face of danger.

The seminar "How Safe are You?" will be held in the James Union Building Room 206 on Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. ♦

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Campus Briefs

Students offered job fair opportunities

The annual MTSU Summer Job and Internship Fair will be held Feb. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. More than 60 employees are expected to be on campus to greet and talk to students. For more information on the MTSU Job Fair contact the MTSU Career and Employment Center at 898-5732.

The Nashville College to Career Fair will be held Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds. Admission is free, but a ticket is required for entrance. Tickets are available at the MTSU Career and Employment Center located in KUC 328.

More than 400 employers from business, government and education will be represented. For questions, call the Career Center at 898-5732.

'Landscapes' featured in MTSU photo gallery

The Learning Resources Center has gone south of the border with its newest exhibit. "Landscapes of Mexico" features photographs by Hector Montes de Oca. The exhibit is comprised of 40 black-and-white photographs, which shows the landscapes of Oca's native country.

De Oca is considered to be one of the prominent Mexican photographers of his generation. The exhibit is on display through Feb. 28 at Baldwin Photography Gallery in LRC and will be open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

De Oca will present a lecture on his work Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business Aerospace Building.

The exhibition and lecture are free and open to the public.

For more information contact Tom Jimison at 898-2085.

Professor lectures on history of black gospel

MTSU's Cedric Dent, music professor, will present a black gospel lecture and recital Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. in the T. Earl Hinton Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The presentation will examine the development of black gospel music beginning with the blacks' manipulation of European-derived hymns while they were slaves in the United States. It will also show how the slaves' creative use of African retentions in the 17th and 18th centuries not only influenced structural developments in hymns, but also led to the invention of the black spiritual song.

"This presentation is quite unique in that I present the history of black gospel music in a relaxed setting, encouraging audience participation," Dent said. "The idea is to create a call-and-response atmosphere that is common in the black church."

Piano performances throughout the 60-minute lecture will support the discussion and address five centuries of cultural, religious and music history.

Dent, a native of Detroit, Mich., holds degrees from the University of Michigan, the University of Alabama and the University of Maryland. Dent's research interests include the historic and harmonic development of black gospel music, and vocal jazz group arranging and performance.

As a baritone vocalist, arranger and producer, Dent is a member of the Grammy award-winning group Take 6, which has released 10 recordings for Warner Bros. Records. The group

also holds the distinct honor of being the most Grammy-nominated vocal group in history.

The lecture and performance is free and open to the public.

For more information contact the McLean School of Music at 898-2493 or www.mtsu-music.com.

Aviation conference informs students on scholarship options

MTSU students are invited to attend the Aviation Careers and Scholarships Conferences, which will be held this Tuesday from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall of the Business and Aerospace Building.

The conference will provide information on full and part-time aviation jobs, careers and scholarships for students who might consider this path, said Major Chuck Giles, professor of military science and event coordinator.

Giles said the Tennessee National Guard and Army Reserve would have representatives there discussing the various jobs available.

"A student can get 100 percent tuition assistance," Giles said. "There are also part-time jobs in aviation in Smyrna and other reserve locations such as in West Tennessee."

Positions that are available include pilot, air traffic controller, transportation management, aviation operations, and simulations, crew chief, maintenance technician, management, cargo specialist, and the areas of pneumatics, aviation, power plant, structural, armament, electrical and repair.

Refreshments will be served, Giles said.

The conference is sponsored by the MTSU Department of Military Science. For more information contact Maj. Giles at 898-2470 or at cgiles@mtsu.edu.

Faculty jazz band performs second concert

The A-P-S-9, a newly formed jazz nonet composed of MTSU faculty, will perform in the second of a three-concert series in the MTSU Jazz Artist Series on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the T. Earl Hinton Hall of the Wright Music Building.

A-P-S-9 is composed of MTSU jazz faculty members Don Aliquo (tenor saxophone), Shawn Purcell (jazz guitar) and Jamey Simmons (jazz trumpet). Their name comes from the first letters of the faculty members' last names.

"I am very excited about our second concert this year," Aliquo said. "The proceeds will go toward a jazz scholarship for a deserving jazz studies major."

A-P-S-9 has written several compositions for the event, and the concert will be recorded live for commercial release, Aliquo said.

Other members of the group include Denis Solee, alto saxophone, Mike Jenner, baritone saxophone, Tyler Kuebler, baritone saxophone, David Loucky, trombone, Pat Coil, piano, Jim Fergusson, bass and Tom Giampietro, drums.

In its eighth season, the MTSU Jazz Artist Series brings internationally renowned artists to the regions for performances and educationally workshops. Past guest artists have included renowned jazz musicians and educators such as saxophonist Benny Golson, Phil Woods, David Liebman and Dick Oatts.

Tickets for the Feb. 8 concert are \$15 at the door. MTSU faculty, staff and students will be admitted free with a valid ID.

For more information contact the McLean School of Music at 898-2493 or www.mtsu-music.com.

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Reviews: "More comprehensive."

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and the faculty involved came from various colleges across campus.

"A lot [of students] thought it gave them a chance to give more meaningful feedback," Montemayor said.

Kaylene Gebert, executive vice president and provost, said the purpose of the evaluation is was to explore the high and low points of the current system.

"[The Berkeley method gives students] questions that enable them to accurately reflect their assessment of faculty members," Gebert said.

In the study's summary, the Task Force concluded the current method should be replaced by the newly tested method.

In addition, the study noted "since improvement in teaching is the motivation for this entire study, new workshops [should] be designed and implemented to help faculty improve in areas deemed lacking by the evaluation results."

Although the system for the new method has been decided on, according to Gina Logue, producer for News and Public Affairs, the Task Force is still accepting feedback on the new professor evaluation system.

The Task Force has made several presentations to administrative figures and is still displaying their findings. A decision of whether to implement the new evaluation instrument is pending. ♦

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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

Sample questions provide examples for evaluations

Since Gina Logue is still accepting critiques of the new professor evaluation system, we have decided to put in our two cents about the questions commonly overlooked by the survey.

1. Were you discriminated against by your professor in terms of race, religion, sex, et cetera?
2. Is your teacher insulting, degrading or condescending? For example, do they constantly mention the fact that they have a doctorate and you, the student, do not?
3. Does your teacher indulge in and display favoritism?
4. Does your teacher have a ridiculous attendance policy that applies to all, except perhaps, the favorite?
5. Does the attendance policy apply to the teacher, and if not, do you think the teacher really takes the course seriously?
6. Does the teacher ever invaded your personal space?
7. Has your teacher every touched you inappropriately?
8. Are lectures relevant to the course or are you required to buy books that are left unused and unable to be returned for a refund because it is past the due date and all the bookstores are anal-retentive about taking back an obviously unused book that was purchased the semester before?

Those are just some possible questions that we would like to see included in the new professor evaluation.

AEI think-tank's findings match investor's interests

The report is in: global warming is real, and scientists are 90 percent sure it is being caused by humans. These findings were published on Friday in a report delivered by The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a multinational, non-partisan group of scientists and researchers from around the globe. The report was published with consensus, meaning every member of the panel approves of its content.

How much plainer can it be? This report comes on the heels of the news that Exxon-Mobil has just had yet another record-breaking year in profitability. While that may not be news, it dovetails perfectly with another piece of dirty laundry from the petroleum industry.

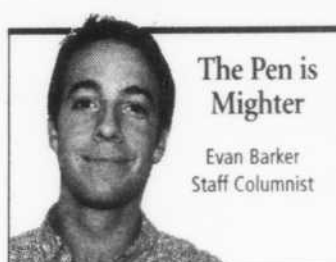
A conservative think-tank, funded by petroleum and staffed with ex oil executives, has been offering scientists \$10,000 since last July to write unfavorable reviews of the global warming report. This was first reported by the British newspaper *The Guardian*, and was also reported by NPR's "Marketplace" on Friday.

The American Enterprise Institute is a big-business-friendly, conservative think tank. It was founded in 1943, and has included more than two-dozen people hired to work directly for the Bush administration, or one of its panels. Surprise, surprise, Exxon-Mobil is one of its main funding contributors – over \$1.6 million – and a former Exxon CEO, Lee Raymond, is the vice-president of AEI's board of trustees. Other members include Lynn Cheney, wife of Dick, Newt Gingrich and Richard Perle, who wrote the book on neo-conservatism. Conflict of interest, anyone?

The Guardian reported that AEI offered scientists and economists up to \$10,000 plus travel and other expenses, to write opinions critical of the report. AEI contends that it's doing this in the name of good science, to "explore the limitations of climate models."

Firstly, a group of politicians, pundits and oil-executives has no place in a debate about the changing global climate. The energy-friendly Bush administration has everything to gain by sandbagging the process, because their largest contributors are people like Exxon, Enron and other companies that make their living in fossil fuels. President George W. Bush, himself, was head of a failed oil company. The cliché of "leaving the lunatics in charge of the asylum" is entirely appropriate here.

Secondly, AEI plans to use these opinions, which would have the weight of authority, to create nega-



The Pen is Mightier
Evan Barker
Staff Columnist

tive press about global warming down the road, when policy is shaped on it. When it comes time to try to sign the Kyoto Protocol, limit greenhouse gases or put stronger emissions-caps on power-companies or automobiles, AEI will be there, lobbying in the negative. It's their job. They're paid to protect the interests of their members, who happen to be energy companies. They will use these opinions, which they've bought, to try and create legitimate, scientific questions about global warming. The truth is, it's no longer a question of "if," but a question of "when" or "how much."

Thirdly, I find AEI's alarmism counter-productive. Last year, when scientists suggested pre-emptive changes to large energy companies, several British companies took the initiative, while the U.S. companies chose not to. The British have already saved millions of dollars in operating expenses by preemptively reconfiguring their operations for greater efficiency. The petroleum industry seems determined to ride this ship straight to the bottom, and every human being is on it.

If anything, this news proves global warming in the affirmative. If there really were no evidence, why would conservative big-business groups try to bribe the scientists? They wouldn't need to, because there wouldn't be any reason for concern. Clearly, AEI and the Bush team are afraid of something. Maybe they're noticing the elephant in their collective living room.

If you're one of those people who thinks the whole brouhaha is a conspiracy of the evil "liberal media" and that *The Guardian* and "Marketplace" are instruments of the Marxist conspirators, and blah, blah, blah, there's nothing I can do for you. Rush Limbaugh and Tony Snow are going to have a hard time denying an even juicier conspiracy; that Big Oil has finally been caught with its pants down.

Remember, as climate change gets worse, and we have more hurricanes and other violent storms, the naysayers will be harmed just the same as the believers. You can't insist that the sky is green forever.

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MTSU explores communication options

By Jay Cash

Guest Columnist

MTSU is paving the way for a new wireless technology using cell phones that will help students become more aware of what's going on around school.

As MTSU's student body president, I have been able to listen to many students and hear their concerns. One problem always brought to my attention is that it is hard for students to know what is going on around campus and in how we need to have better communication at MTSU.

I traveled with Bob Glenn, vice president of student affairs, and Steve Pritchard, director of telecommunications, to Montclair State University in Totowa, N.J. this past semester to see first hand their new approach to improving communication on campus.

At Montclair State University, we saw a working model of what a campus is like using this form of cellular communication.

Montclair is the second largest university in New Jersey with 18,000 students. Like MTSU, effective communication for students has been

a problem.

The simplest way to explain this is – The university will send you a text message when you need know important information. At first, it sounds pretty intrusive, but it is all an optional service.

With this program, students are able to stay connected by being members of groups. Each class you are in is a specific group, and each club or organization you are in can also be a group. If a class is cancelled or a meeting is changed, a text message can be sent from the teacher or the class or president of the club to the members of that group or class notifying them immediately. How many times have you walked to a class just to find out the professor canceled it? With the cellular communication, you can get text message before you leave from home. Instead of driving to school and walking all the way to the classroom door to read a posted note, you will read a text message as soon as the teacher cancels.

More advantages of having this technology on campus are seen at Montclair. Students waiting at a bus terminal can check on their phones to see where the bus is on the particu-

lar route and can get an estimate of how long it will take to come to the stop they are at.

Students can check and see what is on the menu and the university dining halls and can get notification of when tickets go on sale for events and even where empty parking lots are.

This service can be used when it is time to register and pay for classes and if you are going to be purged, you will get a text from the university letting you know.

This is a new approach to communicating with students, but seems to be a very effective way. The most basic applications of the system will work on most any phone that allows text messaging. More advanced features require a phone to be equipped with GPS or internet browsing capabilities.

This service would be optional for students to participate in, allowing only those who wish to be notified. Though it is still in the exploratory stage at this point, this technology will soon be available at MTSU.

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Letters to the Editor

Students suffer from expensive mistake

To the Editor:

This past semester, those of us who are students in the department of elementary and special education received an unpopular surprise. Our department had decided to use a Web site and system called TK20 CampusTools HigherEd.

This system would be used to track our progress as students, ensure that our program was fulfilling the requirements to remain accredited, and allow us to submit assignments. In short, this program would be a way to outsource most of the functions of our department, and WebCT, to a private company, at our personal expense. Students were asked to foot the bill: \$120 for a password to the system and 50MB of storage space. The department has a very high rate of non-traditional students, and a large percentage of students who have to work to support themselves. For many of these students, this is nearly a week's wages.

This system has not performed any of the functions which were described to us when the department made this decision. TK20 has thus far been so slow that students and teachers have given up on the use of the system. Submission or retrieval of something as simple as a Word document can take upwards of five minutes – it would take hours for a professor to retrieve a class full of documents. TK20 has also been plagued by outages, particularly under heavy use.

In the fall of 2006, I was in a class of 40 students, and our final exam was to be turned in on this system. When we went to submit the assignment via the Web site, we found it unavailable for nearly 24 hours because the load on the server was more than it could bear.

The department has chosen to use TK20 as the only means of entering the mandatory student teaching program, and I feel this is because they too feel anxious about the expensive mistake which they entered into.

Without this small detail, TK20 is now seeing no use in any of my education classes. However, this detail is enough to require that all entering students purchase the system.

The education department has made a grave mistake, and through the students' money has spent over \$120,000 for the use of a Web site which never worked correctly, and is now used very rarely. We were coerced into purchasing a system we knew to be ineffective, with our degrees held ransom. Because of this, I feel that the department owes its student body an apology, and CampusTools owes us our \$120,000.

David Caudill
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Tunnel provides wealth of information

To the Editor:

I would like to address your Jan. 29 editorial ["Forget Tunnel of Love; hello Tunnel of Horrors"] concerning the Tunnel of Love sponsored by Health and Human Performance.

The Tunnel of Love does not employ scare tactics as you suggested; sexually transmitted infections by their very nature are scary enough without us having to exaggerate the details. We simply pro-

vide images of actual infections so that students can be informed of the possible consequences of sexual activity.

Additionally, your statement that we are "luring students away from sex and toward the exciting road of abstinence" infers that abstinence is a boring and unrealistic choice for college students and that we are tugging them away from what they rather be doing. There are many students who are practicing abstinence while maintaining very rewarding relationships.

Additionally, we provide extensive information on condom use, including physical models on which students can practice proper condom application. For those who do choose to engage in sexual activity, knowing how to be safer is imperative. We offer a comprehensive overview of all the options available to students.

Your declaration that this type of event will not prevent "that drunk, overly friendly person from going home with some random nameless partner" assumes that students are inherently irresponsible. I give your generation more credit for making informed choices – I do not believe that "sleeping around without a second thought" is a normative behavior among most students.

Alcohol does increase one's risk of acquiring an infection and while our event does not specifically target alcohol use, just knowing the consequences of unprotected sex may be enough for many students to modify their expectations and behavior when drinking.

Lastly, I would like to note that while you are correct in stating that the pill cannot prevent disease, condoms can offer some protection. If one chooses to be sexually active, a condom is the best and only protection they have against infection – it is irresponsible to claim otherwise.

The Tunnel of Love has increased the knowledge of many students on this campus, as measured by pre and post tests.

The event offers students a full educational demonstration, not just pictures, not just pamphlets, not just condom demonstrations, not just dialogue on abstinence, not just how transmission occurs, but all of these things combined.

That is education and we are happy to once again provide students with the opportunity to learn.

Casie Higginbotham
Health and Human Performance

Personal experience outweighs degrees

To the Editor:

I'm looking to find anyone who has had the amazing Stephan Foust in any Mass Comm class at MTSU. Word is he, just like last year, is going to be taken out of the budget.

Now, for anyone who had him, you well know what an amazing teacher he is with first-hand experience that other teachers may not have. Sidney McPhee is giving amazingly shocking reasons behind what is ultimately his decision. One thing he says is that Foust doesn't have his masters and that's a reason for his dismissal. Please name me one news director or anchor for that matter with real experience in media who has a masters degree.

We can't let this happen. Please spread the word.

Brian Stewart
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FEATURES

Students juggle education, children



Photo by Chris Barstad | Photography Editor

Senior Christian Davenport has her hands full with son Trenton, 5. Though the popular notion is that an education comes first and children come second, for some, finding a way to balance the two is reality.

By Maya Turner

Contributing Writer

Juggling classes, a job, studying and extra-curricular activities proves difficult enough for the average college student.

Imagine throwing children into the equation.

Many of us would experience responsibility overload. However, there are many students doing exactly that.

Student parents walk among us every day. The only difference is that when classes are over, they do not have the luxury of down time. There is no such thing as going to their dorm room, tuning on their televisions and relaxing after a stressful day of classes.

The average student parent's day is far from over. They have diapers to change, homework to check, dinner to make and bedtime stories to tell before they dive into their own studying. One can only admire a person able to do all these things without ever breaking

a sweat.

Parenting is unarguably a full-time job. When school is added to the equation, the responsibilities seem overwhelming.

Your 20s are expected to be filled with freedom, experimentation and a quest to find yourself. If you already have a child, though, they take first priority.

Travis Morton, 25, is a single father of four. His oldest daughters are both six-years-old and in school as well.

"The hardest thing is finding the time between school and work to spend with my kids. I hate missing the important events in their lives, but it happens everyday," says Morton as he wrestles his fleeing son to the ground to change his diaper.

Morton says that when most people find out he is a single parent, they view him negatively and wonder how he will manage to finish school and be a good parent at the same time.

"Experience is the best teacher and being successful in my situation is not impossible because once you bring a life into the world, that life takes precedent over everything else no matter how much homework you have ... some things must be done simply because they must be done," said Morton.

Schlynda Turney, 25, a recent graduate of MTSU, is a kindergarten teacher and mother to a four-year-old son.

"Finding affordable childcare and making myself available to spend quality time with my son was the hardest part for me," she says.

Turney was able to balance everything because she worked third shift during the school year, stayed focused and prayed.

"I regret not being able to spend time with my son during the day and missing out on the things that most college students are able to do like joining a soror-

ity and taking road trips with my friends," Turney says while her son, in the background, asks for her attention.

Morton and Turney both agree that if they had to do it all over again, they would finish college before starting a family.

"When you are in school, you should be focused on school and only school. I would not even be working if I didn't have children to support," says Morton.

Turney admits to hanging with the wrong crowd when she began her college career and not being as focused on graduating from col-

lege prior to the birth of her son.

"My son helped me to stay grounded and focused on school so that I could provide a better life for him. I don't regret him at all," she says.

When her friends found out she was pregnant, they did not believe that she would graduate and many of them stopped coming around as often.

"Determination kept me in school. The negative responses from my friends motivated me to strive even harder and finish what I started."

—Schlynda Turney

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More than one-fifth of college undergrads are parents, according to reports from the National Center for Education Statistics. About 75 percent of these moms and dads work more than 35 hours a week, attend school and care for their children at the same time.

It is important to remember that having a child while in college does not mean that your college career is over. Millions of people are students and parents. Being a good student parent is not impossible if you manage your time a resources wisely.

If you are a student parent and in need of help, MTSU offers childcare on campus, including a child care lab and an extended school program, all of which are available to MTSU students with children.

For more information on these services, contact the child care lab at 615-898-2970. ♦

Film shows women's potential as peacemakers

Inclusion of women key to compromise, resolution in Middle Eastern conflicts

By Sarah Lavery

Features Editor

Lilly Rivlin radiates a grandmother's warmth. She seems gentle, polite, soft-spoken. She sits properly, with her legs crossed, dressed in a well-coordinated business suit and scarf.

It's hard to image her behind enemy lines, defying the instructions of soldiers and fighting for a cause that, to some parts of the world, is considered blasphemous.

Yet, Rivlin can't be quieted.

Her documentary, "Can You Hear Me?: Israeli and Palestinian Women Fight For Peace," focuses on an aspect of the ongoing Middle East conflict that is rarely brought to the media's attention.

Though women have had to fight continuously for their voices to be heard, they have served as vital peacemakers, negotiating for compromise, compassion and understanding — three words rarely associated with the continual rift between Israelis and Palestinians.

To Rivlin, women have an untapped power to resolve conflict. "Women tend to be able to talk to each other more," she says. "Women are able to find consensus, to negotiate. Women can listen better. They know how to compromise."

Judging from the prolific images of soldiers dying, civilians

in turmoil and a nation divided, the idea of compromise seems vital for finding a resolution.

"When I started [making this film], nobody wanted to hear about it. I'm dealing with women who were ahead of men in terms of what they were willing to negotiate. The two state-solution [that women are striving for] was thought about, but it wasn't spoken about," Rivlin says.

A self-proclaimed feminist, Rivlin recognized patriarchy from a very young age.

"I could never understand why men were always in charge," she says with a furrowed brow. "It never made sense to me. I became politically active at 15. From then on, it was 'come on now, you have to make space for me, let me in.'"

Rivlin's unrelenting dedication assures that there's always enough space for her voice to be heard, though. She demands it.

During film-making, the courageous Rivlin wouldn't take no for an answer. "I had to go across lines, across borders. The guys would always say to me, 'you can't do that! You need permission. But I just did it,' she says.

Producing such a controversial documentary certainly wasn't an easy task. Rivlin, a seventh-generation Jerusalemite who's always been interested in Middle East relations, hatched the idea in the '70s and started filmmaking in 1984.

"I think I qualify for the Guinness Book of Records," she jokes. "The film took me 30 years."

In the documentary, the relationship between women like Maha Abu Dayyah-Shamas, a Palestinian and Israeli Terry Greenblatt is starkly different than what is expected.

Unlike the stereotypical image, the two women aren't throwing bombs. They aren't fighting violently about their differences.

Instead, both strive for peace.

The two women appeared before the Security Council together to insist that U.N. Resolution 1325, passed in 2000 and calling for the inclusion of women in all official peace negotiations, be applied to Israeli and Palestinian women in the peace process.

"Women don't have a vested interest in maintaining military power and hegemony," Abu Dayyah-Shamas explains in the film. "And they don't need guns for their egos."

Rivlin's film showcases the contributions women have made — and continue to make — to find compromise amidst the divided Middle East's plethora of differences.

Though Rivlin seems to wholeheartedly believe that women have the ability to offer a gentler approach than men, she still recognizes the fact that they are, in fact, still human.



Photo courtesy of Lilly Rivlin

This shot from Rivlin's documentary "Can You Hear Me?: Israeli and Palestinian Women Fight For Peace," shows an Israeli woman activist trying to make the West Bank checkpoint smoother for a Palestinian woman.

"There's a scene in the film where there's a terrible fight between two women, and people always ask me, 'how could you put that in this film if you believe women can do better?' But I'm an honest filmmaker. There was no point in leaving that out. Women also disagree. There are basic issues that have to be worked out that, so far, only men have negotiated. But it shouldn't only be up to men to decide these things."

The MTSU Middle East Center

brought the film to students Jan. 31. The room was full of students in burkhas and yarmulkes, students genuinely curious and students eager to open their eyes to a new perspective.

There was hardly an empty seat in the entire auditorium. Rivlin now has her eyes on the United Nations.

She sent an e-mail proposal last week and feels hopeful the delegates will recognize the importance of her cause.

"At a time when there's a seri-

ous presidential candidate who's a woman; the speaker of the house is a woman; the secretary of state is a woman; the foreign minister of Israel is a woman; one of the candidates for president of France is a woman, don't you think [the United Nations] should have a screening of my film, which deals with women's roles in peacemaking? Women need to be part of the negotiation," Rivlin says. "They better say yes." ♦

SPORTS

Lady Raiders too much for South Alabama

Saturday, Feb. 3

South Alabama 58
Middle Tennessee 86

Next Game at Louisiana-Monroe,
Feb. 7

By Cody Gibson
Staff Writer

After easily defeating Denver on Wednesday night, 82-58, the Lady Raiders welcomed South Alabama to the Murphy Center.

Middle Tennessee took over early in the first half and never looked back as the Lady Raiders rolled 86-58. This victory marked number 13 for the team as they try to finish out the season with an undefeated record.

With only six games to go, this could be a reality for the Lady Raiders. Head coach Rick Insell was again pleased with his team's defensive effort, noting the fact Middle Tennessee is still right around their season's average.

Insell said the pressure was very affective in Saturday night's game.

"Defensively, we're showing our feet, we're getting in position, and we're flagging the ball," he said. "We are doing all the things we work on in practice."

One of the interesting subplots of this game was Chrissy Givens' offensive struggles. Coach Insell took out Givens early in the first half due to her poor shooting. However, the team responded, and Givens had a lot of positive things to say about her teammates following the victory.

"I am very pleased," Givens said. "It makes us so much better. It's just a confidence builder, with Jackie Pickel, the younger girls, Brandi Brown and Starr Orr. They had to do some stuff that if they didn't do, we wouldn't be in the position we were in."

Chrissy Givens finished with 16 points on five-of-11 shots. Yet, the evening belonged to Amber Holt who scored 27 points. Holt shot 11-of-16 from the floor and controlled the glass as well.

The Lady Raiders played in the first half, with the team jumping out to a 37-26 lead.

The Lady Raiders continued their stellar second half play outscoring the Lady Jaguars 49-32 while shooting a scorching 63 percent.

Head coach of South Alabama Rick Pietri attributed his team's loss to the strong second half of the Lady Raiders.

"In the first four minutes of the game, we are down, 19-4," Pietri said. "We battled back, and we are down by 11 at the half. In the second half, they go on an 18-4 run. We were unresponsive in the start of both halves."

The team is trying for its 20th straight win over the season this week against Louisiana-Monroe and Western Kentucky.

Middle Tennessee returns home on Thursday Feb. 15 to face Florida International. ♦



Freshman Chelsia Lymon drives around a South Alabama defender so she can get an open shot.

Photo by Jay Richardson | Staff Photographer

Middle Tennessee splits games at home

Saturday, Feb. 3

South Alabama 61
Middle Tennessee 38

Next Game at Louisiana-Monroe,
Feb. 8

By Wesley Mize
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee men's basketball team fell to South Alabama 61-38 on Saturday at the Murphy Center.

The second half was once again key for the Blue Raiders but this time in a negative way. MT managed only 10 points in the second half on 25 percent shooting 5-20.

The Jaguars came into the contest with a three game lead over MT in the Sun Belt East division standings. MT had won eight out of 11 while USA had won nine straight since losing to the Blue Raiders back in January.

"Tonight was a big game for MT coming in," Head coach Kermit Davis said. "We struggled offensively, big time tonight but we've not been a great offensive team all season. When it went bad offensively it affected the way we guarded their players defensively the last eight minutes of the game. That's the first time we've let that happen to us this season."

Kanaskie came into Saturday's game leading the team in scoring and assists but managed only eight points and three assists against the Jaguars. Kanaskie averages a 2 to 1 assists to turnover ratio for the season, but against the Jags, it was the opposite as he turned the ball over six times.

"When Kevin struggles, our whole team struggles," Davis said. "He took a lot of ill-advised chances early in the game that he normally doesn't take. They did a good job on Kevin, and we didn't have anyone else that could hit baskets from the perimeter. We've put a lot on Kevin, but it's because he's shown that he can handle it. He just struggled tonight."

The Blue Raiders (12-12, SBC 7-6) held a 28-27 halftime, advantage before the second half struggles occurred. MT held the Jaguars to 37 percent shooting while making 50 percent of its shots in the first half.

"We shot 50 percent in the first half despite having poor guard play," Davis said. "We

took a one point lead into half-time which isn't that bad. We were only down seven with about seven minutes to go, so we were in the game with a chance still. We needed to press and hit shots to catch up, and we haven't been very good at that all season. The game got out of reach because we had to take some chances."

Theryn Hudson led MT with 10 points. This is Hudson's second straight game of double-digit scoring and over the past three games he has scored double figures for the first time in his career with Middle Tennessee.

Ernest Little dominated in the paint on his way to a double-double, 23 points and 13 rebounds, for the Jaguars.

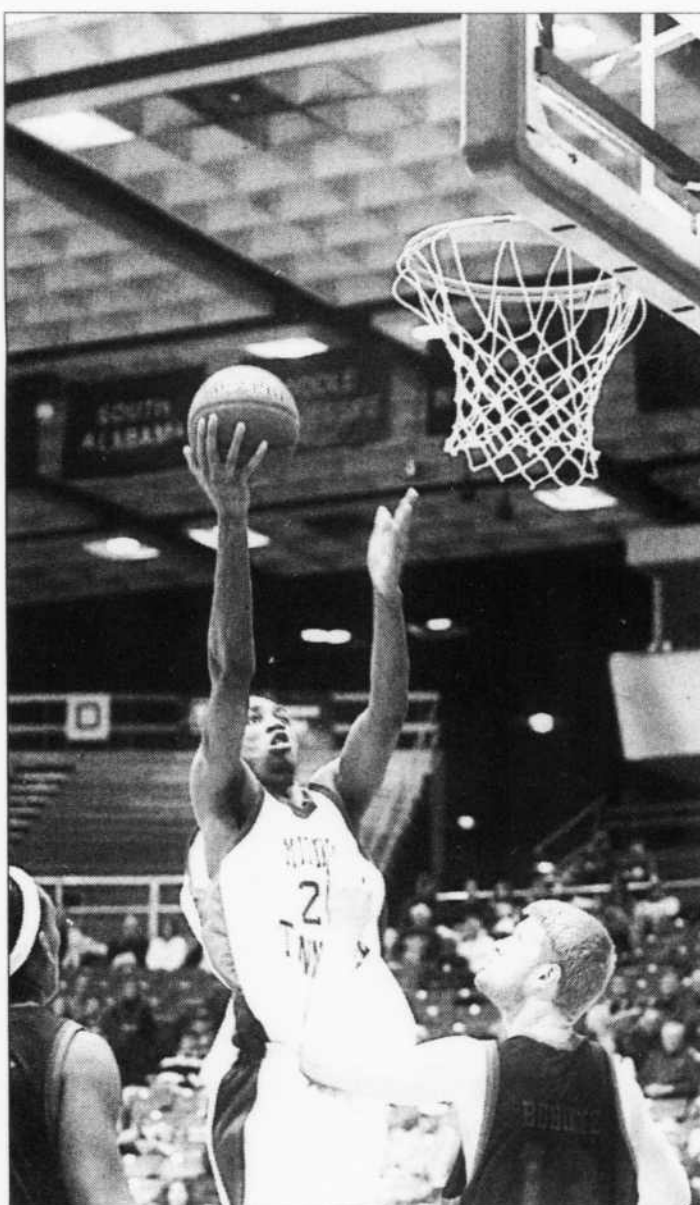
MT now trails the Jaguars (17-7, 11-2) by four games in the Sun Belt East. The Blue Raiders also missed a chance to gain ground on second place Western Kentucky as the Hilltoppers fell to North Texas on Saturday. MT will travel to Bowling Green to take on WKU this Saturday.

The Blue Raiders moved over the .500 mark for the first time this season by easily defeating Denver 75-49. 4,512 fans inside Murphy Center witnessed MT dominate the Pioneers in the second half en route to the victory. MT outscored Denver 41-17 while holding the opposition to 18 percent shooting in the second half.

"We were able to hold Denver to 18 percent shooting in the second half," Davis said. "Our defense allowed us to play with more confidence on offense. Our guard play in the second half combined with our post play in the first half led us to this win."

MT's frontcourt outscored the Pioneers 24-2. The Blue Raiders finished the game with a 28-8 advantage in the paint.

"Our inside guys had a great night, tonight," Davis said. "Kyle was using great post moves while Theryn [Hudson] was real aggressive around the basket. I've been asking these guys to do these things all year, and tonight, they did a great



Senior Tim Blue goes up for a layup against South Alabama.

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job."

Despite the advantage in the paint, the Blue Raiders only held a two-point halftime lead. Coach Davis knew his team would need to play well on the perimeter in the second half in order to extend the lead.

"I told our guys at halftime that we were going to need our guards to jump up and shoot the ball," Davis said. "Denver was backing away from our shooters to help in the post so I knew it would get tougher to score down low as the game went on. Our guards answered the call and hit those shots from the outside."

MT went on a 12-2 scoring run coming out of the half to extend the lead to 46-34. Kevin Kanaskie's 3-pointer with 7:26 remaining gave the Blue Raiders a 20 point advantage. The Pioneers (3-19, 2-10) would only connect on one field goal after Kanaskie's 3-pointer.

Denver had trouble putting points on the board partially because of the lack of production from leading scorer DaShawn Walker. Walker came into the game averaging 16.3 points per game but was held to only nine by MT.

"When I start the game knowing I'm going to guard the other team's best perimeter player, that gives me a boost of confidence," said Darren Avery, who defended Walker most of the game. "Coach told me to watch him and stay on him wherever he goes, and I did that tonight."

Kyle Young led the Blue Raiders with 13 points and was one of four MT players to reach double figures in scoring. Theryn Hudson recorded his first career double-double by scoring 10 points and adding 10 rebounds for MT.

Kanaskie has 150 points for the season and moves into fifth place on the single-season assists list.

Middle Tennessee's 38 points was the second lowest total by MT, since 1978, who scored 37 points against Morehead State.

The Blue Raiders will look to bounce back on Thursday Feb. 8 when they take on Louisiana-Monroe. This will be no easy task for MT as ULM sits atop the Sun Belt West division standings. Tip-off for Thursday's game in Monroe is scheduled for 7p.m. ♦

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J. Owen Shipley
Staff Columnist



Shipley suffering from mid-major identity crisis

I won't lie. I was more than a little late showing up to the game last Saturday.

I could blame it on how busy and cold I've been moving into a house with no heat, but the truth is, I just forgot the game was a double header.

Around 4 p.m., I realized I was already an hour late. Luckily I was across the street at the bar so I grabbed a pen and my press pass and sprinted across Greenland avenue and the frozen field between me and the Murphy Center.

When I found my seat, the score was 50-29. By the time I managed to write that down, it was 55-30.

I wasn't surprised. I knew the game would be a blow out. Luckily, I wasn't there to cover the game. All I needed was a quote.

After listening to an MT game on the radio last week, I heard head coach Rick Insell express disdain at the thought of the Lady Raiders being called a mid-major team.

After pointing out, twice, that MTSU is the largest school in Tennessee he made it clear that he doesn't think the term applies to his squad.

"The last time I checked, we're Division I-A. if someone wants to [further] classify Division I-A they can. Yet, we're a Division I-A program, and we feel like we have as good of a program as anyone in the country, and we're not going to allow anyone to define Middle Tennessee except for us Middle Tennesseans."

Rick Insell holds nothing back. Nothing. His competitive spirit is not an act meant to inspire. The man is just plain competitive. At one point in the game against South Alabama, I became mesmerized watching him work. The red-faced barking of energy paced up and down the court, talking to himself and barking orders like the game was on the line.

You see, his squad had allowed South Alabama to come within 26 points of taking the lead. I guess in his world, that is unacceptable.

Had I been coaching MT, at that point in the game, I would have been eating hot dogs in the student section and trying to find out where the post game party was.

MT is 13-0 in the Sun Belt conference, and their average margin of victory is higher than President George W. Bush's approval rating has been since 2005. The outcome of the game was practically foregone, but Insell was still competitive enough to bench his star player for not taking open shots.

"The only way to get Chrissy Givens' attention," Insell said. "Is to put her on the bench. She hates that."

MT only allowed four points in the first nine minutes and outscored South Alabama by 28 even without Givens in the first half. They had three times as many steals, half as many turnovers and better shooting from the field than South Alabama.

They beat a .500 team by 28 points while not even playing, admittedly, their best basketball. Yet, they are labeled a mid-major.

To me, that's the definition of a major team, but because a team ranked lower than MT beat a team ranked higher, its possible the Raiders may slide down in the rankings yet again.

When confronted with questions about his team or the conference they play in, Insell is fiercely defensive, and with good reason. He seems to have all the answers.

"You know, we've got a tough conference... there's 31 conferences in the nation, and ours is in the top third [and] we can't do anything about strength of schedule. At one point, we had the second toughest in the country. Maryland, Georgia, Tennessee, Minnesota, Maine. All those teams were undefeated at the time we played them... as the season has progressed, that's changed."

The true test of this team will be in the post season when Insell gets his chance to coach his "mid-major" squad against a streak of upper-majors. I can't wait to be the first person to submit an article saying he was right.

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Blue Raiders tennis team win three straight

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee (5-1) men's tennis team won, 6-1 over Florida Atlantic on Saturday at the Racquet Club.

The doubles team of Andrease Siljestrom and Marco Born beat out Corey Smith and Karol Szmurlo, 8-1. Morgan Richard and Marc Rocafort beat Lawrence Harradine and Olivier Sajous, 8-3. Joao Paoliello and Marc Boiron dropped Eddie Majcher and Daniel Vardag, 8-3.

Siljestrom beat Sajous, 6-2, 6-3. Born defeated Szmurlo 6-3, 6-2. Rocafort beat Smith, 6-4, 6-0. Richard beat Vardag, 6-1, 6-4.

FAU's Majcher beat Boiron 8-5, and Alex McCann beat J.P. Bounasser, 8-6.

MT's men's tennis team beat No. 52 Virginia Tech, 5-2 for second win over a ranked opponent.

Siljestrom-Richard fell to Pedro Graber and Nicolas Delgado of Virginia Tech, 8-2. Born-Rocafort defeated Arvid Puranen and Brandon Corace, 8-6. Paoliello-Boiron beat Albert Larregola and Youan Re, 8-6 for the first points of the match.

Born beat Delgado, 6-1, 6-4. VT's Larregola beat Rocafort, 6-4, 6-4. Siljestrom beat Puranen, 6-7, (0), 6-3, 6-3. Richard beat Re, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.

Paoliello beat Corace, 7-5, 7-5, and VT's Graber beat Boiron, 6-1, 3-0.

Middle Tennessee tennis team beat in-state rival UT-Chattanooga, 4-1.

Siljestrom-Richard beat Badr Bouabdellah and Peter Sauska, 8-1. Boiron-Paoliello beat Razvan Axente and Michael Hangstefer, 8-5. Born-Rocafort won 8-4, over Mark Fynn and Tim Mittiga.

Fynn beat Born, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3. Rocafort defeated Axente, 6-2, 6-4. Siljestrom beat Bouabdellah, 7-6 (3), 6-2. Richard beat Ssauka 1-6, 7-6 (4).

The men travel to Seattle, Wash. this weekend. ♦



Freshman Marc Rocafort and Morgan Richard celebrate after a doubles match win.

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MT 6, FAU 1

SINGLES

1. Andreas Siljestrom def. Olivier Sajous, 6-2, 6-3
2. Marco Born def. Karol Szmurlo, 6-3, 6-2
3. Marc Rocafort def. Corey Smith, 6-4, 6-0
4. Morgan Richard def. Daniel Vardag, 6-1, 6-4
5. Eddie Majcher def. Marc Boiron, 8-5
6. Alex McCann def. J.P. Bounassar, 8-6

DOUBLES

1. Born-Siljestrom def. Smith-Szmurlo, 8-1
2. Richard-Rocafort def. Lawrence Harradine-Sajous, 8-3
3. Joao Paoliello-Boiron def. Majcher-Vardag, 8-3

SPRING 2007 INTRAMURAL SPORTS 5 on 5 Basketball TOP 5 (Week 1)

RANK	MEN'S A	MEN'S B	IFC	WOMEN'S
1	Rec Ballers, (1-0)	Raw Dogz, (1-0)	Angry Apes, (1-0)	Lady Devils, (1-0)
2	Roger's Team, (1-0)	Nu Boyz, (1-0)	Kappa Alpha, (1-0)	A D Pi, (1-0)
3	Trifecta, (1-0)	Tha Show, (1-0)	BETA, (1-0)	Kappa Delta, (1-0)
4	Got Goodie, (1-0)	Freak Nasties, (1-0)	A T O, (1-0)	Area I, (1-0)
5	The Kings, (1-0)	Pacers, (1-0)	Sigma Pi, (1-0)	Lady Hoopaz, (1-0)

HOUSING REAPPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR FALL 2007 / SPRING 2008

The Housing and Residential Life Office is now accepting housing reapplication forms from returning students for the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 academic year. Students are encouraged to reapply for housing as early as possible, particularly if they are requesting to move to a different location on campus next year, as new assignments are made by application date.

Students requesting to remain in their same location on campus next year will be given first priority to do so as long as their reapplication and \$300 prepaid rent deposit are received by the deadline. The reapplication deadline with priority for the 2007/2008 academic year is **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007 at 4:00 PM.**

Students need to complete a reapplication form available in the Housing and Residential Life Office, pay the \$300 prepaid rent at the business office cashier windows in the Cope Administration Building, 1st floor; and return the reapplication form stamped "paid" to the Housing and Residential Life office in the Keathley University Center, Room 300, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Students also have the option of reapplying for housing with priority online at www.mtsu.edu. The \$300 prepaid rent is paid by using a credit card, MasterCard or Visa, or by completing an online check. There is an additional \$19 nonrefundable service fee charged by the third party for processing the payment online. Please note that the amount of the prepaid rent deposit has increased to \$300 for the Fall 2007/Spring 2008 academic year.

To obtain a **HOUSING REAPPLICATION FORM**, please come by the Housing and Residential Life office during office hours, 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday, in the Keathley University Center, Room 300.

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THURSDAY NIGHTS 5 on 5 Basketball Scores

WOMEN'S OPEN 7-8 p.m.

Area II	36	Lady Devils	Win
Lady Lyons	11	Angela's Team	Forfeit
Front Desk	Winner	Lady Hoopaz	39
Lady Ballas	Forfeit	High School Alum	29

MEN'S B LEAGUE 8-9 p.m.

Effin All-Stars	Win	PrimeTime	48
Make it Rain	Default	Air Ballers	41
A-L-L-S-T-A-R-Z	53	Spike's Team	43
The Core	51	ARMY ROTC	37
The Grovers	Win	Vandalay Indsutries	Default

MEN'S A LEAGUE 10 p.m.

Trifecta	56	Project Exposure	60
Desperate Housewives	42	Old School	36
Roger's Team	63	RUF	43

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Intramural Rankings for 5-on-5 Basketball

MONDAY MEN'S B 8, 9 p.m.

Free Agent	0	1
Warriors	1	0
Valsalva	0	1
Kappa Sig	1	0
The Revolution	0	1
Freak Nasties	1	0
Tha Show	1	0
MT Bob	0	1

MONDAY MEN'S A 9, 10

Rec Ballers	1	0
Team 1	0	1
HARD	1	0
Da Bears	0	1
Got Goodie	1	0
UnderWater	0	1
Basket Weavers	0	1
The Kings	1	0
IM All-Stars	0	1

TUESDAY MEN'S B 8 p.m.

We Fly High	0	1
Big Blue	0	1
Wrecking Crew	1	0
Crunkards	0	1
No Doubt	1	0
Nu Boyz	0	1
MP All-Stars	1	0

TUESDAY SORORITY 9 p.m.

A D Pi	1	0
A O Pi	1	0
A X O	0	1
X O	0	1
ZETA	0	1
Kappa Delta	1	0

TUESDAY MEN'S B 10 p.m.

Pacers	1	0
Legends	0	1
Warrior Face	0	1
The Pretty k'ns	1	0
RawDogz	1	0

Ricky Bobby 0 1

WEDNESDAY IFC B 8 p.m.

PIKE (B)	1	0
BETA (B)	0	1
K A (B)	1	0
SAE (B)	0	1

WEDNESDAY IFC A 9, 10 p.m.

PIKE (A)	0	1
K A (A)	1	0
BETA (A)	1	0
SAE (A)	0	1
Sig Ep	0	1
Angry Apes	1	0
Sigma Chi	0	1
Sigma Pi	1	0
ATO	1	0
Pi Kappa Phi	0	1
TKE	0	1

THURS WOMEN'S OPEN 7, 8 p.m.

Area II	1	0
Lady Lyons	0	1
Angela's Team	0	1
Lady Devils	1	0
Front Desk	1	0
Lady Ballas	0	1
Lady Hoopaz	1	0
High School Alum	0	1

THURSDAY MEN'S B 8, 9

Make It Rain	1	0
Effin All-Stars	1	0
PrimeTime	1	0
Air Ballers	0	1
A-L-L-S-T-A-R-Z	1	0
The Core	0	1
Spike's Team	1	0
ARMY ROTC	0	1
Vandalay Industries	1	0
The Grovers	1	0

THURSDAY MEN'S A 10 p.m.

Trifecta	1	0
Desperate	0	1
Housewives	0	1
Old School	0	1
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BASKETBALL SCORES

IFC B LEAGUE 8 p.m.

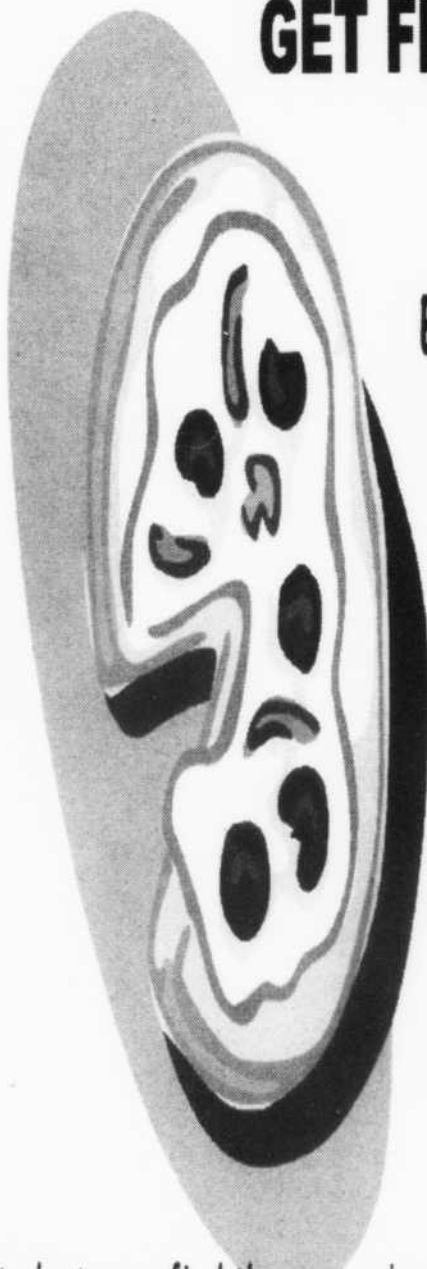
Kappa Alpha	29	PIKE	43
SAE	16	BETA	28

IFC A LEAGUE 9-10 p.m.

Kappa Alpha	48	BETA	41
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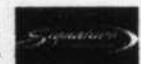


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