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Kucinich addresses ecological issues

By Tim Hill
Staff Writer

Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich emphasized the importance of environmental protection to students, faculty and community members Saturday during a Webcam chat on campus.

"We should emphasize that environmental protection is No. 1, and then show companies that the move towards renewable sources of energy will make their products better," he said.

Kucinich, who is being labeled by much of the media as

a long-shot candidate, answered questions from Students for Environmental Action during a campaign stop for the Michigan caucus, in which he placed sixth with 3 percent of the vote.



Kucinich

A student asked Kucinich if he could give an example of what he believes the wealth of the world is.

"The wealth of the world is our global environment,"

Kucinich said, "and how we reach out and take care of the communities of the world."

Kucinich also strongly called for the abolition of the North American Free Trade Agreement, as well as the World Trade Organization.

As president, Kucinich promised he would fight for workers' rights and human rights provisions in trade agreements.

When it comes to white-collar corporate crime, Kucinich said that his goal will be to have the Justice Department be more active in prosecuting those

crimes. He cited New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, "who seems to be doing more than John Ashcroft," he said.

Prior to Kucinich's Webcam address, SEA and the College Democrats held a forum discussion with representatives from environmentalist organizations.

Jason Crosby, who represented the Tennessee Environmental Council, said his group constantly receives calls from residents around the state, which is ranked fourth in the nation for worst air quality.

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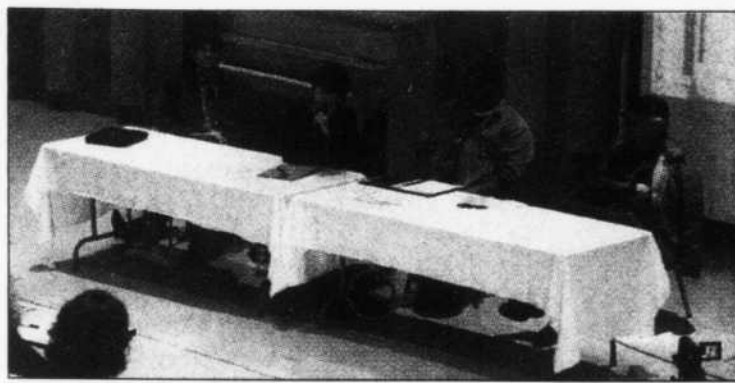


Photo by Kristin Hall | Staff Photographer

(Left to right) Stephen Gaskin, Sizwe Herring, Jason Crosby and Nick Algee speak at the environmental forum Saturday prior to a videoconference with Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich.

World traveler to lecture today

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Faculty, staff and students can hear travel tales from Western Kentucky University professor David Keeling during his lecture, "Study abroad as a window on the world," at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building.

Keeling, who has been teaching at WKU for the past 11 years, said studying abroad is important because it opens many doors in understanding different cultures and places.

"We need to understand more about other places and cultures, in part because the U.S. has so much influence in the world today, yet Americans know so little about the world around them," Keeling said.

"Study abroad helps students to open their eyes to other places and cultures, it exposes them to different foods, it helps them to appreciate how good life is back home and it puts textbook learning into a practical corner," he said.

Keeling has traveled to 175 countries around the globe during the past 40 years. The farthest place that he has traveled to is Cape Horn at the tip of South America, although he has also traveled to some of the remote areas of Australia, Africa and Asia.

"I'm a travel junkie and I love to visit new place and new people," Keeling said. "Australia is one of my all-time favorites, in part because I lived there for 10 years in the 1970s. [But] the



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

John Cohen, a photographer and musician, speaks Thursday night about his film, *The High and Lonesome Sound*. Cohen's photographs are on display in the Baldwin Photographic Gallery this month.

Photography and bluegrass

Musician, filmmaker
shows 1962 film
of rural Kentucky

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Despite the dreary night, the State Farm Lecture Hall held a large crowd Thursday as John Cohen presented his film, *The High and Lonesome Sound*.

Cohen, a famed musician, filmed the movie in 1962 in rural eastern Kentucky.

"I started out as a musician and a photographer as a hobby," Cohen said. "I took photographs and recorded musicians in eastern Kentucky and put the images and sound together for this film."

The film, shot on 16 mm film, was presented in its original form and not in sync. He explained that the film's title was a generic name for bluegrass music.

The film consisted of different images of the people in eastern Kentucky particularly focusing on Roscoe Holcomb of Daisy, Ky. Holcomb's music was featured throughout the film, with images of him playing an acoustic guitar and banjo as well as singing.

Holcomb was an unemployed construction worker who had no desire to move out of the mountains he called home, although times were rough and jobs few.

"Life in eastern Kentucky is hard here," Holcomb said. "Music is the celebration. Music is spiritual. I asked God for something that I could do to make a little money. It's a gift. I believe God gave it to me."

The film also contained scenes from the local churches in the area. Spiritual hymns were sung in the background.

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'Record' coming to TV

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

The Record, a public relations newsletter produced by News and Public Affairs, will soon begin broadcasting on television.

Middle Tennessee Record will go on air for the first time on Monday at 6:30 p.m.

In the beginning, the show plans to produce one show a month.

Each program is 30 minutes long and will contain five to six video stories.

John Lynch, *Middle Tennessee Record* producer, explained that the idea is basically a newer and faster paced version of *MT Scene*.

Scene takes place in a studio, but the *Middle Tennessee Record* has footage from events all over campus.

"We decided to revise the *MT Scene* program and take it outside the studio," he said.

Much of the footage, according to Lynch, was shot on campus and then sent via satellite uplink to the four network stations in Nashville to be used in news broadcasts. All of the footage is not used.

Lynch said the cost for the program should be minimal.

They first began sending footage over satellite uplink to Nashville during the summer of 2002. Much of the video equipment was purchased at the time.

Lynch said that they hope to take the footage they shoot and use them in the program.

He said there is a reason the show was named *Middle Tennessee Record* and not *MTSU Record*.

"We also want to include stories from the community as well," he said.

Lynch said they still wanted to have some tie-in with *The Record*.

The Record also has a home on the radio airwaves called "MTSU on the Record," as well as the printed and Internet versions of *The Record*.

Plans are also being made to put the video on the Internet, according to Lynch.

The first program will consist of a tour of the Paul W. Martin Honors Building, a story on the photographs of Murfreesboro during the Civil War that were recently obtained by the Gore Center, graduate student Salome Sandoval playing the guitar, the "Best Gown You'll Ever Wear" competition and students in the physics of music course.

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SGA votes for 2 referendums to be included on spring ballot

By Will Fanguy
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association voted Thursday to include two referendums concerning SGA elections on the ballot this spring.

Debate and minor conflict surrounded a controversial bill concerning officer qualifications.

Sens. Paul Fultcher and Chastity Wilson proposed a bill to add another qualification for the eligibility of SGA executive branch officers, such as president and executive vice president.

The bill would require students wanting to hold these executive branch positions to have served one full semester as a member of at least one SGA-sponsored or sanctioned committee.

This sparked discussion on both sides of the table, with the most heated arguments coming from those opposed to the bill.

Sen. Kyle Tolbert began the deliberation, asking Fultcher for his motivation behind this bill.

"The motivation behind it is that everyone who holds an office [in SGA] presents a more professional image when running for an executive board

position," Fultcher responded.

Sen. Dennis Clark was the senator most vehemently opposed to this bill.

"Who's to say that people in other organizations on campus don't have the necessary leadership qualifications?" he asked in response to Fultcher. "Potentially, this bill could prevent a great person and a great leader from helping our student government and as a result, our entire student body."

Contrary to this debate and argument, this bill passed, on a vote of 18 to two, to referendum. However, this is not the end.



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

Executive Vice President Amanda Newman, second from left, debates a bill during Thursday's SGA meeting.

The student body will have a chance to have their say on this issue during the spring elections because this bill must be voted on by the students for it to go

into effect.

Another issue concerning elections on the agenda was a

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Pittard Campus School celebrates 75 years this week

By Jess McKelley
Staff Writer

To mark its 75th year at 923 E. Lytle St., Homer Pittard Campus School is holding an anniversary celebration all week.

Photographs taken from the 1920s to the 1990s by an alumnus, the late Richard Shacklett, will be featured today in *A Pictorial History*, shared by his daughter Gloria Christy.

Also today, classes begin a weeklong competition over trivia on the school's history.

On Tuesday, the students will visit other classes to see the outcomes of their research projects.

All-day visitation for alumni and the community takes place on Thursday. Homecoming and a reception will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. The fifth and sixth grade plays are to be presented from 6-7:30 p.m.

The week winds down on Friday with a morning music program during which all classes will sing songs selected from the respective decades that they researched in preparation for the anniversary.

MTSU's laboratory school since 1909,

the Campus School is now operated jointly by Rutherford County Public Schools and the university.

The Training School, as it was originally called, began to operate out of the current building in 1929 after moving from a space in the Administration Building of what was then Middle Tennessee Normal College.

University students had begun to participate in research, observations and methods classes at Campus School by 1966. Also in 1966, the school became one of the first schools in Tennessee to have a kindergarten program.

The official name of the school became Homer Pittard Campus School in 1985. Pittard was a Rutherford County educator who had served as director of University Affairs at MTSU and also as principal at Central High School and McFadden School.

Students in the teacher education programs of MTSU's Department of Elementary and Special Education apply their knowledge from university coursework to the real school environment of the Campus School.

Directly supervised by clinical instructors for the university, MTSU students pre-

pare activities, write lesson plans, learn various classroom management techniques and teaching strategies.

A controlled enrollment policy limits the school to two classes per grade. Residents of Rutherford County must apply for admission to the school.

Applicants are placed on a waiting list on or after the child's fourth birthday. The date of application determines the date of acceptance.

Children of Campus School teachers and siblings of current students are granted priority enrollment. There is no tuition cost for the school. Application forms can be found in the school's office.

Former teachers and alumni of the Campus School may share their memories by answering a questionnaire on the school's Web site, located at www.hpc.rcs.k12.tn.us.

Current Campus School students are using these questionnaires in research projects about their school, community, state and nation. A "Memory Book," containing these responses, will be on display during the celebration. ♦

Travel: Three spots still open for upcoming trip

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place that I'm visiting at the present time is always my most favorite."

Keeling has led study abroad trips all over the world, including Brazil, Ecuador, Australia, Argentina and countries within Europe.

"Each time, we see something new or have some new adventure," he said.

He has also led lecture-based expeditions with the American Geographical Society to Chile, Argentina, Falkland Islands, Spain, Portugal and Western Europe. In March he is leading a lecture-based expedition with the AGS to Dakar, Senegal, located in West Africa, the Cape Verde Islands and Morocco.

Keeling said professors can talk about areas of the world and problems that people around the world confront daily, however until they walk among the people of that nation or area of the globe, they cannot fully understand the problems or challenges.

Keeling said travel has always played a special role in his life.

"My first major international trip was in 1962, when my parents emigrated from England to Australia," he said.

They sailed on a ship from England across the Mediterranean Sea, stopping in Italy, through the Suez Canal, stopping in Egypt, to Yemen and finally arrived in Australia.

"For a 10-year-old, this was a pretty amazing adventure," he said. "After that, I never stopped traveling, especially in the 1970s when I lived in Sydney, Australia, by myself and did expeditions to Africa, Asia, the Middle East and all over

Europe."

Keeling said that his favorite part of studying abroad is seeing the joy of discovery on the students' faces as they come to realize that the world is really different outside the borders of their homeland.

"Most students come back with a changed attitude about themselves and their culture after study abroad, and many go on to become leaders, activists and agents for change in society," he added.

In June Keeling is taking students to Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The group is going to be involved in field-based activities, examining the physical and cultural geography of the region.

"There are still three spots open if any MTSU students wish to come along," he said.

For more information, contact Keeling at david.keeling@wku.edu or by phone at (270) 745-4555.

Tonight's lecture is sponsored by the Global Studies Program. ♦

Photos: Cohen's photographs on display through February

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Other images such as a baptism of a woman and a dance hall scene where the town was dancing to "Twisting the Night Away," also portrayed life in eastern Kentucky. Coal mining scenes were plentiful, as coal mining is a huge industry in that region of Kentucky.

After the film, English professor Charles Wolfe and Cohen

engaged in a question-and-answer session and a bluegrass band complete with a fiddle, acoustic guitar and a banjo played for the attendees.

The Baldwin Photographic Gallery, located in the Learning Resources Center, hosted a book signing and reception following the close of the lecture where attendees could view his exhibit, titled *There is No Eye*.

The exhibit consists of 130

photographs in black and white silver gelatin prints of well-known artists such as Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, Jack Kerouac, Red Grooms, Bill Monroe, Doc Watson, Pete Seeger and Roscoe Holcomb.

A book, which is a catalog of the show, was also available. An accompanying compact disc featuring the many of the artists photographed is also available through the Internet as well as a

digital video disk containing all three of Cohen's films.

The presentation was co-sponsored by MTSU's Center for Popular Music as well as the Baldwin Photographic Gallery and the Distinguished Lecture's Fund. The exhibit will be on campus until Feb. 26 and is free and open to the public. For more information, contact curator Tom Jimison at 898-2085. ♦

SGA: Students will vote this spring on election qualifications

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elections on the agenda was a bill proposed by Brittany Rogers, SGA election commissioner.

This bill sought to accommodate more appropriate elec-

tions dates and will extend the window for a run-off after the primary from 10 to 21 days. This was necessary due to time complications surrounding Spring Break.

This bill passed by referendum on a unanimous vote of 19

to zero.

The only issue on the legislative agenda not concerning elections was a bill proposed by Sen. Randy Crawley Jr. that resolved to allow copy machines around campus to accommodate both Raider Funds and

Flex Dollars.

Because most freshmen living on campus have Flex dollars, Crawley was concerned that freshmen were not getting "full convenience of their mandatory Flex dollars." ♦

Kucinich: Groups also addressed organic food

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"A lot of things are always on our plate," he said.

One of the issues his organization is confronting is the Bush Administration's relaxation of the eight-hour ozone standard rule. This rule, which requires a production delay for any factory that runs for more than eight hours straight, is set to be replaced by a lower standard in 2008. However, the administration has created Early Action Compact initiatives, which are meant to encourage citizen participation through local meetings with representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The group is also fighting against the Bush Administration's "Clear Skies"

plan, which would allow factories that adopt better pollution controls to avoid changing their equipment to comply more efficiently to those new standards.

"We are working with the state of Tennessee to make sure that the General Assembly's own version of this plan doesn't fall into the same trap," Crosby said.

Another topic discussed at the forum was the issue of organic foods.

Sigwe Herring, who works for Earth Matters, emphasized the problems he sees with genetically-engineered foods.

"We could feed every American from things grown on all of our own lawn space in this country," he said.

Herring supports a movement called permanent agricul-

ture, whose goal is to bring Americans back to the basics of eating from their own gardens, rather than from processed foods most families are accustomed to today.

"Almost 100 percent of food will be genetically engineered within five years," Herring said, "and that includes squash, potatoes, corn, soy beans and canola oil."

Herring's organization also supports a national moratorium on all genetically engineered foods. He noted that the American Community Garden Association said that local growing is key when it comes to changing the way Americans consume food.

Nick Algee, who represented the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, discussed ways students

at MTSU could improve their energy consumption without it costing too much.

"For a dollar a semester extra in your already ridiculous student fees," Algee said, "your student body could switch from regular gas to green energy provided by wind turbines that are being set up throughout this state."

He said MTSU is already paying roughly \$2 million a year in energy costs, and a switch to green energy would be better for the both the environment and the university's books.

"We're talking about as many as 33.7 million kilowatt hours being switched over some time down the road," he said.

The forum was held in the Learning Resources Center, Room 221. ♦

Record: New show debuts Monday

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The episode will also include interviews with alumnus Wayne White, who recently had an art exhibit on campus, and Janet Colson, who will discuss low carbohydrate diets.

"If students have shot some

interesting video ... contact us," Lynch said.

Students who have story suggestions or footage they wish to share with *The Middle Tennessee Record* can e-mail their ideas to news@mtsu.edu.

Anyone interested in watching the program can also watch

it on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Friday at 10 a.m. or at 9 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The show will air on Channel 9. ♦

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Carrier closure results in 1,300 lost jobs

By B.J. Chaplin
Staff Writer

Carrier Corporation announced last Monday that it would be closing its manufacturing facility near McMinnville and cutting 1,300 jobs next year.

The company cites its "collective bargaining obligations" as rationale for its decision to close the facility in a statement.

Carrier, a subsidiary of \$31 billion United Technologies Corporation, plans to close its facility "by the second half of 2005 without interrupting service to its customers," according to a statement issued by the company.

The statement explained that production will be relocated to facilities in North American Carrier facilities in places such as Tyler, Texas, Charlotte, N.C., and Monterrey, Mexico. The facility set to close, located at 284 Carrier Drive, is in Warren County's

Morrison, just outside of McMinnville. Carrier is the world's largest manufacturer of heating, air conditioning and refrigeration systems and equipment.

Its parent company, UTC, was named by Fortune magazine last year as the 49th largest corporation in the United States and 141st in the world.

"Carrier has, over the last two years, concentrated on leveraging our manufacturing scale and reducing the complexity of our business model," said Todd Bludorn, president of Carrier North America Commercial in the statement.

"Consistent with this strategy, we are using assembly of the McMinnville production lines into other Carrier factories producing common product platforms.

"This consolidation of production values into focused factories will significantly improve the productivity of company assets and better position us

to serve our customers," he said in the statement.

The "two years" mentioned by Bludorn may be in reference to the 22 Carrier factories the company has closed in this time span, as reported by The Associated Press. More than half of these facilities, the AP adds, were moved outside the United States.

Lea Chrisawn, president of the Warren County Chamber of Commerce, said that local businesses and state and local government are already working together to help ease the impact of the facility's closing.

"It is going to be a blow to our community," Chrisawn said. "But we have a positive energy about working together to make sure this doesn't damage the local economy or local businesses."

The closing of the facility, Chrisawn explained, did not come as a total surprise.

"There have been rumors for about a year that something was going to

happen," she said, adding that Carrier "did notify the local officials just prior to notifying the employees."

Although local officials received word about the facility's closing slightly before the general public, she said she is not quite sure of why the facility is closing.

"We have not gotten a lot of information from the Carrier offices," she said. "They've been quite tight-lipped."

The projected number of jobs lost — 1,300 — is equivalent to 10 percent of McMinnville's population (12,941) and twice the size of Morrison's (691), using U.S. Census Bureau estimates taken from July 2002.

The same data show that Warren County had a population of 38,896, meaning the loss is equivalent to about 3.3 percent of the county's total population.

Eligible employees affected by the layoff will be able to access "separation benefits," including the UTC Employee

Scholar Program, according to the statement. Through the program, employees may receive fully paid tuition, books and fees at accredited institutions of higher education for up to four years.

"These decisions are very difficult and we understand the effect on our employees, their families and their communities," Bludorn said in the statement. "But this action is necessary for the long-term health of Carrier."

But the 1,300 who are set to lose their jobs will likely not be the only ones affected.

"Carrier has 1,300 employees, but there are probably more than 2,000 that are affected because they have satellite companies that work for them," Chrisawn said.

"We have been hit pretty hard," she said. ♦

Just call 'em 'No Show'

Klan skips Nashville rally



By Nick Fowler
Staff Writer

Protesters endured freezing temperatures in hopes of shouting down a Ku Klux Klan rally at Riverfront Park in Nashville Sunday morning.

The KKK didn't show. The more than 100 protesters that gathered were organized by Katuah Earth First and The Nashville Peace and Justice Center.

Katuah has led protests at other KKK rallies in Tennessee.

The rallies recently held in Tennessee have been organized by out of state Klansmen from northern Alabama, Marietta, Ga., and Arkansas according to Chris Irwin, an organizer from Katuah and law student at the University of Tennessee — Knoxville.

The group wants to send a message to the KKK that Tennesseans don't agree with the hate group, Irwin said.

"Not to be here is to agree with what they're saying. Silence is complicity," Irwin said.

Matt Leber, director of the Nashville Peace and Justice Center, agreed that the best thing to do is to confront the KKK when they come to town. He counted their absence at Sundays rally a success.

"We confronted them," Leber said. "They didn't show up because they're afraid."

"We're a coalition of independent organizations working for a peaceful and just society," Leber said.

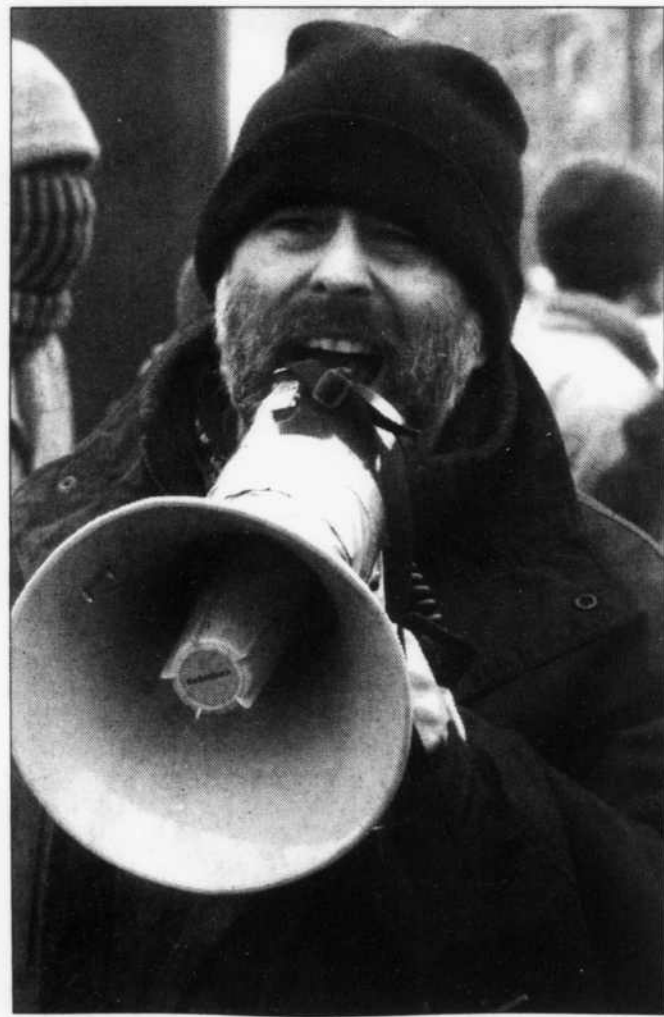
The KKK is part of a larger issue involving U.S. trade and foreign policy, according to Leber.

"U.S. trade policies create destabilization of foreign countries forcing immigrants to the U.S. pitting poor American workers against poor immigrant workers," Leber said. "The Klan is a result of those policies. It is those policies where we should focus our attention."

Middle Tennessee Vets for Peace were also in attendance.

"We're always going to be standing up with people who want peace, justice and equality," Michael August from Middle Tennessee Vets for Peace said. ♦

Jason Cox, State and Local News Editor, contributed to this report.



Photos by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

(Above) Nashville massage therapist Sara Able mocks the Ku Klux Klan robe with some linens from home. (Left) Chris Irwin, an East Tennessee native, decries the KKK for failing to show up for its rally. (Below) Sara Pattison, an MTSU alumna, voices her protest with silence and simple signs.



Armed robbers take jewelry, cash at local grocery

By David Paulson
Staff Writer

Murfreesboro police are still searching for two suspects involved in the armed robbery and vandalism of Garibaldi, a Hispanic grocery store on Memorial Boulevard.

According to police reports, two Hispanic men carrying automatic pistols entered Garibaldi at about 10:57 a.m. Tuesday morning. During the robbery, employee Rosalba Gomez and customer Claudia Delgado were tied up by the suspects. The second suspect took Delgado's purse, which contained cash and a money order, according to reports. The first suspect took Gomez, wife of Garibaldi owner Jose Gomez, to the back of the store while the other kept a store clerk in the front.

The robbers fired one round into the store's security camera.

"The suspects asked about the video camera system (security), and when Mrs. Gomez advised the owner had the key to it, the suspects shot the monitor, leaving a shell casing behind on the floor," officer Don Schubert reported.

The suspects then stole an unknown amount of gold jewelry from the store's jewelry counter. They left in a white minivan.

The first suspect is described as a Hispanic man about 5-feet-3-inches tall and weighing around 160 pounds with receding black hair. He wore a red and black sweater and black pants. The second suspect is a Hispanic man, about 5-feet-10-inches tall and 140 pounds. He wore a yellow hat, a black jacket, black pants and tennis shoes.

People who have any information about the suspects can call the Criminal Investigations Division at 893-2717. ♦

Counties get reading funding

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Reading First, a grant distributed by the U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, has been awarded to more than 50 schools in Tennessee to help promote student achievement in reading.

Seven schools in Davidson County were awarded grant money.

The other counties included were Cannon, Claiborne, Cleveland, Davidson, Fayette, Hamilton, Hardin, Hawkins, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Maury, Memphis City, Putnam, Tullahoma and Wayne Counties.

The Reading First grant is housed in the Division of Teaching and Learning.

"Reading First is at the national level as well as the state level," explained James Herman, Director of Reading First in Tennessee. "It is part of the 'No Child Left Behind Act'."

"When we first started working on this program we mailed out RFDs and ruled out districts that did not qualify for the program. We then met with districts that were deciding to write grants. We gave a lot of technical assistance on the grants," Herman said.

Each school involved in the program will receive \$200,000 per year for a three-year period, according to the press release from the Tennessee Department of Education.

After three years, Reading First Districts and schools will

have the opportunity for three additional years of funding if the schools show significant achievement in reading scores for kindergarten through third grade students, explained the Reading First Web site.

"We will test significant achievement through Dibles — a nationally known test as well as our own state tests," Herman said.

To be eligible for the grant, the school district had to meet certain criteria.

"A local educational agency that receives a Reading First subgrant may only distribute funds to schools within the LEA that are both: among the schools served by the LEA with the highest percentage or number of students in kindergarten through grade three reading below grade level, based on the most current data available, and identified for school improvement under Title I, Part A or have the highest percentage or numbers of children counted for allocations under section Title I, Part A," Herman explained.

"Title I is a federal program that awards money to schools on a poverty level and districts that have poverty and low achievement," he said.

Districts receiving the grants are mandated to provide a core, comprehensive reading program based on scientifically based reading research for all students. Additionally, teachers must use assessment results to drive classroom instruction, according to the Department of

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Beating the Bush

An issue-by-issue breakdown of candidates vying for the Democratic nomination

What follows is a brief synopsis of the remaining candidates' positions. Sidelines encourages everyone to check out each candidate's Web site before voting Tuesday to get the most complete picture possible.



(Ret.) Gen. Wesley Clark
clark04.com



Gov. Howard Dean
deanforamerica.com



Sen. John Edwards
johnedwards2004.com



Sen. John Kerry
johnkerry.com



Rep. Dennis Kucinich
kucinich.net



Rev. Al Sharpton
sharp2004.org

PATRIOT ACT

Congress should review each section of the act, and repeal those that "unduly threaten our civil liberties."

Wants to repeal parts of Patriot Act that restrict basic liberties

Supports Patriot Act; says administration abused power in using law

Backs letting act expire without congressional approval

Wants full, immediate repeal of Patriot Act

Opposes Patriot Act

GAY MARRIAGE

While the term "marriage" should be left for the states to use, gays should have option of civil unions with full rights

Opposes the Defense of Marriage Act and supports civil unions for gays

Should leave "marriage" definition to states; supports same-sex partnership benefits

Against same-sex marriages, but supports civil unions and rights

Backs same-sex marriages with equal rights and benefits

In favor of gay marriage rights

HIGHER EDUCATION

Double federal grants for tuition to \$6,000, increase funding for state budgets to reduce tuition increases

Gives access to \$10,000 per year for college; never pay more than 10 percent of income for student loans; all loans paid in full after 10 years

"College for Everyone" plan makes college tuition-free for the first year for those qualified to attend public school and able to work part-time

New tax credit for first \$4,000 of tuition paid; earn four years tuition for two years of military service

Boost funding for higher education

Would fully fund No Child Left Behind Act

TAX CUTS

Proposes tax plan where no family making under \$50,000 would pay income tax; new tax credit for families with children

Repeal Bush tax cuts; offer health care tax credit; increase corporate taxes

Repeal Bush tax cut for top 2 percent and new rates for dividends and capital gains

Repeal Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans; increase child tax credit; new tax credit for health care and college tuition

Revoke the Bush tax cut and increase taxes on corporations

Repeal Bush tax cuts

BALANCED BUDGET

Supports immediate balanced budget, with the goal of reducing long-term public debt

Government should move towards a balanced budget, but not immediately

Impose budget caps and mandate tighter budget

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Move towards a balanced budget

Repeal of Bush's tax cuts would diminish deficit

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Insurance for children and young adults through 22 years old; cheap buy-in to federal insurance

Insurance for all under 25 years old, enable people to buy into federal system

Insurance coverage for all children up to age 18

Allow residents to buy into federal insurance, to be funded by reversing Bush tax cuts

Create universal health care system privately administered, but publicly funded

Supports a government-funded, single-payer plan

Sidelines Editor in Chief Patrick Chinnery culled the above information from cnn.com and the candidates' individual Web sites.

Reading: Not all districts eligible

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Education's press release.

"It's too early to tell on a success rate; however, we are slowly striving towards our national goal," Herman said.

Not all school districts were eligible for the Reading First grants.

"Several schools were ineligible based on their number or percent of children who did not qualify for Title IA," Herman said. No schools in Rutherford

County made the list.

"We tried to geographically disperse grants across the state. Federal law requires us to give the same percent of money to schools for their Reading First grant that they get out of Title I," Herman said.

A second Reading First competition will take place in early 2004, with grants being awarded for the 2004-2005 school year. ♦

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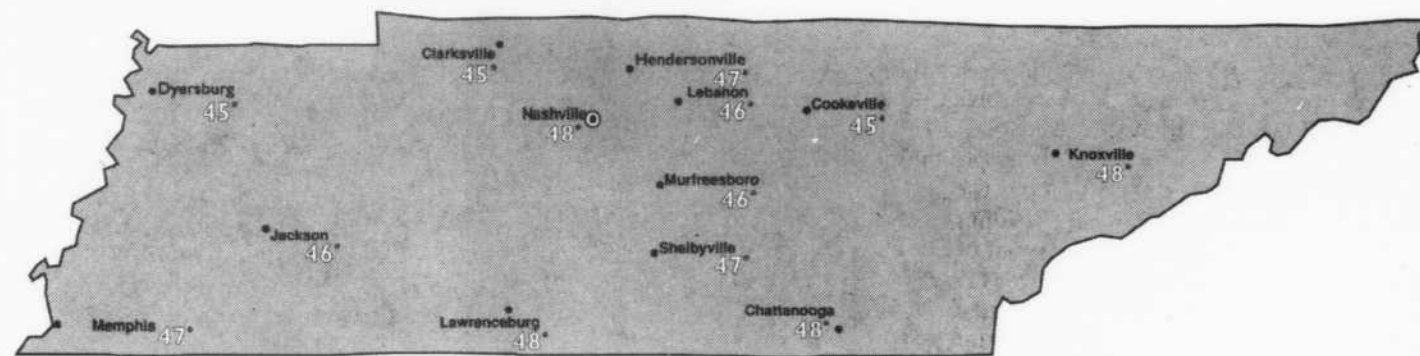
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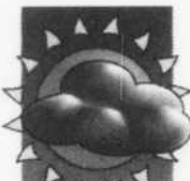


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From the Editorial Board 'Sidelines' endorses Gen. Wesley Clark

With one eye on Tuesday's primary and the other on November's general election, the *Sidelines* editorial board endorses Gen. Wesley Clark in the race for the Democratic nomination for president.

We believe Clark has the best platform, charisma and chance to beat President George W. Bush. The general's stance on issues such as higher education reform, the USA Patriot Act and the abuse of civil liberties, taxation, a balanced budget and gay rights are the most in-line with what mainstream America supports.

Clark supports a full Congressional review of the USA Patriot Act and repealing sections that threaten civil liberties. While none of the candidates spoke in full favor of the act, Clark's plan is well-articulated and is the only candidate who wants to directly involved Congress in the matter.

His higher education plan addresses both the rising cost of tuition and the source. He plans to double federal grants and aid cash-strapped states to avoid the sort of drastic tuition increases that burden students in states like Tennessee.

Clark's tax plan would keep those earning less than \$50,000 a year from paying any federal income tax. It may sound like a lot of money to broke college students, but life expenses can make this a very small sum for many families. Clark's plan addresses the fact that the middle and working classes were essentially left in the cold by the Bush administration while avoiding the stick-it-to-the-rich class warfare attitude that could sink a Democratic candidate in November.

He also endorses a smart strategy for the national budget – always balance it and work to lower long-term debt. Unlike Bush, who has chosen to leave current financial problems to our generation, Clark plans to hold the nation accountable for past debt while ensuring more debt isn't piled onto the massive federal deficit.

Clark has also taken a sensible approach to gay and lesbian marriages. He supports civil unions, which would allow same-sex couples to legally commit to each other and enjoy the financial benefits of having a spouse, while leaving the word "marriage" – a sticky term – to the states, allowing them to maintain most of their authority over the issuance of marriage licenses.

While the editorial board likes most of the views of nearly all the candidates, Clark's background and thoughtful views make him the best representative of the Democratic Party and the best man to occupy the White House for the next four years.

Vote Clark. ♦

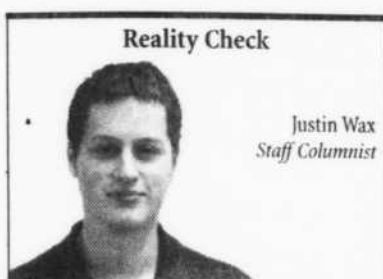
Kerry not the man to beat Bush

It appears Democratic hopeful Howard Dean's "I have a Scream Speech" successfully introduced normal Americans to one of the left's most fanatical candidates. As a result of Dean's meltdown, he singlehandedly managed to wreck his chance of winning the Democratic Party nomination.

Conservatives were keeping their fingers crossed, praying Dean could pull off the nomination. Now, John "Botox" Kerry, the beneficiary of Dean's demise, appears to be the candidate to represent the Democrats for President. Democrats are hoping the man who rescued a soldier in Vietnam will defeat President George W. Bush in November.

I'm going to offer the Democrats some advice – mainly because I know they aren't going to take it – Botox John is not your best bet against Bush. I know, I know – I'm dashing your hopes against the rocks. The quandary for Democrats is Kerry's war background will mean nothing when it comes to election time.

Let's face it: We already know the military doesn't mean anything to liberal politicians. They're always attempting to downsize or weaken it. The only reason liberals want Kerry to win the nomination is they think he can beat Bush. He



Reality Check

Justin Wax
Staff Columnist

doesn't invoke their passion like Dean did. Kerry just seems to be, in their minds, the most formidable candidate to oppose Bush. They'll use the military card and every other one they can dream up from now until November; but it still won't work.

Americans, be prepared. The hate rhetoric will get worse because these people will stop at nothing to get elected. Remember the DUI story that broke about Bush right before the 2000 election? Wonder what desperation story will appear this year.

Bush hasn't begun fighting back ... yet. You also don't see him personally attacking a candidate; he didn't do it to Al Gore, and he won't do it again this year. Bush never attacks the person; he does, however, tackle bad ideas. If you don't believe me, just stop and listen five minutes to each candidate. Even though the Democrats will launch a barrage of personal

attacks against Bush, including vicious attacks on his military record, these attacks will ultimately fail.

Just because Kerry has the military credentials doesn't mean he's going to win in November. Remember Bob Dole? Dole was a World War II hero who was decorated with the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. His opponent in the 1996 election was Bill Clinton, a man who dodged military service in Vietnam by running to England.

When it was all said and done, Dole lost by more than 7 million votes. Democrats and the mainstream press painted Dole as "The Grumpy Old Man." Because many conservatives viewed Dole as too liberal, they weren't passionate about the election, causing conservative voter turnout to decline or turn to Reform Party candidate Ross Perot, who garnered 7.8 million votes.

Dole didn't win the hearts of conservative Republicans. The GOP just felt he was the best man to beat the draft dodger. This notion cost them dearly. And lastly, the incumbent always has the advantage in an election.

If we apply this three-point theory to the November election, Kerry gains the full support of the

mainstream media. However, Bush counters this advantage since he gains a unified Republican party. Contrast this to the 1992 and 1996 elections where conservatives were apathetic about their candidates. Therefore, the emergence of a major third-party candidate would most likely benefit Bush. And of course, Bush has the advantage of being an incumbent.

Democrats won't win with a candidate they simply tolerate, and they can't win on a campaign centered around Bush hatred. They have to nominate someone who truly embraces their left-wing philosophy. The truth is, the timing is just not right for liberalism in America. Sept. 11, 2001, shifted the country's focus to national security.

Liberals can't win on national security, not now. They couldn't take the Presidency away from Reagan during the Cold War, and they won't be able to take it from Bush during the War on Terror. Americans realize the stakes are just too high, and Kerry's anti-defense record makes him too untrustworthy for the job. ♦

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Valentine's needs changing

It's such a controversial holiday.

It's one of the few holidays that doesn't involve songs, football or any of those things that seem to be a fixture of the classic American holiday scene.

There are no trees to decorate. Nobody gets dressed up in costumes (unless you're freaky).

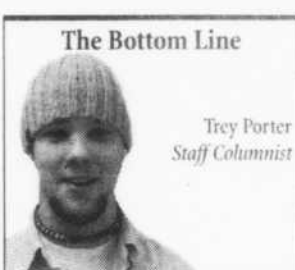
Valentine's Day is weird, yet it has somehow survived and found its way onto the calendar year after year. It has also found its way into lovers' pockets year after year.

Which brings up an excellent point: This is basically a holiday for couples or hopeful guys trying to impress somebody else's girl (which I don't recommend). There are lots of couples out there, yet a vast majority of money-spending Americans are single and, on Feb. 14, left out.

Wal-Mart is a reflection of society. It's obviously a selling giant and thus a marketing mogul. At Wal-Mart, the Valentine's Day stuff starts popping up on the shelves shortly after Christmas. People buy this stuff every year, or Wal-Mart would quit selling it.

This holiday doesn't only discriminate against its outsiders (the single folk), but it also openly discriminates against those participating. It's tough on the girls because there are no standard gifts to give a guy on Valentine's Day.

The guys don't get off easy, either. Roses, chocolate, jewelry, little heart-holding teddy bears and a nice dinner aren't cheap. Granted, you don't have to do all those things. You



The Bottom Line

Trey Porter
Staff Columnist

shouldn't do those things. At the same time, however, it's almost like you're supposed to.

Commercially, holidays are so deceitful. Christmas manipulates the birth of Christ into a reason for giving other people presents. Hey, next time one of your friends has a birthday, get me a gift.

Easter is quite possibly the craziest. A bunny hops around dropping off candy to kids and then hides eggs in the yard, all to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Thanksgiving is my personal favorite. It's not my favorite holiday; it just has the best story. Every year, people celebrate a false cultivation of friendship between Europeans and Native Americans over a bountiful feast. I wonder if they celebrate on Indian Reservations.

Valentine's Day celebrates a couple's infatuation or love because ... well, truthfully there is no good reason. I tried to find the historical roots, but no one can agree. There was a Saint Valentine who did some good stuff and then died around the middle of February a really long time ago, but beyond that, everything is myth and speculation.

Why one day? If you love someone, you should show them every day. Sometimes in different

ways than maybe the day before, but still show it. It shouldn't take a holiday for someone to show affection toward the person they love.

Take Valentine's Day off the calendar and off the shelves at Wal-Mart, and then we would find the true meaning. Appreciation, companionship, attraction and admiration are all so special they're essentially cheapened by a \$5 box of candy or a bear.

All of our holidays are so superficial and commercialized now. Valentine's Day offers a unique opportunity in that it's not based on anything specifically religious or traditionally concrete.

So change it. This week as you're contemplating your plans for the weekend, try not to get caught up in the trendy habits of society. Make your own path, and do your own thing.

Valentine's Day has a great concept: Honor the person you love. If everybody with a lover just honored them and loved them each and every day of the year, this holiday would fade. Then people wouldn't feel left out, awkward or obligated.

The bottom line is Valentine's Day isn't coming off the calendar any time soon, but you can help change the meaning of it. ♦

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Kid toys promote early gender roles

I went to KB Toys in Stones River Mall. This was a very eye-opening experience for me when it came to the issue of gender. I thought about how much toys can shape a child's identity.

I heard the jokes about little boys playing with dolls, but I never gave the joke a second thought as a kid because my parents thought when my brother played with an old baby doll of mine that he was just learning how to be a good daddy.

In the toy store, I saw that parents do influence a child's choice of toys. This simple task impacts how that child will view the world forever.

I observed three families that came into the store. The first consisted of a mother and a four-year-old daughter. When they came in, the daughter went straight to the trucks and boys' toys.

The mother grabbed her daughter's hand and guided her to the girls' section. The girl was drawn to the boy toys, but the mom almost subconsciously, without thought, controlled the toys her child would pick.

The next family was a mom, dad, a son about 10 and a daughter about six. The daughter and son looked at more unisex toys than gender-related toys. They looked at board games and electric toys they both could enjoy. These toys enable a child to interact with his or her environment without having to choose a social group, so they may learn about both genders.

The third family consisted of two brothers about two years apart. The younger watched his brother to see what toys were cool to look at.



Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules
Staff Columnist

When he saw a neat toy, he'd ask his brother if he liked it. If the older brother had a negative response to a toy, the younger would say, "I don't like it either." In this situation, the younger boy wanted approval.

Children learn by modeling peers and adults reacting to social environments. These families show how strong influences shape a child's view on what is OK to play with and to do in their world.

The toy store also separates gender. There are rows of just boy toys in army green and red packaging with little boys' pictures on them.

There are also rows of little girl toys with pink packaging picturing young smiling girls.

The two end rows of the store are the unisex toys with blue, green or yellow packaging. Most of these are games or electric toys that cost a lot of money.

The environment a child is exposed to helps define gender. I'm noticing more and more others influence gender by symbols and traditions placed before they were even born. We should never judge each other because we're all part of society and, in return, society is a part of us. We're all human. That's all that matters. ♦

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WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

Sidelines'
occasional
watch for
mutton-heads.



A driver's license is a magical thing. Like on Christmas Day, the teen rushes downstairs and begs his or her parent to hurry up so they can open their presents early.

As on Christmas Eve, sometimes temptation can prove too strong. Instead of waiting, you have to race out there and spoil everything. That's what a 17-year-old girl in West Seattle, Wash., where the driving age is 18, did.

The parents of the girl, whose name wasn't released because she was a minor, bought a new Ford Explorer days before their daughter would get her license. We're sure the sale was too good to pass up.

The new vehicle was certainly too good for Sally Seventeen to ignore, so she picked up her 15-year-old boyfriend for a joyride.

Maybe she didn't know what speed is acceptable in residential areas. Maybe she couldn't read the posted speed limit. Or maybe she was just a ridiculously immature schmuck who shouldn't be allowed to drive until she turns 28.

Whatever the reason,

she thought it was time to travel at a break-neck speed (eyewitnesses estimate 80 miles per hour) and occupy the same space as the idling police cruiser in front of her.

Demonstrating Newton's Third Law of Motion, the action of her SUV slamming into the police car led to the equally amazing reaction of the SUV flipping onto its side and landing in a yard.

As proof that some power exists to protect even the village idiots, the girl and her boyfriend escaped with only minor injuries. The policeman in the cruiser wasn't injured, either.

No charges have yet been filed, although likely ones include driving without a license and reckless endangerment. Add a grounding until Sally goes off to college, and maybe she'll learn the rules of the road. ♦

Original story and video from www.komotv.com/stories/29625.htm, posted Tuesday.

Correction

Under the headline "Looking out for farmers," (Feb. 5) the man in the photographs was Charles Cooper.

Vote tomorrow. Vote Clark.

But Edwards is swell, too.

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Self-defense class KICKS

By Maryam Kassaei
Staff Writer



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Self-defense students learn both preventative and protective safety tips.

"Be home before dark," and "Call me when you arrive" is advice people hear over and over again — especially women.

Worrying about what could happen may seem unfair and limiting. Statistics, however, suggest that there's an overwhelming need to fret over safety.

Recently, several instances of armed robberies and sexual assaults have shaken up campus life.

Students who take night classes or walk in parking lots after 6 p.m. are now cautious, largely due to these incidents.

Students are threatened every day in all kinds of situations — one in five college-aged women are raped, according to the 1995 *National College Health Risk Behavior Survey*.

Furthermore, approximately 84 percent of reported rapes are committed by someone the victim knows, according to the National Center for Victims of Crime.

There are two ways you can react to this information: You can isolate yourself, or you can learn how to defend yourself.

Many students at MTSU have chosen to take charge by enrolling in a newly offered self-defense class.

Kristin Boyce, a sophomore English major, finds self-defense classes "enthusiastic."

After her mom voiced parental concerns about safety at MTSU, Boyce registered in the class.

Lauren Roddy, a junior communications major, interprets self-defense as a way of "building confidence."

But try not to confuse self-defense with martial arts.

"It is what it is," John Payne, assistant professor at MTSU, says. "Self-defense is not a sport. It is all based on one assumption: you are being

attacked — unwillingly — and you want to get out," he says.

"There are no tricks in self-defense," he adds.

"Repetition and simplicity are the keys."

Payne, who has 31 years of experience in various areas of martial arts under his belt, has taught physical education courses at MTSU since 1980.

In addition to self-defense, Payne also teaches Beginning and Advanced Karate, Sport Psychology and Psychology of Coaching.

Unlike most of his college courses, female participants exponentially outnumber males in self-defense classes.

"My self-defense classes at MTSU — every one of them — are about 90 to 95 percent women," Payne says.

Still, there are some men who take self-defense classes as well.

Dallas Rogers, a junior recording industry major, is enrolled in Payne's class.

"I had to take a physical education class and this fit in my schedule," Rogers says.

"Most men think [self-defense strategies are] something that they already know," Rogers says.

Payne has his own theory on the large numbers of females in

Preventative measures are worthy of great attention. Here are some of self-defense professor John Payne's tips:

- When being attacked, you must decide to fight back or not early in the game
- If you do fight, think "all or nothing"
- Alcohol and drugs are a factor in 82 percent of assaults
- Don't accept drinks from strangers
- Carry pepper spray
- Don't look like a victim — always look confident and never at your feet
- If your significant other abuses animals for fun, you're probably next
- Never stop thinking
- Trust your instincts
- Always be aware of your surroundings

attending his defense class.

"I think it is more a matter of semantics. The Beginning Karate class goes about 70 percent male, 30 percent female," Payne says.

"I think the initial is that

when [women] look at karate class, they think they can't do that.

"Self-defense, they think they might want to do, something that they might need, when, for the first months, we

do about the same things [at both classes]."

There are, on the other hand, some self-defense classes primarily for women.

None of the instructed materials differ greatly, according to Payne.

"I'm teaching self defense class based upon the [attacker] being bigger, stronger and faster than you, which is [the case], in all probability for a women who gets attacked," Payne explains.

Teaching the students some possible preventative ways and "the movements of which could possibly give them out of the situation and run" are Payne's goals.

There are many factors indicating how successful a person can be when defending him or herself in hazardous situations.

Many of these are personal factors, such as how seriously he or she takes the defensive movements and, most importantly, the abilities of the attacker.

"We know women get beat up in an alarming pace," Payne said. "We know that, the majority of the time, it is someone who is close to her."

"But how big he is, how strong he is and how fast he is dictates a lot of what we can and can't do," Payne explains. ♦

Program provides relief for parents

Education majors acquire valuable experience

By Erica Rodefer
Staff Writer

The room is dark. Colorful, dancing lights spread chaotically from one corner to the other. A booming dance beat overrides the subtle shrieks of joyful laughter and the shuffle of awkward, uneven footsteps.

If this sounds like a typical college party to you, keep reading.

"Come on, it's time to go," a mother standing in the doorway tells her young daughter.

"But I don't want to go yet," the small child whines.

"Give your friend a hug; you can see her tomorrow," the mother insists as she pulls her daughter away from her companion and a room full of children.

The children, who are the sons and daughters of MTSU students, faculty and staff or attend the Campus School, are enrolled in the Evening Extended School Program at Homer Pittard Campus School.

During their time in the EESP, children partake in many fun activities, such as tonight's "disco party" as rewards for jobs well done at their var-

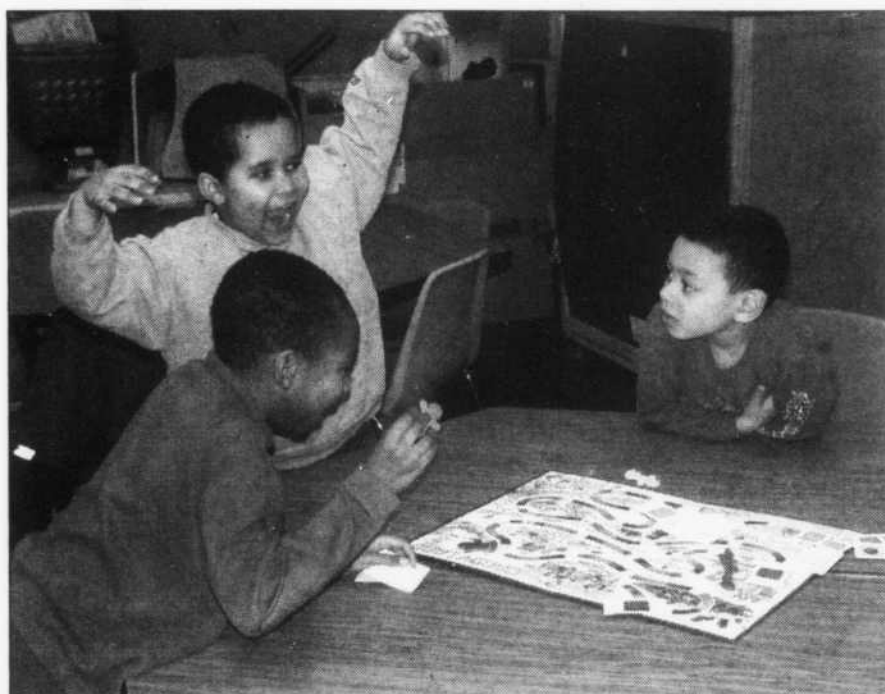


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John Thomas, Alexander Krebs and Neal Burton spend their time at the Evening Extended School Program playing games, doing educational activities and socializing with their peers.

ious educational "centers."

"Every day they have a lesson — we do homework help with them, we do centers, they go outside, they play in the gym, and, every once in a while, we'll have a special activity — like today's 'disco party,'" EESP director Jennifer Stanley says.

The centers are educational stations with topics such as "reptiles and amphibians" that the children spend an allotted time learning about something

they might not receive extensive exposure to during the school day.

The program, which was developed for the children of MTSU students, faculty and staff members, now includes Campus School students as well. It's open from 3:30 p.m. — just in time for school to get out — until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Though the staff at EESP meets the needs of the children while they're in the after-school program, parents are

encouraged to get involved.

"They need to bring a dinner because we don't provide dinner, and any homework they'd like for them to do while they're here," Stanley says, "Otherwise we provide everything else for them."

As well as providing a refuge for youth while parents are busy at work, EESP also makes it possible for parents to take a tiny vacation every now and then.

"We do 'Parents Night Out' once a month, so the parents can bring their kids on a Friday night and we do special activities with them," Stanley says. "They love it."

But EESP helps more than just MTSU student and faculty parents. It also helps MTSU students who are preparing for a future careers in education.

"Everyone working here now is an MTSU student," Stanley reveals.

Jennifer Jones, the current enrichment coordinator at EESP, is a senior education major at MTSU.

"You have to do stuff different than if you work at other [extended school programs]," Jones says. "Lots of my friends do that, but they all want to work here."

EESP provides MTSU students with unique, hands-on experience that helps prepare them for what a teaching career will be like.

"You have to write lesson plans and you have to organize things," Jones says.

Additional training is required of workers, too.

"They have to have so many training hours per year," Stanley says.

"We've gone to [cardiopulmonary resuscitation] — that was a training we've done — how to supervise kids, activities," she explains. "We pick and choose what to go to."

The EESP workers must be very dedicated to working with the program.

"They have to sell their souls and sign on to work non-stop," Stanley jokes.

The MTSU students who work there learn more than how to write lesson plans and get organized. They also learn how to relate to the children, find creative ways to keep them entertained and have fun with them.

"We do our projects and we do science experiments and we play games and we do lots of [physical education] games," Katlin Seaton, an EESP teacher and education major, says.

"We cook a lot," she says, "my kids like it when we fix something to eat."

Though they may not prepare the most traditional cuisine, it's something the kids can have fun with, she says.

"We had 'Noodle Day' this week and dyed noodles blue and pink and ate purple Alfredo sauce on them. Anything weird or gross, they're going to love," Seaton says.

EESP is looking to expand their program, which now consists of an average of 30 Campus School kids and five MTSU kids each day.

"We have room to grow," Stanley says with a friendly smile. ♦

Animals in danger



Illustration by Brandon Morrison | Staff Illustrator

Twenty percent of Earth's species could be extinct by 2030

By Laura Taylor
Staff Writer

According to Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson, 20 percent of the world's species will be extinct by 2030.

This notion concerns MTSU biology professor Padgett Kelly, who comments on some animal extinction concepts in Wilson's book, *The Future of Life*.

"Historically, the extinction rate was one species per million a year. Now, it is 10,000," Kelly says.

This increased extinction rate is due to the effects humans have on the planet, he explains.

Wilson, however, has a plan for saving many of these species, Kelly says. Wilson explains his ideas and provides specific steps that must be taken to save endangered species in a video recording of one of his many lectures.

He believes one of the main causes of extinction is loss of habitat.

Threatened habitats, which are home to a variety of endangered species, are called "hot spots." He advocates the preservation of these areas in order to ensure the survival of rare species living in these places. Some of the most important hot spots are rainforests.

Currently, the logging industry reduces the Amazon rainforest by half the size of Florida each year, Wilson says.

He encourages action in

order to change the dismal fate of the rainforests.

"Logging companies are operating on an absurdly low profit margin. They can be out-competed by conservation groups, and even private individuals."

"Land can be purchased and put aside for as little as \$10 an

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acre by setting up conservation concessions to replace logging concessions," Wilson explains.

Two organizations, Conservation International and The Nature Conservancy, have already added two million acres to reserves in Bolivia, Guyana and Surinam, he says.

These reserves harbor many species such as jaguars, giant armadillo, giant river otter, tapir, sloths, eight species of primates and 400 bird species, according to Conservation International's Web site.

In addition to protecting endangered animals, these reserves also serve economic functions.

For example, tourism is promoted, and the land is used for non-invasive harvesting, which is more profitable than the timber industry, Wilson says.

Therefore, by preserving these areas, Wilson believes that endangered species will be able to thrive and countries with preservation areas will see more profits than they did from logging.

Wilson delves further, explaining that a team of biologists and economists estimated that \$28 billion would be enough to preserve the 25 greatest hot spots around the world and the core areas of the rainforests.

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Kelly agrees and hopes that changes can be made.

"If an all-out effort is made, the amount of loss could be cut in half," Kelly says.

To learn more about this issue, visit the Web sites of Conservation International (www.conservation.org) and The Nature Conservancy (www.nature.org). ♦

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Martin Honors Building
Room 106, 3 p.m.
Topic: "Tough Choices in Student Life"
Speaker: Bob Glenn, Vice President for Student Affairs
For more information, contact 898-2152

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Cyber Café
Mondays, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.
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Tuesday, Feb. 10

Perspectives on Popular Music
Mass Communications Building
Room 241, 12:30 p.m.
Speaker: Paul Fischer, recording industry
Topic: "Disc Men: Researching the Origins of the Record Business"
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Music From Japan - "Music of the Ainu: OKI and Ma Rewrew"
Wright Music Hall, 7 p.m.
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Career Fair
Tennessee State Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Flyer and Info handout
Keathley University Center, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Self-Defense Workshop
Recreation Building, 9 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

PRSSA meeting
Mass Communications Building
Room 103, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

AAHM Conference
Speaker: Michael T. Gavin, CHP
Tennessee State University, 9 a.m.
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Thursday, Feb. 12

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Foundation House, 9:30 a.m.
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Murphy Center, 7 p.m.

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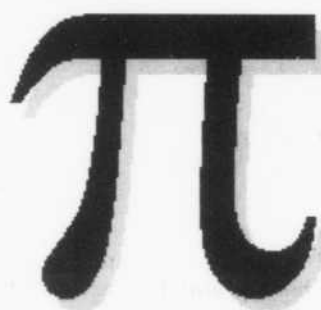
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Monday, February 9, 2004

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Blue Raiders even record with two victories

By Colby Sledge
Assistant Sports Editor

In a matter of twelve hours, the Blue Raiders went from a winless season to .500 after defeating the University of Louisville and Belmont University Saturday.

In the early match, No. 65 Middle Tennessee upset No. 52 Louisville 4-3 behind the efforts of Andreas Siljestrom, who played at No. 2 singles for the first time this season. Siljestrom defeated UL's Jhonny Berrido 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8) after fighting off three match points. The win tied the team match at 3-3.

MT's Rishan Kuruppu then defeated Jeremy Clark 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in the No. 5 singles match to give the Blue Raiders their first victory of the season.

"This was a very good match and a very big match for our team," MT head coach Dale Short told www.goblueraiders.com.

"Louisville was as good as the other two teams [Indiana University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock] we've played, especially in doubles, but we found a way to win, and that's a big plus for our team right now."

The Blue Raiders won the doubles point for the third consecutive match with victories in the Nos. 1 and 3 doubles matches. No. 46 Brandon Allan and Kai Schledorn defeated Clark and Matt Mayer 8-5 in the No. 1 match, and Kuruppu and Siljestrom beat Damar Johnson and Berrido 8-5.

MT's No. 30 Kirk Jackson and Trevor Short continued their poor early-season play, dropping their No. 2 doubles match to UL's Jakob Gustafsson and Octavian Nicodim 8-6. Trevor then lost to Nicodim 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 1 singles match, and Jackson fell to Mayer 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 3 match.

Jackson and Trevor, the only seniors for

MT this season, were a combined 0-9 after Saturday morning.

Both players rebounded, however, in the Blue Raiders' 7-0 sweep over Belmont. Trevor defeated Michael Moretti 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 1 singles match while Jackson got past Felipe Abreu 6-1, 7-5 at No. 3.

Jackson did not play doubles with Short, however, as Aidan Fitzgerald took Jackson's place. Short and Fitzgerald defeated Abreu and Felipe Lima 8-6 in the No. 2 doubles match.

Earlier, Allan and Schledorn defeated Moretti and Matt Fitzpatrick 8-4 in the No. 1 match, and Greg Pollack and Anant Sitaram defeated Alex Gillot and David Wright 8-3 in the No. 3 match.

In singles, Schledorn and Lima battled to a third-set tiebreaker in the No. 2 match, but Schledorn emerged victorious 3-6, 6-

See Tennis, 10



Photo by Megan Allender | Staff Photographer

MT senior Kirk Jackson awaits a serve during the men's doubleheader Saturday against Louisville and Belmont.

WKU drops Lady Raiders in overtime

By Jori Rice
Staff Writer

Western Kentucky University defeated the Lady Raiders 70-68 last Thursday night in double overtime.

The game was Middle Tennessee's second overtime game of the year. The Lady Raiders defeated the University of Alabama 65-61 in overtime Jan. 8.

MT out-rebounded WKU by 15 for the game, but the Lady Toppers (10-11, 4-3 Sun Belt Conference) came away with the victory.

"The rivalry between MT and WKU dates back way before I showed up on the scene, but in most cases, this epitomizes what a rivalry is supposed to be about," MT head coach Stephany Smith said.

There were nine ties in the game, and MT (15-6, 6-3) came back after being down by 15 in the second half.

Freshman Krystle Horton sent the game into overtime when she scored a layup with three seconds on the clock. The two teams then battled back and forth in the first overtime.

After WKU took the lead, Keisha McClinic was fouled with 29 seconds left. She made two free throws to tie the score 61-61 and force a second overtime.

Lady Topper Carla Bartee scored the winning basket to give her team the victory.

MT had two players in double figures. Horton had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore Tia Stovall came off the bench and scored 12 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

"We turned on our panic mode," Stovall said. "I think we play better when we know the game is on the line. I have no idea why we don't come out as strong as we end. I guess we need to fix that."

MT shot 14 of 24 from the free-throw line and had a season-high 28 turnovers, including a career-high nine turnovers



Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

MT's Chrissy Givens looks past WKU's Krystal Gardner in WKU's 70-66 win Thursday.

by Holmes.

Smith insisted after the game that the Lady Raiders' mistakes were not indicative of major problems within the team.

"There is absolutely nothing wrong with our confidence or our physiological state," Smith said. "We just played a very good basketball team."

MT will host the University of North Texas Thursday night at Murphy Center.

Tipoff is at 7 p.m. ♦

Women bounce back, beat Golden Panthers

By Jori Rice
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team defeated Florida International University 73-47 Saturday afternoon.

After MT suffered a double-overtime loss against Western Kentucky University last Thursday, the Lady Raiders (15-6, 6-3 Sun Belt Conference) were able to re-focus and pulled off the victory.

"The team came out and they were tenacious on defense, I thought that was a great statement towards our team," MT head coach Stephany Smith said.

FIU (11-11, 5-4) took 23 shots in the first half and only made eight.

"The reason this team can be special is because of our defense effort," Smith said. MT grabbed 35 rebounds while FIU had 24 turnovers.

Meanwhile, MT played all 11 players. Krystle Horton was the leader of the bunch with 25 points and seven rebounds. Horton had 16 points and six rebounds at the end of the first half, tops between both teams.

Patrice Holmes had eight assists and three steals for the game.

"I am looking for what the defense gives me," Holmes said. "If I am open I will shoot; if not, then I pass."

Holmes also was pleased with her teammates' performances, especially Horton's.

"She [Horton] focused on getting the ball in the basket," Holmes said. "For this game, Horton posted up well and we gave her the ball, so things began to happen. This win is a big confidence booster. We are trying to learn and get ahead of the league by having team effort plus staying focus throughout the season."

FIU had three players in double figures. Allison Bustamante had 13 points, Deniz Hoz had 12 and Ivelina Vrancheva had 11.

The Lady Raiders limited FIU's Milena Tomova to just one point, however. Tomova came into the game averaging more than 17 points per game.

"I thought we bodied her [Tomova] up a lot," Smith said. "We did a really good job fronting her in the low posts and always had help side and they really couldn't get her any looks."

MT will host University of North Texas on Thursday night at Murphy Center. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. ♦



Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

MT forward Tia Stovall battles Florida International's Deniz Boz for a loose ball Saturday. MT won 73-47.

Men's rally falls short against Western Kentucky

By Jared Hastings
Staff Writer

More often than not, basketball games are won and lost at the free-throw line. Western Kentucky University didn't win it there Saturday night, but they didn't lose it either, as the Blue Raiders were unable to capitalize on abysmal Hilltopper shooting from the charity stripe in a 70-66 loss in Bowling Green, Ky.

WKU jumped out to an early 5-0 lead before Michael Cuffee's three-pointer tied the contest at five. A 10-2 run by the Hilltoppers extended their lead to eight before the Blue Raiders were able to mount a comeback.

"I thought both teams competed hard," Blue Raider head coach Kermit Davis said. "Like so many times this season, our team never quit and battled back and gave themselves a chance."

After trailing for most of the first half, Middle Tennessee was able to take a three-point lead

into the locker room but came out cold in the second half, hitting two of their first nine shots from the field. Western Kentucky extended their lead to 13 after two Mike Wells free throws with 8:45 remaining in the game.

The Hilltoppers converted 16 of 34 free throws but forced 18 MT turnovers and out-rebounded the Blue Raiders 38-33. Western was also able to convert their 14 offensive rebounds into 12 second-chance points, while MT had six second-chance points.

The Blue Raiders were able to chip into the Hilltopper lead, eventually cutting the deficit to three on Tommy Gunn's three-pointer with 42 seconds left in the game, but WKU hit five of seven free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"The more times that you can come out on top in a dog fight, which this was tonight with two teams playing very physical, I think it breeds confidence in your team and gives you something you can build

on down the stretch," WKU head coach Darrin Horn said.

Tommy Gunn led the Blue Raiders with 17 points and six rebounds. Mike Dean and Michael Cuffee chipped in 15 and 14 points respectively as the Blue Raiders (11-9, 3-4 Sun Belt Conference) dropped their third conference game in a row.

Anthony Winchester paced the Hilltoppers (10-10, 5-4) with 18 points, including three key three-pointers early in the second half to help extend the WKU lead. Mike Wells and Nigel Dixon each added 15 points, while Dixon led the way rebounding with 14 boards.

MT will end its three-game road trip when the team travels to Denton, Tex., to take on the University of North Texas Thursday. Tipoff is at 7 p.m. ♦

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MT point guard Bryan Smithson drives past Western Kentucky's Todor Pandov Thursday night. WKU won 70-66.



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Women's tennis defeats MSU

By David Hunter
Senior Sports Writer

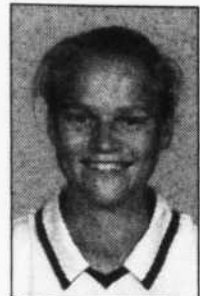
The Lady Raider tennis team traveled to Mississippi State University and won 4-3 on Saturday at McCarthy Gymnasium.

Middle Tennessee's No. 2 doubles team of Jennifer Klaschka and Laura McNamara picked up the first point of the match with an 8-3 victory over MSU's Anastasia Kugakolova and Yumi Ueda.

The No. 31 doubles team of MT's Manon Kruse and Carien Venter made the match 2-0 with an 8-4 decision over Lady Bulldogs Marcelle Hirt and Magdi Rekesi in No. 1 doubles. The No. 3 doubles match was not played.

The Lady Bulldogs bounced back with two victories in singles. MSU's Kugakolova won

over MT's Klaschka 7-6 (5), 7-5 in the No. 2 singles match. Lady Bulldog Tarryn Rudman only lost one game in her 6-1, 6-0 victory over MT's McNamara in No. 4 singles.



Kruse Bulldog

The No. 54 player in the nation in singles, M.T.'s Manon Kruse slipped past Lady Bulldog Hurt 7-6 (2), 6-3 in No. 1 singles. Earlier this week, Kruse was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. Lady Raider Venter added a 6-4, 6-1 win over Rekesi in No. 3 singles.

MSU was down 3-2 and needed to pick up wins in the

final two singles matches to take the overall win. However the Lady Bulldogs came up short.

Lady Raider Ana Maria Cibils sealed the victory for MT with a 6-3, 6-2 win over MSU's Justyna Switala in No. 5 singles. Lady Bulldog Ueda defeated MT's Emily Vest at No. 6 singles.

The Lady Raiders are now 3-1 on the season, while MSU falls to 2-2. It's MT's third straight win over the Southeastern Conference member Lady Bulldogs. However, MSU still leads the all-time series with MT at 7-4.

The next match for the Lady Raiders is at Georgia Tech University on Wednesday. The match begins at 2 p.m. MSU hosts Troy State University on Friday. ♦

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2004 Football Recruiting Blue Raiders ready to reload

By Jerry Wilkinson
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee football coaching staff finished recruiting Wednesday with a signing class of 36. Overall, MT recruited 10 players from Georgia, nine from Florida, seven from Alabama, six from Tennessee, two from Arizona, one from South Carolina and one from Missouri.

"Since November 20, our last win against Arkansas State, we [coaching staff] have been on the road visiting with possible recruits," MT head coach Andy McCollum said. "This will be the first weekend that we will have been home with our families since then. I couldn't be more proud of this coaching staff for the work they have put in."

Recruiting starts in late November and ends in early February. The recruits are ranked by several different agencies and some are spotlighted by national media outlets, but the MT coaching staff usually relies on the rapport built with high school coaches around the region.

As the fans, student body and local community look at last year's season as a disappointment, the coaching staff looks to progress.

"We have had to fight through adversity and fight through the negatives as we're trying to reach forward like everybody does," McCollum said. "I think it goes back to the staff believing in what we're doing."

"As far as the class, I am sure every coach in America is excited about a class. We are," McCollum said. "Sometimes people get caught up in all these stars. Somebody told me the other day that we had a tight end that was a three-star player and when he committed to MT he became a two-star player. I haven't quite figured that one out yet."

Offense

With the loss of Andrico Hines, MT needed to pick up a quarterback to fill the void. The coaching staff looked to the state of Alabama, and Joe Craddock IV was the first commitment for MT.

Craddock, a 5-foot-11-inch, 180-pounder, is from Birmingham, Ala., and played at Briarwood Christian. He passed for a career 6,677 yards and rushed for 2,000 yards. He also accounted for 100 touchdowns as a three-year starter. As a senior, he passed for 2,260 yards and 21 touchdowns and rushed for 12 touchdowns.

Craddock helped Briarwood defeat four of the state's top six teams in the 5A semi-finals en route to a championship in which he passed for 152 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 76 yards and a touchdown, defeating the state's No. 2 team 31-7. He also earned Most Valuable Player honors in the championship.

For MT's running back needs, the coaching staff stayed in Tennessee. They picked up a 6-foot, 195-pounder from Memphis, Carlos Dixon. Dixon, who helped lead Germantown High School to the 2003 state championship, rushed for 1,344 yards and 22 touchdowns in his senior season. He was named first team all-state selection by the Associated Press and also earned first team All-State honors from the Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

MT signed six wide receivers in this recruiting class. To start off, MT traveled to Daphne, Ala., where they found Lee Baker. Baker, a 5-foot-7-inch, 185-pounder who lettered in baseball, basketball, football and track. He led Daphne High School to a perfect 15-0 record and a state championship in football as a senior. He also set a Daphne High School single-season record with 2,000 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns.

"Lee Baker was a 6-A player out of the state of Alabama who came here and enjoyed it and wanted to get back close to home," McCollum said. "He had some offers from some Big-10 schools and even had pressure from his home state near the end [of the recruiting process] and held on to play here at MT. He was nicknamed 'Lee Baker the Touchdown Maker' in his home state."

MT also picked up Brian Fitzgerald from



McCollum

Bonita Springs, Fla., who set a school record with 1,030 receiving yards.

Murfreesboro native and former Riverdale receiver Taron Henry sat out the 2003 season for NCAA academic guidelines and will start with the team in spring drills. Henry, an all-state, all-midstate, all-region and all-Southeast region pick, helped Riverdale to three state final appearances, including a title in 2001. He also played defensive back and returned kickoffs and punts.

Former Blackman High School tight end John Marc Stephens also signed with MT. Stephens stands at 6-foot-4-inches and weighs 245 pounds. Not only is he a threat downfield, but he can also block. Stephens was also recruited at the defensive end position.

The Blue Raiders signed eight offensive linemen, four of which weigh in at more than 300 pounds. Richard Bortner, a 6-foot-6-inch recruit out of Crestview, Fla., was a two-time all-area selection and picked MT over the University of Kentucky. Following Bortner, MT picked up Franklin Dunbar out of Waycross, Ga. Dunbar, at 6-feet-5-inches and 300 pounds, was a Georgia Class 4A All-State selection.

"Last season we had the fifth biggest offensive line in the country, and when we lost five linemen Coach McCollum made it a priority to go out and find some big offensive linemen that were not just big, but guys that could move," offensive coordinator Darin Hinshaw said.

MT also picked up another lineman from neighboring Alabama, Brian Smith. Smith, at 6-feet-5-inches and 320 pounds, picked MT over Eastern Carolina University, Louisiana Tech and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Defense

The Blue Raiders also picked up four defensive linemen and a defensive end. The average weight of the recruited line is 274 pounds. Chris Anderson, a redshirt freshman from Jacksonville, Fla., originally signed with Florida State and decided to play here for MT.

"I didn't see him in high school because when I called, he [Anderson] wasn't interested," McCollum said. "He had teams like Notre Dame, Florida State and Miami looking at him. Chris is the type of player that you turn on the tape and two plays later you turn it off."

Anderson was rated a four-star player by Rivals.com and was the No. 34 non-high school player in the country. He also earned a spot on the 2001 All-Gridiron Football Dream Team as a senior.

The Blue Raiders also picked up Jonathan Presley from Jacksonville, Fla. Presley owns the record for career sacks (17) at Forrest High School in Jacksonville.

At defensive end, MT looks to redshirt freshman Erik Walden. Walden, a 6-foot-3-inch 225-pounder out of Dublin, Ga., was voted First Team All-State by the Associated Press as a senior.

"For the incoming class, I think the coaches have done an outstanding job of evaluating what we needed and going out and finding that," defensive coordinator Mike Collins said. "I see that the corners have great acceleration, and the safeties have great speed, and their ability to think is obviously going to play in the equation."

The Blue Raiders recruited five linebackers and six defensive backs. Roy Polite, a 6-foot-1-inch defensive back, earned all-American, all-state, all-district and all-conference honors his senior season at Fletcher Senior High School in Jacksonville, Fla. He was also voted the District 5A Offensive Player of the Year and rushed for 1,916 yards and 20 touchdowns his first year starting at tailback.

All in all, the MT coaching staff feels good about their recruits this year.

"I credit a lot to my staff," McCollum said. "I think one thing that we believe in is not backing down from anybody we're recruiting. The guys [coaches] that went after those guys didn't back down from them. We have got to play those types of guys on our schedule. My staff believes that this place is as good as anybody we're recruiting against."

The Blue Raider coaches will have their hands full in the offseason trying to decide which players will start where and when due to the amount of talent coming in to this football program. ♦



Hinshaw



Collins

Dean's free throw clinches victory

By Matthew Adair
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee ended a three-game losing streak with a close 54-53 victory over Florida International University Saturday night at Murphy Center.

A free throw by junior guard Mike Dean with two seconds remaining served as the deciding point for the Blue Raiders after his first attempt failed to score. The team's dramatic win is a near repeat of Dean's game-winning layup against New Orleans two weeks ago.

FIU junior guard Carlos Morban attempted to match Dean's free throw with a three-point shot from around 25 feet as time ran out, but the shot was far off the mark and sealed the loss for the Golden Panthers.

The Blue Raiders owe their close victory to strong defense. While they shot a season-low 33.3 percent against FIU and scored only five field goals in the second half of the contest, they were able to hold the Golden Panthers offense to an equally low 38 percent from the field.

MT never fell more than one point behind FIU, and twice took a seven-point lead over their opponent.

Senior point guard Keith Connor held the distinction of playing for 24 minutes against the Golden Panthers, contributing five assists.

"A win is a win," MT junior forward Michael Cuffee told www.goblueraiders.com. "We needed to get back on the winning track, and this was a

big win for us."

"We know we've had some problems scoring with the basketball, and Middle Tennessee did a nice job of forcing us to slow the pace down even more than we wanted to with a three-quarter court trap," FIU head coach Donnie Marsh told reporters. "We don't want to live out there on the perimeter, but they did a good job of forcing us to."

The Blue Raiders led 52-45 going into the final four minutes of the game when FIU junior guard Marcus Robinson scored two consecutive three-pointers to bring the Golden Panthers within a point of Middle Tennessee with less than two minutes to go.

MT senior guard Tommy Gunn's free throw at 32.9 seconds brought the score to 53-51, quickly matched by FIU freshman forward Raphael deSilva's pair at 22 seconds, tying the game.

MT's win last night has put them a half-game behind Arkansas-Little Rock and Western Kentucky for the lead in the Eastern Division. The Blue Raiders improve their record this season to 12-9 and 3-1 in conference road games.

The Blue Raiders' record against the Golden Panthers improves to 6-3, extending their winning streak against FIU to four consecutive games.

The Blue Raiders will play the last game of their three-match road trip Thursday against the University of North Texas at 7 p.m. and will return to Murphy Center to host the University of Denver next Saturday at 7 p.m. ♦

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4, 10-8. Kuruppu defeated Fitzpatrick 6-3, 6-1 in the No. 4 match earlier to clinch the victory.

Sitaram then defeated Gillott 8-2 at No. 5, and Pollack defeated Wright 8-0 at No. 6 in

pro sets.

Both matches were played at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro.

The Blue Raiders head out on the road Saturday to take on Virginia Tech University at 8 a.m. ♦

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