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## State candidates shadowed by presidency

By J. Michael Neal  
Staff Writer

The debate over who is to be the next president of the United States seems to be the topic of almost every conversation, television broadcast and commentary these days.

The ongoing media war has left state elections hiding in the background.

But while they may be less covered than the presidential election, the future U.S. senators and representatives for Tennessee can have a large impact on the state and the nation.

The following are the political positions of the U.S. senatorial and house candidates for the sixth district of Tennessee, which includes the Murfreesboro area:

### U.S. Senate

#### Democrat candidate Jeff Clark

Clark - a professor of computer information systems at MTSU - wants to reform health care by allowing patients and doctors, not bureaucrats, to make medical decisions. He wants to protect social security and Medicare and provide affordable prescription drugs to seniors. Clark wants to ensure safe schools and quality education for 21st century jobs. Campaign finance is also a priority of Clark.

#### Republican candidate Bill Frist

Frist wants to use the national surplus to protect social security and pay down the national debt, strengthen Medicare and provide tax relief.

He introduced "Ed-Flex" legislation

aimed at letting schools use federal money where and when they need it free of Washington red tape.

Frist also wishes to address school safety and introduced the "Youth Drugs and Mental Health Services Act" to help schools address rising student drug use and provide support for those students needing mental health services. He intends to enhance health care for women, children and minorities by funding genetic and biomedical research, addressing medical errors and promoting organ allocation.

#### Green Party candidate Tom Burrell

Burrell has been engaged for more than 20 years campaigning to bring justice to minority farmers laboring against discriminatory lending practices in the federal farm credit system.

As a real estate businessman, he also helps families who are "heirs at law" keep their family farms from being lost in Chancery Court due to shared but fragmented ownership.

### U.S. House of Representatives

#### Democrat candidate Bart Gordon

Gordon intends to lower prices of prescription drugs. He also wants to add optional prescription drug coverage to Medicare. He notes that since the U.S. already sells drugs to foreign countries for less and can buy drugs from foreign countries for less, the country should be able to do that internally as well.

He wants to build better schools by producing zero interest bonds for schools to use for renovations.

Gordon wants a strong patient's Bill of Rights that lets patients choose their doctor more often than the insurance companies and also require coverage for prescription drugs and emergency room visits.

#### Republican candidate David Charles

Charles wants to reform social security, noting that most federal stocks and bonds offer a better return than social security. He believes that no one should be forced to participate in a system of personal retirement accounts and that people should be able to choose between several retirement options.

Charles says the country needs tax reform and should abolish the mar-

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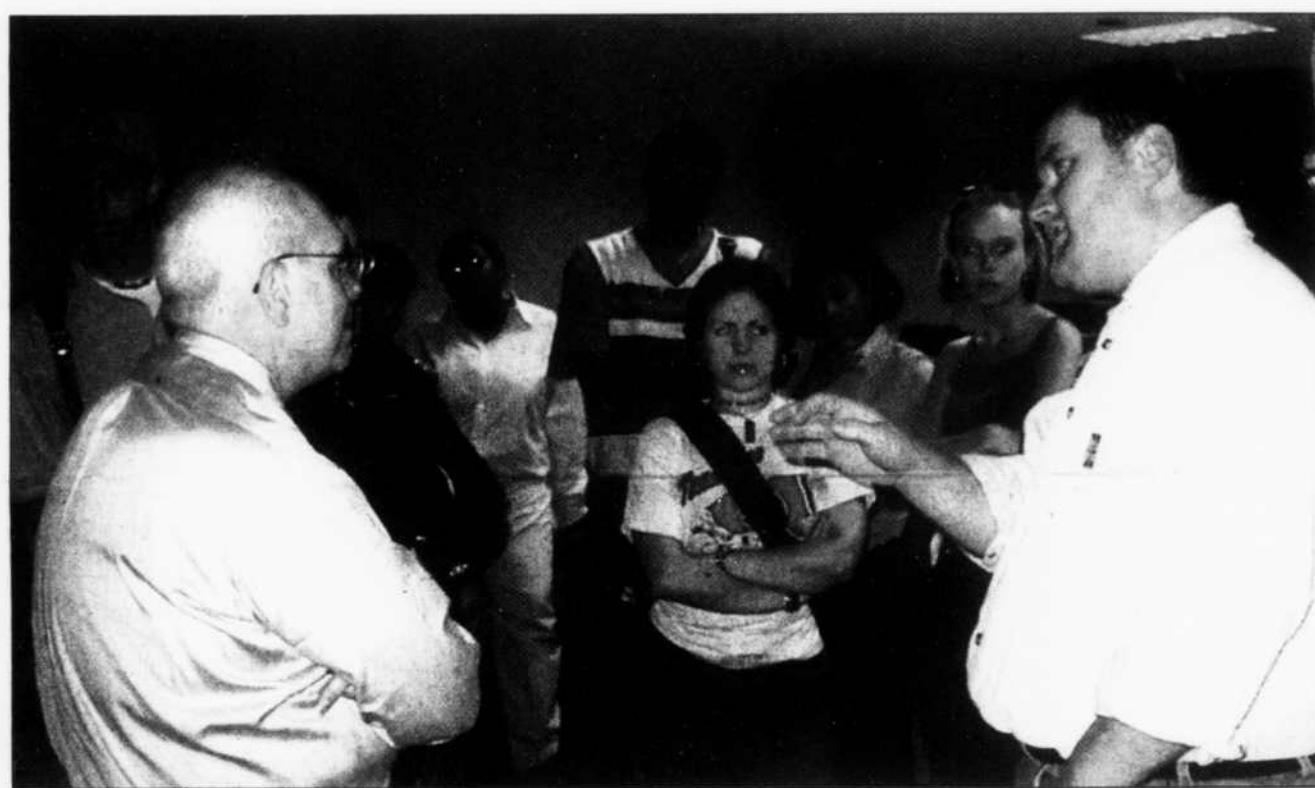


Photo by Becky Pickering | Staff

Students listen as MTTV Channel 10 News Director David Fletcher responds to Braun's lecture Thursday afternoon in the Business and Aerospace Building.

## Future uncertain for TV anchors, sportscasters

Raycom Media VP lectures on his projections for future of newscasting

By Becky Pickering  
Assistant News Editor

MTSU media students were both encouraged and startled by news affecting their future careers in a lecture Thursday.

Eric Braun, vice president for news at Raycom Media, spoke to a group of MTSU students concerning the television news profession. His presentation spanned current statistics in the field and his own projections for the future of television news.

Braun said that local news is a major profit zone for his company. Of their news revenue, 60 percent comes from local advertising during newscasts.

"The local news defines television," Braun said, "and it is how most of the money is made."

Students with aspirations of becoming the next Barbara Walters or Hugh Downs were delivered a harsh blow of reality. Braun said that the large salaries go to the producers and those involved in local advertising sales. He referred to news anchors as "factory workers," delivering a product developed by someone else.

"I am here to bust the bubble of all of you who may have misconceptions," Braun said.

For the large number of people pursuing careers in anchoring, Braun said there is about a "400-to-1" chance of landing the position, and that there are better odds at winning the lottery.

He stated that "the ability of a sta-

tion to get distinction with a star anchor is over." Stations no longer promote anchors as they did in the '70s and '80s.

Braun was also discouraging about the future for careers in sportscasting. He said only 10 percent of people watching the news care about the sports segment.

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Eric Braun  
Vice president for news at Raycom Media

Braun thinks that local sportscasters will be extinct within three years. With numerous national sports programs to choose from, he said that anchors would cover the local sports as news events.

Braun thinks that the weather forecast is the top priority on a viewer's list when selecting a station. "It's the one thing we know will affect everybody," he said.

A job in meteorology is key to getting a job as a weather forecaster, at least with Raycom, Braun said. He projects that within two years, meteorologists will be the highest paid persons

behind the news desk.

Another important innovation to draw viewers in newscasting is live reporting. Braun said, "people retained more information when it is presented live."

Braun had good news for students who already have knowledge of the Internet. With the Web growing in popularity, news programs are being forced to utilize this medium to further promote their own newscasts.

Braun said that conversion to the Internet is vital for survival in newscasting. "I am a mean, nasty, demanding boss," he said.

Braun plans to make his entire staff take on more responsibility in the upcoming months and publish their own news daily on the Internet.

When asked what Braun thought of the MTSU's Channel 10 newscast that he viewed, he replied, "the chemistry department doesn't let their toxic waste go out of the building."

Braun encouraged students who wished to go into television news to concentrate on their writing skills and brush up on Internet knowledge.

Braun, who joined the Raycom Media group in November 1998, currently has around 1,000 employees directly below him in 36 stations in the United States and Puerto Rico. Before coming to Raycom, Braun consulted for many of the largest media companies in North America, Europe and Asia through Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc. ♦

## College newspapers name endorsements for next president

By Michael Falcone  
Daily Bruin (U. California-Los Angeles)

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - The editorial boards of college newspapers around the nation are weighing in on who they support for president in the upcoming election.

Those boards, which are usually composed of anywhere from a few to more than a dozen senior newspaper editors, have been in heavy deliberation in the days before the election.

But coming to that decision can be challenging for editorial boards, which are sometimes split along ideological lines.

While many college newspapers have not published their decisions yet, a random sample of those that have show a decidedly Democratic lean.

But some are also taking the lead factor into consideration.

Though the editorial board of

University of Michigan's newspaper, *The Michigan Daily* said it supported Gore, it acknowledged several of Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's strong points.

"Nader is a quality candidate and his stances on the death penalty and the drug war are better than Gore's, but he doesn't have the experience or know-how that Gore possesses," read *The Daily's* endorsement of Gore.

Gov. George W. Bush gained the editorial support of the newspaper of one his home state's largest public universities, *The Daily Cougar*.

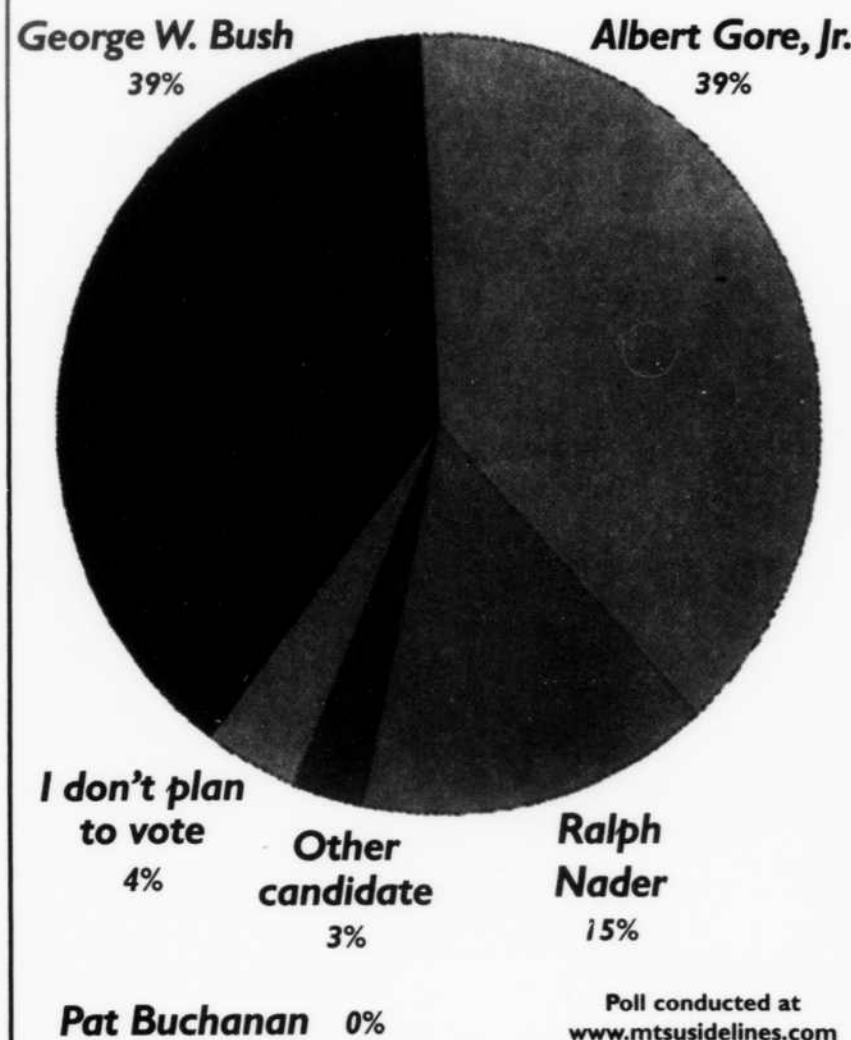
"Bush's positions on the issues facing America show him to be a knowledgeable candidate with ideas that are right for the nation's present and future," read the endorsement from *The Daily Cougar*.

But Gore gained the support of the *Irish*.

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## MTSU's choice for president unclear

Gore, Bush in dead heat, Nader gets more than 5 percent





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Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

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The entire program, sponsored by the Distinguished Lectures Committee, will be free and open to the public. ♦

### Recognizing the help of The Danner Company

The Danner Company was recently recognized as the Outstanding Corporate Philanthropic Program by the Nashville Chapter of the National Society of Fund Raising Executives.

The Danner Company was nominated for its creation and support of the Neill-Sandler Scholarship program at MTSU.

The Neill-Sandler Scholarship Program was established to provide scholarships for students in local school systems to attend MTSU. Ray Danner, chair of the board of The Danner Company and founding member of the Neill-Sandler Foundation, has a special affection for young people who persevere in life despite facing difficult situations. ♦

### Mob to read poetry

The poetry magazine "Scribbling Mob" will hold its first annual poetry reading Thursday, Nov. 9 from 3 until 6 p.m. in the Hazelwood Dining Room in the James Union Building. The public is invited to attend and bring their work for live readings. ♦

### Honoring our non-traditional students

MTSU's Pam Sheldon is the epitome of a nontraditional student. She is married, has four kids, one grandchild and is just beginning her college career. This year marks the first time Sheldon, along with others across the country, will be recognized for their achievements as nontraditional students.

The Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education has designated November 5-11 as Nontraditional Student Week.

The MTSU Adult Services center, along with the Older Wiser Learners, have planned a week of activities dedicated to these individuals. All faculty, staff and students are welcomed to attend. ♦

### Hollman quizzing MTSU

Questions from faculty, staff and students are needed for a trivia book.

The book is being produced by members of the Omega Chapter of Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance Fraternity. Ken Hollman, GIS faculty adviser says he wants trivia and interesting facts about MTSU's history and accomplishments.

The answer and source should also accompany each question.

The Omega Chapter may be reached via e-mail at jnf2a@mtsu.edu or at Box 5301 or send information directly to Hollman at khollman@mtsu.edu, Box 165 or fax 898-5596. ♦

### HHS receives grant to study tobacco advertising

The Center for Health and Human Services recently received a \$150,000 grant from the State of Tennessee to study the impact of tobacco advertising on minority youth in Rutherford County.

The grant is a result of a collaboration between the Center and the College of Mass Communication, commented Dr. Jo Edwards, Center director.

Dr. Teresa Mastin, assistant professor of journalism, will serve as the principle investigator for the project.

The goal of the three-year project is to educate minority youth about advertising strategies of the tobacco industry and to enable the young people to critically appraise methods by which the tobacco companies target minorities, Edwards explained. Another goal is to empower youth to share what they learn with the community-at-large. ♦

## Unlocking the secrets of dreams through Tetris

By Jennifer Cioffi  
The Daily Free Press (Boston U.)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON - Forget Freud. According to Harvard University researchers, the mystery surrounding dreams can be unlocked through a game of Tetris.

Robert Stickgold, an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and colleagues have successfully controlled the content of 17 different people's dreams after the first hour of sleep.

Twenty-seven test subjects played Tetris on Nintendo sets for three days, with a two-hour morning session and a one-hour evening session the first day, and a one-hour morning and evening session the following days.

Of the 27 people, 12 were beginners to the game, 10 were experts, and five were amnesiacs. The subjects' dreams were then observed on the first two evenings.

Seventeen members of the group recalled dreaming of falling Tetris pieces at least one hour after falling asleep. Most of the dreams occurred the second night, sparking intrigue about the gap between the intense Tetris session and the second less-intensive one.

"It's as if the brain needs more time or more play before it decides, 'Okay, this is something that I really need to deal with at sleep onset,'" Stickgold said.

According to Stickgold, learning may have an

important role in stimulating the brain to conjure dream content. Researchers found that the novices who saw the Tetris pieces in their dreams did not perform well in the initial two-hour training session.

"It's as if the more work you have to do the more likely you are to get the imagery," Stickgold said.

Two "expert" subjects, who had played between 50 and 500 games, reported seeing the Tetris pieces in color and accompanied by music, contrary to the experimental black and white, no-sound protocol of the study's Tetris game.

This deviation proves how creative the brain is as it searches for past events and memories to incorporate into dreams, Stickgold said.

"It's actually hunting around and finding other relevant information to connect to, which is the integrative process, which over time, I would agree, is a critical function of sleep," Stickgold said.

Three of the study's five amnesiacs experienced the same dream pattern as normal subjects, which supports the previous notion that learning, even at the subconscious level, is important in manufacturing dreams.

Amnesiacs dream, but during the course of their sleep they forget the events of the prior day; the majority of amnesiac subjects in Stickgold's study forgot how to play Tetris during the course of the night. Stickgold

thought this would become evident because most sleep-induced dreams are linked to daily events. Dreams that occur during deep REM sleep contain less episodic sequences.

Stickgold believes the memories of the Tetris dreams also affected the amnesiac's daily behavior. The amnesiac subjects showed marginal improvement compared to the other subjects because they had to be re-taught how to play Tetris daily.

One amnesiac subject, however, placed her fingers instantly on the three keys needed to play the game on the second day of training.

"She did not quite know what she was doing, and yet she did know what she was doing," Stickgold said. "In a way, this is Freud's unconscious things activated in our brain, which are in fact memories that guide our behavior but are not conscious."

Stickgold says the mind-body connection is a primary aspect of the study.

"We think of our mind as being ours. But there are real ways in which the brain has a set of rules of its own," Stickgold said.

"We're getting an idea of what the brain uses as its rules for picking out cortical memory traces to reactivate and bring into our conscious mind, and we're trying to see across wake-sleep cycles as to how that process happens." ♦

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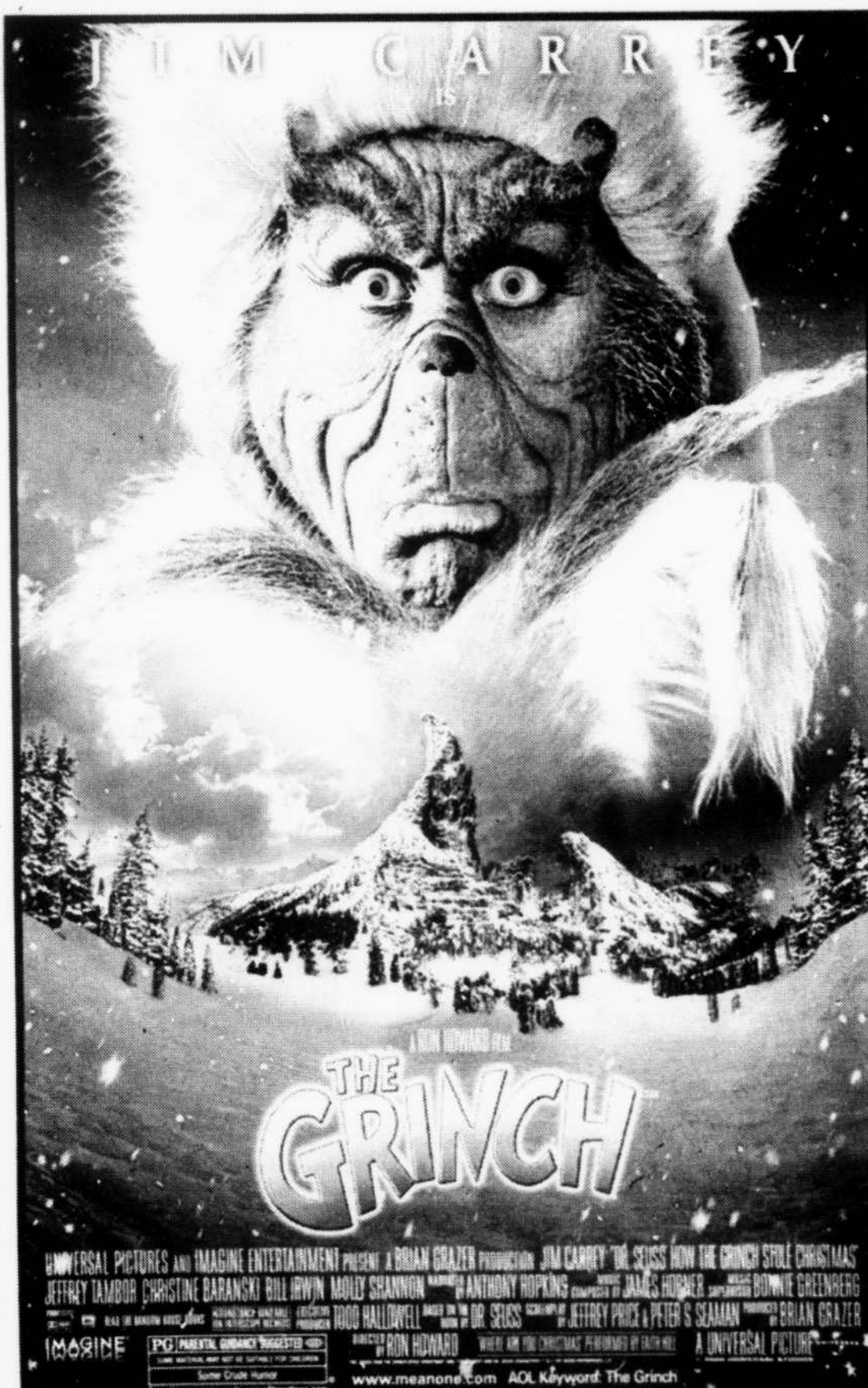
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# PRESIDENTIAL RACE 2000

## Make the right choice this election

### From the Left



**Kyle Dodd**  
Staff Columnist

Here we are, only days away from the 2000 presidential election. Many of you may have done as I have and already cast your vote. For those who have not, let me say this: you still have a chance to make the correct choice and vote for Gore/Lieberman.

Why is this the correct choice, you ask, as opposed to the incorrect choice of the Bush/Cheney ticket?

Well, let's talk about that.

Think back to eight years ago at this time. America was caught in the throws of a recession, facing a multi-trillion dollar budget deficit and the highest unemployment rate in a decade. All of this, of course, came on the heels of 12 years of Republican control of the White House, during which it was decided that (somehow) tax cuts for the wealthiest 5 percent and an astronomical amount of spending on defense would result in a balanced budget. Well, we see where that got us.

When Bill Clinton took office eight years ago, he was faced with the formidable task of correcting 12 years of shoddy budget management, and he was successful. We now have a projected budget surplus of some five trillion dollars, and that's fantastic. But the larger question is now this: what are we going to do with that surplus?

Are we going to give big tax cuts to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans (people making over \$600,000 per year), as Bush would have us do? Are we going to support the privatization of social security, which will allow those that know how to play the stock market (generally, the wealthy) to gain big while those who do not (generally, the poor) lose out?

Are we going to support a school voucher system, in which the only people who benefit are those who can almost afford private school tuition anyway (generally, the upper-middle class) rather than those who really need it (generally, the lower class) in a thinly-veiled justification for "white flight?"

Are we going to support government deregulation of currently federally regulated industries such as the Tennessee Valley Authority, which will cause profit to be the only motivating factor and double all of

our monthly electric bills?

Are we going to support the perpetuation of HMOs dictating to doctors what procedures they can and cannot do for patients based on what makes good business sense rather than what might save someone's life?

Are we going to support the interests of big oil being far higher on our list of priorities than the interests of Mother Earth?

I say that the answer to all of these must be a resounding NO.

A vote for Bush is a vote for all of those things, by the admission of his own campaign. A vote for Gore, however, is a vote for a far greater America. A vote for Gore is a vote for balance rather than extreme class division; a vote for people rather than money; a vote for equality rather than elitism; a vote for basic fairness rather than disproportionate benefits.

A vote for Gore is a vote to continue the America that we have constructed over the past eight years; a vote for Bush is a vote to return to the 1980s, when the rich got richer, the poor stayed poor, and the middle class footed the bill. A vote for Bush is a vote for what America unfortunately was; a vote for Gore is a vote for what America can become. ♦

## Make your voice heard by voting

### From the Middle

**Jay Michael**  
Staff Columnist

Given the disillusionment that masquerades as voter apathy in this country, it seems appropriate to write an article on why exercising your civic authority, via your vote, is a good thing right before the election.

First and foremost, I turn to the tried and true, "If you don't vote, you don't have a right to complain" argument. But seeing as how that argument has more mold than a penicillin lab, I'm going to argue that you should vote because of the corruption of the system.

Imagine, if you will, an office. In that office sits a congressman (or woman, it's really not relevant to the illustration). The congressman gets a call from an angry constituent about issue X. Issue X is very important to the congressman, but his view is opposite of the angry caller's. The angry

caller, in the middle of the tirade, lets it slip that she doesn't vote. At that time, the congressman ignores the caller and votes his own way on issue X.

Why does the congressman choose to ignore his own constituent? Folks, (get out your highlighter because this is gonna be good) this is Life's Little Lesson No. 1: The first hand doesn't get washed without the participation of the other hand.

If the congressman has no hope of getting your vote, nor fear that your vote will go the other direction, then there is no reason on earth that he should switch his vote on an issue for you. I'm not saying our politicians would tailor their position on an issue based on possible votes, but as Chris Rock would say, "I understand."

In a representative democracy such as the United States of America, our leaders rely on polls to gauge where their constituents stand on certain issues. If you pay attention to those polls, you will notice that they will have mentioned somewhere "percentage of registered voters" or "percentage

of likely voters," indicating to the poll savvy, "take these people seriously, because they vote and are willing to mobilize for or against you."

So what is the worst thing that can happen if you don't vote? Obviously, given the pathetic voter participation numbers this country posts each election, not voting is an ominously hot trend that America has seemed to muddle through in a relatively un-Armageddon-laden existence.

Let's look at a recent election, oh say 1994. We'll see an energized Republican voter corps turning out in force to throw out the Democratic majority in the House and Senate, whereas the Democrats couldn't find a voter corps that year with both hands in broad daylight.

Republicans had chipped away at the image and record of the Democrats for so long, conservative voters mobilized to vote Republican. The Democrats, either content with how things appeared to be going, or so

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Kevin Latta's column, *From the Right*, was unavailable at press time.

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## State Candidates: education, social security among topics

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riage penalty and estate taxes. He says that the government should not be able to tax inheritance because it has already been taxed once.

He vows to protect and reform Social

Security and Medicare and wants to use part of surplus to make sure older people stay covered.

Charles feels the country must keep the armed forces the best in the world. He wants to raise academic standards and keep schools safe by evaluating federal

education programs and fixing failing programs. He also wants to expand education savings accounts for use from kindergarten to college. Charles promotes early diagnosis of learning deficiencies and advocates change in education to keep students out of failing or dangerous environments. ♦

## Endorsements: majority of papers supporting Gore

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"Gore's plan to reduce the national debt in times of plenty to guard against problems when the economy takes a downturn is the best plan for the future of America," reads the editorial from the University of Notre Dame's newspaper *The Observer*. ♦

With reports from University Wire.

### U-Wire subscriber endorsements as of 11/3:

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U. Houston

Ralph Nader (1)  
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John Hagelin (1)  
Columbia College (Chicago)

## Middle: your vote may influence Electoral College's decision

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discontent that they refused to vote for their incumbent representative, did not mobilize (or voted Republican), and they did not maintain control of the House and Senate.

So what about this Electoral

College thing? Will my vote actually count for president? Yes and no. I don't have space to explain how the Electoral College works in detail, but as collegiate minds one and all, you should have already had this drilled into your craniums AD NAUSEUM by now.

Voting in the popular election will indicate which candidate the American people prefer in the White House (big news flash). Given the recent talk that this election may actually fall on the shoulders of the Electoral College, your vote is especially important to make

the electoral college aware of which candidate they should elect from your state.

What is the lesson here? If you are content, you should vote to demonstrate that you are content. If you are not content, vote to show that you are not. ♦

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# OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, TN

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## From the staff Deciding who to vote for is tough decision

A while back, the editor of this paper casually suggested to the *Sidelines* staff that it should endorse a candidate for president. He was subsequently attacked with threats of resignation from several staff members in the event that the wrong candidate is chosen.

The problem was quickly dropped.

The press does tend to be more liberal, proven by the endorsements of Gore by such college papers as Harvard, Notre Dame and even our neighbor Vanderbilt.

According to U-Wire, the largest college wire service, the only college subscribed to the service to nominate Bush so far is the University of Houston.

However, we are in the middle of the Bible Belt, so the views of this newspaper are more "diverse" than that of many other college newspapers.

Of our editorial and design

staff, 46 percent support Gore, 27 percent Bush and a whopping 27 percent for Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate.

Overall on campus, the score between Gore and Bush was far more even at 39 percent each, according to our Web site poll. Nader still received a surprisingly high amount for a third party candidate, 15 percent.

In other words, it's going to be a tight race and deciding as a staff to endorse a candidate is nearly impossible.

The thing we can endorse is the importance of everyone voting.

We're in one of the so-called "battleground" states, so this time, even if you believe it didn't before, your vote really does count this time.

But, do the nation a favor and educate yourself about the issues first. An ignorant vote is no better than no vote at all.

## If life sucks, blame your professors

### On the Real



Shawn Whitsell  
Opinions Editor

In college, I've experienced a lot of tripped out situations with professors. See if you can relate to any of them.

1) You're sitting in class and it's time to go, but you can't because your professor is trying his to squeeze a week's worth of lecture into one class period. He goes over the allotted class time, and your not even listening to what he saying anymore because you're thinking about being on time for your next class. Then when you try to get up, he has the nerve to say, "Just a few more minutes. I'm not done." Listen up professors, when we start fumbling with our backpacks, that's your cue to stop the show.

2) Okay, you're flat broke, and you need money for food, the upcoming party or whatever, so you go to the bookstore to pawn a book. That's when you sell a book back to the bookstore, only to buy it back before your next test. Don't act like I'm the only person who's done that.

If some professors didn't make us purchase six books (knowing we're only going to use two), then maybe students wouldn't be so broke.

3) All right, here's one everybody can relate to. What about when you get up out of your warm bed on a freezing February morning. You proceed with your regular morning routine: showering, dressing, maybe eating. You strap on your coat and step outside to face the freezing wind. You get all the way across campus only to see a note saying class has been canceled.

Now you're mad because you could have just stayed in the bed, but these types of situations are bittersweet because then you start to be thankful that you can just go back to your dorm and hop back in the bed.

My freshman year, I had a 7 a.m. class. One time, I left my room at 6:40 and it was still dark outside. It seemed like it was four in the morning. The birds weren't even

chirping yet - they were still snoring. I walked to the other side of campus just to find a note taped to the door saying class has been canceled.

How come professors can miss class anytime they want to, but if we miss too many classes, we get points taken off our grade? What about those times that we showed up and the professor didn't? Our points should be added back.

4) You're slouched down in your seat for your final class of the day. It's been a long day, you didn't get much sleep the night before, and your eyes are getting heavier by the second. You glance at the clock every 30 minutes....well, it's seems like every 30 minutes according to the I'm-ready-to-go clock in your mind, but you notice only two minutes have gone by in real time. Your fighting the sandman with all you have, moving around in your seat, struggling to take notes, doing everything in your power to stay awake, but your professor is counteracting your every tactic by singing you a lullaby with his boring, nasal, monotone voice.

So you lean your head up against your hand with no intention of dozing off, but the next thing you know, your head is slipping off your hand, you feel like your falling, and you jump up out of you seat only to have those around you cracking up laughing.

5) What about when the time changes and you forget to set your clock back? You end up getting up and going to your eight o'clock class at 7 a.m. I know it's rare, but I refuse to believe that I'm the only one this has happened to. I don't know how this has anything to do with professors, but if you give me a little more time, I'll find a reason why it's their fault.

What was the point to all of this? Um, let's see....uh, I don't know because I was dreaming when I wrote this. I guess my point is that professors should start checking themselves. Yeah, that's it.

Try being more like some of the good professors like Doug Williams and Ben Austin. I always enjoy their classes. I'm not bashing all professors, so if this doesn't apply, simply disregard. And for you uptight professor who are offended, these are just jokes. I swear!♦

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## Letters to the Editor

### Students should not be slave labor

I enjoy reading *Sidelines*. Good for students for speaking out!

When I was in engineering school 30 years ago, we had many three hour labs. In one of them, we spent our time removing rivets and screws from an old plane body so our professor could re-use it for a glider. His work (studying flight paths of vultures, I think) was of some importance, but I didn't learn a thing from this lab work and could have used the time to study. However, it never occurred to me to speak out.

If taxpayers were asked, I doubt if many of them would want college students' time to be spent in service that did not teach them anything.

Heloise Shilstat

### Vandalism is vandalism

I would love to respond to Josh Vooris's letter to the editor that ran in the October 30 issue of *Sidelines*. First, however, I would like to say I was out of line to imply that only Greeks were responsible for tearing down the goalposts. I'm sure there were both Greeks and non-Greeks involved, so I apologize for singling out the Greeks in my previous letter.

Now, Josh, I have a few questions for you. Was the goalpost that was torn down legally owned by any or the people who helped tear it down? No. Did any of those people have permission from MTSU to tear the goalpost down? No. Therefore, was that an act of vandalism? Yes. So, was that an act of theft? Yes.

Now that we're clear on the legality of the incident, let me address your comments. According to your post, MTSU should not punish those responsible because other schools (UT, Georgia, Louisiana St.) don't punish their fans. I'm reminded of an old saying... "If ever, one else was jumping off a bridge, would you do it too?" For you to say that it's okay because "everyone else is doing it" is completely ridiculous and shows how truly immature you are.

Also, I am curious, if people usually take goalposts for souvenirs (as your post suggests), then how come none of the college football fanatics that I know have one? I do love college football and have always been a huge UT fan, but I have enough common sense to know that tearing

down a goalpost and removing it from the stadium is vandalism and theft.

Basically it doesn't matter if it's a tradition or not, if it's against the law, then it's against the law. Do you not understand that, or do you simply choose to ignore the law in that situation? There are many ways you can celebrate our football team winning a game without breaking the law. Hopefully someday you will be mature enough to understand that.

I would also like to thank Coach McCollum, the staff and players for all of their hard work and dedication. Please don't think that my criticism of tearing down goalposts means I do not support our Blue Raiders. I do support you, and I think you're doing a great job.

Eric Vaughn

### Don't be swayed by campaign tactics

Dear Readers of *Sidelines*:

It seems that the Republicans and Democrats have found a new way to try and get the American voters to sway from voting for Ralph Nader, his running mate Winona LaDuke (a female vice-president — wouldn't that be a fresh change of pace?) and the Green Party.

Al Gore and his supporters are turning to Nader supporters, trying to get them to vote for Gore in states that have a close race between Bush and Gore in exchange for their vote for Nader in states already pretty much won by Gore. They are doing this to try and keep Nader supporters from "giving away their vote to Bush" by voting for Gore.

In response, George Bush and Co. are going to begin running ads that... Nader, showing him chastising... policies. They are doing this with the hope that Green Party supporters won't be swayed to vote for Gore.

I am saddened to think that some people are going... affected by these last minute... blows to the American people's intelligence and freedom to vote for the best possible candidate. This is just another slightly skewed "don't throw your vote away by voting for a third party" fallacy put forth by Republicans once again.

They are actually acknowledging the importance of the Green Party's vote! Is this great or what? I don't know about you, but I certainly don't remember this much attention being paid to the Green Party in the

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last election. That means progress, which is the underlining theme in Nader's campaign. Says Nader, "We're building a progressive political movement. Whether Gore or Bush gets into the White House doesn't mean that much, because the permanent corporate government in Washington is really determining policy."

We must not be tricked by these last-minute shenanigans by the Republicans to convince us not to vote Green Party. All they are trying to do is trivialize the Green Party's importance in the eyes of the American people by relegating us to once again voting for the candidate we least despise. They realize the growing number of Green Party supporters and the people that may, and will, join them.

We need to stick by our guns and vote for the candidate we believe in. Forget about the last minute political posturing going on right now by Bush and Gore. Ralph Nader and the Green Party are not a passing phase like Ross Perot was. The Republicans know this.

Brian Spencer

### Women selfish for not wanting babies

Today, my opinion is responding to Angela White's letter published on Wednesday, October 25.

I know, I know, women are just as qualified as men to tackle the work force. Women can kick butt in sports, namely soccer, basketball and softball.

Two questions: What is so wrong about wanting children? Are males the only ones that want children?

Oh, poor woman that she has to follow a MOTHERLY instinct and create, I use the word loosely, her career to raise children. Do females want to become males and change males into females? Is this logical?

I think not.

Miss White's opinion sickens me. To give up the act of bringing life into this world saddens me as well. You can't change biological factors without severe side effects. Males would have to become females, accepting the hormones as well. It's not possible to do this and still stay male.

Women don't want children? Sounds more like selfishness and rejecting the body that God gave you.

Luke Anderson

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# Common sense absent from absentee law of many states

By Brad Burke  
The Bradley Scout (Bradley U.)

(U-WIRE) PEORIA, Ill. - Leigh Maddox is your typical young voter. The 21-year-old junior psychology major is open-minded, well-versed on most issues and slightly jaded after wading through months of political propaganda.

She even registered to vote in her hometown of O'Fallon via mail so she could weigh in on the local issues she left behind by bolting to Bradley.

But when the tightest election of the past quarter-century climaxes Tuesday, Maddox's voice will go mute, muffled by a gag of red tape.

Maddox, and many other college students, fell victim to a national provision that prevents some first-time voters from obtaining absentee ballots.

The United States is riddled with wacky laws. Some Southern states legally condemn non-missionary-style sex, and northeastern villages probably still stone criminals on weekends.

But this rule reeks as bad as any in the nation. The stipulation goes like this: First-time voters maintaining residency outside their local districts (read: anyone lucky enough to escape his or her hometown) must personally present two forms of ID to officials in their hometown's district before vot-

ing.

The provision guards against voter fraud, and that's fine. The problem stems from recent voter registration programs in Illinois and other states that allow voters such as Maddox to register back home with an index card they sent through the mail.

Because she registered through the mail and had not voted in previous elections, Maddox now must prove to officials back home that she actually exists by showing them two forms of ID.

In other words, virgin voters who filled out those oh-so-convenient cards can't vote in absentia. If they want to cast a ballot back home, they must get there by Tuesday, or else their vote will be as worthless as the decorations for Pat Buchanan's victory gala.

Those most affected are people who registered for absentee ballots by mail who also were too young to vote back in '98.

That description sound familiar? Of course it does, because it's probably half of the 5,300 students at Bradley. Most were 17 during the last major election and then high-tailed out of town the minute they snatched their sheep skins at high school graduation.

Illinois wants them to vote, and the state handed out thousands of mail-in registration forms to get them eligible.

Still, that work means jack squat unless the state somehow ships them home to show some burned out DMV worker two ID cards by Tuesday.

"I know the idea is to get the voters to vote," said Becky Kelley, the assistant executive director for the Peoria County Election Commission. "It seems like this (system) is getting them registered, but not getting them to the polls."

That's Maddox's story. She, like many students, juggles a full slate of classes with a paycheck that barely affords her heating bills, let alone gas for a mid-week venture downstate.

The law's framers unfairly assumed college students can dart home at the drop of a hat. Let me pose this question, oh wise bureaucrats: If students couldn't get home to register, how do you expect them to get home to vote?

Granted, there were alternatives. If Maddox wanted to ensure a say in the presidential race, she could have registered in Peoria and forgone her eligibility back home.

But then she would abandon issues that are important to her hometown. That includes school levies, tax plans, congressional races and other matters crucial to her and her family.

What's more, registering here means she would thrust herself into one of the country's most predictable

districts, where voting Democratic is as pointless as opening a computer store 10 feet from Microsoft's headquarters.

Of course, voting in Peoria no longer is an option because Illinois closed registration Oct. 10. Unless she hitch-hikes home and empties a wallet full of IDs to someone, she won't vote.

Politicians claim to covet the youth of America. In between promises of reduced tuition and refurbished schools, candidates endeavor themselves to generations X and Y on MTV specials and late-night talk shows.

Hell, George W. Bush has been such a fixture on Leno and Letterman that I'm starting to think he's plugging some big-budget blockbuster due out this Christmas.

Smiling for the cameras is one thing, but if our government truly hopes to reduce apathy among young voters, it needs to eliminate loopholes that bar interested youths like Maddox from voting.

As for Maddox, she's still trying to figure out how to vote — and whom to support.

"I don't know yet," she said of her selection, shrugging her shoulders. "Maybe Nader."

In Tennessee, those who register by mail must vote for the first time in person.

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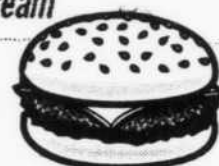
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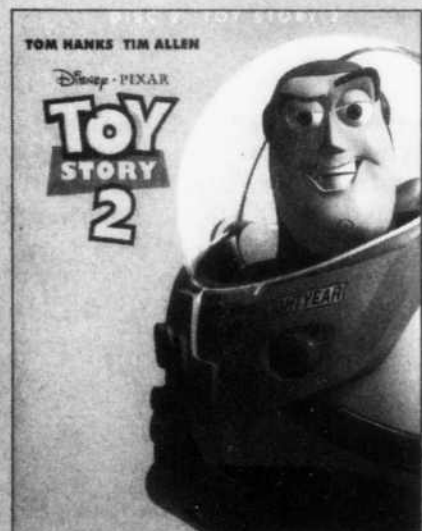
# INTERESTS

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## No need to pack angry eyes for this



By Philip Duncan  
DVD Columnist

Perhaps one day, all DVDs can look this good. I'm talking about *Toy Story 2*, and there is a reason it looks this good.

The DVD of this 1999 release comes as either a two-pack including the original *Toy Story* or a set of a three-disc set that also includes a disc packed with extras. Christmas is still a few months away, so I'm reviewing the standard disc from the two pack.

Right away, you will notice how good this film looks. The color and clarity are better than any video I have ever seen. There is nothing wrong with the video in any sense. The reason behind this is because of the type of film and the process used to create the DVD.

For anyone living under a rock, *Toy Story 2* is the entirely computer-generated third theatrical release from the Pixar company. The film is composed, edited and created entirely in a computer and then downgraded to film to be shown in theaters.

The advantage of transferring a digitally-created film to a digital medium, such as DVD, is that there is no conversion. The video is taken from the computer directly to the DVD master that is used to create all the copies.

This allows for an exact duplication of the original source material. There is no dust, hair or scratches that can ruin the print of the film as it normally would. If only every film could look this good.

One last advantage that this process allows is a truce between those who would rather have a movie as full screen or anamorphic letterboxed. Because the movie was created in a computer, the filmmakers were able to produce two versions of the film.

If you like your movies to fill up the whole screen, then you can do so with this film knowing nothing will be lost or stretched in the process. Every sequence has been formatted to fit full screen or wide screen.

The audio on this disc also meets the high expectations set by the rest of the disc. This fully THX-approved sound transfer even features Dolby Surround EX for those lucky few who can afford it.

So, if the disc is this great, what about the extras?

Unfortunately this disc seems to have been neglected, with all of the attention focused on its deluxe three-disc cousin. Rather than format two versions of the same DVD, none of the extras from the deluxe edition are packaged on this disc.

While the decision is an understandable one from a marketing standpoint, it would have been nice to include more than the Disney standard. Like all Disney releases, there are numerous trailers from upcoming and recent releases.

The nicest, and only true extra, is the included gag reel. Much like the one many are familiar with at the end of *A Bug's Life*, this short collection of bloopers and gags is easily the funniest five minutes of computer animation I've seen.

It's a shame that anyone interested in any amount of extra information must be forced to spend an extra \$20 to buy the deluxe set. The least Disney could have done was include a few more features for the average consumer. ♦

## Feeding off our youth

By Courtney Huckabay and Randy Allen  
Features Editor and Staff Writer

"Last night my shelk took me to a ritzy speakeasy. The canary sang some swell songs, and we danced until our dogs hurt. That evening was the cat's meow."

These words were heard recently by eighth graders from various schools in the area. What do they mean? Well, that was the question MTSU students asked several classes.

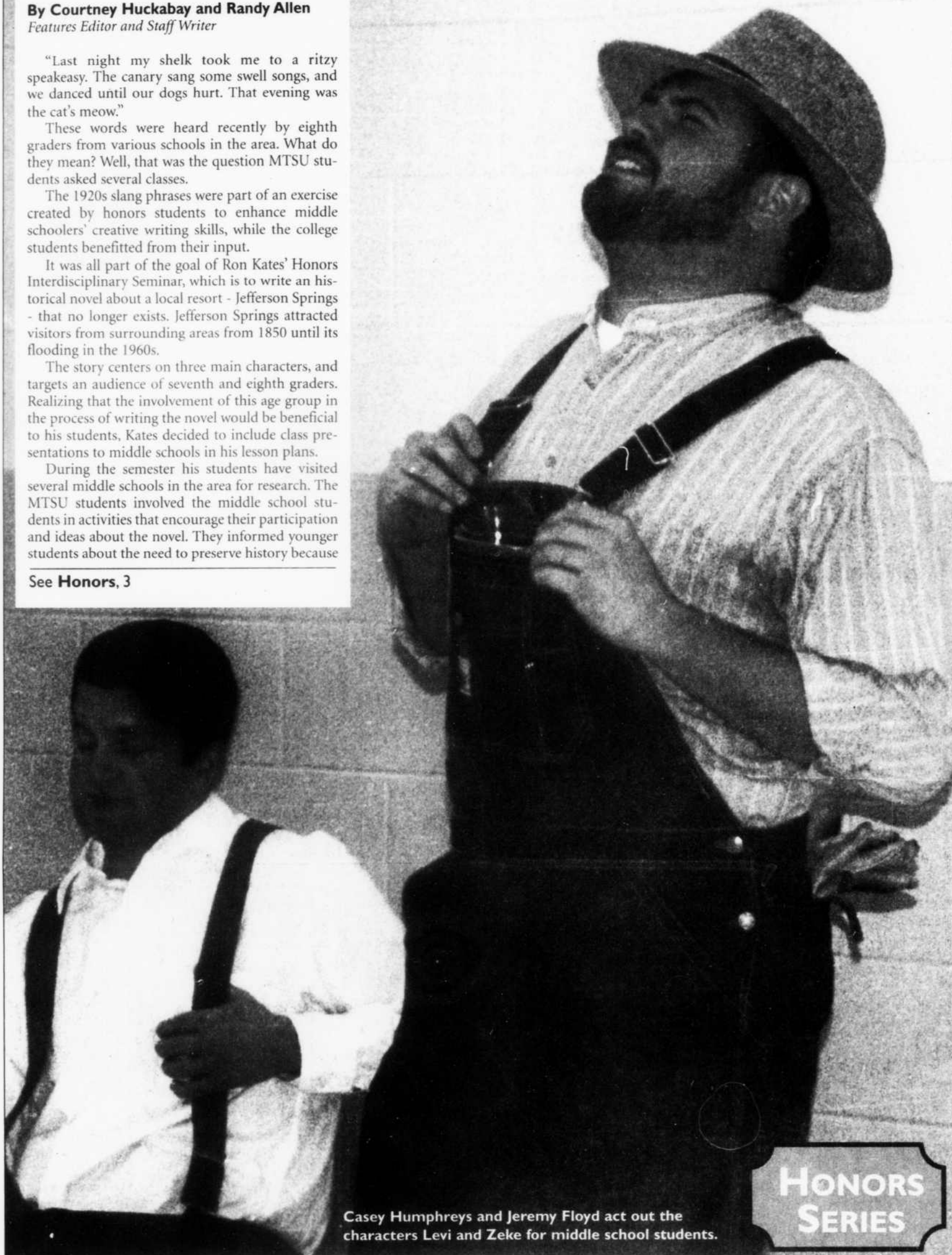
The 1920s slang phrases were part of an exercise created by honors students to enhance middle schoolers' creative writing skills, while the college students benefitted from their input.

It was all part of the goal of Ron Kates' Honors Interdisciplinary Seminar, which is to write an historical novel about a local resort - Jefferson Springs - that no longer exists. Jefferson Springs attracted visitors from surrounding areas from 1850 until its flooding in the 1960s.

The story centers on three main characters, and targets an audience of seventh and eighth graders. Realizing that the involvement of this age group in the process of writing the novel would be beneficial to his students, Kates decided to include class presentations to the middle schools in his lesson plans.

During the semester his students have visited several middle schools in the area for research. The MTSU students involved the middle school students in activities that encourage their participation and ideas about the novel. They informed younger students about the need to preserve history because

See Honors, 3



Casey Humphreys and Jeremy Floyd act out the characters Levi and Zeke for middle school students.

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Photo by Courtney Huckabay | Staff

## Tapping into underground rhythms

By Shawn Whitsell  
Opinions Editor

Thurman Tucker, known to most of us as Tuck, is at it again.

For those who don't know, Tuck was the man behind the weekly "Tuck's Jam" parties that were held at Club Mainstreet and the Elks Lodge. He's an underground hip-hop artist and the CEO of Rapball records. He's also a graduate of MTSU's RIM program and currently a graduate student studying marketing here.

Usually around this time of year, Tuck is working diligently on his annual "Tuck's Thanksgiving Jam," a free concert and party held on the MTSU campus. However, this year, instead of booking artists for his show, Tuck is at the site of his soon-to-be-opened record store preparing for its Nov. 11 grand opening.

When asked about his main reason for pursuing his latest venture, Tuck didn't mention money or popularity, but he instead said he chose to open the record store because of his roots — underground music.

"The main reason I opened the store was because I knew Murfreesboro needed an underground store where people can come and get the underground releases from Nashville, Michigan, Chicago, LA," he said.

Tuck said he chose to focus on underground music because he wants to provide exposure for underground artists as well as inform the public that there is much more music out there than what we see in mainstream media.

"Being an underground artist myself for so long, I've come to realize that a lot of people don't even know there's an underground market. They think it's just everything that's on TV or radio," he said.

He went on to explain that the lion's share of

the music in stock will be hip-hop and R&B, but he's also interested in carrying independent country, rock, alternative, reggae and gospel artists.

"I just want to help out the independent labels because by having my own independent label, I know how hard it is," he said of his motivation behind catering to independent artists. He continued, "whenever you can get a store that's gonna push your stuff, that'll make it that much easier."

Besides providing music that may be nonexistent in other Murfreesboro record stores, Music Jams will carry less expensive products with CDs ranging from \$9.99-14.99 and tapes ranging from \$7.99-9.99. Although he still hasn't finalized the price for vinyl, Tuck guarantees there will be plenty of it.

"That's [vinyl] another reason I opened the store, because I know a lot of DJs around here can't get no records. They have to drive all the way to Nashville. So I'm gonna stock all the vinyl for 'em."

Music Jams will not be limited to just selling music. Customers will also be able to pick up African products such as soap, oils, chew sticks and apparel, as well as publications such as *XXL*, *Vibe*, *Sidelines* and *The Nashville Scene*. Tuck will also give other entrepreneurs a chance to sell their product in his shop.

Tuck plans to open his store to both underground and mainstream artists. He sent personal invitations to hip-hop artists like Cash Money, Shyne and Lil Bow Wow for the grand opening, and he's trying to get Tick Daddy and Trina to stop by when they make their Dec. 9 visit to Nashville.

Not only does Tuck plan to sell products, but he will also offer a service pressing CDs and making posters, which is another characteristic that's hard to find in record shops in Murfreesboro. Tuck also plans to add a studio in the back of the shop,

although it will be only for artists on Rapball Records and guest artists.

Although there will be a lot of mainstream music for sale in the store, Tuck plans to put strong efforts behind underground artists.

"I understand how underground artists feel," he said before mentioning how he doesn't like it when he takes his music to a store and they put him in the local section.

"I want my stuff sitting next to Master P. and Juvenile," he said.

Tuck knows how independent artists feel to be neglected by record stores.

"I understand how they feel so I'm more lenient towards them. I feel their pain."

Tuck also explained that he just wants to inspire people when they see him pursuing his dreams. "When they see me doing something, then they feel like they can do something," he said.

For the Nov. 11 grand opening, customers are encouraged to bring a canned good that will be donated to the Salvation Army for Thanksgiving. Customers will also get 10 percent off at Subway (located next door) with any purchase. They can look forward to meeting underground artists and DJs from Nashville, who will be floating in and out throughout the day.

The store will also feature 30 cent Thursdays, where they'll get 30 cents off any items and perhaps a free poster or promotional items with each purchase.

Tuck credits MTSU and the Murfreesboro community for all the support they've shown in the past and looks forward to support in the future. He also mentioned that he's the first African American record store owner ever in the history of Murfreesboro.

Music Jams is located at 1610 Memorial Blvd and will be open daily from noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call 848-1198. ♦



# ON CAMPUS

Compiled By Courtney Huckabay - Features Editor

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## Nov. 9

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## Nov. 15

Students applying to business school can hone their interview skills by logging onto Kaplan's test prep and admissions web site, kaptest.com, for the free live online event, "The Interview Hotseat." Students will be selected to participate in a practice interview during the live audio chat and a question and answer session will follow. To participate, students must register at [www.kaptest.com/events](http://www.kaptest.com/events). There is an option to submit a resume prior to the event. Ben Baron, former Admissions Officer at Harvard Business School and current Vice President of Business Development for Kaplan, Inc. is running the interview, which starts at 7 p.m.

## Nov. 16

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-

8416 for more information.

## Nov. 18

Want to lead water aerobics classes and have fun while getting paid? Come to the Campus Rec's water aerobics workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It costs \$20 or \$5 for aquatic staff. Contact Karen Nikazy at 898-2104 for more information.

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## Nov. 30

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## Ongoing

MTSU Crime Stoppers program is currently looking for people interested in making a difference on campus by joining the Board of Directors. If you are a full-time student or employee and are interested you can call Sgt. Wright at 898-2424 for more information or you can pick up an application at the campus police dept. or in KUC Room 303.

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Want to get rowdy for MTSU? Join the Rowdy Raiders. All students are welcome. We get painted up for the pep rallies and the home games. If you would like to join, please contact John Norrell at 898-5672 or stop by KUC, Room 212.

Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

Alpha, a practical introduction to the Christian faith, meets every Sunday from 7-8:30 p.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on 315 E. Main St. There is no cost to the participant. For more information contact the church at 893-3780 or the Ministry Center at 904-7948.

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The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

## Honors: Students recreate area's history

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of deterioration.

Beth Warren and Jeremy Floyd directed Mrs. Beth Riner's Central Middle School class in creating characters from pictures of 1920s people and translating period language into current slang.

Riner had read about Kates' class in a local paper and thought her students could benefit from their involvement with a university program.

The MTSU students explained to the middle schoolers that the novel is about a kid from Dayton, Tenn. He spends the summer at Jefferson Springs to escape the media circus surrounding the Scope's Monkey Trial.

One of Riner's students described a character from one of the antique photos as, "the person in the picture is older than Moses." Their creations came quite close to the characters in the book that the honors class had created, said

Warren. The kids' characters ate beans and cornbread, were superstitious, had tamed wild animals for pets, and wore clothing that reflected their lifestyles in that period.

Riner's class received a presentation from MTSU's Tulip Poplar Press the following week. Professor of Art Janet Higgins and her students showed the class how to use art supplies and stamps to create promotional materials for the resort and to make scrap book pages. Librarian for Special Collections Alan Boehm explained the early printing processes and directed the operation of a portable printing press.

Samantha Martin explained to the students "that each of their creations is a signed piece of art."

Lesa Crane, an Art Education major, said, "students love to get involved, and when they participate it becomes their thing. It's not ours anymore."

The presentations allowed college students to collaborate with middle

school students on a project that will preserve the history of an almost forgotten part of the local heritage. Kates thinks the positive response and eagerness of the local community to participate is making the Jefferson Springs project a successful part of the University Honors College curriculum.

This eagerness was expressed when middle schoolers from Coffee County took a field trip to MTSU on Halloween. Kates' class provided various activities related to what life was like in the '20s for the kids to take part in.

Groups of kids rotated throughout the KUC and Wood and Felder dorms, attending sessions about book-making, creating travel brochures to Jefferson Springs, guessing the price of necessities from the '20s, meeting the live characters of the novel, listening to and learning about blue grass music and string bands and making baseballs the old-fashioned way. ♦



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An eighth grader at Central Middle School learns to use the 100-year-old manual printing press. Alan Boehm and Janet Higgins demonstrated the classic way of printing.

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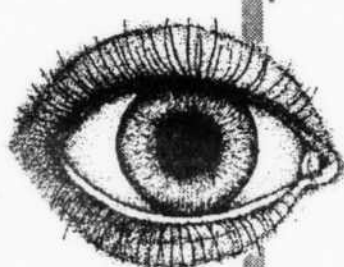
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## SPORTS

**B'ball:** Men must adjust to new conference opponents

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Mitchell.

Mitchell, who is his high school's second leading scorer behind the aforementioned Wallace, is of a similar mold that can slash to the basket or can pull up for the jump shot. Mitchell comes from Northeast Oklahoma A&M.

Mitchell will also see time at the power forward position behind returning starting senior Dale Thomas. Thomas averaged 6.4 points per game and was a key rebounder averaging more than four a game. Thomas was consistent last year playing in all 28 games last season, starting in 20.

Along with Mitchell behind Thomas will be junior lino Tennngren. Tennngren added a great one-two punch at the position averaging 11 points and 4 rebounds per game.

Adding depth to the position will be Northeast Miss. JC transfer Demario Watson. The 6-8, 240 pound junior that will

battle and bruise opponents.

Tennngren and Watson will also see some time at center, backing Nosse. Nosse will be the primary option on offense. Nosse will also be the primary option for leadership. Along with White, Nosse enters his fourth season with coach Wiel, having a good sense of the system and what coach Wiel expects out of his players.

Nosse has a chance to become the school's 25th player to score 1,000 points with a 12.4 average per game this season. Starting 50 of the 56 games he has played in, the 6-10 senior will be the key to the Blue Raiders' success this season.

There is no lack of depth in this team. Nor is experience going to be a problem. There are several newcomers that are unproven, and other players expected to improve from previous seasons.

Entering the Sun Belt Conference presents a challenge, but will be an exciting adventure. ♦



Men and women scrimmage together before the Blue and White annual game last Monday evening.

Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

**UConn:** Middle Tennessee wins their first road game in Division I-A by 56 points

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failed to produce points was the final drive that ended due to the half.

At the break there was little doubt of the outcome, with the Blue Raiders dominating the Huskies 52-7.

It was the Blue Raiders' defense that also stepped up their play after doing their share in giving up 61 points to Mississippi State last weekend.

In the first half the Blue Raiders snagged three interceptions, including a 70-yard interception return for a touchdown by sophomore cornerback Kareem Bland. The Blue Raiders finished with four interceptions on the day.

The offensive numbers put up by the Raiders were nearly ridiculous, earning 570 yards of total offense, including more than 300 yards via the running attack.

Hicks ran for 184 yards and four touchdowns on 17 carries, upping his season mark to 1,159 yards on the season. He now stands sixth in Blue Raider history for yards in a single season, 29 yards behind Mike Moore for fifth and only 280 yards away from Kippy Bayless' all-time mark of 1,439. He already owns the Blue Raiders' single game marks for rushing yards with 311 and touchdowns with six, as well as the mark for touchdowns

in a single season with 17.

Counts went 17-21 for 221 yards and a touchdown. It was the second straight game that Counts threw for more than 200 yards and tied the record for most games with more than 200 yards passing in a game during a career with 12.

He now sits in a three way tie with former Blue Raiders' Jonathan Quinn and Kelly Holcomb, both of whom are in the NFL.

All-American candidate Newson finished the day with eight catches for 66 yards. Sophomore wide receiver Tyrone Calico caught a pair of passes, including a 59 yard touchdown. Johnson, the third receiver of the talented trio had arguably the best day, catching seven balls for 96 yards.

The Blue Raiders come back home next Saturday at 2 p.m. to play South Florida, a team loaded with talent in their tran-

sition year from Division I-AA to I-A. MT finishes the season against future Sun Belt Conference opponent Louisiana-Lafayette on Nov. 18.

If Middle Tennessee can win both games, the Blue Raiders will have a winning season for the first time since 1996 when former head coach and now interim athletic director Boots Donnelly led the Blue Raiders to three consecutive wins to finish the season 6-5. ♦

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Paula Penttila (10) looks to pass to Keisha McClinic (5).

## Women win 96-87 in first exhibition

### MT Media Relations

It only took freshman Keisha McClinic a matter of minutes to establish herself as a young player with unlimited talent.

The freshman from Stockbridge, Ga., scored 19 points on the night as the Lady Raiders (1-0) held off Dynamo Kiev of Ukraine (0-1) for a 96-87 win at Murphy Center in the opening game of the Coca-Cola Exhibition Series.

"Keisha had a great game," head coach Stephany Smith said. "She knocked down some shots."

With the squad short on depth, Smith will need all the help she can this season from every available player. McClinic responded by leading the Lady Raiders offensively and defensively.

Along with her 19-point effort, including 11 in the opening half of play, McClinic grabbed eight boards.

"I was a little nervous at first," McClinic said. "I calmed down once the game got going."

My shot was on tonight, but we really need to work on transition defense."

Despite, the big offensive output, six Lady Raiders reached double figures, they had a tough time containing Ukraine on the other end of the floor.

"We play better united than divided," Smith said. "Defense has much to be desired."

Unfortunately, the Lady Raiders watched as the visiting team seemingly drained everything it put up.

However, joining McClinic in the double figures were junior Jamie Thomatis (18), junior Joanne Aluka (14), senior Kelly Chastain (13), sophomore Mia Parvianen and junior Chrissy Davenport (11 each). Davenport hauled in 12 boards, while sophomore Paula Penttila dished out six assists.

The Lady Raiders will be back in action next Thursday at Murphy Center in the first game of a doubleheader, which also features the Blue Raiders in exhibition play. ♦

# Volleyball earns tough win

By Colleen Cox  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raider volleyball team showed off for Parents' Weekend Friday night at the Murphy Center handing North Texas a 3-1 loss.

The Lady Raiders came out hot in game one taking a 2-0 lead and pushing the lead to 10-3. The team took the game 15-4.

Game two wasn't quite as easy for the Lady Raiders. They jumped out to a 5-1 lead, but saw the lead cut to 5-3. Two aces by freshman Goldie Bilyeu-Sears helped the Lady Raiders push the lead to 8-3. North

*"We had a few short practices this week which I think made a difference"*

Lisa Kissee  
Volleyball Head Coach

Texas cut the lead to 9-5, but the Lady Raiders answered pushing the lead to 11-5. North Texas wouldn't give up though. They

fought back and took the game, winning 15-13.

The Lady Raiders came out of halftime with a surge taking a 5-0 lead. North Texas made a run once again, but this time senior Lindsay Pritchard stepped up with a key kill to stop North Texas short. The Lady Raiders put the game away with a 15-5 score.

Game four was dominated by the Lady Raiders. North Texas got no closer than three points. The Lady Raiders took the game and the match with by a 15-5 score.

"We had a few short practices this week which I think made a difference," head coach

Lisa Kissee said. "Then of course their parents being here. Their so excited to see their parents and play for their parents."

Sophomore Katie Thiesen led the attack for the Lady Raiders with 16 kills and a .520 attack percentage. Pritchard compiled 12 kills and a .455 attack percentage. Sophomore Erin Hillstrom contributed 11 kills. Sophomore Alicia Scott added 10 kills and eight digs. Senior Abby Hartup had a .583 attack percentage.

Sophomore Kelly Quinn led the way with 31 assists. Bilyeu-Sears had 24 assists and seven service aces. ♦

## Lady Raiders fall in Sun Belt tournament

### Denver Pioneers end Middle Tennessee's season with three second half goals

### MT Media Relations

MOBILE, Ala. — Middle Tennessee put up a valiant effort, but fell to a Denver team that surged late in the contest 3-1 in the opening round of the inaugural Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

The game was, as advertised, a physical affair that pitted contrasting styles against each other. Each team played to its strengths throughout the contest, but Denver's relentless pressure in the second half finally wore down the Lady Raiders.

The first half of the game was a defensive struggle between both teams.

Denver (11-5-3) got out of the blocks quickly, firing seven shots before the Lady Raiders could muster their first attempt. In fact, Middle Tennessee (8-

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Scott Ginn  
Soccer Head Coach

11) took only three shots in the first frame. However, each was a quality attempt that forced Pioneer goal keeper Erica Izard to make saves on all three plays.

Middle Tennessee senior goal keeper Jennifer Robb stood

tall again in the first half, knocking away all four shots that Denver put on net.

After 45 minutes of play, the score stood knotted at 0-0.

The score didn't stay that way very long into the second half.

Senior forward Kenya Hickey netted her 11th tally of the season at the 57:37 mark of the contest on a feed from junior midfielder Megan Holsten.

Denver continued to pressure the Middle Tennessee defense and finally found the net with a goal from Jenni Harris at 64:47.

From there, the floodgates opened for the Pioneers.

Two goals in the next 14 minutes put the game away for Denver. Middle Tennessee did have a couple of prime opportunities late in the game, but could not capitalize to dent the

Pioneer lead.

"We were a better team today when we played them earlier in the year," said head coach Scott Ginn. "I think they played a better today, too. They are a good team, but we missed out on some opportunities that could have kept us in the game."

Ginn said that he felt the prospects for the Lady Raiders future in the Sun Belt was bright.

"We finished up strong this year and we can build from there. We're looking forward to next year."

"I think that there are probably two top teams and everyone else is right in there together. The level of competition is outstanding and it won't be much longer before we can really become competitive in this league." ♦

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## The Two Minute Drill

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### Basketball Pick-A-Seat

Middle Tennessee will hold its annual Pick-A-Seat event Thursday during an exhibition double-header.

The Blue Raiders will face Bryan College at 5:30 p.m. and the Lady Raiders will take on Nashville All-Stars at 7:30. Doors for the event will open at 4 p.m. and admission is free.

The event allows fans to walk throughout the Murphy Center and select their seats for the upcoming season. Available seats will be marked with a sticker. Once fans have selected their seats, they can remove the sticker, take it to the ticket office, and purchase those seats for the season.

Fans have the opportunity to purchase season tickets up to the first regular-season home game.

Season tickets for the upcoming season are \$98 and do not include the Blue Raiders game against Tennessee at the Gaylord Entertainment Center. Purchase of a men's season ticket also includes passes for the women's games. Season tickets for women's games only are \$30.

The Lady Raiders tip off their season against Tennessee State followed by the Blue Raiders opener against St. Francis, Ind. on Friday, Nov. 17.

All Blue Raider home athletic events are free to students with a valid student ID.

For more information on basketball season tickets, contact the Middle Tennessee ticket office at (615) 898-2103 or 1-888-YES-MTSU.

### Raider Rewards

Middle Tennessee will be of just a few universities to offer a reward program for attending home events.

Raider Rewards is a fan appreciation program designed to reward attendance at Blue Raider football, volleyball, and men's and women's basketball home games. Participation in Raider Rewards is free.

Participants will earn 10 points for each home game attended. There are 39 home dates in the four sports for a maximum total of 390 points. Each time you attend a home game you will earn points that reward participants with rewards such as free popcorn (10 points) to two free season tickets to all sports next year (390 points).

To get started with Raider Rewards, fans can register to obtain a free card at any time during the year and can immediately begin participating by swiping the card at one of the kiosks located throughout the Murphy Center and Floyd Stadium. Students will receive a gray card and fans will receive a blue card once signed up.

For more information on Raider Rewards, contact Michael Jordan at 898-5322.

### Do you know the way to ... Mobile?

The Lady Raiders' soccer trip to the Sun Belt Tournament in Mobile, Ala. Last weekend will not be the last visit by a Middle Tennessee team for a Sun Belt Conference championship tournament.

Both the men's and women's basketball tournaments will be held at the University of South Alabama's campus Mar. 1-6, 2001.

Then in April, both the men's and women's tennis teams will travel to Mobile for the Sun Belt Conference championship tennis tournament.

Need your event in The Two Minute Drill? E-mail the Sports Desk at [slsports@mtsu.edu](mailto:slsports@mtsu.edu) or call 898-2816 and leave a message.

## Depth, experience lead Raiders



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Leading scorer from last year Fernando Ortiz will need to continue his scoring touch in his final season.

## MT looks to seven seniors for winning season

By J. P. Plant  
Staff Writer

As the Blue Raiders head into its their first season in the Sun Belt Conference, expectations run high with four remaining starters and nine remaining lettermen.

Returning at point guard is one of the nation's best three-point shooters in senior Jonathan Whitworth. Whitworth led the country in three point shooting percentage last year at 50.5 percentage, and was a very careful handling the ball. He led the Ohio Valley Conference last season in assist-to-turnover ratio.

Backing up Whitworth is junior D'Marcus Wilkes by way of Hiwassee Junior College. Wilkes led all Kentucky and Tennessee junior colleges in assists and was fifth in the nation.

Both players will be relied on heavily as no one else has point guard experience. Wilkes is from a similar mold as Whitworth. Wilkes playing time will allow Whitworth to play some at the shooting guard.

Heading the shooting guard list is senior Fernando Ortiz. Ortiz, hailing from Comoa, Puerto Rico, led the team last season is scoring at 15.3 points per game. The senior also received Second Team All-OVC honors, while leading the team in steals with 60.

Behind Ortiz is the veteran senior Kevin White. The senior enters his fourth season with coach Wiel, the only other player besides senior center Lee Nosse. White, known for his defense, will bring senior leadership to the team.

Also competing for playing time at the position will be freshman newcomers Steven Jackson and Tommy Gunn. And adding to the depth will be senior walk-on Marcus Wilson.

Cedric Wallace held down the small forward position last year averaging 12.1 points per game. But Wallace graduated and left a position that will be attacked by committee. A host of versatile players will see time at the position.

Expecting to fill Wallace's shoes will be redshirt-senior Freddie Martinez. Martinez is coming off an ACL reconstruction. Along with Martinez will be the freshmen Gunn and Jackson, also playing some at shooting guard, as well as junior college transfer Bryant

## Blue Raiders tame Huskies, 66-10

By R. Colin Fly  
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Middle Tennessee hadn't won a game on the road in nearly two years.

That ended Saturday in emphatic fashion when the Blue Raiders blasted the Connecticut Huskies 66-10 in Storrs, Conn.

All the stars of the Blue Raiders' high octane offense came out in full force.

Connecticut (3-6), playing their first year of Division I-A football won the coin toss. They didn't win much else. On their opening drive MT (4-5) marched quickly down the field as junior quarterback Wes Counts hit junior wide receiver Kendall Newson on the first play of the game for 10 yards, extending his streak of games with at least one catch to 30.

The next play was a hand off to sophomore running back Dwone Hicks who scampered 22 yards. Counts continued the drive with pass completions

to junior wide receiver Hansford Johnson and Newson before a 3-yard touchdown plunge by Hicks put the Blue Raiders on top early.

Middle Tennessee's holder for their kicking game, sophomore David Youell, found senior linebacker Bo Browne in the endzone for a two point conversion on a botched extra point attempt and the Blue Raiders went up 8-0.

However, the Huskies struck back :49 later with a 59 yard touchdown pass by Luke Richards to John Fitzsimmons.

That was the last bite from the Huskies until the last minute of the fourth quarter.

The Blue Raiders came right back with touchdown after touchdown. In the first half they scored touchdowns on drives of 50, 80, 80, 23, 91 and 37 yards. Middle Tennessee had their first seven drives converted into six touchdowns and one field goal. The only drive that

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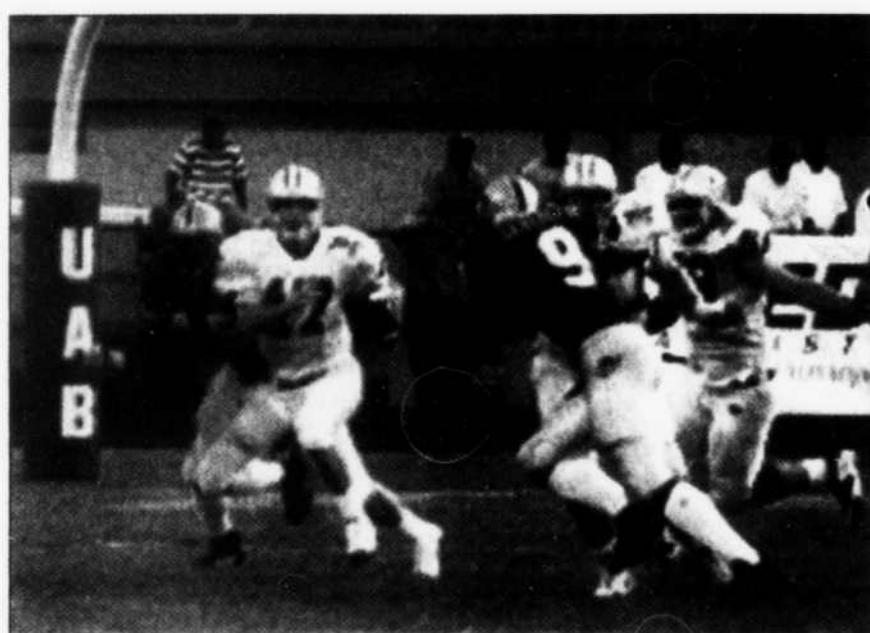


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Wes Counts (17) rolls out at the UAB two weeks ago. Counts earned his 12th 200-yard passing performance of his career against Connecticut, tying him for the all-time lead.



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### MONDAY

■ **Men's Basketball**  
Blue Raiders vs. Sports Reach Exhibition  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY

■ **Men's Basketball**  
Blue Raiders vs. Bryan College Exhibition  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 5:30 p.m.

■ **Women's Basketball**  
Lady Raiders vs. Nashville All-Stars Exhibition  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

■ **Volleyball**  
Lady Raiders at Florida Int'l  
Miami, Fla., 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY

■ **Football**  
Blue Raiders vs. South Florida  
Murfreesboro, Tenn., 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY

■ **Volleyball**  
Lady Raiders at Louisiana Tech  
Ruston, La., 2 p.m.

