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Campus briefs

Go galactic at Tucker

Galactic will perform at Tucker Theatre tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The New Orleans-based group blends funk, R&B, jazz and modern rock with a traditional blues backbeat. The band has been mentioned in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *Time* magazine.

For ticket information, call Student Programming at 898-2551.

Clarinet choir to perform

The MTSU Clarinet Choir will perform their first concert of the year tonight at 6 in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The choir's performance will include Marion McPartland's "With You In Mind," which was arranged for clarinet ensemble by senior Raymond Ridley.

The performance is under the direction of Todd Waldecker.

The performance is free and open to the public. For more information, call Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

FedEx box now at KUC

FedEx has installed a drop box outside the Keathley University Center next to the Post Office loading ramp.

The box will have daily pick-up service at 5 p.m.

Model U.N. to meet

MTSU's Model United Nations will meet Tuesday in the Keathley University Center, Room 305, at 4:30 p.m.

The Model U.N. is a campus organization that competes nationally in mock emergency situations that the actual U.N. might face. Students take part in these simulations by assuming the role of key nation-states in world politics.

Benefits of joining the group include free travel to events and credit hours.

Scarlett featured in series

Former MTSU President Mel Scarlett will be featured in a series titled "Recollections," which will be shown on Comcast Cable channel 9, in January.

The series will feature the life and presidency of Scarlett, MTSU president from 1968-1979.

He oversaw an enrollment increase of more than 30 percent and the development of the mass communication and aerospace programs.

The series will air on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7, 2002, and at various times on weekends.

For more information, contact Bob Bullen, producer of "Recollections," at 898-2327.

MTSU bands to perform

The MTSU Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Bands will perform tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The concert is free and open to the public. ♦

Gore class to return as practicum

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Former Vice President Al Gore's "Family Centered Community Building" course will return in the spring with a few changes for students hoping to enroll.

The three-credit-hour course will be offered for credit in four areas — journalism/mass communication, human sciences, political science and sociology — to both graduates and undergraduates who took Gore's class in either spring 2001 or fall 2001, said Faye Johnson, a coordinator of the

course.

Each student will be required to receive permission of the department he or she wishes to gain credit in before enrolling, she said.

The course will be graded on a pass/fail basis, and students will be required to complete a field practicum to pass, Johnson said. The practicum will involve students going into the community and performing services to demonstrate community building.

"Students will be using a skill set" they gained in the course, Johnson said.

The course will focus on top-

ics such as family and community finances; art, music and culture; equity, justice and power; responsibility for progress, allocating roles and creating partnerships; public, private, business and faith-based; strategic communications, the media and public will; and accountability for results; mapping information for the design, management and measurement of change.

Gore will be bringing several notable guests to speak to the class, Johnson said.

The class will be held on

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The Gore course numbers are as follows:

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Call No. 05979
PS 5200-01 (Graduate)
Call No. 05994
Sociology
SOC 4150-03 (Undergraduate)
Call No. 06007
SOC 5150-03 (Graduate)
Call No. 06008

Experts gather to deliberate liberty, security in time of war



Photo by Lindsey Turner | Staff

Pulitzer Prize winner Michael Gartner (left), Circuit Court Judge Gilbert Merritt (middle) and Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee (right) prepare to debate issues concerning liberty and security in a society faced with war and terrorism.

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

The delicate balance of individual and press liberties vs. national security provoked a lively exchange of views yesterday on freedom and responsibility in a panel discussion by four experts.

Brig. Gen. Wendell Gilbert, deputy to Gov. Don Sundquist for Tennessee homeland security, said it is

America's freedom that makes it vulnerable to attacks such as those Sept. 11. Gilbert argued that Americans would need to forfeit some liberties to during times of war.

"You and I are going to have to be inconvenienced a bit," he said.

On the contrary, Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee, said it would be more harm-

ful to American society to give up freedoms in the name of security.

"Unless we protect and promote civil liberties," she said, "we will not be the country we were before Sept. 11."

She cited the U.S. Patriot Act, passed by Congress in October, as being counterproductive in a society that values its freedoms. Under the Patriot Act, she said, the government can tap phones

without a search warrant and detain individuals suspected of terrorist involvement for indefinite amounts of time.

Thousands of Arab-Americans are in detention now, she said, and don't even know why. She compared the current situation to the detention of Japanese Americans during World War II.

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Seasonal disorder can be treated

By Amy Eslami
Contributor

While some students are getting their winter wardrobes together, others are trying to cope with Seasonal Affective Disorder — a type of depression that occurs at specific times of the year. The most common pattern is the onset of major depression in the fall, September through November, and abating of the symptoms in late winter to early spring, March through May.

Research reveals SAD is caused by the decreased exposure to sunlight. During the fall and winter months, less light passes through the eyes which inhibits the release of an important neurological chemical called serotonin. When serotonin is not released in sufficient quantities, depressive symptoms begin to occur.

"Although SAD is commonly seen in Alaska, it can affect even people living in Davidson or Rutherford counties," said Susan Coseal, an MTSU graduate student and employer of the Parthenon Pavilion Psychiatric Hospital of Nashville. "Symptoms may include loss of appetite, change in sleeping patterns, reduced productivity, difficulty concentrating, feeling sad or depressed and/or social withdrawal," she added.

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MTSU Crime Stoppers offers rewards for clues

Automobile break-ins increase during holidays

By Kylee Schwab
Contributor

Automobile break-ins plague college campuses nationwide, but the risks increase during the holiday season when students store valuables in them.

About 10 automobile break-ins have been reported at MTSU since Aug. 17, which was move-in day and welcome week for students.

Out of those 10 cases reported to MTSU Crime Stoppers, "less than half have suspects," said Travis Smith, member of the board of directors for MTSU Crime Stoppers. Smith said precautions can be taken to prevent automobile break-ins.

Break-ins during the holiday season are "a crime of opportunity," Smith said. This is why it is vital that students take extra time to "conceal valuables," he said, because "around Christmas time, burglaries tend to rise."

Smith encourages taking the time to look around one's vehicle and make sure items of value

are not in plain view to someone walking by.

It is important to know that "different groups look for different things," Smith said. A stack of CDs lying in plain view to someone walking past a car can be a reason for a break-in to occur. Although the majority of car break-ins on campus report some type of stereo equipment stolen, such as the loss of CD players and speakers, a purse or cell phone laying in plain view can still leave a reason for a car to be broken into.

Smith suggested that locking

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Students urged to report crimes

By Summer Pulley
Contributor

Crime is an issue on MTSU's campus, but knowing what to do about it is a difficult task.

Through the MTSU Crime Stoppers program, students can inform the police about crime on campus anonymously.

MTSU is home to the only university Crime Stoppers program in Tennessee. The program is a branch of the Rutherford County Crime Stoppers program.

"When we started the pro-

gram, we had a different approach than other programs," said Travis Smith, media relations chair of MTSU Crime Stoppers board of directors. "We wanted a proactive approach, not a reactive."

Since it began in 1995, MTSU's Crime Stoppers has solved five crimes.

"It has proven to be very effective," said Sgt. Matt Foster of MTSU Public Safety.

Students are urged to call Crime Stoppers if anything is

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Break-ins: Holiday season invites automobile break-ins

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valuables in the glove compartment and in the trunk of the car are two ways to deter break-ins. This way things are "out of sight and out of mind," Smith said.

In the state of Tennessee, it is a felony when a burglar breaks into a car. Theft of exterior property on a car, such as a license plate, is a misdemeanor.

MTSU Crime Stoppers will

pay up to \$1,000 cash when tips lead to suspects or an arrest of someone who has committed either a felony or a misdemeanor.

To report information about any break-in on campus or to find out more about crime prevention, contact MTSU Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. ♦

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To enroll, contact Larry Burriss for journalism/mass communication, Catherine Stogner for human sciences, Lisa Langenbach for political science and Faye Johnson for sociology. ♦

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known about a crime on campus.

"If you know anything about a crime that has not been reported, and it leads to an arrest, we will serve you with a cash reward," Smith said.

Students who call MTSU Crime Stoppers are allowed to remain anonymous, and when a student calls to report a crime, he or she will be given a code number.

Smith said this code number is assigned so the student does not have to give a phone number or other personal information. Then, in the event that an arrest is made as a result of the called-in tip, the board members will decide how much cash

the student will be awarded.

To obtain the reward, Smith said, the student must call Crime Stoppers back to arrange to meet in a secret location to receive the award.

Students may receive rewards of up to \$1,000 for a felony conviction and \$300 for a misdemeanor.

Smith said rewards were not claimed for the past two tips Crime Stoppers received that led to arrests.

Smith said students can help curb crime on campus by locking doors, hiding CD cases in cars and not laying items around.

"Just use common sense," he said. "I have been here for three and a half years, (and) always dorms have been left open

when items have been stolen and never forced entry."

The MTSU Crime Stoppers Board has student and full-time job opportunities available. Those interested in applying may obtain applications at the MTSU Department of Public Safety office, located on the north side of campus, east of the Greenland Drive parking lots in the maintenance complex.

To report a crime, call 893-7867. The phone line is manned 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each Monday through Friday.

For more information on MTSU's Crime Stoppers via the Internet, go to <http://police.mtsu.edu/crimestoppers/>. ♦

Forum: Panel divided on amount of freedom needed

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Michael Gartner, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and former president of NBC News, agreed with Weinberg and said he felt it was wrong for the government to detain people based on ethnicity alone.

"I'm not a big believer in detaining people," he said. "I don't believe you just go out and question people."

Gilbert Merritt, judge for the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of the Appeals, said the people being detained should file a petition for habeas corpus – a writ placing the burden of proof on those detaining the person to

justify the detention.

"Just file something if there's something going on that's wrong," he said.

Gilbert, who has worked in the Pentagon as a congressional liaison, said he feels suspected terrorists should be detained during times of war, even if it infringes on their liberties.

"I would be very disappointed if the attorney general did not hold those people," he said.

Gilbert expressed his belief that the government has the right to ask the media to exercise more responsibility during times of national crisis and refuse to publish or broadcast material that might compro-

mise national security.

"There has to be some leeway for us to hold things back from the media," he said.

Gartner disagreed, insisting that the government's attempts to prevent the media from printing or showing Osama bin Laden's home videos were "goofy" and "not very well thought out."

An audience member asked if America is really at war, considering that Congress has yet to declare war.

"It's hard to say in this country that war has or has not been declared," Merritt said.

Gilbert said if the spouses of the soldiers stationed in

Afghanistan were asked if the United States is at war, they surely would say so.

"Make no mistake about it, we are at war," he said.

In conclusion, Seigenthaler said the panel had been successful if it made students think about their freedoms and security and share diverse opinions.

"It is our liberty that makes it possible for such diversity to exist," he said.

The forum was sponsored by the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies and was held yesterday at 3:30 p.m. in the Keathley University Center Theater. ♦

SAD: Guidance Services offers counseling for disorder

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According to reports from the National Institute of Mental Health, approximately 10 million Americans have SAD. The incidence is higher in the northern latitudes. In the northernmost states it occurs in nearly 10 percent of the population, while in southern states, the incidence is closer to 1.4 percent. Women who began having seasonal depressions in their 20s are most often affected.

Studies show about three out of four SAD sufferers are women, but SAD affects men and children as well. The most

typical age onset is in the 20s, but other onsets are common during puberty, middle age and old age.

"It can affect people who are predisposed or it may run in the family, but either way SAD can be treated with anti-depressants or even light therapy," said Michael Johnson, assistant director of MTSU Guidance Services.

"We offer counseling for minor cases of SAD, but depending on how severe the case is, we send students elsewhere accordingly," he added.

Dr. Thomas Wehr, chief of the Section on Biological

Rhythms of the National Institute of Mental Health, said light therapy is one of the most successful and practical results of basic research in biological rhythms.

"As the cause of SAD is lack of bright light, the treatment is to be in bright light every day by using a light box or a similar bright light therapy device," Wehr explained. "The preferred level of light is about as bright as a spring morning on a clear day. The user does not have to stare at the light, but can watch TV or read or similar, just allowing the light to reach the eyes."

"Given the effectiveness of treatments for SAD, it would be a shame for anyone not to seek help," he said. "It is true that SAD is often correctly self-diagnosed and anyone can purchase light devices, but other illness factors may be at play, and seeking the guidance of a qualified medical practitioner in both the diagnosis and treatment of SAD is the wisest thing to do."

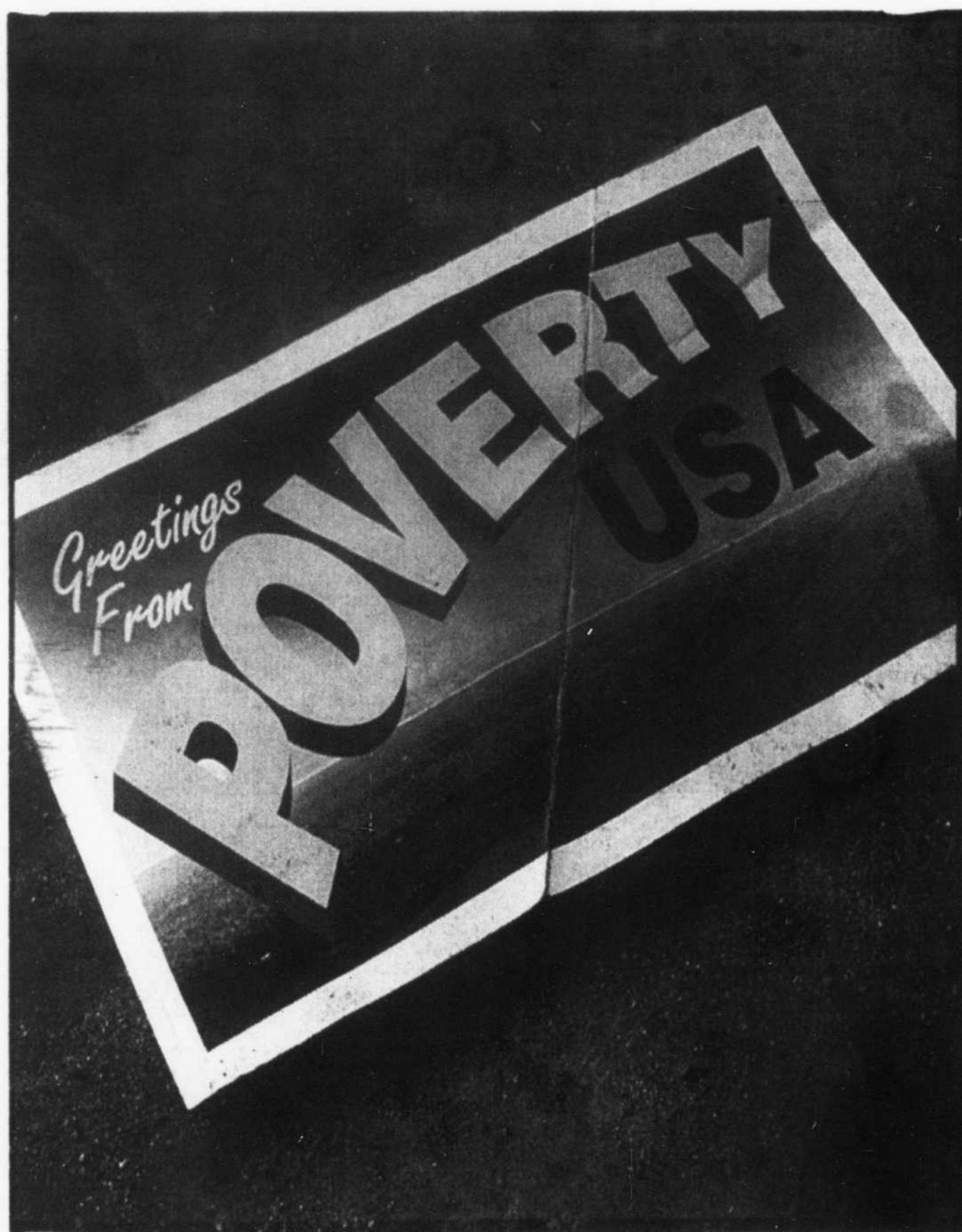
For more information about seasonal affective disorder, its symptoms or its treatment, call MTSU Guidance Services at 898-8670. ♦

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Editorial

Tuition change could penalize overachievers

They always think of a way to screw us. That's what we thought when we found out that the Tennessee Board of Regents will most likely vote next week to institute a new tuition policy. They want to start charging by the hour and get rid of the 12-hour full-time cutoff which most of us pay for and do not drop below in fear of losing our financial aid or on-campus housing.

When taking summer school, MTSU students are used to paying by the hour. It always seemed a little expensive to us. However, when comparing the approximate \$1,500 for full-time status and the approximate \$100 per hour, we realized this isn't all evil.

You could actually take up to 15 hours at MTSU and still break even. And if you are a slacker, you could save a couple hundred bucks and buy one of those cool new DVD players with MP3 playback capability. Who really ever takes more than 15 hours every semester anyway?

Of course, we always start out with about 18 hours, but by the final drop date we are down to about 12. Bingo! TBR wins again. At the beginning of the semester you will pay approximately \$1,800 in tuition. The final date for a full refund is currently only about four days into the semester, at least a month shy of our beloved drop date and two months shy of the drop date with a W date. Perhaps all of the TBR executives will get MP3 capable DVD players for Christmas next year.

Of course, if your parents pay your tuition, you probably think this doesn't affect you. Think again. Imagine the possibilities. Make your parents think you are an overachiever. File for an overload form every semester and let them pay \$2,100 for your tuition. Drop nine hours before the refund deadline and stash that \$900 in a mutual fund. By the end of your fourth year, when your parents find out you won't be graduating for two more semesters, you will have enough money to pay for the rest of your school, plus some. And if your parents aren't too upset and pay for your final year, you can buy a really cool entertainment center.

So what have we learned here? Since the *Sidelines* staff in no way encourages slacking or lying to parental units, the fact is, if you want to graduate in four years, you just got screwed. ♦

Talking about turkey and foul fowl

For Argument's Sake



Jason Cox
Asst. News
Editor

On Wednesday, President Bush, in the American tradition, preserved Liberty and Freedom.

However, I, sadly, must report that Liberty and Freedom will likely not survive to see the next Thanksgiving.

Of course, I'm talking about the turkeys, not the abstract concepts.

On Wednesday, President Bush pardoned Liberty and Freedom, chosen from a large lot of prospective presidential turkeys. These turkeys, raised and fattened at

turkey farms, become so large that their hearts cannot take the strain.

Currently, Liberty and Freedom are the only turkeys in the presidential suite at Frying Pan Park in Virginia. The last two Clinton turkeys are already dead.

While I am not by any means a champion of animal rights causes, it seems like this is both an empty and a rather cruel gesture.

So, I think the flock of potential presidential turkeys should organize. Think about it. The turkeys could join the Teamsters. Jimmy Hoffa Jr. could lead the turkeys to success!

The turkeys could fight against the farms that fatten them to the point that their hearts can't take the strain. They could convince the world that they

are more than an annual diversion from various forms of chicken.

If they were union, they'd naturally be supporters of Democrats, and maybe they could attract some of the Nader-ites because they fight animal cruelty.

Who knows? Maybe the country will elect a Democrat to the highest office in the land thanks to the political power of the turkey. The jackass would be replaced by a turkey with a picket sign.

Unfortunately, change does not always come this easy. The turkeys might have to circumvent conventional methods of influence and make their own way.

You saw the episode of *South Park* where the turkeys were genetically mutated and became a

ruthless army, right? You can bet George W. Bush did, and he knows full well the capabilities of angry turkeys.

If a turkey fighting force was organized, I fear what might happen to this country.

Turkeys are cruel animals, you know. Behind the strutting exterior lies a cold soul, just waiting for opposable thumbs or a grenade launcher so they can fight back against their terrible human oppressors.

Millions of families enjoying a Thanksgiving turkey would face the wrath of the turkeys on their march to the sea. The turkeys would torch, steal or kill everything in their path.

The destruction would almost certainly lead to the fall of our mighty nation.

Luckily, I'm more of a

ham person myself, and I don't fear a pig uprising. Then again, you just never know what Snowball and the gang might do.

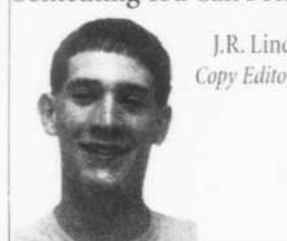
If there's a talk to all of this, I guess it would be that the turkey pardon represents the government's tendency toward showmanship. It does not matter what happens when the cameras are off as long as the country got to see the president pardoning a turkey.

Maybe the government will one day realize the futility of the turkey pardon in its present state and either eliminate it or breed turkeys capable of sustaining life.

Until then, if you hear a gobbling sound outside your window, hide the kids and never look the doors. You just never know what danger might lurk. ♦

A governor's race? What's the deal with that?

Something You Can Feel



J.R. Lind
Copy Editor

Earlier this month, Election Day 2001 came and went without much notice, which is not unusual for an off-off-year election.

However, since last year's nonsensical collapse in the presidential race, in which they lost key states such as Tennessee, West Virginia and Florida, Democrats looked to Nov. 6, 2001, as a chance to gauge how badly President Bush was doing.

Chairman Terry McAuliffe and the rest of the Democratic National Committee leadership expected a few wins in 2001, a Congressional takeover in 2002, followed up by the triumphant return of a Democrat to the White House in 2004.

Of course, since Sept. 11, President Bush has had an approval rating roughly

equal to God's. The impending donkey stampede seemed less imminent.

Nonetheless, Democrats took the governor's mansion in both Virginia and New Jersey and scored important local election victories.

Either Democrats have figured out how to play to win an election (as opposed to the longtime strategy of "playing not to lose") or local Republicans are too incompetent to ride the coattails of their leader and his astronomical popularity. All that being said, we here in Tennessee are in the midst of our own gubernatorial race.

I'm a political junky, and I tend to forget. Maybe it's school, maybe it's work, but I have to be reminded that one of the most important races in Tennessee history is rolling along. The national Democratic honchos are looking to this race as if they have truly "taken back Tennessee."

Republicans are keying on the state, as well. Al Gore is still one of the top national Democrats, and

winning in his home state gives Republicans those funny feelings they encourage their children not to explore.

Unfortunately for the GOP, Rep. Van Hilleary of Spring City seems to be their only viable candidate, and the state leadership worries about his ability to govern.

Moderates within the party tag Hilleary as one of Newt Gingrich's "ditto-heads." With Sen. Fred Thompson happy in Washington, Hilleary was the only logical choice. And, yes, it does scare Republicans to call Hilleary a "logical choice."

The Democrats have a four-way race that the major media has all but conceded to former Nashville Mayor Phil "Adelphia" Bredesen. Bredesen has much of the same fund-raising staff who supported Gore throughout his Tennessee political career.

Bredesen has statewide name recognition, and he has the endorsement of Rep. John Tanner, a powerful West Tennessee Democrat. The Tanner

endorsement is even more crucial in a cycle without the obligatory Memphis entrant.

Of the other three candidates for the Democratic nomination, Andy Womack looks to be the biggest threat to Bredesen. Womack, a Rutherford County native, a MTSU alumnus, son of a former MTSU education professor and, oh yes, a former state senator, is running primarily on the education plank.

A longtime leader on the Senate Education Committee, Womack is certainly qualified.

Recently, he has worried publicly about Bredesen's ability to relate to rural West Tennessee voters, the most capricious voters in the state.

Bredesen also has been criticized for his fund-raising events with big spenders such as Titans' owner Bud Adams, while he ignores the county party "good ole boy network" that is crucial to victories for Democrats in the South.

In other words, Bredesen may be the only man who can win in June,

but he may never win in November.

On the other hand, Womack can throw a county party fish fry and a \$500-per-plate dinner with the same adroitness, and I've seen him do it.

For the Democrats to truly put the best man up against Hilleary in next summer's campaign, it is crucial that Bredesen have competition after the first of the year. Hilleary is a notoriously brutal campaigner, and the Democratic nominee will be in for the fight of his life.

Hilleary is bound to remove issues from the campaign, point fingers and make personal attacks.

For those reasons, the Democrats must raise their issues now, and a candidate expected to win in a walkover come June won't be talking about tax reform and TennCare until he has to.

Not only for their own good, but also for the good of this state, Democrats cannot hand this election to Phil Bredesen at this stage in the game. ♦

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Bathroom Stall Graffiti



Nick Fowler
Staff Columnist

Scientists in Massachusetts cloned a human embryo. To hell with ethics and morality, I thought to myself. I want to be cloned.

The long holiday weekend allowed me just enough time to manufacture my doppelganger.

Sure, I'm no biologist, but I figure it could be done easily enough with common household items.

I happened to know that one method of

cloning involves replacing the nucleus of an unfertilized egg with the nucleus of the cell of the creature to be cloned.

So, I sucked out the yolk of an egg from my refrigerator. Then I squirted a few drops of my blood into the egg. I put some Scotch tape over the hole and sat the egg in the toaster oven.

The next morning Chicken-Nick was hatched. It was a combination of a chicken and me. That is, it had a human head, a chicken's body and a bad attitude toward life.

It seems plan one was an almost total failure. I kept Chicken-Nick alive until it was fatter. I chopped off its human head and deep-fried the chicken body Kentucky

style.

All was not lost. Chicken-Nick tasted great. Chicken-Nick has the great taste of human flesh for the low price of chicken. I licensed the rights to Chick-Fil-A. Look for the new Nick-Chik-Fil-A chicken tenders at the Keathley University Center.

I would surely need human eggs to clone myself. I bought a half-dozen from the prostitute who works the corner near my house.

Human eggs being smaller than chicken eggs, I had to use a coffee stirrer to suck the nuclei out of the eggs and put in my nuclei.

I made some Jell-O to put the eggs in. Jell-O seemed rather placenta-

like to me. I used green Jell-O to be exotic. You can use whatever flavor you like. I'm pretty sure it doesn't matter.

So, the next day I opened up my refrigerator and inside was a baby shivering, covered in green Jell-O. I put it in the toaster oven to warm it up and went to play some video games.

A few hours, here comes my roommate bitching about the toasted baby in the toaster oven. I'd forgotten about it. So I did the same thing over again. This time I didn't leave Baby-Nick in the oven.

So, there I was with a baby version of myself. I had school on Monday, so I knew I had to get rid of

this thing. The abortion clinic wouldn't take it. They said it was past the third trimester. I said it was just the second day of the first. They didn't believe me.

I auctioned it off on e-Bay for \$3,000. Wealthy, infertile couples will pay a handsome sum for a newborn Jell-O baby.

Now that I have mastered cloning I thought I might put it to some good use. I wrote a letter to the Pope offering to clone him. Thanks to cloning, he can have children and not break his vow of celibacy.

If you want me to clone you, just spit in an envelope and mail it to *Sidelines*. Include ten dollars for eggs, Jell-O and postage. ♦

Letter to the Editor

Commending 'Sidelines' on a job well done

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to write in and commend the staff of *Sidelines* on an excellent job this year. It is readily apparent to me that everyone who works on the paper knows what they are doing and puts quite a bit of effort into producing a newspaper of this quality. The articles and especially the editorials this semester have been the best that I have read since I have been at this university. I would like to single out Jason Cox and Patrick Chinnery for their efforts this year. Their columns have been thought-provoking as well as entertaining. I have read the *Vanderbilt Hustler* and the *Daily Beacon* from the University of Tennessee and *Sidelines* has them beaten by far. This paper is just another way that MTSU shows that it is the best university in the state. So, here's to the staff of *Sidelines*, and keep up the good work!

T. Alexander Sager

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Out with the old, in with Neuvox

Local band hits rock scene with fresh sound, energy

By Erika Pryor
Staff Writer

In this day and age people are always looking for something new. A new car, new house, a new sound.

The music of today is more than just different from that of yesterday. Today's musicians have taken the medium to new heights with groups such as Linkin Park, Creed and others, but it is nice to see that the 'Boro is contributing to the boom of the music industry with the group Neuvox.

Neuvox is one of the new, innovative bands to hit the scene. The band consists of four members: Brett Moyer (vocals), Brian "Dante" Moyer (guitar), Jason Hunt (bass) and Neal Davis (drums).

Neuvox has created a fresh energetic sound that rocks the house. Now for the most common question: How did this all come about?

Well, it all started with Brett and Brian Moyer deciding they wanted to play together. Until they found the missing pieces to their musical puzzle, the two did acoustic shows at different venues to keep in touch with their talent.

Soon, the two met Hunt, an MTSU student who played snare for the Band of Blue marching band.

Hunt brought in Davis, a member of Drum Corps International, an organization of professional marching bands.

"We were lucky. Neal just worked out really well," Dante Moyer said.

From that point on, they were on their way.

But they didn't have a name. When asked, Dante said the guys were just fooling around with some words one day and came upon the word vox, which is Latin for voice. Then they added the Neu, and the rest is history. They created a label for themselves that would set them above all other groups as the new voice of music.

"We have a pretty heavy, groovy sound that makes us more likeable," Dante said.

Neuvox offers the hard-core sound of Tool, the skills of 311 and the overall stylings of Staind.

The overall experience for the group has had its share of dream moments.

They are like "energetic melodic hardcore" suggested Dante.

One thing about Neuvox is they definitely add spice to the music of today.

Check Neuvox out Friday at Bongo Johnny's to experience the new voice of hardcore.

For more information on Neuvox, check out their Web site at www.neuvox.net. ♦

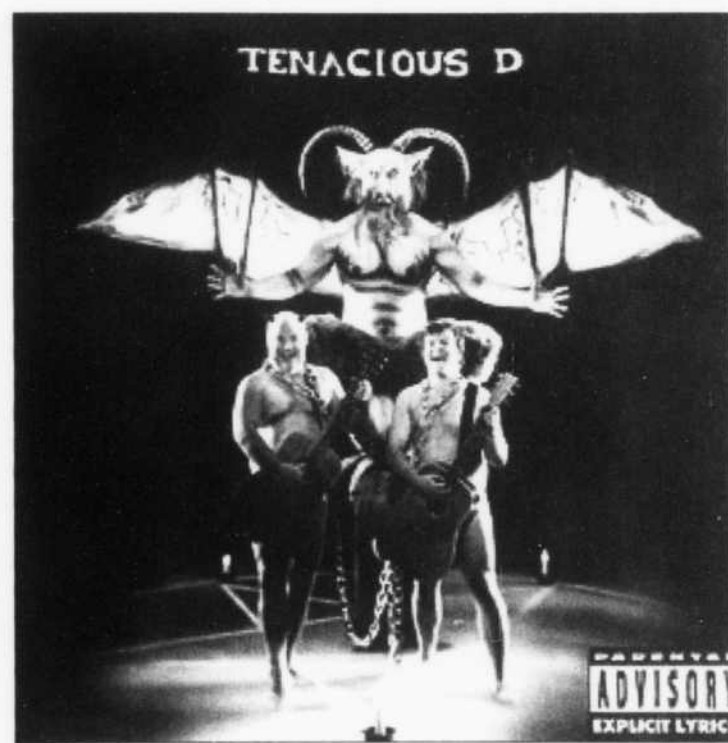


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Neuvox will be bring their energetic sound to Bongo Johnny's Friday.

CD review:

The D rocks tenaciously



By John-Paul Land
Chief Designer

Tenacious D's self-titled album is, simply put, a tribute to rock 'n' roll.

You might recognize Jack Black from *Shallow Hal* and *High Fidelity* as the D's lead singer and co-guitarist. Alongside Black we find Kyle Gass, who also appeared in *Shallow Hal*, as the lead guitarist and backup singer in the band. Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters and Nirvana fame pounds out the heavy rock beats on the drums, and The Dust Brothers, who have produced Beck and the Beastie Boys among others, produced the album. Also appearing on the CD are Page McConnell of Phish and Steve McDonald of Red Cross.

Tenacious D may set out to be a comedy album or something not to be taken very seriously, but after listening it becomes clear that, musically, *Tenacious D* should be taken

very seriously. At the same time, though, the comedic orientation of the lyrics combined with Black's silly singing style do convey a twisted sense of humor.

Gass is amazing on rhythm and lead guitars. He plays the various styles of music – everything from blues and punk to classical – perfectly.

Black also plays his guitar quite well, most of the time perfectly complementing Gass' playing.

As any fan of Nirvana or Foo Fighters might attest to, Grohl is an exceptional drummer. He has no problem whatsoever playing all the varying styles contained on the disc.

The D got their start playing together in Gass' apartment in Los Angeles. By 1994 they had worked their first gig in downtown L.A.

After that they did a series of live shows and a short-lived show on HBO. Finally, they released their long-awaited

album in September.

I really have to recommend this CD to anyone who has a love for rock 'n' roll through the ages. Every song on the disc is great.

Ballads like "Wonderboy," "City Hall" and "Tribute" swing from slow to fast and back again. Songs such as "Kilbasa Sausage" and "Double Team" borderline funk rock. "The Road" sounds like a Lynyrd Skynyrd song you never got to hear.

With "Explosivo," "Dio" and "Lee" the band takes a thrash punk rock approach that works really well for them. The acoustic only "F*ck Her Gently" and "Karate" strip the band to the bare essentials of what makes it work – Gass' acoustic guitar playing and Black's crazy writing and singing styles.

Most of the songs fall short of the three-minute mark. However, it is these short and sweet tunes that don't linger on that will make you come back for more and more.

In between and before most of the songs there are little comedy bits performed by Gass and Black who joke around about their life in Tenacious D and their friendship together. Chances are, when you have heard most of these little tidbits of humor, however, you will probably skip them the next time through in favor of the awesome guitar music and driving rock beats.

So if you like rock 'n' roll as a whole, don't miss the self-titled Tenacious D album. Nowadays most modern rock music is a mockery of rock music anyway. It's nice to hear a new album that revisits the genres of rock, punk, blues, heavy metal and classic rock. That's exactly what Tenacious D does, and they don't do it good; they do it



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Lead members of Tenacious D are Jack Black (front) as lead singer and Kyle Gass (back) on lead guitar.



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The D plays in Winston-Salem, N.C.

great. This entire CD is a refreshing change from the current paths of rock music and a completely original addition to any rocker's collection.

For more information on the band, music and video clips or interviews with the band members, go to www.tenaciousd.com. ♦

Movie review:

Redford, Pitt keep 'Spy Game' moving

By Doug Levy
Daily Orange (Syracuse U.)

(U-WIRE) SYRACUSE, N.Y. – Not short on star wattage, *Spy Game* reunites Robert Redford and Brad Pitt for the first time since 1992 when Pitt starred in the Redford-directed *A River Runs Through It*.

The film's opening takes us to CIA headquarters circa 1991 where 30-year CIA veteran Nathan Muir (Redford) is a day away from retirement when he learns his old friend Tom Bishop (Pitt) is 24 hours from execution in a Chinese prison.

The aging Redford is nearly brilliant as the smug veteran Muir who is holding all the cards, yet must keep his superiors constantly guessing as he attempts to free his comrade. It doesn't help matters that the U.S. government would love to all-but-forget Bishop's existence to avoid risking a pending trade pact.

No longer amongst the agency's elite, Muir must pull out all the stops to save his protégé while operating beneath his superior's noses.

Shot in England, Hungary and Morocco, director Tony Scott (*Top Gun*, *Enemy of the State*) spends the majority of the film flashing back to Muir and Bishop's past. It begins with Muir's recruitment of Bishop in Vietnam and the subsequent training of his pupil – "If it comes down to you or them, send flowers," Muir tells the young Bishop. The story follows the duo through their falling out in 1985 Beirut, caused by the obligatory female interest

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played by Catherine McCormack (*Braveheart*).

As the flashbacks continue, we learn more about Muir and watch him by film's end unravel three decades of diligent spy-work to save his former friend. Scott treats the viewer to detail and realism often lacking in spy movies as there is no *Mission Impossible* wizardry or Bond-like gadgets in play.

Pitt is convincing as the prodigy, displaying his boyish charm that he brings to all his films. While the on-screen charisma between the two stars

is quickly apparent, evoking memories of Morgan Freeman and Pitt in the 1995 hit *Seven*, it is Redford who is the centering force in the movie, and it is his character around whom the film revolves.

Not coincidentally, by the end the viewer realizes that the story has had little to do with Bishop, and instead is a larger commentary on Muir's career exploits. Bishop is merely a Robin to Redford's Batman.

Though the movie drags at some points – namely during the multiple flashback scenes – Scott managed to pull the pieces together cohesively, a task no

doubt made easier by the skill in which Redford fits his role.

Where Redford and Pitt's mastery lies in their ability to lead the audience to believe they are merely playing themselves, female lead McCormack comes across as indifferent. She is not endearing and is significantly stiff as she stumbles awkwardly through her role as Bishop's romantic interest.

Ultimately, *Spy Game* should fare well at the box office against the barrage of holiday releases to come – the film was preceded by nearly 25 minutes of previews – carried largely by its star power. ♦

Restaurant review:

Restaurant brings Tokyo to the 'Boro

By Amy Eslami
Contributor

Hananoki Steakhouse brings a taste of Tokyo to Murfreesboro.

Have you eaten at a good restaurant lately? Tried something a bit different from the usual burgers and fries?

Thanksgiving leftovers might sound appetizing to some, but others would rather do without. In that case, dining out may be the best option. The majority of the restaurants in Murfreesboro have the same menus.

Instead of eating leftovers or dining out at the usual grills and steakhouses, head over to Hananoki Steakhouse for Japanese.

I went in the other day to try something different from my usual fast food hangouts. I left with a huge belly and a smile on my face.

The food is great as well as the friendly service. The restaurant is divided into three sec-

tions: the drinking bar, the sushi bar and the Hibachi grill dining area. The cooks are trained to put on an entertaining show while they cook your meal before your very own eyes.

Hananoki Steakhouse has the best Japanese food that I have tried around the Nashville area, especially the chicken teriyaki. It comes with soup, salad, shrimp appetizer, steamed rice and fresh vegetables for \$11.95. They also have the vegetable delight for the vegetable lovers, the filet mignon for the steak lovers and the Hananoki assorted seafood for the seafood lovers.

This is a restaurant where you will definitely get your money's worth. The portions are very filling, especially with the more expensive combination meals.

Spending \$20 on a meal is out of my league, but the restaurant offers all kinds of other wonderful dishes, many for less than \$20. They have a variety of meals to choose from,

starting from six rolls of sushi for \$3.50 to the Hananoki special platter for \$24.95. Some other great dishes include the Hananoki samurai dinner and the shrimp and chicken combination. The cooks will prepare your meal exactly how you like it, and you can watch every part of it.

"We try our best to entertain our customers as well as provide them with the best Japanese food in town," said Linda Huh, the owner.

Children love the Hibachi grill more than their parents because it is so entertaining.

"We want our customers to choose Hananoki before any other restaurant for the food, service and entertainment," Huh said.

Plus the steakhouse offers something I've never found in a restaurant – free shrimp appetizers. Take my word, it's a wonderful restaurant. For reservation information, call 907-1868. Hananoki Steakhouse is located at 352 Northfield Blvd. ♦

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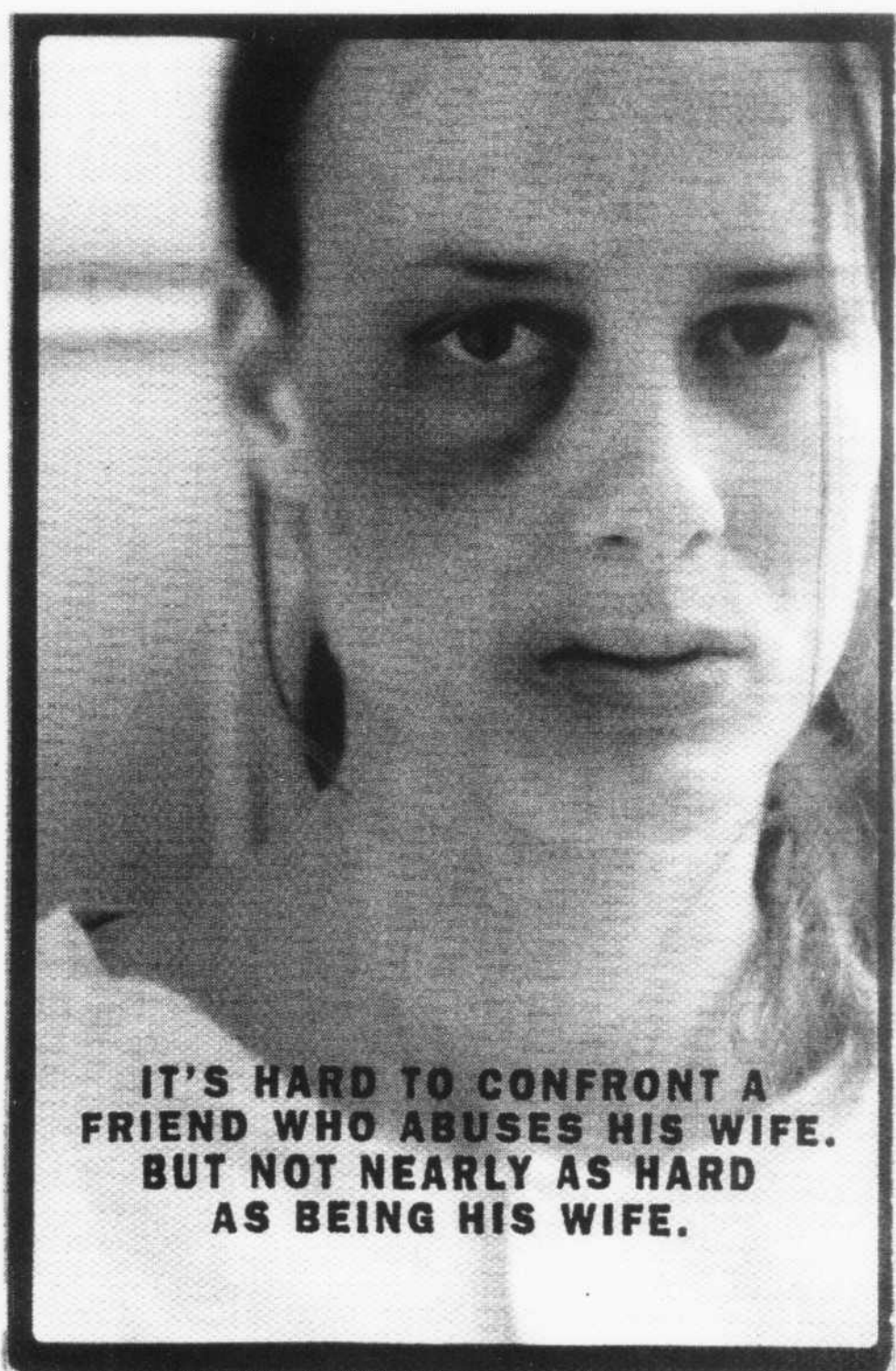


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Lady Raiders miss last-second shot, lose at buzzer

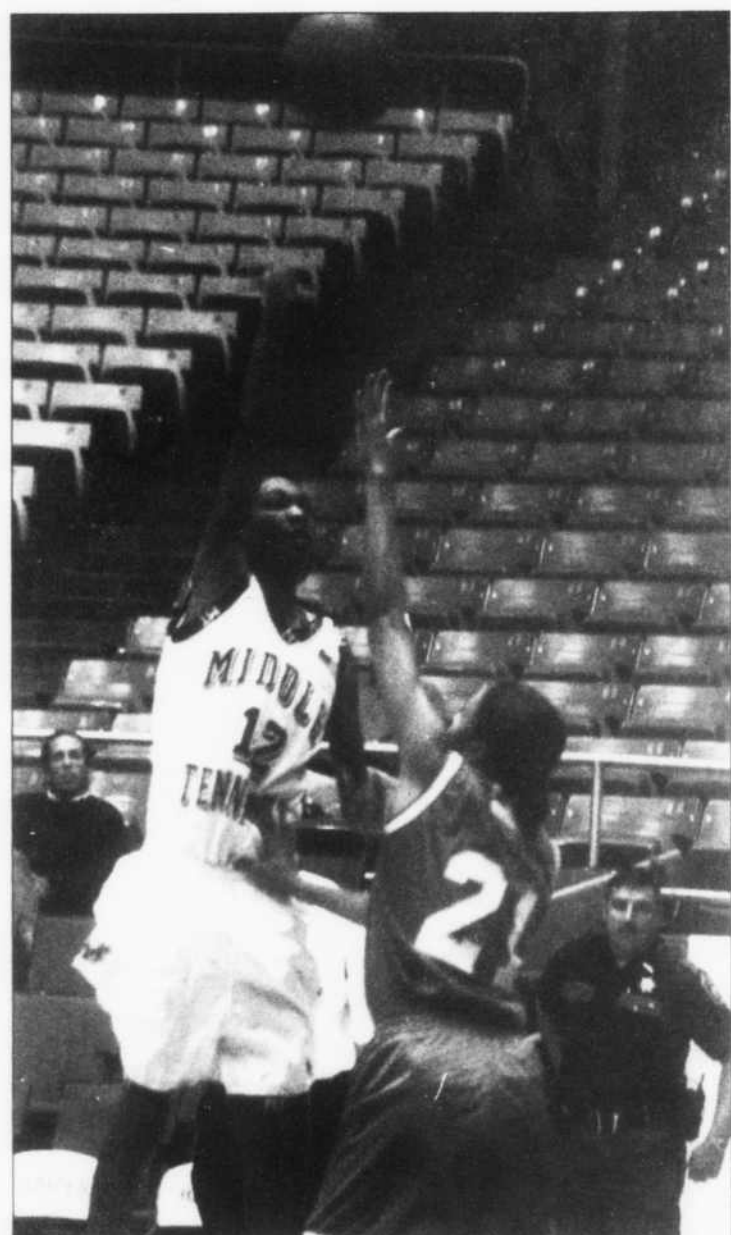


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Jennifer Justice attempts to get the ball on the tip off.

Staff Reports

Jamie Thomatis' three-point shot at the buzzer missed as the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team fell 67-65 to Cincinnati Saturday at Murphy Center.

The Bearcats trailed by a point in the last 30 seconds of the game. Valerie King hit a three-pointer from the corner with 19 seconds remaining to give UC a two-point lead.

Jessica McClure missed a running layup that would have tied the game. UC's K.B. Sharp rebounded the missed shot and was fouled with 5 seconds left.

Sharp missed the one-and-one. McClure pushed the ball up the floor and found Thomatis in the corner for a final shot at the buzzer. The ball rolled up the rim, hit the backboard and bounced out giving the Bearcats the two-point win.

"I wanted this game against Cincinnati really bad, because I thought it would solidify our performance against Georgia a few days ago," head coach Stephany Smith said. "I think we are going to be a totally different team in six weeks, but right now if they don't come in mentally prepared, we are going to get beat."

"At the end of the game I had to decide whether to go for two or three and I took what I thought would be the easy shot," Thomatis said. "We had a

sluggish beginning to start the game, and near the end we decided to suck it up and play. I knew as a senior I needed to come out and be a catalyst on the floor."

Thomatis scored 8 of the Lady Raiders final 10 baskets in the final 10 minutes. She had just 3 points in the game until hitting a jumper with 10:11 to play and tying the contest at 48.

Neither team had more than a four-point advantage the rest of the way. Thomatis gave MT a one-point lead with a three-pointer at the 2:38 mark.

The Bearcats held an eight-point lead early in the second half, but the Lady Raiders used better shooting and defense to get back in the game. The Lady Raiders made 16-of-28 shots after halftime and forced UC into eight second-half turnovers.

Cincinnati led 32-27 at the half despite shooting just 36 percent from the floor in the first half. The Bearcats hit the boards, grabbing 23 rebounds in the first half to MT's 14. UC out-rebounded MT 39-28 in the game.

"The offensive rebounding by Cincinnati was key," Smith said. "They got three big offensive rebounds from free throw situations and those are things you can't give up. I was really pleased with the effort of our freshmen today, especially with the play of Jessica Schlueter and

Renee Hall. They didn't just come in and hold ground for us, they brought us back into the game."

"We had a big mental lapse in this game and didn't come into the game boxing out," senior forward Joanne Aluka said. "Today we thought we could come out and soar, but that didn't happen for us. I was proud of our freshmen Jessica Schlueter and Renee Hall, they came into the game and gave the team good minutes."

Thomatis finished the game with 18 points. This was her 16th straight game scoring in double-figures. The 18 points gives her 1,502 for her career, fifth all-time at MT.

Joanne Aluka had 10 points and 6 rebounds. Keisha McClinic grabbed a team-high 7 boards.

Debbie Merrill led UC with a game-high 19 points and 9 rebounds. Tammy Douglass scored 15 points and grabbed 9 rebounds.

"I thought the last shot by Middle Tennessee was going in," UC head coach Laurie Pirtle said. "Jamie Thomatis is a great player for Middle and she adjusted well to the way we played her in the second half. We wanted to come into today's game and run our tradition, because we knew we would have to run against Middle Tennessee. Coming into the game I knew Middle Tennessee

was a great rebounding team and they would not accept box outs. I was worried about us coming in and getting out-rebounded, and I am very proud of my team's effort today."

The Lady Raiders next game is Saturday against Ole Miss at Murphy Center. Game time is 2 p.m. ♦



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Patricia Holmes hits a shot.

MT wins two of three games

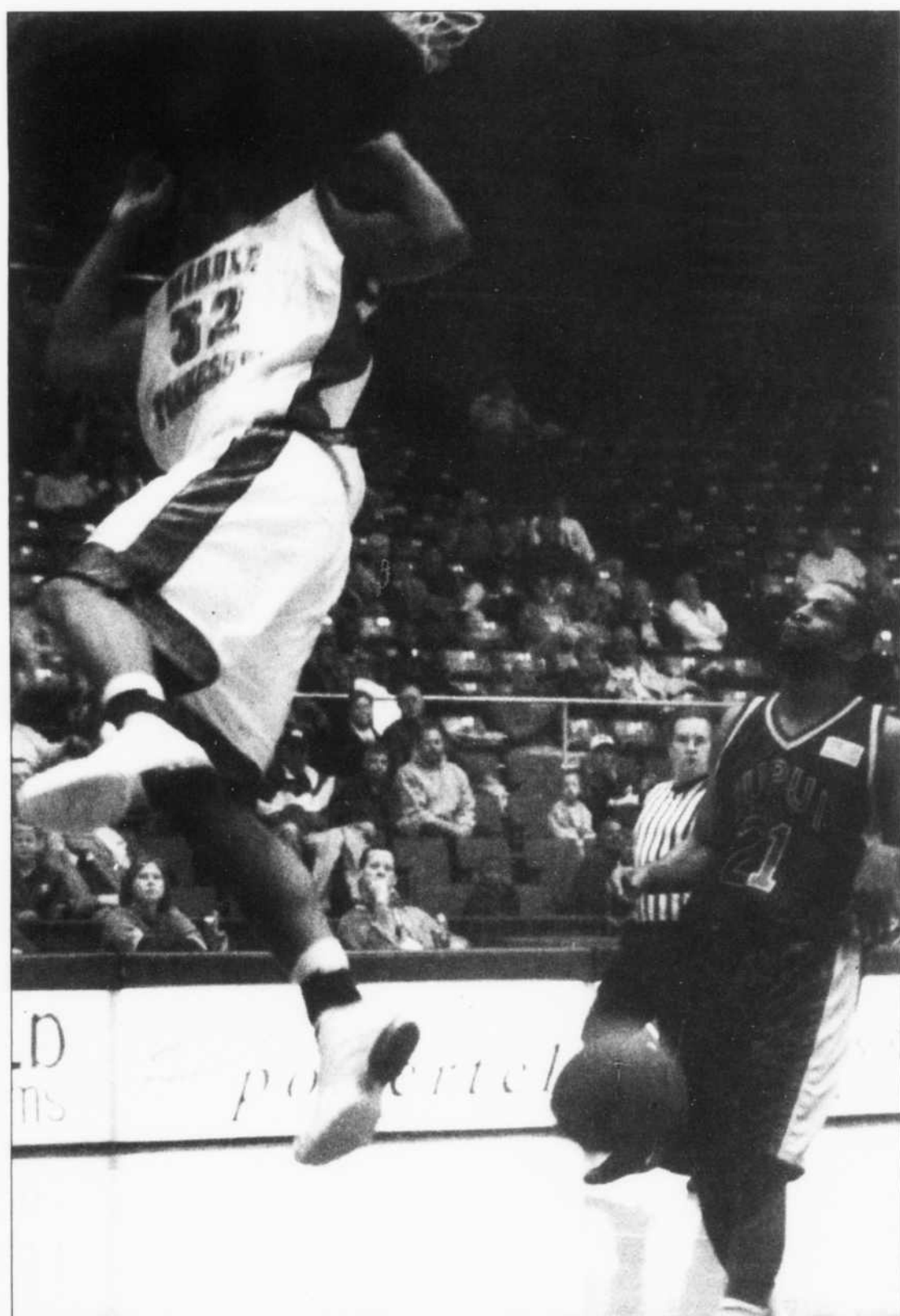


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Tommy Gunn finishes a dunk while an IUPUI defender trails and looks in disgust.

The Blue Raiders got off to a 3-0 start before losing to Belmont

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team won two of three games over Thanksgiving break.

MT used a 16-4 run at the beginning of the second half to secure a 76-72 win over Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Nov. 21.

MT came out slow in the first half. The Blue Raiders cut the lead to 31-28 on a D'Marius Wilkes three with 4:11 left to play. IUPUI used a 10-3 run to take a 41-31 lead into halftime.

The Blue Raiders held the Jaguars to just 4 points in the first 8 minutes of the second half. The team took advantage and grabbed their first lead of the game at 14:02 on a Lee Nosse jumper.

The game went back and forth the rest of the second half until John Humphrey canned a three-pointer to put the Blue Raiders ahead for good at 57-54. A Nosse three at 4:11 gave MT its biggest lead of the game at 67-58. MT hit seven straight free throws in the final 1:20 to hold on to the win.

"We showed a lot of character and poise tonight coming back from 10 points down in the second half," head coach Randy Wiel said. "The team attacked well in the second half and that was something we didn't do in the first half. Being down by 10 at the half, I told them we had to come out in the second half and match IUPUI's intensity."

"We had too many mental errors in the first half and tried to get cute on fast breaks. I am really proud of the team's effort

and how they attacked their zone. I told them in the locker room that we needed to pound the boards, because that wins games. This game was our first big test, and the defense combined with good offense in the second half."

Nosse led the Blue Raider attack with 18 points, 8 rebounds and 4 blocked shots. Tommy Gunn was the only other Blue Raider in double figures with 13 points.

MT won its third straight game with a 74-58 defeat of North Carolina-Greensboro at Murphy Center Saturday.

Nosse scored 6 of the first 7 Blue Raider points as the team built a 15-8 lead to start the game. MT amassed a 17-point halftime lead.

The Blue Raiders opened the

second half with a 10-2 run to put the game away. Greensboro went on an 11-3 run to try to get back into the game, but a William Pippen basket put the MT lead back to 20 with just over 10 minutes remaining.

The Blue Raiders had 12 steals and two blocks.

Pippen led the offensive attack with a season-high 25 points and led all MT rebounders with 6. Gunn scored 13 points. Iiro Tenngren and Lee Nosse added 11 each.

MT dropped its first game of the season against Belmont 65-59 at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville on Monday night.

The Blue Raiders fell behind early and led only once in the contest. The MT lead was a 9-8

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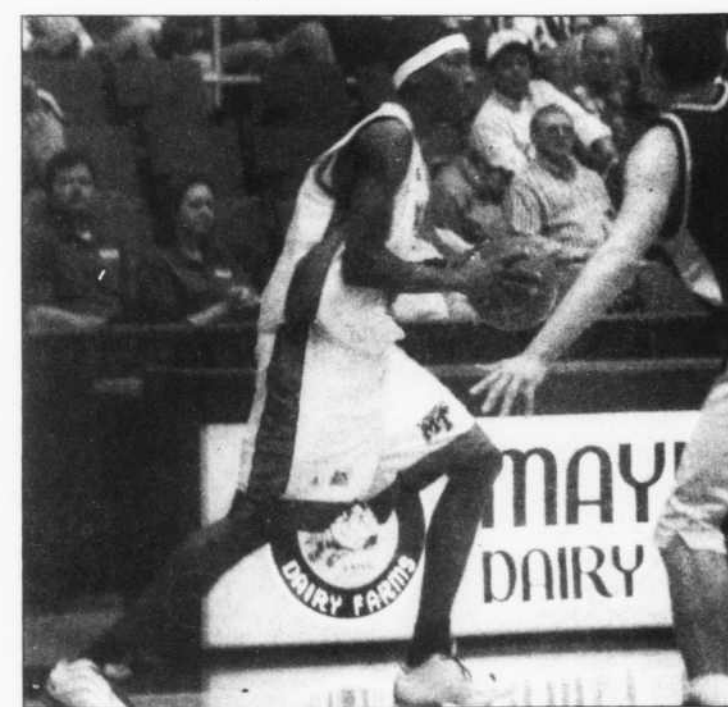


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William Pippen out dribbles an IUPUI defender Nov. 21.



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Basketball: Blue Raiders suffer first loss

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advantage at 13:02 in the first half following a Nosse jumper.

MT made a couple runs in the game. After falling behind 30-16 in the first half, the Blue Raiders scored 7 straight points to cut the lead to 7 with 2:26 left in the first half.

The Blue Raiders trailed by 15 at the half. MT opened the second half with a 10-2 run cutting the lead to 7. A three-pointer from B.J. Proffitt pushed the Bruin lead back to 10 points.

MT used an 11-3 run to cut the lead to 6 with a three from

Wilkes that forced a Belmont timeout with 2:15 left in the game. That was as close as MT would get.

The Bruins made several foul shots down the stretch to seal the victory late in the game.

The Blue Raiders outshot the Bruins in the game with a 40 percent clip from the field as compared to the 38 percent posted by the Bruins. However, the Bruins won the battle of the boards with a 38-33 rebound advantage.

"I thought we battled and played hard tonight, especially in the second half," Wiel said.

"We tried to get the ball inside, but [Belmont] really jams it up in there and draw fouls. They just didn't give us anything inside. We got a lot of open shots early but we just couldn't get them to fall."

Wilkes led the Blue Raiders in scoring with 12 points. Pippen, Gunn and John Humphrey each tallied 11 points. Nosse led the team in rebounding with 8.

MT's next game is Saturday against Radford. Game time is 3 p.m. ♦

Season comes to end

Volleyball splits games at Turkey Classic to end year

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team beat Samford 3-2 in the first game and then lost to Wake Forest in straight sets Saturday at the Turkey Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

In the game against Samford, Erin Hillstrom had a career high 21 kills to go along with 10 digs and 3 service aces. Shakeitha Deckard recorded a double-double with 21 kills and 22 digs. Deckard surpassed Mary Rickman for second all-

time in kills in one season with 494. Rickman had 483 in 1989.

Other Lady Raiders that contributed in the win were Dara McClean, who had 10 kills and 12 digs, and Baker, who added 11 kills and 12 digs.

Against WFU, Hillstrom recorded her second double-double of the afternoon with 15

kills and 12 digs. Hillstrom was the only player to record double digits.

For WFU, Trina Maso de Moya added a double-double with 17 kills and 18 digs. The Lady Raiders finish the season with a record of 10-23. ♦

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Men's basketball gets Marshall County standout to sign national letter of intent

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Marshall County standout Kyle Young signed a national letter of intent Monday to play for the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team in the 2002-03 season.

The 6-foot-10-inch forward has averaged a double-double over the past two seasons. As a

junior, he averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds while shooting 63 percent from the field.

"I wasn't going to sign early, but the more I thought about it, the more I realized Middle Tennessee is where I wanted to be," Young said. "There was no reason to wait. It's a good fit for me."

Young helped lead Marshall

County to a 21-10 record and a berth in the Class AA State Tournament.

He was District and Region Most Valuable Player as a junior and was named All-Midstate and Honorable Mention All-State. As a sophomore, Young was named All-District and All-District Tournament and Third Team All-Midstate.

Young holds the school record for rebounds in a single game at Marshall County with 23 and is on pace to be among the top five scorers and top three rebounders in school history.

"Kyle is one of the top prospects in the state," head coach Randy Wiel said. "He is a very versatile player who is at

home playing either power forward or small forward. He runs the floor well, shoots well and can dribble. He's a very athletic player."

Young's father, Spence, played at Vanderbilt with former MT Athletics Director Lee Fowler. His older brother is already a student at MT.

Young has a 4.0 grade point

average. He chose MT over Texas Tech and Ole Miss among several other schools.

Young's signing gives Wiel two of the top high school big men in the state in the past two years. Charles Anderson, considered by many the second best big man in the state a year ago, also committed early to the Blue Raiders. ♦


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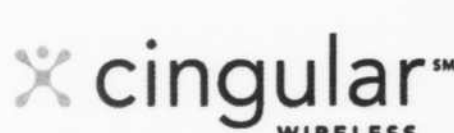
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