

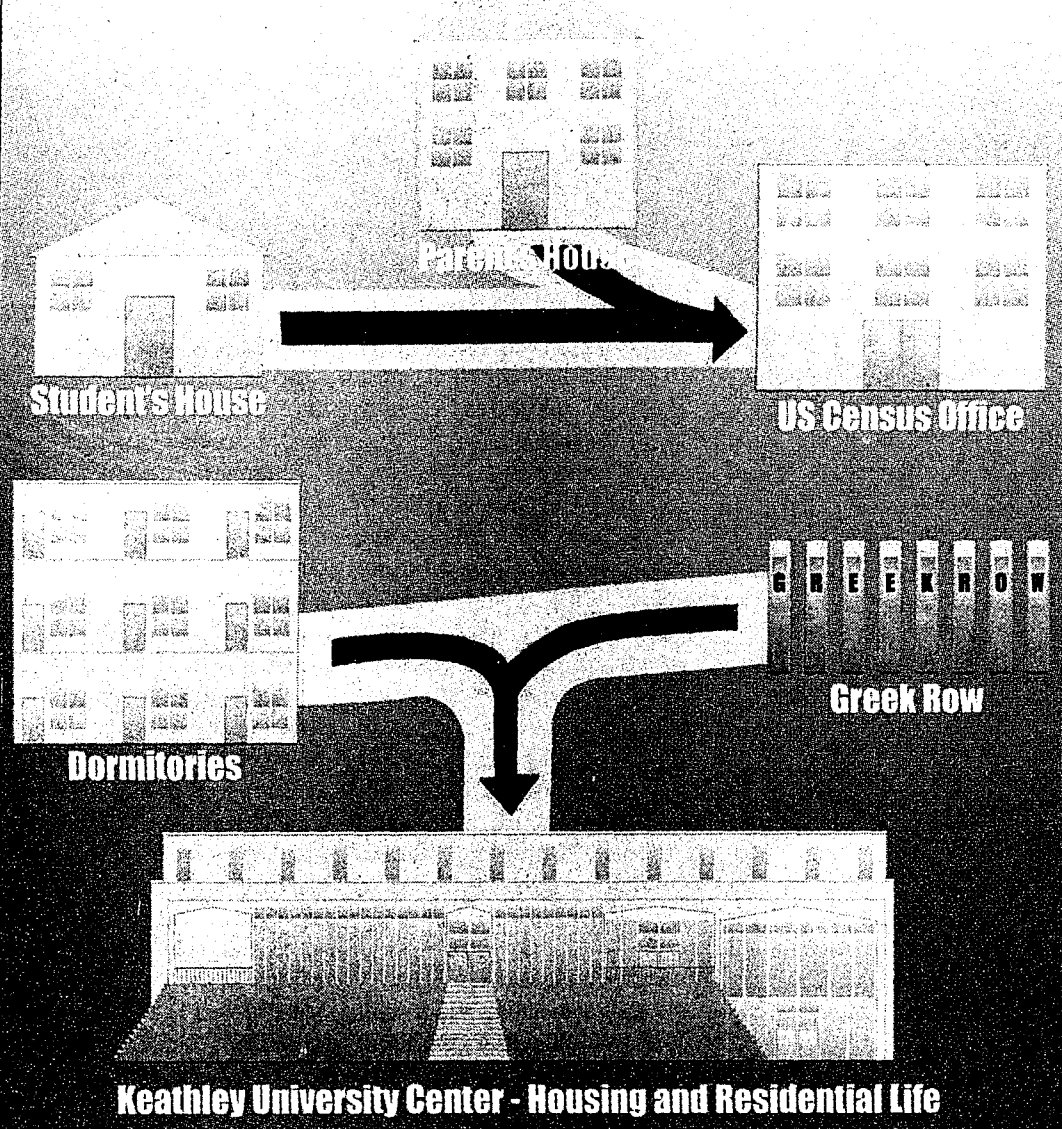
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Count yourself in US Census Bureau stresses importance of student participation in 2010 count

By ROZALIND RUTH
Community News Editor

The U.S. Census Bureau is stepping up its efforts to raise awareness about the importance of participation among college students for the 2010 count of the American population.

The census directly affects college students because the information obtained through the surveys is used to determine the amount of federal funds allocated to states for programs and services, such as education.

"Our job with the decennial census is to count every man, woman and child that resides in the United States, only once and count them where they are living," said Charles Alexander, office manager of the Murfreesboro Census Bureau Office.

Students who live on campus, including sorority and fraternity houses, dormitories and residence halls, are required to fill out the census form and return it to a designated return site, according to the bureau's Web site.

Students living with their parents will be counted as part of that household for this census, while students living on their own will be required to submit a separate survey through the mail.

Alexander said his office is planning to come to campus, beginning in April, in coordination with the office of Housing and Residential Life and the Division of Student Affairs, Enrollment and Academic Services.

Alexander said his office is responsible for counting the students living in dormitories and residence halls, including Greek housing on campus.

Gene Fitch, associate vice president of Student Affairs and dean of Student Life, said that his office and the Housing and Residential Life office at MTSU has been working with the Murfreesboro Census Office to ensure that all student living on campus will be counted as accurately as possible. He said there are many different plans of action being considered.

One of those possible plans is to distribute individual packets to students in dormitories and

residence halls through either census workers or residential assistants and be collected by them as well, Fitch said.

The second plan would be for the university to give the Census Bureau information on the students, which hinges on whether or not giving that information would be a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

According to the United States Department of Education, "FERPA is a Federal law that protects a student's privacy interest in his or her educational records."

"We have a policy that tells what we consider directory information, but the census also needs information concerning gender and ethnicity associated with a person's name," said Fitch. "It's one thing to say how many male or female students we have on campus, but it's a lot different when you say, 'Gene Fitch is a white male.'"

Alexander said the local census office plans to set up questionnaire assistance centers, and hopes to have one near campus starting next month.

Gubernatorial candidate visits university

By MARIE KEMPH
Campus News Editor

Democratic gubernatorial primary candidate Kim McMillan advocated for a new approach to education reform Tuesday, during an address to MTSU students and faculty members.

McMillan, former majority leader for the Tennessee House of Representatives, met with students for an informal discussion session, which was sponsored by the MTSU College Democrats.

"I think it's important to speak to college students," McMillan said. She said she is interested in hearing from students directly in order to understand what issues are important to them.

Attendees were given the opportunity to ask McMillan where she stands on various issues. The majority of the hour-long discussion focused on issues surrounding higher education, and most of that time was spent focused on topics such as budget cuts, the rising cost of tuition and how the \$787 billion economic stimulus package affects colleges.

"As governor, the thing that [would be] most important to me, is our education environment in our state," McMillan said. "Without a good

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education, without providing what we need in workforce training, we can't have economic development."

Griffin Knight, president of the MTSU College Democrats and senior political science major, said he was glad McMillan was able to personally speak to students and answer their questions.

"It was well worth everyone's time," Knight said. "I'm glad we set this up."

Patrick Grizzard, junior public administration major, said it was nice to be able to talk about issues that affect college students.

"It was informative, and good to hear about issues that are not always discussed," Grizzard said.

Robb McDaniel, political science professor, said he was concerned about the economic problems facing MTSU, including budget cuts, and wanted to know what McMillan would do as governor to address the situation.



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The MTSU Military Center offers a variety of options which is designed to help student veterans acclimate back into civilian life.

Veterans offered assistance through university program

By CHRISTOPHER MERCHANT
Contributing Writer

Military veterans, active military and their families can receive assistance from a university program; a program, which staff members from the MTSU military center said, is underutilized.

"Most students who are eligible to receive assistance from the program are unaware of what it offers, or that it even exists," said U.S. veteran Cathy Delametter, coordinator of the College of Continuing Education and Distance Learning and director of MTSU Military Center.

The purpose of the military center, Delametter said, is to help veterans at MTSU get the most out of their education, beginning with the registration process. One of its primary initiatives involves helping incoming military veterans enroll in classes, according to the center's Web site.

Delametter said that this semester 820 MTSU students are receiving some level of benefits from the GI Bill, but only a fraction of them take advantage of the program at the military center.

Delametter said that when veterans begin the enrollment process at MTSU, they often find that the process can be confusing

when they are required to fill out various forms at multiple locations across campus.

"I try to be the first point of contact," Delametter said. "From there, I direct them to where they need to go and what they need to do, and I answer any questions they may have."

Delametter said many veterans attending MTSU have never heard of the military center. She said the biggest growth of students coming into the center over the past couple of years is primarily due to word of mouth among veterans who have used the service.

U.S. Army veteran Emil Hirsch, sophomore journalism major, said he did not know about the center when he first enrolled at MTSU, but thinks the center could be beneficial for others.

"That's awesome that they offer [enrollment services]," Hirsch said. "That would be very useful if I had known about it."

The center also offers advice to veterans on how to process their GI Bill and where to go to have their military transcript evaluated for college credit. In addition, it connects them with faculty members who have also served in the military, so that they can receive assistance in selecting a major.

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men's tennis
player finds his
place on campus.

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"Dear John"
film disappoints
Nicholas
Sparks lovers.

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THURSDAY FORECAST

MOSTLY SUNNY
10% CHANCE OF RAIN
HIGH 40, LOW 24

"QUOTE OF THE DAY"

"We have the power to make this the best generation of mankind in the history of the world - or to make it the last."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

National Guard set to host conference

STAFF REPORT

The National Guard Association of Tennessee is gearing up for its 81st annual conference, which is set to feature an array of well-known political leaders, including Gov. Phil Bredesen.

The conference is scheduled for Feb. 26-28, and will be held at the Embassy Suites Murfreesboro Hotel and Conference Center.

Due to the number of soldiers who are currently deployed in Iraq, the associa-

tion teamed up with the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Tennessee to hold the joint conference for the first time this year.

"It just made sense that we come together at this time with so many soldiers deployed," said retired Col. Larry McKnight, executive director of the NGATN.

Organizers are expecting attendance to be much higher than anticipated, and three local hotels are fully booked for the weekend, according to a NGATN press release.

"We thought our numbers would be down since we have over 3,500 soldiers deployed to Iraq from the 278th Armor Cavalry Regiment and the 194th Engineer Brigade Headquarters," McKnight said. "Surprisingly, our registration is higher than it was for last year's conference."

The conference is set to open with a golf scramble at the Old Fort Golf Club, Feb. 25, and will officially begin with a ribbon cutting ceremony, which will be officiated by Murfreesboro Mayor Tommy Bragg.

More than 1000 active, reserve and

retired guardsmen are expected to attend a business session, headed by Col. Harry Montgomery, commander of the 164th Air Lift Wing, and is set to include several elected officials and military leaders.

Bredesen is scheduled to attend the business session, as well as, U.S. Reps. Jim Cooper and Zach Wamp.

For more information about the conference, contact McKnight at 615-833-9100. To learn more about the association, visit ngatn.org.

CENSUS FROM PAGE 1

"Our function is to conduct the 2010 Census within 11 counties," Alexander said. "Our people will go out to see households that do not respond to the mail-out."

Alexander said the 2010 Census should be easier than those from previous years.

In years past, Alexander said, the census was much longer and contained questions beyond the general demographic of people. He said it has been simplified this year and includes information pertaining to a person's name, age, sex, race, and location of residence and telephone number.

"They used to have quite an extensive questionnaire, and they got into a lot of other areas about finance and a lot of other additional information," Alexander said. "What they've decided to do is to break this one down since the charter of the decennial census is to count people."

The Census Bureau started The American Community Survey in 2005 to replace the older version. It collects detailed information that was included in the previous questionnaire about a community's socioeconomic and housing characteristics and is conducted every year.

Although it is not the same as the official census, the information is used to determine how more than \$400 billion of federal tax dollars are doled out to local communities throughout the country, according to the bureau's Web site.

"I don't really think it's my duty, but I think that it is something I can do and use to get a grasp on what the population is like," said Jonathan Buhler, sophomore recording industry production and technology major. "It's just something that you fill out and you turn back in and read about in the next history books."

Ray Ingram, senior digital animation major, said he does not mind filling out a short survey for the census, but would be concerned about

providing the federal government with more detailed information.

"I don't mind giving my general information, but if they ask me things that are way too personal," Ingram said. "I don't think they really need to have that much data concerning my particular demographic."

Ingram said he recently heard about a controversial issue in the Associated Press regarding how undocumented immigrants would be counted in the census. He said he could understand why people would be concerned about undocumented immigrants being included in a community's population count.

"It would give them an undo advantage [to some people for] getting into a position of power, that they may or may not deserve, through legal means by election by an illegal or undocumented body of their peers," Ingram said.

Ingram said much of the controversy centered on the fact that undocumented immigrants are not legally allowed to vote in elections, but they are included in the official population count.

Population is used to determine the number of electoral votes and congressional representatives allotted to each state.

Some have expressed concern about whether or not the government would turn information about undocumented immigrants into the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which could lead to deportation.

The 2010 Census includes a question that specifically asks if the person filling out the form is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, and state and local governments may use that data to help plan and administer bilingual programs for people of Hispanic origin, according to the bureau's Web site.

Benjamin Boyd, junior recording industry business major, said he was not that concerned with the census and doubts its accuracy.

Boyd said that he thinks the census is a part of history, but that he is skeptical of how accurate the information is because of a lack of participation for various reasons, such as moving or apathy.

CRIME BRIEFS

Feb. 12, 3:14 p.m.

Drugs
Gore Hall
A student was referred to Student Affairs for possession of drugs.

Feb. 13, 1:47 a.m.

Alcohol
Clement Hall
Colton Bane, 18, was charged with simple possession of a scheduled IV substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and underage consumption of alcohol.

Feb. 13, 12:06 a.m.

Traffic
Friendship Street
Roosevelt Jones III was issued a state citation for driving on a suspended driver's license.

Feb. 13, 2:49 a.m.

Alcohol
Bell Street
Juno Prudhomme, 19, was arrested for a 1st offense of driving under the influence in the parking lot.

Feb. 14, 8:25 a.m.

Vandalism
Alma Matter Drive
A complainant reported their tires were slashed while parked in the lot.

Feb. 14, 9:10 p.m.

Drugs
Clement Hall
Devoran Atwood, 18, was issued a state citation for simple possession.

VETERANS FROM PAGE 1

"For combat veterans coming back, there is a big culture shock," said English professor Jimmie Cain, a U.S. Army veteran who serves as a member of MTSU's Military Issues Committee.

Cain, who served in Korea during the Vietnam War, said he could relate to how the newly-enrolled veterans may feel when starting their civilian life as an MTSU student.

"When I returned home from serving overseas, I joined a veterans club because that was a place where we could all be together," Cain said. "You have to understand, even though they want to be part of the student body, life for them is different [from] other 19 or 20-year-olds."

Delametter said because veterans are a tight-knit group and often feel more comfort-

able opening up around each other, they are more willing to engage in discussions in a learning environment with other veterans.

Currently, there is one English class that is offered solely to veterans. The center is trying to get more veteran-only classes offered, including a University 1010 class, which offers new students a semester-long orientation to academic and student life on campus.

The center recently started a new program, which began earlier this month, in conjunction with the Nashville Veterans Affairs Medical Center to provide on-site counseling, and is open to veterans and their families.

The counseling does not have to be limited to experiences related to combat, and individuals, couples and group counseling is also offered free of charge for eligible individuals.

"There are a lot of veterans

who need counseling who are unwilling to admit it," Delametter said. "In other words, I have been in a combat situation, [and] I can deal with this."


Delametter said it is often a spouse or loved one who notices that a veteran would benefit from counseling and encourages them to attend.

She said she is considering working with area businesses to arrange internships, and that the center is also hoping to expand its services to help veterans acclimate to civilian life off-campus by offering more social activities in the future.

"Basically, what comes out of this is a lot of time and energy of people who care," Delametter said.

Cain said, most importantly, the MTSU community cares about its veterans.

"The faculty wants to be able to provide what these veterans need," Cain said. "We are very grateful to them."

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HOW DO YOU
CELEBRATE
MARDI GRAS?

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Mardi Gras in The Big Easy Student revels the true New Orleans experience

By EMMA EGLI
Features Editor

Driving down Elysian Fields like a streetcar in anticipation, the blaring green, gold and purple lights glare from every corner. The cobblestone streets wind around elegant buildings with graceful iron balconies. Jazz music fills more of your senses than the overwhelming aroma of muffalettas from the Central Grocery – and suddenly you

know the magic of N'ahleams wasn't defeated by Katrina.

Laughter carries throughout the street. Music is blaring from every bar. Looking around, I don't see a single person without a smile on their face. The sense of belongingness is undeniable, and I suddenly understand what New Orleans is all about – Mardi Gras.

Anyone who hasn't taken a walk down Bourbon Street during the pinnacle of this centuries-old celebration probably has the same mind-set I had before venturing there myself – America's biggest party taking place in overcrowded streets while drunken buffoons throw beads at girls with little or no dignity. I was wrong.

I got a sense that Louisiana was fairly more laid-back than I had anticipated. The instant my friends and I crossed the state line and I started seeing signs for drive-thru daiquiris, I realized we were in a state that appreciated nonchalance.

Fat Tuesday was still a few days away, but it was apparent that the celebration had started long before that – to be more precise, it had started the instant the Saints had won the Super Bowl. And the merriment was only gaining momentum.

The history of Mardi Gras goes further back to

some time during the second century. Ancient Romans would observe what they called "Lupercalia," a circus-type festival that honored the Roman deity, Lupercus.

Fast forward to when Christianity began being practiced in Rome, and the dignitaries of the early church decided it would be more prudent to incorporate certain aspects of such rituals into the new faith rather than attempt to abolish them altogether.

Carnival became a time of merriment right before the Lenten fast that allowed participants to indulge in whatever sort of debauchery their minds thought of. Be it the donning of masks or feasting their hearts out, all aspects of pleasure were considered allowable.

Things haven't changed much since ancient times, albeit now there are plenty of police officers around to serve as a friendly reminder that there was a limit to how much fun could be had. But of course, that doesn't stop people from pushing the limit.

The instant we took a turn onto Bourbon Street, all I could do was gawk in amazement. The lit street was literally packed with the happiest people I had seen in my life. It was like an adult's idea of Walt Disney World.

Beads were flying left and right and a man instantly walked up to me and placed a string of shiny pearls around my neck. I was shocked. I looked around in amazement realizing that the stereotypical act of exposing yourself to get beads doesn't necessarily ring true.

That's not to say it wasn't happening around me because trust

me, it undoubtedly was. But then again, people handle themselves differently when copious amounts of alcohol are involved. I have to admit, it was rather thrilling to watch people on the balconies toss out handfuls of beads and boas to an excited crowd below, especially when I became one of them.

We took multiple pit stops along the way, one of them being the famous Café Du Monde. The sales manager at the hotel we were staying at, Amanda Wichers, had given us the rundown on what to see while visiting the city. This renowned café, established in 1862, was one of them.

"Don't drink the tap water, but make sure not to refuse it either because the beignets gets messy," Amanda advises us. "Make sure you don't wear black."

This last piece of advice didn't make sense until the waiter brought the plates of golden and doughy beignets, our mouths dropping when we saw the powdered sugar piled high on top of the French pastries.

Amanda not only directed us to Café du Monde, but also

gave us valuable information on where to park, and how to stay safe.

"Get a Lucky dog at 2 a.m.," Amanda says.

We looked around at each, confused as to the meaning of such a precise time to get a hot dog.

"Because it's a hot dog from a push cart," Amanda states. "After 2 a.m., you won't care that you are eating a hot dog from a street vendor."

My perspective of New Orleans was completely changed after walking down one of the craziest streets I had ever been on. And it was only Friday. I couldn't even comprehend what Tuesday would bring.

We left that night, our necks weighed down with beads, our stomachs full of beignets and our spirits ringing with a new sense of accomplishment at experiencing a time-honored tradition in one of the most beautiful cities I have ever been to.

Adopting a pet from a shelter, more beneficial

By KELSEY FRANKLIN
Staff Writer

I was always the girl running over to the dingy pick-up truck parked on the outskirts of the Wal-Mart parking lot with a "puppies 4 sale" sign. Captivated by the soft fur and wet kisses, it never occurred to me that many of these adorable furry creatures were part of a seriously flawed cycle.

Illegal animal breeding and atrocities, such as puppy mills, have been around for a long time, but not without serious opposition. Organizations and activists like People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals admonish these illegal activities, but if average, every-day people are unaware that it is going on, they will continue to fall into the trap of purchasing one of these animals.

You've probably seen a little boy with his nose pressed up against the window of a pet shop in the mall. He cries out, "Mommy, mommy, can't we get a puppy, please?"

Of course it's quick and easy to pick up the first cute animal you see at the pet store, but while you're spending \$500 for a pure bred Chihuahua, there is a gigantic, lovable Saint Bernard waiting at the shelter for someone to take home.

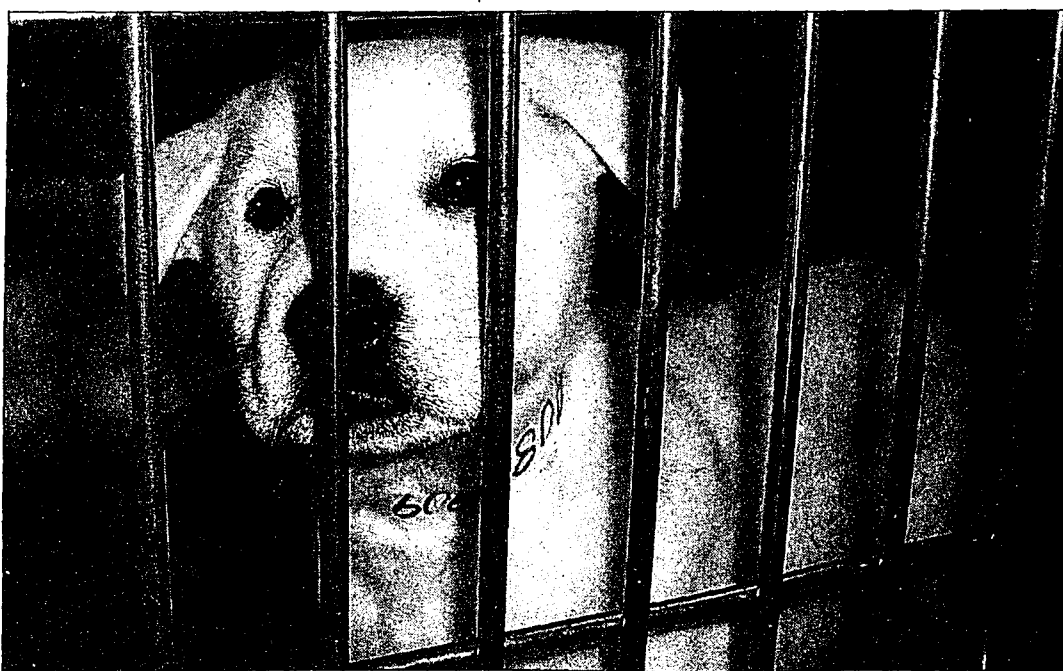
The difference between these animals is that the one from the pet store may have come from a puppy mill, whereas the one from the shelter has been abandoned or surrendered and looking for a loving family. Anna Hasenmueller, junior early childhood education major and Raiders Against Animal Cruelty member, has been adopting and rescuing animals for several years.

"My first experience with adopting was when I was in high school and there was a puppy mill bust in Franklin," Anna recalls.

Anyone who has witnessed or been exposed to the malicious activity of a puppy mill knows the unlucky dog chosen for the breeding stock lives its entire life without companionship and has serious health problems that lead to its untimely death. Dogs that are being bred are mistreated and malnourished, and that was no exception among the ones Anna encountered.

"The owner of the puppy mill had been cutting their vocal cords by hand and tattooing their paws and noses to make them a more desirable darker color," she recalls.

Anyone with a soul loves a tiny, fluffy, endearing kitten or puppy, but puppy mills are proof



Photos by Emma Egli, features editor

A puppy (above) that needs a loving home. Josie Davis (right), a volunteer at P.A.W.S., takes care of two dogs at the shelter.



that not everyone knows where their animals come from.

Adopting an animal from a shelter gives you the confidence your animal was taken out of a bad situation and is on a quest for a better life. Think of it this way: with every person who decides to adopt an animal rather than buy one from a pet store, they are collectively working to put those stores out of business.

That is the key thing to keep in mind: puppy mills and breeders are all in business for the profit. However, there are many benefits to animal adoption for both you and your pet. Shelters function for the love and well-being of the animals.

"Animals are not disposable, and it is time people start recognizing that their actions have consequences," Anna asserts.

She believes there is a common misconception that an animal is at a shelter or pound because it is bad or dangerous, when in reality it's because of an irresponsible owner. It's important to realize that getting an animal is taking on a great responsibility. You have a responsibility to yourself and a responsibility to your new pet.

So it all comes down to you and your decisions. Rather than impulsively and irresponsibly buying an animal from a pet shop,

or newspaper or Internet ad, think about where that animal came from and what kind of a system you want to be supporting in the end.

Animal rescue and adoption is an ongoing success. Adopting pets from a local animal shelter allows numerous homeless or abandoned animals the chance for a second life.

According to the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association 2009-2010 Nation Pet Owners Survey, there are 77.5 million owned dogs in the United States.

Our mission, as a compassionate country, should be to have the majority of these animals adopted. We are off to a good start – according to the successful adoption site, Petfinders.com, there have been 13 million adoptions since 1995.

Ray Wong, media design professor, has been active in animal rescues, specifically with greyhounds. For years, Wong was part of Greyhound Pets of America and is the former president of the Nashville chapter.

Ray has two greyhounds, Shadow and Kelley, both of which he acquired through the fostering program he has been so active in. Now he is spreading awareness of the life of a racing grey-

hound and is an example of the good that comes out of animal rescue and fostering.

Animals are a major attraction, and that is no exception on a college campus. Being in college and finally having your own place, a lot of people are looking for that special kitten or puppy to make their home complete.

Sarah Metzger, sophomore child development and family studies major, recently adopted her first cat from the Rutherford County Animal Shelter, P.A.W.S. A little skittish at first, little Mouse is now doing great and opening up and loving the attention she gets.

"I think people should adopt from a shelter because not only are you saving an animal from being put down, most require that you have your pet [spayed or neutered] before you take it home," Sarah says. "This will ultimately keep the number of animals in shelters down because there will be less of them."

So, if you are looking to get a new pet, take a serious look at adoption. You'll be helping save the lives of many animals while taking a stand against the inhumane practice of illegal breeding and the cruelty found in puppy mills.

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Be patient, wait five more minutes

Making noise before the end of class disrespectful to professors and peers

Before I approach the point, allow me to offer a little perspective.

At age 31, I'm a junior in college for the second time. My first attempt was at Purdue University in my hometown of West Lafayette, Ind.

During my first semester there, I earned a 3.6 GPA and found myself on the dean's list. In my fourth semester, I had a 1.2 and ended up on academic probation. To say I had a crisis of motivation is a gross understatement, similar to Tiger Woods saying, "I like women."

Almost 10 years later, I finished my first semester at MTSU with a 4.0. There's no longer a crisis of motivation on my part, primarily due to a wife who will savagely thrash me if I waste good tuition money. Many of my classmates, however, I have to wonder about.

I've noticed a tendency among students here that I was never conscious of when I was at Purdue. Perhaps, that's because when I was there, I was probably doing the exact same thing – but that's another story.

With exactly – and I do mean exactly – five minutes to go in any class, I always hear the rustling of someone, or in most cases many someones, closing their notebooks or laptops, clicking their



Back in my day again

Scott Henry

pens closed, packing away supplies, zipping their backpacks, putting on coats and putting all their weight on the front foot like an Olympic sprinter preparing to leap off the blocks.

This is all usually done while the professor continues to discuss material that may prove relevant come exam time, and it's often somewhat difficult to hear over the people preparing to stampede toward the door. Some professors are concerned about this particular aspect of behavior.

"It's not that I feel I'm the one being disrespected, although maybe I am," said Bob Pondillo, electronic media communication professor.

"It's how the noise and commotion impacts the other students who want to hear my last few comments, which, believe it or not, might actually be important."

Pondillo described this behavior as "narcissism" on the part of "the few who think of themselves as 'we who really count.'"

Some professors take an attitude more laid-back than Pondillo's to the five-minute fire drill.

"I trust the students' maturity level, and I understand if there's somewhere that they have to get to quickly," said history professor Mary Evins. "At the same time, I still have material that I

have to finish in our scheduled period, and if they're packing up, they may miss something."

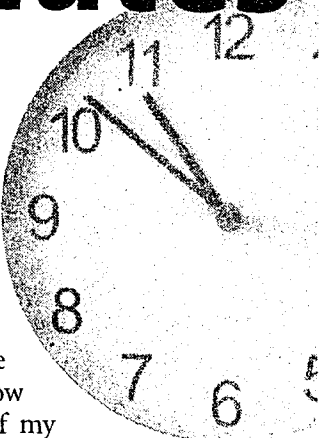
The time crunch of crossing campus in the 15 to 25 minutes between back-to-back classes is understandable. However, I have to chuckle at comments about how large this campus is based off of my experience at Purdue.

We could park two MTSU campuses on Purdue's acreage and possibly still have room for a community college to be named later. Try crossing that in 15 minutes. It's the main reason that I was 40 pounds lighter when I attended Purdue.

It's all in your perspective, to be sure. But from mine, there's no point on this campus that someone can't reach in 15 minutes, even an older, chunkier fellow like me.

The next time you're compelled to make a large production out of how pressed for time you are, while disturbing those around you in the process, just remember that you're admitting how an old, fat guy from Indiana can move faster than you can.

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Specifics within languages sometimes lost in translation

"Ethnologue," an encyclopedia that categorizes all the languages in today's world, is currently working with a list of 6,909 languages. Even though it is impossible for us to understand all of them, many of us are still curious to know what is being communicated outside of our native language.

This is where translators come in to help transfer the meaning.

Even though there are plenty of great translated works published today, can a translation ever perfectly reflect the original? The answer is no. Nothing can be an exact duplicate of the original.

Ideas can be communicated in more than one way and interpretations can sometimes be conflicting. This is why there can be so many conflicting versions of the Quran and the Bible.

Without the reader being able to understand the original Arabic or Aramaic, he



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Nate Bernadini

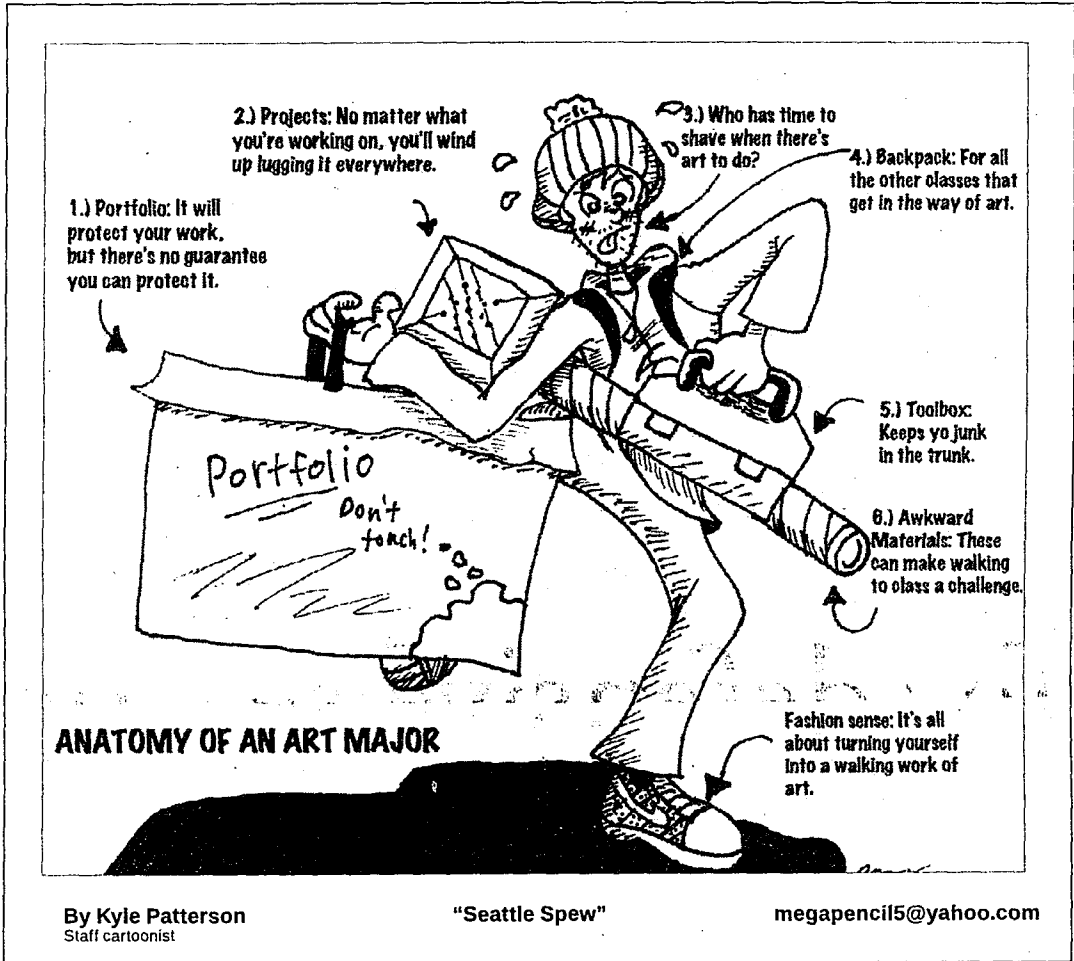
yonder window breaks?" is sure to lose the effect it has if it is written in another language; to another audience; at a much later time.

The German poet, translator and critic August Wilhelm Schlegel (1767-1845) translated the line like this: "Was schimmert durch das Fenster dort?" This literally means in English: "What is shimmering through that window there?"

Although the meaning was successfully carried over into German, one would really have to understand how Shakespeare uses and communicates English in order to truly appreciate the art, beauty and level of talent for which he is renowned.

No matter who the translator is or how long the translation has been researched, many aspects become lost when converting meaning into different forms.

Meaning is not always everything. The field of translation is relative and highly theoretical. In other words, a foreign text, as



long as its language cannot be understood by the reader, will continue to remain a door to the unknown.

Although translators strive to unlock languages' meanings, their methods are theoretical and their style is dependant upon taste. As readers, we can either walk through, rejecting the entryway, or learn how to open the door ourselves.

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Recent speaker at MTSU avoids whole truth

Ronny Simon's speech fails to shine light on issues in two wars

By NADER HOBBALLAH

Guest Columnist

Israeli Defense Forces Reservist Ronny Simon came to MTSU on Jan. 28, to present a history of Israel. Before starting, Simon stated that he would be as objective as possible and present only things that could be proven as fact.

His presentation, though, wasn't completely factual and he didn't present the whole story. The following is a brief summary of two wars he mentioned – The Six Day War and The Yom Kippur War – how Simon treated them, and how I believe he should have treated them.

The Six-Day War, which

took place June 5-10, 1967, was a war between Israel and the neighboring states of Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

On June 5, 1967, Israel launched a preemptive attack on Egypt in response to what it perceived as an inevitable attack. The Arab countries involved denied planning to attack Israel and asserted that Israel's strike was not preemptive, but an unwarranted and illegal act of aggression.

At the war's end, Israel had gained control of the Sinai Peninsula, the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights.

Simon said Israel acted preemptively to stop an imminent attack against itself.

A broad range of scholars and analysts, both military and political, refute this claim. Roland Popp of The Middle East Journal stated that there was no imminent attack from the Arabs. He added that the Israeli decision to strike was made not for military reasons, but to prevent a diplomatic solution, which might have entailed disadvantages for the Israeli side.

Raymond Hinnebusch of "The International Politics of the Middle East" stated that former Egyptian President Gamal Nasser had no intention of striking first, and the Israeli generals were confident of victory. For the Israeli Hawks, the crisis was less of a threat and more of an opportunity to smash Egypt and the Pan-Arab movement while Israel still had military superiority.

Norman Finkelstein, an expert in political science, stated that the scholarly consensus is an Egyptian armed attack was not imminent. In Avi Shlaim's Iron Wall: Israel and the Arab World, former U.S. President Lyndon Johnson told the Israeli diplomat Abba Eban that it was the unanimous view of his military experts that there was no sign the Egyptians were planning to attack Israel.

The Yom Kippur War happened when Egypt and Syria launched a surprise attack on Israel on October 6, 1973, the day of Yom Kippur, the holiest day in Judaism. Egypt and Syria crossed cease-fire lines to enter the Sinai Peninsula and Golan Heights respectively, which had been cap-

tured and occupied by Israel since the Six-Day War.

Israelis suffered heavy losses initially, but managed to recover and turn the tide in their favor. A cease-fire was achieved on Oct. 24, 1973.

Simon failed to mention such an important event.

Simon was completely glossed over when he discussed the Six-Day War and then fast-forwarded to 1978's Camp David Accords, where a peace deal was signed between Egypt and Israel, thus the Sinai Peninsula was returned to Egypt.

The Yom Kippur War is a vastly underrated war in the West. MTSU political science professor Andrei Korobkov said, it was more dangerous than the Cuban Missile crisis, as the Soviets were mobilizing their forces for the region on the side of Egypt.

Maj. Steven J. Piccirilli of the U.S. Marines Corps wrote that it was a political and strategic victory for the Arabs that allowed them to negotiate the return of the Sinai Peninsula to Egypt. I bring this up because Simon's presentation made it seem as if Israel just handed over the Sinai Peninsula in the Camp David Accords.

However, Stephen Walt, a professor of international relations at Harvard, stated that Israel had no intention of giving back the territory, instead wanting to incorporate it into a Greater Israel as settlement construction in the area began.

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Ex-MT tennis player puts his roots down in Murfreesboro as director of Ticket Operations

By CASEY BROWN
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Marco Born came to Middle Tennessee to play tennis, and by any measure that objective was a success.

As it turns out, however, the university had much more in store for him than groundstrokes and volleys. Born won a national championship as a Blue Raider; and, arguably of more importance, he found a career, a wife and a place to call home in Murfreesboro.

The road to MT wasn't direct for Born. From his home in Hannover in 2002, he put out feelers to head across the Atlantic, and eventually ended up at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville.

"I wrote an e-mail to all the tennis coaches in Division I back to see if they were interested in me coming over," Born said. "I had to come in the spring for eligibility because I was out of school for a while, and that's a pretty bad semester [to jump into] tennis."

Born said Tennessee Tech. was the only one that offered him a scholarship.

Born spent the season playing at No. 1 in singles, and caught the attention of former MT head coach Dale Short in a couple of tournaments. Born's doubles partner was also dating a player on the Blue Raider women's team at the time, so he says he had some familiarity with the area.

Taking over the No. 2 spot in the lineup after Andreas Siljestrom, Born experienced immediate success at MT, earning All-Sun Belt honors in singles after compiling a 19-4 dual-match record.

It would be his partnership with Siljestrom in doubles, though, that would eventually make history.

"I focused more on singles because it was more important to the team, but my game fit doubles pretty well," Born said. "After the first couple of semesters when I could see we had an advantage in doubles, I put a lot of effort into that."

To say the tandem had an advantage would be an understatement. Born and Siljestrom advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2005, their first season together; and continued to improve, winning the Polo Ralph Lauren/ITA All-American Championship that fall.

The duo capped their record-breaking careers at Middle Tennessee with the NCAA National Championship in doubles in 2007, sending out Short with his first NCAA title.

In addition to the size factor (Both players are 6'9), Born credits his chemistry with Siljestrom for the team's success.

"Personality-wise, he's very different from me," Born said. "It worked out very well on the court, we were a good package — he was a very good friend too."

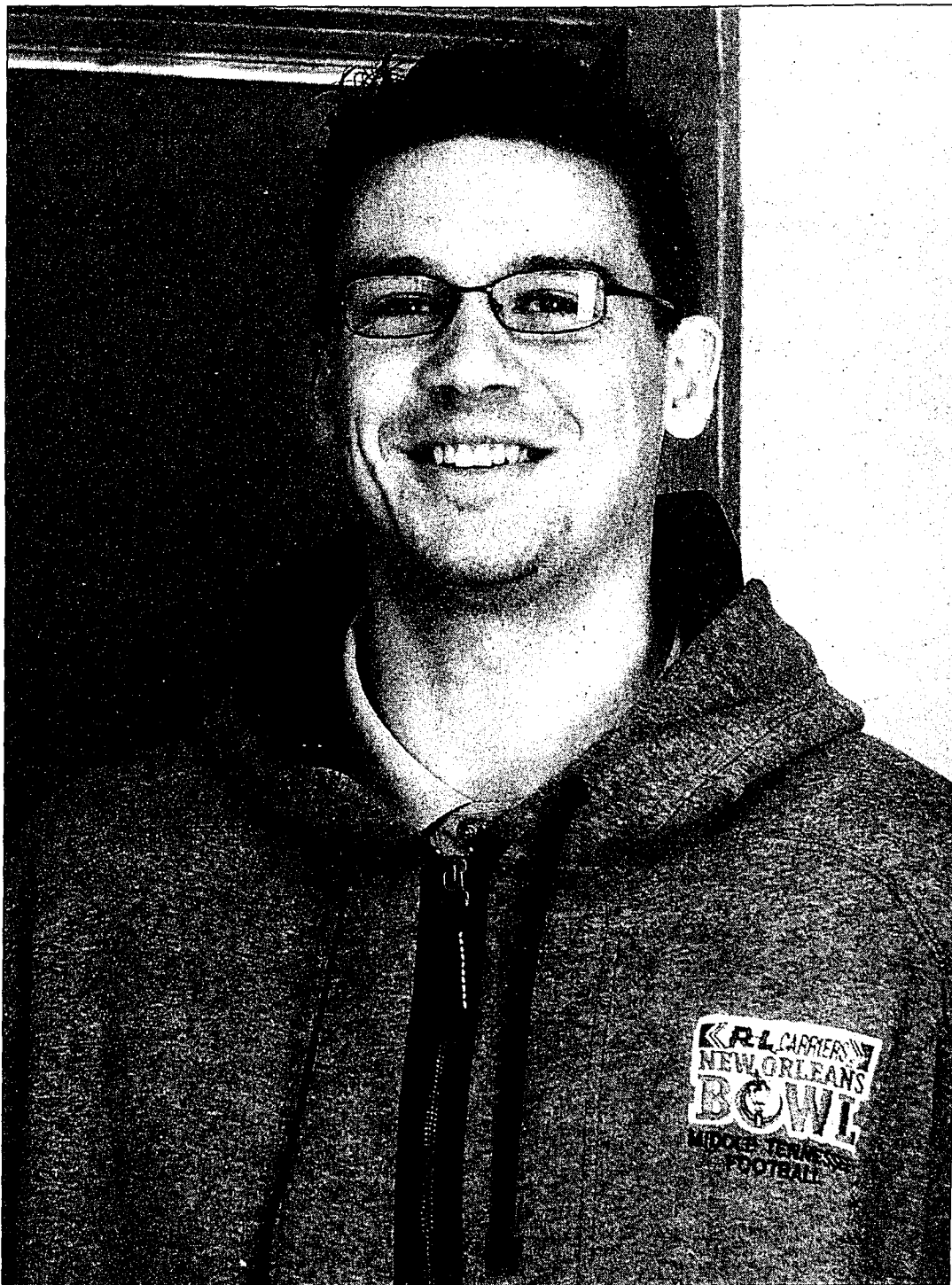


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Marco Born, MT tennis alumnus is the current director of Ticket Operations at MTSU.

MT Baseball prepares for defensive season

By STEPHEN CURLEY
Sports Editor

While Tennessee is dealing with snow and cold weather, the Blue Raider baseball team is poised to begin its title defense.

The defending Sun Belt Conference champions must first worry about replacing the offensive production of departed third baseman Rawley Bishop and center fielder Nathan Hines after being drafted by the Detroit Tigers and Colorado Rockies, respectively.

"Both guys were outstanding teammates off the field, as well," said head coach Steve Peterson. "It's easy to replace ball players, it's hard to replace good people."

The proposed solution will be to move junior Tyler Burnett to third base, while freshman Ryan Ford will take over at shortstop.

[Ford's] gotta go out there and play a solid defensive shortstop and contribute any way he can in the offensive lineup," Peterson said.

All eyes will be on junior outfielder Bryce Brentz, who will be taken out of the starting rotation early in the season in order to devote more practice time to learning center field, where he will take over for Hines.

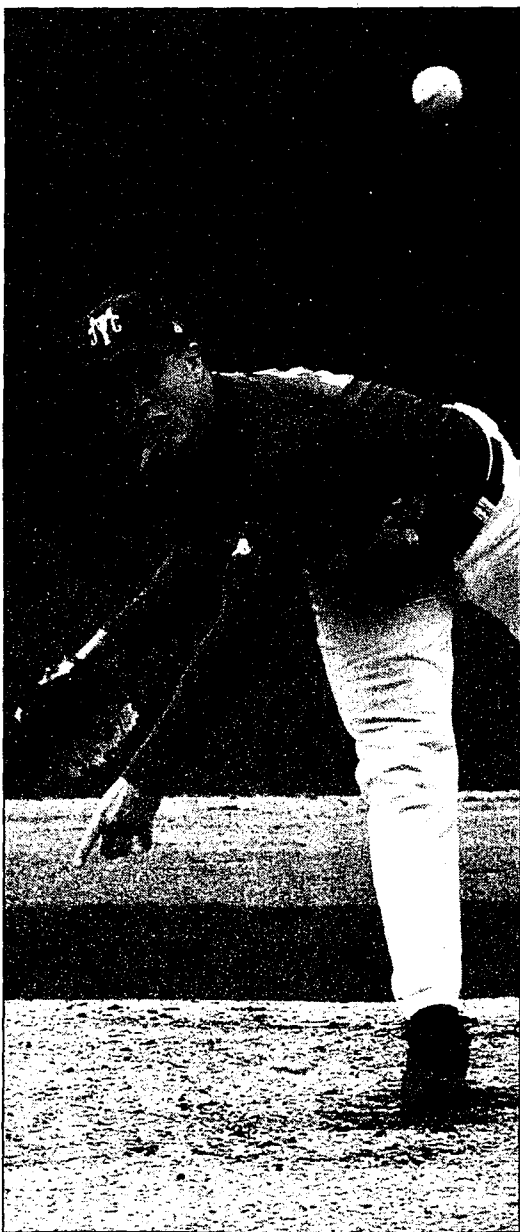
The Knoxville native is coming off one of the best seasons a Blue Raider has ever had, hitting .465 with 28 home runs and 73 RBIs. Brentz is projected to be a very high first-round draft pick in the Major League Baseball draft.

"All these scouts come in to see Bryce and comments have been made about other guys on the team," Peterson said. "Good players attract attention to other good players."

Another position the Blue Raiders will have to find is a closer. Coty Woods was another key departure after being drafted by the Colorado Rockies. Peterson said it would have to be closer by committee until somebody steps up to take the job full-time.

"You would much rather have somebody like Coty who is designated and wants the job," Peterson said. "But I know we have somebody, we just have to find out who it is."

With Brentz being taken out of the starting rotation, MT will have a tough task getting quality innings out of its starters outside of ace Kenneth Roberts. The senior from Murfreesboro led the team in



File Photo

Senior pitcher Kenneth Roberts went 11-1 in the 2009 season with 3.04 ERA.

2009, going 11-1 with a 3.04 ERA in 16 starts, including two complete games.

Peterson did say the possibility of Brentz returning to a pitching role, whether starting or in relief, was open later in the season.

"He's one of our top pitchers," Peterson said. "So somewhere down the line we'll start bringing him back."

The Blue Raiders travel to Memphis for a three-game series with the University of Memphis starting at 4 p.m., Friday.

"They know it's not going to be like last year, but we're not asking them to do anything that hasn't been done before," Peterson said.

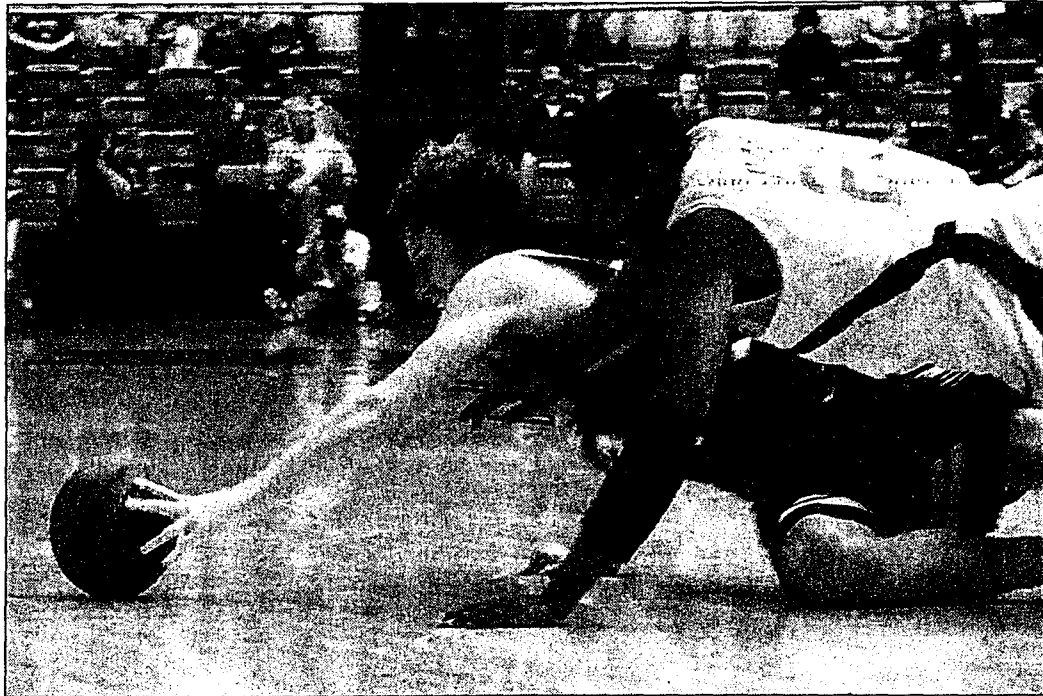


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Senior forward and guard Montarrio Haddock scrambles for the ball at MT's game against Belmont University on Dec. 8 in the Murphy Center.

Blue Raiders set to face Troy in Sun Belt showdown

By JACOB WELLS
Contributing Writer

With only four conference games remaining, the Blue Raiders will be traveling to Troy University to try and extend their lead in the East Division of the Sun Belt Conference.

The Blue Raiders (16-11, 10-4) fell to the Trojans (14-11, 9-5) 70-67 on Feb. 4, in the Murphy Center. In that contest, junior guard James Washington led all scorers with 14 points.

MT has won eight of their last nine games, with the only loss during the season being a 70-67 loss to the Trojans.

MT is coming off a 109-79 trouncing of Houston Baptist University Saturday. Washington set a school record for 3-pointers made (10) and the team tied the record for 3-pointers attempted (33). That record has only been met twice before, once on Jan. 18, 1997, and again on

Dec. 12, 2000.

Washington's record surpassed the previous one held by Robert "Cat-Eye" Taylor and John Humphrey, who each made eight 3-pointers in a single game. Washington's career-high 34 points were the most by a Blue Raider since 1994.

MT also scored 100 points for the first time since Nov. 17, 2001, in a 115-59 victory over Bryan College.

Desmond "Boogie" Yates recorded his fourth 20-point game this season against the Huskies. For his career, the Blue Raiders are 22-8 when Yates scores 20 points or more.

Troy enters this game fresh off of a 70-67 victory over conference opponent Florida International University at Trojan Arena. Michael Vogler led the Trojans with 19 points as all five starters scored in double figures. Yamene Coleman posted his team-leading eight double-double with 10 points

and 12 rebounds.

Troy has won five of its last seven contests, with their last loss being an 87-69 effort at Western Kentucky University.

A win for MT would greatly improve their chances at claiming the East Division crown, while Troy is looking to reach the same goal. A Troy win would create a tie for first place and a four-way tie for the overall conference regular season championship.

Also on Thursday, Florida Atlantic University travels to FIU. An FAU victory would create a three-way tie in the East and a five-way tie for the overall conference.

The Blue Raiders last home game will be on Saturday at 7 p.m., against South Alabama, when the seniors will be honored for their dedication to the program. The last two regular season games for MT will be at FIU and then at FAU. Those games will be played on Feb. 25, and 27, respectively.

Senior night set to bring tears to crowds

I'm going to cry on Sunday. And I won't be the only one. Why you ask?

Simply put, it's Senior Day for the Lady Raiders, and it is the last time Alysha Clark, Chelsia Lymon, Bran-

di Brown, Jackie Pickel and Dana Garrett will ever put on an Lady Raiders' uniform.

The numbers this group has put up are astonishing. Going into Wednesday's game against Troy, in 11,290

minutes, they have scored 4,667 points on 44.4 percent shooting, including 35.2 percent from behind the arc and 75 percent from the free throw line.

For four years, one of every three 3-point shots put up by the five sessions in the last four years has gone in.

They've also taken down 1,584 rebounds and dished out 871 assists, while committing only 810 turnovers. For a player to go four years and have a positive assist to turnover ratio is impressive, for five players to do it is unreal.

Overall, they have won 98 games while only losing 27, and in conference they have



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won an unreal 91.2 percent of their games; 62-6, with only one of those losses in the last four years coming at the Murphy Center.

They've won two Sun Belt regular season and conference tournament titles, win-

ning both in 2007 and 2009, and they have two top 10 wins, defeating No. 8 Georgia in 2006 and No. 8 Louisiana State in 2007. Not to mention playing No. 1 Maryland, defending national champion, to a 4-point game to open the 2006 season.

As impressive as these numbers are, they could have been even more impressive if Alysha Clark had been here all four years instead of spending her first two at Belmont.

Clark leads the list of accolades for the senior class. She is the only player in NCAA basketball history, men's or women's, to be named the Player of the Year in two different conferences – Atlantic

Sun with Belmont in 2006-07 and Sun Belt last year with MT.

She is included in both school's 1,000 point club and her list of accomplishments include a 50 point game at Troy in 2009, the Murphy Center record of 45 points last year versus Western Kentucky, over forty double-doubles in a Middle Tennessee uniform and a third-team All-America selection by the Associated Press as she lead the nation in scoring last season.

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