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MTSU Blvd. is closed from Rutherford Blvd. to Blue Raider Drive due to construction. Drivers will be able to enter the campus off Rutherford Blvd. at Alumni Drive (newly opened road by Greek Row). The 4-way stop at MTSU Blvd. will also be closed during construction. Please follow detour signs.

The gravel lot at the corner of MTSU Blvd. and Rutherford Blvd. will also be closed during this time. Students are recommended to park in the Rutherford Blvd. lot across from Greek Row and ride the shuttle.


The Blastoids entertain fans in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room during MTSU's Last Band Rocking
Blastoids blow away competition

By MARK BELL
Staff Writer
The Blastoids blasted the
The Blastoids blasted the
competition at MTSU Student Programming's Last dent Programmings
Band Rocking event held Tuesday evening in the James Union Building's Tennessee Room, outscoring their closRoom, outscoring their
est rival by 30 votes. Charlie Hareford, Joe Volmer and Tyler Walker of the Blastoids wowed the audience with their experimen-


Carol Swain, Maurine Beasley and Rita Jensen sit down for a panel discussion at the end of the lecture.

## Women deliver speeches on politicians and media

## By JESSICA GRAY Contributing Writer

In honor of Women's His-
In honor of Women's His tory Month, a three-part
seminar entitled "Women, seminar entitled "Women,
Politics and the Press-HisPolitics and the Press-His-
torical Roots and Current Contexts" was held in the Keathley University Center Theatre on March 18. The three guest speakers were Carol Swain, Maurine Beasley and Rita Henley Jensen, who are all nationally known experts on women's politics, racial issues and media coverage. of a series of three seminars
held at 1 p.m. 2:40 p.m. "Race, Media, and the Presand 4:20 p.m. First on the itinerary was a discussion by Mau rine Beasley, who gave an overview of the American media's history of covering Beverly Keel, a MTSU recording industry professor and head of the Siegenethaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies, was the event coordinator. Keel said that she got her inspiration to sponsor this seminar from a February
speech by columnist speech by columnist De-
"Race, Media, and the Presidential Election. "We are in the midst of an important historical presidential election and I
wanted to examine the press wanted to examine the press
coverage of two unique cancoverage of two unique c
didates," Keel said. Beasley gave an overview of the American media's history of political coverage regarding females. Beasley is a highly respected historian, professor at the University of Maryland and

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## Aerospace dept. hosts job fair for second year

By ALEX MOORMA
Staff Write
The 2nd Annual Aerospace Career Fair was held all day Wednestay in
Union Building. "[Students] need this. This is a great opportunity Daniel Prather, organizer of Daniel Prather, organizer of
the Aerospace Career Fair. "Some of the companies are hiring today and are accepting resumes and taking down Contact information as well."
By 9 a.m., 20 to 30 students By 9 a.m., 20 to 30 students
were already filtering into were already filtering into
the area. Many professionals the area. Many professionals
and company representatives were present. "This is a good time to meet furure employees and it's nice for us to see the future of our companies, said Lesley Romans, representative for Epps Prather said that other career fairs at MTSU don't cater to aerospace students. "We just felt like it was time to give these students a better idea of what they will be working for and who they will be working for," Prather said. And with around 850 aerospace majors, he added, they need to see what their options are. "We find ourselves hiring a lot gat) career fairs.

## the students and the compa-

 nies," said Robert Clemet, FeEx representative. "We have work with us at FedEx. It's a great opportunity to devel great opportunity to develp a relationship with your ob."FedEx wasn't the only company looking to hire though, Prather said. Kim Davies, recruiting agent for Republic Airways, said that the company is hiring and taking resumes, adding that it is important for students to know what companies there are. "This [career fair] allows the companies to inform the students of the curriculum that will be required so that they can go ahead and start preparing their studies to come time to get a job," Davese said. Many aerospace students ook advantage of the fair, and were glad to have the opportunity to meet with representatives.
"It helps us get our names out their and lets us know what we need to expect and prepare for to get hired," said Scott Perryman, freshman aerospace major.

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## Red-light cameras to snap risky driving

By DANIEL POTTER and JOHNATHON SCHLEICHER Community News Editior and Assistant News Editor
Seven major intersec tions in Murfreesboro will be equipped with red-light cameras this spring.
The cameras are to deter drivers from running red
lights by photographing lights by photographing any
vehicles that do so; $\$ 50$ citations are then mailed to the vehicles' tag holders.
"Traffic safety is para mount," said Chris Shofner, spokesman for the City of Murfreesboro. "This seems to be a good system for improving that."
Cameras will be in place by April 1 at the intersections of Memorial and Northfield boulevards, Rutherford and Mercury boulevards, and Middle Tennessee Boulevard. For the first 30 days after cameras at those three inter cameras at those three inter-
sections become operational, violators will receive warnings rather than payable tick-
ets. By July 1, cameras will also be in place at four more in tersections: Northwest Broad at South Church, Northwest Broad at Northfield, Old Fort Parkway at Thompson Lane, and Middle Tennessee at New
Salem Highway. Salem Highway.
No warnings or grace periNo warnings or grace peri-
od will follow for those four intersections. The tickets will only be issued when vehicles clearly
violate an intersection's stop bar after the light has turned red, city officials said. Upon receiving a citation in the mail, a tag holder can either
pay it ouright or view the in- system is also safer, becan in
fraction and dispute it before police don't have to stand in
the city judge. the city ind dispute it before The use of red-light cameras in Murfreesboro stems from a contract approved by the City Council in 2007. "The company itself will cameras for maicentar cameras for a percentage of
the revenue" yield Shofner said The Git will pay $\$ 32,000$ monthly to the company Traffipax for operating the system, usin funds from the citations, The Tennessean reported.

## Frees time for officers

 Automating red-light forcement will free up offi cers for other tasks, said Kyle Evans, public information officer for Murfreesboro Po lice Department.light enforcement an eftive red intersection for one a sproach intersection for one approach officers," ideally five, Evans said. With the camera sy tem, one officer issues the citation and thereby "cm do basically the work of the other four." Instead, those officers cal rocus on other duties. "In a city the size of Murfreesboro. with the number of people and vehicles that are driving every day, our officers can they can focus on spections they can focus on specaing factors for accidents. Evin factor. Further, when multiple motorists run the same light simultaneously, "only one et. We want to tiv to ald everyone." Fvans said. The

The tickets issued will count ns civil violations, "meaning it won't go on your driving record and it won't affect your insurance," Fvans said

## Traffipax

 Lori Mellman, a marketing associate for Traffipax, thecompany contracted to incompany contracted to in stall and maintain the lights
here, said statistics reflect the utility of red-light cameras. "The Federal Highway
Administration conducted camera studies at 132 intersections in Maryland, North Carolina and Califor nia," Mellman stated. These "showed crash decreases ranging from 15 percent to 25 percent. "Economic analyses sug$\$ 50,000$ savings of $\$ 39,000$ to ing, mostly in hospital bills ing, mostly in hospital bins, ance expensec:

## Qualms

No ceeryone is looking orward to seeing the system implemented. he feet better about it if he city was funding it, but ele. the reople are going to run Stephen Allbritten, senio rccording industry major Others evpressed major. over privacy: Keting maior. "I suppose it's sate in the way of tracking people speeding. But in anoher wiv there are privacy tonkerns in this company takems in this com

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## MTSU Habitat Week March 24-27

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March 24- "Shank-in Up With Habitat" A cardboard building will be constructed on the Keathley Knoll for students to decorate and admire throughout the day. This cardboard building represents poor housing people have had to endure before being helped by Habitat for Humanity

March 25- "Habitat Bash"
A car bashing ceremony will take place on the KUC Knoll all day for people to take out their frustration on. Weapons will be supplied and money will be raised per hit of the vehicle.

March 26- "Nachos Sale"
A nacho buffet will be held on the third floor of the KUC for students and faculty members to enjoy for $\$ 5$. Tickets will be sold at the door as well as by emailing mtsuhabitat@ gmail.com to pre-order them.
March 27- "Spring Into Habitat"
A nine hole mini golf course and basketball game will be set up on the KUC Knoll for advocacy day. A D.J. will be there as well as refreshmen
ford Habitat for Humanity.

The sponsors for MTSU Habitat Week include Presto Partyz, 615 Signs and Designs, Express Auto Recyclers and Enchanted Gingerbread.


## JOB FAIR

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Prather started at MTSU in 2006 and said that students in aerospace were asking then
for a career fair. "I told them that I wanted it to be run by students, but that I wouldn't
mind helping them coordinate it," he said. They started planning late in 2006 and had the first in early 2007. "We had a great turn out had about 15 companies anly his yoar we've almost dou bled that with 27 companies led that with 27 companies of her literary works on presi-
dential wives. She is consid-
ered to be an expert on first
ladies, and is referred to as "a
rock star in the world of his-
tory," Keel said.
Jensen was at MTSU in a
March 2007 for the Seigen-
thaler Chair of Excellence
event held in honor of Wom-
en's History Month.

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an author, who centers most of her literary works on residential wives. Beasley is a highly respected historian, professor at the Iniversity of Maryland and

Company representatives right for them is by coming met and talked with students the career fairs just like this," individually and as a group Lt. Rory Wiuff, representative to help inform the students for the Navy.
of what to expect from their "It's who you know in the "ompany. Knowledge is power and of the easiest opportunities e only way students are go- for students to be recognized ing to get the knowledge they by some of the top companies need to pick a career that's in their field," Prather said

Jensen is the founder and Carol Swain is a professor at editor-in-chief of Women's Vanderbilt University School eNews, which has won 26 of Law, and teaches a course journalism awards. The New called "Race, Getder 3and York Daily News named her Representation in the Politione of the 100 most influ- cal Process." \$he is "the direcential women in New York. tor of the Veritas Institute for With over 20 years of jour- Racial Justice and Reconcilinalism experience, she is also ation, and has authored three a domestic violence survivor political books,' winning nuand a former welfare mother. merous awards.

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By bRandon bouchillon Staff Writer

## Mounds and mounds of

 blood-thirsty fire-ants, 30 or so panthers that still roam Everglades, and of course the toothy alligators: such hazards make up a gonzo reality at the Langerado Music Festival.But for the 25,000 fans in attendance March 6 through 10, the stellar lineup easily outshone any potential fireant hazards. Having Phil Lesh, the Disco Biscuit and Sound Tribe Sector Nine on the bill translates smoothily into south Floridian speakas one nondescript fan put is so well, yelling during a parSchmalligators!"
$\qquad$
This year marked the sixth annual Langerado Music Fes-
tival, but the first year for the tival, but the first year for the
weekend's new home, the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reserve.
It seemed like a thriving wildlife refuge. Cranes stretched lazily in the midday heat, and the occasional seagull found itself too far inland, wafting astray in the steady ocean breeze. At night, the boggy marsh echoed with
choruses of bullfrogs belch-
ing in the moonlight.
"This ain't your daddy
festival," says John Brasfiel an accountant from wes for the weekend. "The everglades are hiterally alive al fect soundtrack. Who could complain?" Madison House, the purfestival, really changed the weekend's atmosphere from years past. Gone are the nights where music grinds to a halt at $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
This year, a handful of cherry-picked sets even slid past the 4 a.m. watermark. With such spastic late nights, Langerado "08 flaunted a feel like "Pleasure Island" for adults. Anything goes, sans
curfews.

So fans did just that: Go, "Honestly, what didn't my Thursday dancing to Les Claypool beside this guy in a full-blown yellow banana suit, and wouldn't you know, I ended up next to him for Phil Lesh on Sunday, too," says Jarred Rosen, a Pennsylvania student on springbreak. "Two encounters with a dancing banana? That's a full-circle festival, my friend."
to a line of traffic strecthed unmoving down a spindly,
10 -mile dirt road. Inside, Les Claypool kick-started the fes tival. His chunky bass lines provided a soundtrack for the alongside their cars, dancig alongside their cars, dancing
throwing Frisbees, killing throwing Frisbees, killing time.
Early Early morning Thurs-still-dark, a solitary camper yelled, "Langerado!" at , the top of his voice. But the solo cry turned into a cacophony of "LAANGGERADDDOO!" as the $3 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. silence gave way to frenzied fans, ready for the days ahead, none sleeping, all energized. Shouts rang out through the campsite for 15 minutes. For an instant, the anticipation seemed a real, tangible thing, evident in the
clockwork yells. Friday, the wait proved it Friday, the wait proved it
self warranted. G. Love and Special Sauce set the tone, cracking out a pristine cover of the Beatles' "Why Don't We Do It in the Road," which faded into the hot summer day classic, "Cold Beverage." As temperatures climbed into the ' 90 s, G. Love's deliv
ery put the crowd on ery put the crowd on ice.
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## < "Bak Jb" dosn'tive up to potertal <br> "Bank Job" doesn't live up to potential

Sometimes reality is stranger than anything a writer can dream up.
For example, in 1971 a gang of thieves equipped with walkie-talkies bored a tunnel into the safe deposit box room of Lloyds Banks in London, a robbery that was so similar to a number of heist-movie plots that it has been begging for its own film adaptation. However, taking reality and ranslating it into a compelling film isn't always an easy of "The Bank Iob" can pro-
duce mixed results. "The Bank Job" hobbles out of the gate by introducing us
to something like seven sepa oo something like seven sepaan incredibly disjointed fashion, complete with jumps in time to further confuse the audience
A drug-dealing pimp/black evolutionary named Michael X (Peter de Jersey) is skirting arrest by blackmailing the British government with pictures of naked royalty engaging in most un-royal schavior. Meanwhile, an upsale brothel is taking simi of high-ranking governmetos
officials for much the same
purpose. Meanwhile purpose. Meanwhile, some
branch of the British secret service is hatching a plan to covertly snatch these photos from their respective safedeposit boxes using petty thugs and, at the same time, planting a mole in Michael $X$ scircle to destroy any copies. Meanwhile, a model with a coke habit and an absurd number of convenient connections in both the government and the criminal underground is tapped to employ the aforementioned thugs to job. Meanwhile... well bank get the idea.

It's only after the audience is dragged through a myriad of different plot paths that
the movie is finally allowed to begin-almost 20 minutes in and without a hint of forward momentum.
Jason Statham ("Crank" as Terry Leather must then assemble the standard crew of specialist thieves and pull off a bank heist like no other amidst a web of knotted sto ries and motivations.
"Few films that claim to be "based on a true story" do more than give lip service to
the actual events, but, in the case of "The Bank lob" case of "The Bank lob, at
curacy seemed to be a para

nais. Names, locations and
events surrounding the life of Michael $X$ and the actual 1971 Baker Street bank robbery are ne early scene or exathple chael $X$ leading a white slum lord named Marvin Brown (Mark Phoenix) around by lave collar and cham exately as he did to the real life Mr. Brown. Even shops that ap pear in the film are the same that were presen
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and the alleged existence of nude photos of royalty and edements were tied togethe from a number of conspiracy from a number of conspiracy heories stemming from the both the movie and the aftermath of the actual event, the British government put a gag order on all media relating to he robbery. While the government never admitted to a hand in the robbery, both the film and conspiracy theorists laim this was a black-ops job ind an attempt to cover it up. In all, the script tries to
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## "BANK JOB"

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bers like "Hi-Key," "Rent and "Tooth." If such ginning, be on the lookout for future S' 59 mavhems took a late-night rainstorm to drive them from the langera do stage. Despite the solid of frome in
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## OPINIONS

## We're in a water war with Georgia <br> Tennessee's neighbor is in a drought; they want our state's resources

By PRESTON MACDOUGAL

The Peach State is in a parched state and is trying to poach from my state. This is not a playground tonguetwister, but a developing news story involving the state legislatures of Georgia and Tennessee.
Unless you're watching The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, you don't normally associate grounds. But there's a playgrounds. Buter fight going on right now between the states of Georgia and Tennessee.
Instead of throwing w balloons, legislators are lobbing resolutions concerning the relative locations of the Tennessee River and the Georgia-Tennessee borderGeorgi.
You
You can see what all the political splashing is about by taking a quick trip in cyberspace. If you go to mapquest. then click "search" for maps, you'll see why Tennesseans you'll see why Tennesseans
 the center of your computer screen, and zoom-in until you can see street names, you'll see that the borderline separating Tennessee from both Alabama and Georgia is as straight as a geodesic arrow. It was planned that way. The problem is, it isn't where
it's supposed to be. it's supposed to be.
After South Carolina ced-
ed territorial claims in ed territorial claims in 1787 , decreed to be the borderline between Georgia and North Carolina. In 1796, it also became the border between Georgia and the new state of Tennessee, which was an integration of North Carolina's western territories.
National and state bound-
aries are like lines aries are like lines of latitude and longitude in that they didn't exist until politicians
and geographers decided and geographers decided invented them.

The difference is that draw ing lines of latitude and lon-
gitude is an act of geometry, whereas drawing boundaries often constitutes an act of war.
In a an still hense, mathematics can be avoided if since war mats involved if the diploometers, and can bloodlessly "triangulate" the interests of all parties.
Hopefully, the borderquestioning resolution intro-
duced by David Schafer, state duced by David Schafer, state
senator of Georgia, won't lead senator of Georgia, won't lead off the football field, but why risk it?
This is where the Tennessee River flows into the picture, since, as you can see on your Mapquest screen, it doesn't flow into Georgia. It comes darn close, though. You could also say that it comes dammed close, since the dam that created Nickajack Lake was just high
enough for the high-water enough for the high-wate, throw of Georgia.

Again, math had a couple of roles to play in this plentiful supply of freshwater be-
ing tantalizingly close to state that is in the middle of a historic drought and forced to impose strict water restrictions.
Most recently, in the 1960s, engineers with the Tennessee Valley Authority seem to have accurately surveyed the surrounding topography, and could be without the dam even a single acre of Georging even a single acre of Georgia.
Parched Georgians are now wishing that 19th century surveyors had been as mathematically adept as the 20th century TVA engineers. That's because, while the 35th parallel seems to be just shy of the original shoreline of the Tennessee River, it skips right across the fat part of Nickajack Lake.
A team of surveyors, back in 1818, set in stone the now disputed borderline about one mile south of the 35th parallel.
Various excuses have be
me legendary, from a faulty compass to fear of local Native Americans. Perhaps the dog ate their slide rule. But the one that holds the most water is simple matheween decrees on paper and degrees on the ground. There is no vaccine against making errors in mathematics, nor is there one for chemical errors. For instance, sugar is a high-energy molecule, and sugar dust is explosive no matter how s
less it seems.

The key to lowering the impact of technological misforpact of technological misfor-
tune is raising the standards in mathematics and science education.

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hemistry professor at Middle chemistry professor at Middle Tennessee State University. His "Chemical Eye" commentaries are featured in the Arts and Public Affairs portion of
the Murfreesboro/Nashville the Murfreesboro/Nashville
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## COMICS



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## Red-light cameras will do some good, despite drawbacks

By July, a lot more driv-
ers who barrel through red ers who barrel through red lo receiving $\$ 50$ citations in the mail. This spring, the city of Murfreesboro is installing red-light cameras at seven major intersections around town. Well, technically, a company called Traffipax is doing all the heavy lifting. Interestingly, the city inn't even spending any of its own funds on this project; Traffipax just
the autom The Tennessent The Tennessean reported Traffipax's slice to be $\$ 32,000$
monthly. At $\$ 50$ a ticket, that amounts to 640 tickets each month, or over 20 a day, roughly three at each intersection. Keep in mind that's just the contractor's cut, not the entire city's take. Funny how profitable our safety becomes when we outsource it to private industry. Funny also how certain
nightmare
around town were passed
over, including Memorial over, including Memorial and Clark, and
Old Fort Parkway. It's no joke, howe It's no joke, however, to say
that it's definitely high time red lights came under control around here. Drivers are constantly rolling through lights long after they've turned red, risking grave injury and property damage to themselves and others - and for what? An extra two minutes at home?
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It's 2008; just download your favorite shows later. favorite shows later.
Or better yet, incorpo-
rate public rate public transportation into your travel routine so you can get some reading or homework done while you wait for your stop. With gas projected to hit $\$ 4$ per gallon this summer, getting acquainted with the bus schedule around here seems

Anyway, everyone who
feels entitled to run red feels entitled to run red lights or is otherwise "above
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for forcing oncoming traffor forcing oncoming traf-
fic to brake abruptly despite already having the right of
This to say nothing of all the police who will find themselves with more time to spend enforcing laws of greater importance. We should all be able to see the good in that.

Do you feel that your time spent in high school challenged and prepared you for college academics?


Kamel
"No, not at all. They need to prepare students more with homework, es pecially for international students."

Mary Kamel, junior public relations


Nnadi
"Yes, especially my senior year. I went to the guidance counselor on a day-to-day basis."

Brandon Nnadi, senior digital animation


Willis
"My senior year was pretty hard. In some ways, they made it seem like it was going to be a lot worse than it actually was."

Lauren Willis, junior art


Ferguson
"Not for the major I wanted. My high school did not have any audio class
that.

Scott Ferguson, senior recording industry

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## SpORTS

## Lady Raiders maul Catamounts in WNIT <br> with 13 points each. Lymon <br> The teams had played ear- lier in the season, with the

Middle Tennessee started Middle Tennessee started hopes with a 9-0 lead, defeating the Western Carolina Catamounts 104-69 to secure a berth into the second round.
After its initial run, the Lady Raiders had established a 15-3 lead at the first media timeout. They went on another run to make the scor 26-8 with 9:41 remaining. said Amber Holt, MT senior. "We just came out relaxed," We just came out relaxed. MT has scored in a non-exhi bition bout this season, top ping the 95 it posted on Austin Peay on Dec. 15. It is also the first time the Lady Raid ers have scored 100 or more points since they scored 103 against Louisiana-Monroe on Dec. 17, 2006.
Six MT players scored in double figures and everyone that entered the game for the Lady Raiders scored at least
six points. Holt led all scorers with
29 points on 10 of 13 shoot29 points on 10 of 13 shoot ing. She also added nine re-
bounds, four assists and two bounds, four assists and two
steals. Sophomores Chelsia Lymon and Brandi Brown
also contributed five assists and four steals while Brown
chipped in four rebounds hipped in four rebounds the bench. Freshman Emily Queen narrowly missed collecting a double-double with nine points and 10 rebounds. "We've never come out this relaxed and enjoyed it as much as we did tonight," Brown said. "Hopefully we can do it again next game." The Lady Raiders went into the half with a $51-26$ advantage - the second-most points they have scored in half this season. This falls benessee Tech in the first half of nessee Tech
that game.
Little went wrong for MT as they outrebounded WCU 34-29 and hit 59 percent of their shots compared with the Lady Catamounts 40.3 percent. The Lady Raiders also made 13 of their 25 3 -point field goals, good for 52 percent.
The Lady
The Lady Raiders also
passed the ball well, manag passed the ball well, manag-
ing to put up 23 assists on ing to put up 23 assists
their 36 made field goals.
"We heir 36 made field goals.
"We share the ball," said
Rick Insell MT Mea "Amber [Holt] head coach. Amber [Holt] gets most of
the shots, but she shares more than she should. Sometimes than she should. S
we're too unselfish."

Lady Catamounts taking a 77-71 victory in the Murphy Center. "They're a rival," Holt said about the earlier defeat. "It hurts to lose to them but it just motivates us to play ht just
harder."
WCU

WCU was playing without its best player, Brooke Johnson, due to injury. Johnson
pulled down 20 rebounds in pulled down 20 rebounds in
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the season, playing only 11 the season, playing only 11
games. Before her injury, she games. Before her injury, she
was averaging 11.9 points and was averaging 11.9 points and
6.4 rebounds.
Monique Dawson led WCU, Monique Dawson led WCU,
scoring 18 points and dishing out four assists. Freshman Emily Clarke also put up 18 points to go along with her four rebounds.
MT will return to action on Friday when they take on Kentucky. The game will take
place on the Kentucky's home court and tip-off is set for 6 p.m. "1 don't think we'll be intimidated," Insell said.
"They've got a good team, "They've got a good team,
they're big, but we won't be they're bag, but we won't be
intimidated. They've got a intimidated. They've got a
good team and they're probgood team and they're prob-
ably disappointed they didn' go to the NCAA [tournago to the NCAA
ment $]$ like we are."


Today marks the beginning of the NCAA Basketball Tournament. It is also the beginning of the Sidelines Invitational. Starting next Thursday, you will be able to see how well the editors at Sidelinesfare in picking the winners of the Big Dance. You can even compare the editors' results to your own. The winner get bragging rights. The losers eat crow.


## Blue Raiders start shaping up for upcoming football season

By CHRIS MARTIN

Middle Tennessee's football team got back on the field for spring practice on March 17. On offense, the Blue Raiders are returning six start ers: offensive linemen Mark Fisher, Jamal Lewis and Mark Thompson, quarterback Dwight Dasher and wide receivers Desmond
Patrick Honeycutt. Patrick Honeycutt.
The Blue-Raiders will be without second-leading
rusher DeMarco McNair rusher DeMarco McNair,
who exhausted his eligibility, who exhausted first-team left All-Sun Belt first-team who
tackle Franklin Dunbar, who tackle Frank an Dunbar, who
left the team after his junior left the team arsue an NFL career,
year to purs and leading receiver Taron Henry.
Henry.
On the defensive side of the ball, seven starters return: safeties Anthony Glover
and Jeremy Kellem, defen- $\begin{aligned} & \text { downs compared with three } \\ & \text { sive tackles Trevor Jenkins } \\ & \text { interceptions. He also led MT }\end{aligned}$ and Wes Hofacker, linebackers Lonnie Clemons III and Danny Carmichael and cornerback Alex Suber. Defensive ends Erik Walden and Tavares Jones, linebacker Derek Shropshire, cornerbacks Roy Polite and Bradley Robinson as well as safety Damon Nickson were all seniors and are therefore no longer
eligible. eligible.
One of the chief position battles to be decided on the practice field is quarterback. Dasher and redshirt junior Joe Craddock each started six games apiece.
Craddock began the season as the starter, but was injured after only the third game of the season at LSU. Dasher filled in admirably for a fresh man throwing nine touch-
interceptions. He also led MT in rushing with 530 yards. At running back, Phil-
ip Tanner has the starting job with Gee serving as his backup. Last season Tanner rushed for 299 yards in nine games with an average of 4.7 yards a carry.
The competition at receiver is one of the most wide-open.
Henry, Bobby Williams Henry, Bobby Williams,
Jonathan Grigsby are no Jonathan Grigsby are no lonNer with the team. Also, McNair was one of MT's biggest
receiving threats last year, catching 22 balls for 321 yards and four touchdowns. Throw in the fact that last year's top tight ends, Stephen Chicola tight ends, Stephen Chicola
and Clinton Corder, were seniors and the Blue Raiders have lost 1,308 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns. Honeycutt, Gee and Michael Cannon have the most
experience, but freshmen Wes Hawkins will be competing they will probably rotate in Caldwell and D.D. Kyles will
be in the mix as well. Howfor the lwo open spots on the
offensive line. $\begin{gathered}\text { the lineup. } \\ \text { Losing Polite and Robin- }\end{gathered}$
The biggest position battle
son will test the Blue Raid-
wacur at defensive end. ens' depth. Robinson leaves
Walden and Jones left MT
the school as one of the most
with the most and third-most
decorated defensive backs in
career sacks in school history.
On one shool history. He finished
ever, the competition should
heat up in the summer when heat up in the summer when class comes into town. Four star prospect Anthony lone and three-star prospects Mal colm Beyah and Eldred King will get their chances to compete for starting position Then they hit campus. The offensive line is anwith departures. Dumbar and starting guard Brandon Nix starting guard Brandon Nix are gone. Their departures
will cause some shuffling on will cause some shuffing on
the line. The lead candidate to take over Dunbar's left tackle position will is redshirt sophomore Mark Thompson, who played mostly at center last season.

Freshman Mike Williams, Jake Padrick and Chris
etoday.

## Mount St. Mary's plays into NCAA

 tournamentBy JOE KAY
AP Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP)-The Mount finally got The Win.
Mount St. Mary's, a MaryMound school known for get ting drubbed in its previous two appearances in the NCAA tournament, got this
one started with a nice-looking win Tuesday night in the opening game.
A $69-60$ victory over Cop-
pin State set up a daunting second game for the Mountaineers (19-14), who imme-
diately started preparing for their next opponent.
Anybody up for playing North Carolina? hackyard, no less?
"I envisioned playing
and
and against them when I was
little," said guard Ieremy little, said guard Jeremy
Goode, a Carolina native points. "To play against them It means a season that
seemed to be a lost cause only a few weeks ago can go on for at least a few more days. The Mountaineers won
their last five games to shed their losing record and make one victory that's always been well out of reach. In its two other NCAA games, Mount
St. Mary's lost to Kentucky by 46 points in 1995 and to "It's a relief," said Kelly Beidler, who had 15 rebounds. "It just felt good to say we've game." won an NCAA No time to savor it. Tour-
nament reality hits on Friday, when the Mount plays the top-seeded Tar Heels in Raleigh. Fans in the crowd of 8,464 at University of Day-
ton Arena held up signs calling on the play-in winner to ing on the play-ina."
"Bury N. Carolina."
Tough chance for that. 16th seed has never taken
But, that's something for later. For a few sweet minutes on Tuesday night, Mount St. Mary's got to savor its break-
through over another Maryland school, located about 60 miles away.
Coppin State (16-21) became the first team to reach
the tournament with 20 lossthe tournament with 20 loss-
es, and the Eagles played as if they were in over their heads during the closing minutes. With the pressure on, they
went five minutes without scoring, allowing Mount St. scoring, allowing Moun
Mary's to break it open Sensing the enormity the moment, they missed eight straight shots and a pair
of free throws. Several times the ball started to roll in, then
agonizingly spun out. "We had a lot of oppor "unities," said Tywain McKee, who had a team-high 15
points. "We just couldn't put points. "We just couldn't put
them in." Goode, a Goode, a 5 -foot- 9 sopho-
more who knows a little about Carolina blue because he grew up in Charlotte was the spark for Mount St Mary's up-tempo offense He did it all, driving to the basket and hitting fadeaway jumpers over much taller players.
He also
He also supplied the final touches, hitting four free throws
onds.
Perhaps no other openinggame winner enjoyed it so little. Unlike previous years, there was no grousing about having to start
ment in Dayton.
Not from Mount St. Mary's the Northeast Conference
champ that had a losing re cord before it got on that late run. The only complaint was
from some folks who didn't even think the Mountaineers deserved to be in the tourna-
ment at all, given their RPI of
${ }^{159 .}$ "Me and Chris (Vann) wer "Me and Chris (Vann) were and a guy says this ESPN and a guy says this game
shouldn't even be played," Goode said. "He said neither team deserved to be in the tournament. That kind of got us ready to play." Coppin State complain? No way.
Marooned at 4-19 in early February, the Eagles sneaked into the tournament for the first time since 1997 by winning the Mid-Eastern Athletic title.
"This was a great opportunity," said Antwan Harrison,
who scored 14 points. "What who scored 14 points. "What the NCAA tournament, you can't take that away. So we appreciate the opportunity to be here." No one could grouse about most part, they didn't play like teams with a combined 35 losses. Coppin State used its quickness, going inside for dunks and layups. Mount St. Mary's trio of dangerous guards did most of the damage. Coppin State was ahead th entire first half, leading by as
many as nine. The Mountaineers' guards changed the tone after halftime, when tone after halftime, when Mount St. Mary's up $39-34$. It went back-and-forth until Coppin State went cold at the end.


## SPORTS BRIEFS

Durham leads golf team in Hawaii
Senior Taryn Durham led Middle Tennessee with round of the Dr. Donnis Thompson Invitational and finished the event tied for 24th with a 21 -over 237 for the three-day tournament at Kane'ohe Klipper Golf Course. Middle Tennessee finished 13th as a team with a three-day total 972 against a strong field. Oklahoma State an impressive 16 -over 880 to easily outdistance Arizona (893) and Arizona State (897).

Durham was steady throughout the tournament, opening with a 77 and following with consecutive rounds of 80 to close the event. Fellow senior Jamey Dillard turned in a 241 and finished tied for 41st in another impressive showing for her at the start of the spring season.
on Thursday, April 3, at Blue
Raider Field at a time still yet

Leigh Wilkins (64th, 246), Clara Leathers (72nd
249) and Mallory Bishop (75th, 251) followed Durha and Dillard in the scoring

## Baseball, Softball

 games canceled MT's baseball game scheduled for yesterday against Austin Peay was pogainst due to inclement weather in the Clarksville area. The game has been re5 at 4:30 in Clarksville, Ten The Blue Raiders' next game is Friday when they ace off against the Owls Raton, Fla. First pitch is set MT's softball doubleheader with Tennessee State scheduled for Wednesday fternoon were also postponed because of inclement weather. The teams will play
to be determined. MT and TSU will play either a single game or
doubleheader on April 3 doubleheader on April 3. The
number of games and start time will be determined in the next week. MT continues Sun Belt Conference action this weekend with a three-game series at South Alabama. The Blue Raiders and Jaguars play a doubleheader Friday at 4 p.m. and then a single game Saturday at noon.

## Holt voted First

 Team All-American MT's Amber Holt has been named a First Team All-American by CBSSports.com after leading the nation com after leading the nation half the season and helping the Blue Raiders to a $21-11$ overall mark. She is the only First Team All-American in program history.
Holt is averaging 27.1 points per game heading into last night's WNIT contest versus Western Carolina. She rens Western Carolna. She
has posted a dozen 30-point games in 2007-08, a Blue Raider single-season record,
and has eight double-doubles this year. The Duluth, Ga native ranks 97 th nationally in rebounds (8.1), 74th in steals per game (2.41), 53rd in field goal percentage (.516) and 93 rd in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.52).
Of the 13 games nationally this season with 40-point scorers, Holt is the only player with a pair of 40 -point
showings. She scored showings. She scored 41 points in an upset of No. 8 a 21 -year-old shor and broke for points in a game with 44 at Louisiana-Menroe in January. January.
Holt le
Hort leads the Sun Belt Conference in scoring and
ranks second in $F G$ percent age and assist-to-turnover ratio, first in steals and offensive rebounds, third in rebounding, fourth in free throws percentage, and eighth in assists. Eight of her 30-point efforts have come versus SBC competition.

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## Stylish student decor possible on a budget

## By SARAH LAVERY

 Features EditorStark white walls and a thin, firm mattress do little to curb the inevitable stress encountered by a college student.

Whether you're living in the dorms, you just ventured out on your own, or you're still shacked up in your pinkwalled, stuffed-animal ridden room at your parent's house, it's up to you to get those creative juices flowing and redecorate your living space.
A lot of people succumb to boring design because they don't feel up to the task maybe interior decorating just isn't your thing, or, if you're like 99 percent of your fellow college students, you don't have tons of disposable income to waste on duvet covers and wall hangings.

However, it doesn't have to be that difficult. Taking small steps toward a hip, comfortable living space is all you need to walk in the door after a hard day and feel thankful to be home.

First, and most importantly, invest in a mattress topper and some amazingly soft sheets. The secret to happiness lies in a welcoming bed. Cotton jersey " $t$-shirt" sheets are incredibly soft, inexpensive and come in a wide variety of colors at your local Bed Bath and Beyond or Linens ' N Things. Mattress toppers - the best are the fiber filled kind - will run around $\$ 50$, but are definitely worth the investment.

Next, make your furniture your own. One day, maybe you'll have the salary to go to Ashley Furniture and pickup the cherry-wood bedroom set, but probably not today. Instead, check out Salva-
tion Army or any thrift store and pick up some unique, well-loved pieces. Anything wood can be easily sanded and re-stained - just go to Home Depot, it will only cost around $\$ 15$. If you're feeling extra artsy, buy some paint and go at it.
If you're lucky enough to have inherited some furniture from your family's pad, don't stop there. Even if your clunky wood nightstand and black armoire appears to have no cohesive design, you can easily change it. Remove the knobs to the drawers, spraypaint them the color of your choice, and add a little creative flair to the furniture.
When you first rent your own place, you're usually happy to have any sort of couch, be it plaid, puke green or bloodstained. Instead, try making your own slipcover it's not as difficult as you may think.

First, measure your couch from its lowest point to the highest and then measure the width. When picking out a fabric remember, the thicker it is, the harder it will be to work with, and to double your measurements. At home, place the fabric over the piece of furniture evenly, being sure to let out enough fabric to reach the floor, plus a little extra allowance for a hem. Tuck the fabric around curves and corners with a pleating or fold and pin the folds in place. At this point, you have the choice to leave it as is - not many of us are sewing aficionados - or, you can hold the pleats in place permanently with a tacking stitch, being sure that the fabric is held securely in place while making the pleats around the whole piece.


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## Surviving Roommates

## Helpful hints for students conforming to, surviving stereotypical roommates, woes

By ANDY HARPER
Editor in Chief
Whether you are moving out on your own or staying at home with the parents, most college students will inadvertently find themselves in the presence of roommates.
Exploring the world of cohabitation with others, one will find many different species of creatures to exist with and will learn the different adaptation skills needed to survive. Below is a list of the types of roommates encountered on the journey of college living along with some helpful hints to surviving with a happy and healthy relationship.

## My house, my rules

For the collegestudents who cannot afford to live ottside their family's domain or feel better about staying at home, parents can and will become much like roommates. The major difference, however, is you are living in their house, under their rules, no matter what your age - especially if your stay is rent free.
Sneaking in at 3 a.m. is still as deplorable at 22 as it was at 16. Unless a garage apartment or pool house is the primary sleeping grounds for a student, stomping in at all hours of the night is enough to upset any house owner.
Just because a student lives with family does not equate them to the rank of child either. The best way to form a working adult relationship between the college student and parental landlords is to establish the fact that you are an adult and, while not completely independent, should hold some respect as an adult.

Work out a standard set of rules. While it may seem juvenile, a curfew is not about restriction but respect. Families do not want students clamoring around the house at all hours of the night. In exchange, the student could volunteer to help around the house or maybe even pay rent. If you act like an adult, you will be treated as such.

## Silence is golden and noise is platinum

When moving out into an apartment with friends, acquaintances or the occasional stranger, two of the extremes one will find are the loud partiers and the meek bookworms.

The partiers are the late to bed or the early to rise, always bringing with them a vibrating aura of music, laughing, talking or rustling of kitchen pans. The meek bookworm keeps a lower profile, wanting quiet-time to study or relax and never needing an obscene amount of clatter.
Since these are extremes, most find a common middle ground between the two. Have the loud keep their music down and make sleeping habits of all apartment or housemates clearly known. Remind the meek that they do not live alone and a little noise is expected, but include them in the festivities. No one, even the quiet, wants to be by themselves.

## Who ate the last slice

 of cake?A mooch is one of the worst roommates one will encounter. They eat the last piece of bread, use the last clean dish, never replace the laundry detergent or toilet
paper and never share. Talking is always the first step to solving a problem, but if a problem persists, as it might, a few extra steps can be taken to make both the mooch and the mooched coexist peacefully.
Sharpies are extremely useful for marking territory and letting roommates know what does and does not belong to you. Of course, a thin layer of ink will not create a mysterious and powerful force field to ward off any mooching, but it will help clearly define boundaries of what is and is not public property.
If marking fails and a student still finds the feeble remnants of food and cleaning supplies, alternative storage space should be found. Some apartments come with individual storage closets but, for those that do not, block off a corner in your bedroom for food and laundry detergent.
Miniature refrigerators are usually on sale at most major retailers around the start of school and plastic shelving can be inexpensive at places like Target, Wal-Mart and K-mart. Another solution is to provide the smooch with their share, not paying for it but splitting the cost. Buy necessity items like toilet paper, detergent, bread or condiments in bulk and split the cost equally, which keeps them from taking your items and leaves you feeling fully supplied.
Whatever the living situation, either with parents or fellow students, a peaceful existence can be found. Set boundaries, keep to rules, talk out problems like adults and remember sleeping in a bed is much more comfy than sleeping on the street.

## STYLE

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You can easily sew a hem around the bottom with a sewing machine or handsewn hem stitch, or, if you're lazy or just not keen on picking up a needle and thread, safety pins also do a decent job at keeping the slip cover securely attached to the cushions.

Finally, when it comes to adding pizzazz to your new space, always opt for creativity over design clichés. Sure, you could plaster your walls with inspirational posters.
Be original and check out a record store - Cat's Music on Middle Tennessee Boulevard, has a good selection and frame your findings on your wall in rows with even spacing. Urbanoutfitters.com sells record frames at two for $\$ 22$. That Cyndi Lauper album might not be your cup of tea, but it'll sure look good framed and hanging on your wall.

Viola - a self-made, completely unique decoration that screams urban college student rather than pornobsessed frat boy.
And for the ultimate in cheap and chic interior designing, you can never go wrong with a can of spray paint. Just make sure you use it outdoors with a mask - you probably won't pass the semester if you inhale half your brain cells away.

You'll find that this tip is a little addicting - once you see how awesome that $\$ 3$ lamp looks with a coat of gold spray paint, you'll be on an incessant search for your next victim.
Yes, most of us are broke.
Yes, most of us don't know a thing about interior design.

However, does that mean we must feel satisfied with an ugly plaid couch, a plastic TV-stand and bare walls? No. All it takes is a little effort, a little creativity, a little bit of gas to get to the nearest thrift store and a lot of spray paint.




