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Up 'Til Dawn events approach-

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

MTSU's Up 'Til Dawn, a fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, will hold its celebration March 1.

"Up 'Til Dawn holds fund-raisers throughout the year," said Chris Montague, interim coordinator of student organizations and community service. "The March event is a celebration of the work done throughout the year. We're staying up 'til dawn to sym-

bolize the fact that many parents and families do the same throughout the year."

Laurie Cook, executive director of MTSU Up 'Til Dawn, said participants are divided into teams. She said there would be about 30 teams at this year's events.

"Throughout the year, each team participates in different fund-raisers, such as letter-writing campaigns," Cook said. "Those of us on the committee also fund-raise on our own. We try to lead by example."



Up 'Til Dawn has two big events coming up this month.

Thursday, "Kick it for a Cure" will be held at Bongo Johnny's. Up 'Til Dawn will receive \$2 from every \$5 cover.

On March 1, the group's namesake event will begin at 7 p.m. at the Business and Aerospace Building. There will be a small rally and then everyone will walk together to the Recreation Center around 8:30.

At the Rec Center, there will be a little of everything, from swing dance lessons and massages to comedians and a silent auction. There also will be

live bands and food supplied by Aramark.

Up 'Til Dawn also will have St. Jude patients who will speak about how the partnership of Up 'Til Dawn and St. Jude has helped them personally.

St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital treats children with catastrophic diseases. Cook said daily operation costs of the hospital are nearly \$500,000 a day.

To find out more about MTSU Up 'Til Dawn, call 904-8270.

Comptroller to sue White House

By Jennifer Card
Contributor

At a Vanderbilt University news conference Thursday, Tennessee Comptroller General David Walker made his first public comments since coming forward Wednesday with his plans to sue the White House over internal documents.

Walker confirmed that he would seek to file a lawsuit against the White House within the next two weeks. The lawsuit will attempt to force the Bush administration into turning over documentation concerning last year's energy task force to the General Accounting Office. The GAO serves as the investigative arm of Congress.

Vice President Dick Cheney led the task force. Also included in the meetings were several leaders of the energy industry, including Kenneth Lay, former CEO of Enron.

Walker denied that the planned lawsuit resulted from Enron's collapse amid accounting scandals and stressed that congressional committee members had sought the requested information since April of last year. However, he noted that the collapse has refocused attention on energy legislation and that has led to a renewed interest in the documents.

The administration's concern is the ability of White House officials to gather advice from outside sources without divulging to the public the essence of those discussions.

Walker sees things differently. He believes that it is the constitutionally defined role of the vice president, his role in voluntarily created task forces and matters of "transparency" that are really at issue.

"It's more about the right of Congress to conduct oversight

and the right of the GAO to conduct an objective review and analysis," Walker said. "We are required by law, when committee members ask for it, to get that information. I am doing my job."

Walker also said that, though he is open to negotiations with the administration, the White House has not yet made any effort to contact him since his announcement, adding that he believes that this situation is setting a "precedent."

"The administration has totally resisted reasonable efforts," Walker said.

He also charges that there have been a number of "misrepresentations" by White House personnel during the GAO's inquiries.

"The White House asserted that we 'backed off' last August, so we don't have a strong case," he said.

Walker explained the lull in activity by saying that there was a required "statutory certification period" that ended just before Sept. 11.

"It would have been inappropriate and imprudent to bring action at that time," Walker said. "I issued a statement in September noting that fact."

When asked about possible partisan influence over the legal process, Walker denied that any such bias exists. He repeated that he had been asked by four congressional committee chairs to investigate the matter.

"No one has asked me not to file a lawsuit," he said.

Whatever documentation the lawsuit brings to the GAO, much of it will not be made public.

After the office has had a chance to examine the articles, Walker will issue a report detailing their findings.

A crowning achievement: Burns, Thorpe take titles



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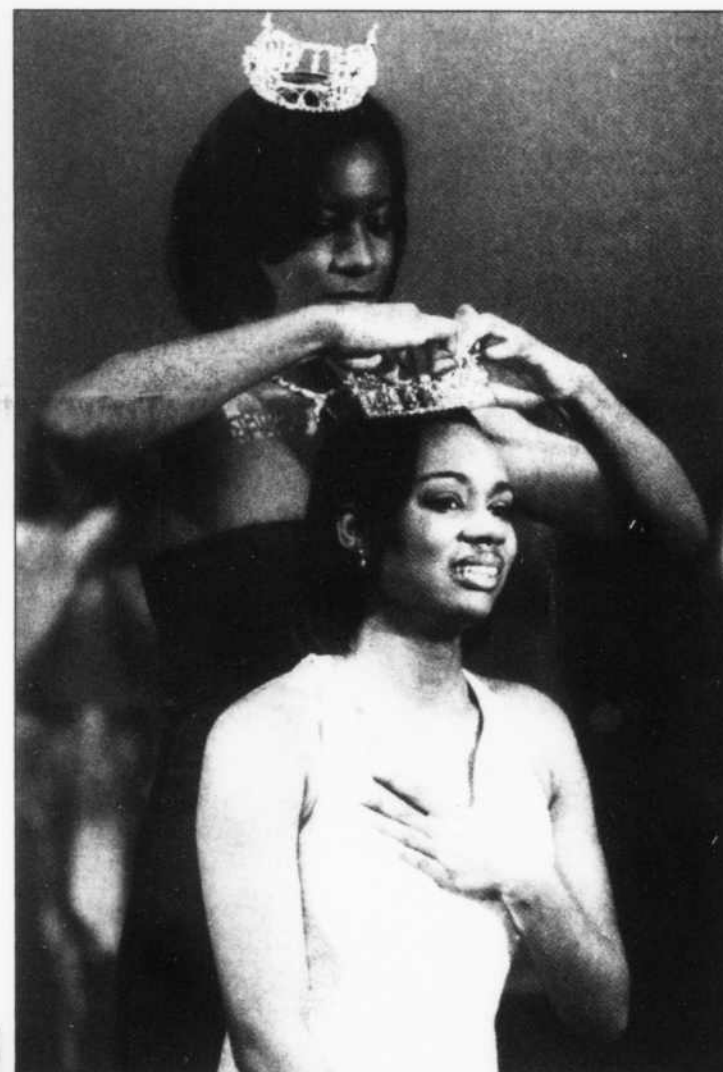
Brooke Burns (above), a sophomore psychology major, is crowned Miss Blue Raider by Leah Leonard, last year's winner.

Kimika Thorpe (right) receives her Miss MTSU crown from Miss MTSU 2001 Ashley Brooks.

Mary Smith (below right) receives final make-up touches before the gown competition.

Mandy Smith (below) reacts to making the finals.

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Sundquist address tonight

By Tom Sharp
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - Three years ago he proposed a business tax. Two years ago it was an income tax. Last year it was an expansive new education program. None of those proposals came to pass.

When Gov. Don Sundquist delivers his last State of the State address tonight, he is not expected to propose any large new programs or a specific tax plans, even though he and legislative leaders agree the state needs between \$700 million and \$1.2 billion in new tax revenue next year.

Instead, he will focus on the state's accomplishments in recent years and what other things should be done to move the state forward.

A focus of the speech may be bipartisanship. Sundquist, a Republican, and many in the Democrat-controlled Legislature were encouraged by the bipartisan manner in which redistricting was handled, and they are hopeful the same spirit will remain alive through the bitter budget debates.

Social order affects primate addiction

By Nick Phillips
Old Gold and Black

(U-WIRE) WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. - This century has seen monkeys at the forefront of scientific research, from space flights to genetic testing. But a unique study done at the Wake Forest University's School of Medicine hooked monkeys on the same drug as rock stars and athletes - cocaine.

Scientists have concluded that cocaine addiction in monkeys is closely linked to social order.

The study was written by

Michael Nader, an associate professor for the departments of physiology and pharmacology and of radiology at the university School of Medicine in conjunction with nine associates. Nader's and his colleagues' work is receiving worldwide attention after its publication in this month's *Nature Neuroscience*.

Scientists put 20 Masque monkeys into small groups. Once a social order was established, the scientists allowed the monkeys to inject themselves with cocaine.

Results showed that the

monkeys that were more dominant in the groups were less likely to become addicted.

"The positive spin on that is environment enrichment - changes in the environment that enhance someone's condition - can protect them from drug abuse," Nader said in the Jan. 21 *Winston-Salem Journal*.

"The negative is that stressors - in this case a social stressor - can also impact the likelihood that a drug will have a greater potential for abuse."

Cocaine blocks the dopamine receptors in the brain, allowing the dopamine, a

natural chemical that triggers the feeling of being high, to linger rather than being absorbed.

Dominant monkeys ended up with 20 percent more dopamine receptors in their brains than the subordinate monkeys. This allowed them to absorb the dopamine at the same rate that they would without the cocaine, so they never used enough to become addicted.

"There is a typical characteristic to how they respond,"

See Monkey, 2

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Editorial

If Donnelly wants fans in stands, start with free food

James "Boots" Donnelly stated upon his appointment as athletics director that he would put fans in the stands. The process of putting fans in the seats at Floyd Stadium starts Wednesday with the Signing Day.

Fans generally want to know about their team's recruits for the upcoming season. Excitement for the new season begins with getting a real commitment from that top-notch recruit on Signing Day. It's even better if your team snags a big recruit from one of those big schools. No doubt Blue Raider fans will be banging down the door of the Game Day Room to see which awesome recruits will commit to MT for the 2002 season.

There's just one problem. The athletics department has the audacity to charge students and anyone else who shows up for this prestigious event for "grilled hot dogs and lunch." First, the BRAA acts like it's doing the fans a favor by giving them lunch.

Second, assuming that, by fans, the athletics department means students, charging for food is a ludicrous idea. Students always look for free food opportunities. By having free food, the athletics department can draw more students to Signing Day and generate more interest in the Sun Belt co-champions for the 2002 season.

Students didn't show up to games in droves this season. Perhaps that's because they didn't really know much about the football team other than that they played Vanderbilt in the first game of the season. Maybe if students knew the program starting with the recruits, they would be more interested in watching the Blue Raiders on the field.

It makes sense that if you know someone you will support him or her. Gaining fans starts with allowing them to get to know the players.

In order to put fans in the stands, the athletics department is going to have to make some sacrifices, starting with not trying to make a buck off every little thing. Surely the athletics department isn't that bad off financially. How much could a hot dog or a hamburger cost?

If the athletics department were to offer free food, it is a given that students would show up. Maybe that's not the best way to get fans, but we haven't heard any other ideas yet. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

Gore's back. Fantastic.



Saturday night, part-time professor Al Gore gave a speech at the Renaissance Nashville Hotel, saying he intends "to rejoin the national debate."

Oh, goody. I can't wait. I'm sure he'll inject many insightful perspectives into local and national campaigns.

As I wipe the dripped sarcasm off my page, consider this: He blasted the current administration for its economic policy, stating that they are not running a government "that lives within its means."

Interesting, considering that the Bush administration inherited the current financial state from Clinton/Gore economic policies.

Most economists were predicting an economic downturn before Bush was even sworn in. It is incomprehensible that one elected man influenced the national economy so negatively that he was solely responsible for losing a \$4 trillion (Gore's figure given in his speech) surplus even before he took the oath of office.

The former vice president went on to state that he would like to see serious campaign finance reform. He went on to highlight the Enron brouhaha as a prime example.

I hate to be the one to break it to Gore, but Enron has donated hard and soft money to a full two-thirds of the U.S. Congress, not just to President Bush's election campaign.

If Gore really wants to "mend fences," he'll have to do more than appear in a classroom biweekly and toss off ridiculous claims about Bush. ♦

Bush keeps nation focused on right issues

By Michael Schultz
Staff Columnist

Identifying problems is easy, but President Bush's State of the Union address was well-received because he offered solutions to those problems. He proposed plans to attack the problems of terrorism and economic sluggishness.

Some of the highlights include the president's plan for more spending on military, as well as bolstering the domestic security that has already been instated.

These are good things for this country. With Iran and Iraq, two hostile nations both still harboring terrorists and pursuing weapons of mass destruction, the increase in spending for the military will allow us to intercept weapons and other shipments that

are going to these countries.

Currently, we have Navy vessels patrolling the eastern coast of Africa to intercept such shipments from reaching Somalia as well.

The military spending will take our military back to the strength it was at before Clinton made large cuts in defense spending. It will also increase intelligence and give us a missile defense system that can prevent a strike by weapons of mass destruction.

In a time when our military is not up against a single power, it needs to be as up to date as possible to ensure American safety.

Bush classifies our current situation as a two front war – the war on terrorism abroad and the war with the economy at home.

He proposes the creation of a citizen based USA Freedom Corps to aide in homeland security.

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He is urging congress to pass a fiscal plan giving tax breaks to corporations.

It may seem that corporations already have enough breaks, but each tax break they receive allows for more spending on jobs for the American people. This in turn will help to get the economy back on line. Included in this is a tax break for the non corporate tax payer as well.

If by investing in corporations that can soon build new plants, develop better machinery and create new jobs, then I am all for it. As long as Congress acts in a responsible way, then deficit spending should be zero or an absolute minimum.

His address was rather good. As a matter of fact, the USA Today-Gallup poll the next day gave Bush

a rating of 94 percent, which means that 94 percent of the people thought the speech was "very or somewhat positive".

Overall, 91 percent believe the president is leading the country down the right path. In a rather bipartisan address, he said we need to not act in parties now, but as Americans.

He is asking to have all these things approved to do three things. First, is to win the war against terrorism.

Second, is to protect the American people, and third is to take back the economy.

Bush may have a personality that doesn't agree with you, but the reaction to his State of the Union address says Americans are comfortable with his plan and confident with his leadership. ♦

Realize the implications of your actions

By Kelley B. Anderson
Guest Columnist

A flier circulating our campus recently caught my eye – not because the bands looked at all appealing, but because of the image used to promote the bands' show. The picture consisted of an Asian woman crouched in a corner, bound by a rope, head cocked to the side, mouth slightly open, glazed eyes, mutilated arms hindering any kind of defense and wearing nothing but undergarments and high heels. Am I the only one who has a problem with this?

How can violence, especially toward women, be sexualized, and how is it that mutilation and submission can be construed as a turn on or even as appealing?

Especially when these things are put into context with the very real history of imperialism we have been responsible for in Asian cultures, and the

very real presence of rape and violence toward women in our own society, not to mention the political disempowerment of women in all cultures.



This adds two dimensions to our deconstruction of this image – one of a bound woman, but also that of an Asian woman in this sexualized position of enforced submission. We can pretend that white/western imperialism no longer exists, we can pretend we don't know what goes on in oriental "spas" and we can pretend that Asian women are not exoticized and eroticized to fit a white male fetish, but we would be kidding ourselves.

With that in mind, I do not claim to know the intent of the creator of this flier – perhaps he thought it simply "looked cool" with no regard to the political connotations of this image.

Or maybe he thought that by allocating the image of his band with the recent/ongoing cultural appropriation of Asian culture and images (go to any Gadzooks or Hot Topic for trendy silk dragon print shirts) his band

would appear hip, or maybe he thought this "exotic" image would add some sort of mystique and elusiveness to his band. Maybe he didn't think about it.

My analysis is not about pointing fingers and being "PC" unless you understand "PC" to mean not politically correct, but politically conscious.

I don't have a hard time believing the person who made the flier didn't consider these aspects of the image, but I think it is important to add these layers back to the image of the drugged, imprisoned and mutilated woman.

Images have political meanings whether we acknowledge them or not, especially as we have moved from a text-based to a more image-based society, and they have complicated histories from which we can't isolate them – which is why we need to be conscious of how we use and interpret them. ♦

Alternatives to OPEC hold the key to the future

By Nick Teply
Guest Columnist

I was relieved to see the price of gas dip a little near the end of 2001. It really doesn't matter to me where the gas comes from, so long as I get it for under a dollar per gallon. Gasoline is gasoline, no matter what the filling stations say. I would like to think that the gas comes from some refinery in Texas or Oklahoma, or even Alaska. The crude facts are, for big oil, it's a big world.

Enter OPEC, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Founded in 1960, the OPEC cartel seeks to maximize the profits of its 11 member nations, several Arab nations, Nigeria, Indonesia and Venezuela. OPEC makes the news whenever it cuts production, which raises oil prices, or increases production, which lowers the world market price per barrel. OPEC's 11 member nations chief export is, of course, oil, which means the oil barons can essentially dictate economic policy in those nations.

In one sense, we are dependent on OPEC for our oil. In October of 1973, Americans panicked when OPEC announced production cuts of 5 percent per month due to close ties between America and Israel. This change in policy lasted for only two months for a good reason: OPEC's members cheated on their agreements for extra profit. With prices sky-

rocketing, this meant more money for less oil. By January of 1974, OPEC had increased production by 10 percent.

Besides, oil is oil. Oil that normally was sold on European markets somehow found its way to American ports.

In another sense, OPEC is as dependent on our consumption of their oil, as we are on their supply. OPEC sells more oil to the United States than to any other nation. While turning off the oil spigots could mean economic upheaval for America, it would spell disaster and devastation for the cartel's nations. For many of these nations, the money flows directly from our pockets to the Sheiks to groups they fund – like Al-Qaida.

With a war on, attention turns to ending this relationship. There is talk of alternative fuels, drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, increased offshore drilling and purchases from other nations.

I commend those who support the valiant notion of alternative fuels, but I have yet to test drive a solar-powered car. Honda and Toyota have both introduced gas-sipping hybrids, but nonetheless, these vehicles sip the same octane.

Oil exploration on our own land is a must. It can be conducted in an environmentally friendly manner but could yield mixed results. ANWR could produce up to 1 million barrels per day, which is significant, but only in a lesser sense, and perhaps years from now.

As stated earlier, oil is essentially oil. It would be folly to instantly end all ties to OPEC, but we would still indirectly get OPEC oil from other nations flooded with it. Russia is a viable alternative with a daily production of 6.3 million barrels, according to the Department of Energy.

President Bush has already made extensive progress in building a relationship with the world's second largest oil producing nation. Russia still has many unexplored oil-rich regions that could benefit America's oil companies in strategic partnerships, America's industry and consumers in lower oil prices and relations with Russia.

Russia and the United States share common threats from Islamic fundamentalists, but the offending countries are practically in Russia's backyard. Russia has been engaged in the Chechen conflict for some time now, with little American understanding. Strong diplomacy with Putin will be answered with benefits for both the United States and Russia.

A strong Russian economy will allow capitalism and democracy to flourish and circumvent another communist or socialist threat. In addition to this, a decreased reliance on oil from nations that sponsor terrorism is not only good policy, but also good riddance.

We must stop fueling the terrorist machine OPEC now funds. ♦

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Common Ground find their groove in the heart of Middle Tennessee

By Ryan Noreikas
Contributor

They call themselves Common Ground, but a collaboration of this sort is hardly common.

With different backgrounds and varying musical tastes, each player adds his own flavor to the stew, and the band, as a whole, is able to find a common groove and lock into it. Hence the name Common Ground.

"We're like jambalaya," said Jason Schneider, mic control and dijeridoo. Schneider is just one of the six unique men who brought Common Ground together.

The band's five other members are Rocky Brown, rhythm and rhymes, Phil Hebert, lead guitar, Jim Merritt, beats, Jeff Perretta, bass (low-end theory), and Chris Sellars, turntables and tambourine.

Their sound is unlike any other with its mix of funky rock and reggae and a hip-hop edge.

Its groovy beat makes listeners want to dance until the sun spikes over the tree tops at dawn. Audiences won't be able to contain themselves once these six individuals step on stage and perform.

Some listeners may find their legs and arms moving uncontrollably, but have no fear. Midway into the performance, very few will stay in control of their limbs as they forget the day and

become enticed by the rhythm and vocals, which are smooth and hard at the same time.

During performances, Schneider likes to involve the audience to keep them in check.

He'll look at an audience member, point to them and sometimes

pause for a response. "We do it for fun," Merritt explains. "Being on stage, finding that groove, seeing the audience get into it. It's all very gratifying."

Common Ground, as they are comprised today, have been playing music together for the last year-and-a-half, except for

Perretta, who made his debut a few months ago at their concert in Bell Buckle, Tenn.

"Those kids seemed like they

desperate-

ly needed something exciting to

happen that night," Perretta

said, grinning. "I think we deliv-

ered."

With the men's hometowns scattered across the United States — Grenada, Miss., Louisville, Ky., Milwaukee, Wis.,

and

upstate New York — it was a

magnet of fate that they were

drawn together in

Murfreesboro.

Tennessee State University was also an initial factor, being that most of them are students.

Not so concerned about money and fame, these guys are all about finding that common groove.

The groove is the creed b y

including an Ice Cube number.

"We try to incorporate a taste for everyone and create an environment where everyone is comfortable and having a good time," Hebert said.

Common Ground focuses most of their booking in Nashville and more distant cities like Boone, N.C., Louisville, Ky., and Chattanooga and Memphis, Tenn.

However, the band still likes to hit the Murfreesboro hot spots, like the The Boro and Wall Street.

"I like The Boro," Sellars said. "It's in my neighborhood, and it has good vibes and cute bartenders."

The band doesn't seem too picky about where they play, just as long as they're playing.

"Our main goal is playing shows," Brown said. "We don't care so much about getting signed. We just want to play out and get people digging it."

"Yeah, poop on MTV!" Hebert exclaimed.

As far as the near future goes, the group hopes to have an album out in May. Their next Murfreesboro performance is Valentine's Day at Wall Street.

To learn more about Common Ground, visit their Web site at www.common-ground411.com. ♦

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which they stand, and it is this ultimate message that they want to get across to their audience.

Every member contributes to the songwriting process. Mainly playing original material, the band also likes to slip in a cover song here and there,

Veggie lovers look for other alternatives

By Wyndy Ladnier
The Auburn Plainsman (Auburn U.)

(U-WIRE) AUBURN, Ala. — Many Americans attempt to achieve better health by throwing out hamburgers and chicken and grabbing a salad and veggies instead.

Today, more than 20 percent of people in the United States are vegetarians — including 15 percent of all college students.

Being a vegetarian doesn't mean you live off fruits and vegetables. There are many vegetarians who eat a wide variety of foods.

Lacto-vegetarians avoid meat and eggs but still include milk and dairy products in their diets.

The strictest vegetarians are called vegans. Not only do vegans refrain from eating meat, but they do not eat any animal products, including dairy and eggs, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group.

Semi-vegetarians, such as Elizabeth O'Neal, a junior in interior design at Auburn University, eliminate only red meat and pork from their diets. They still eat chicken, poultry and dairy.

"I don't eat meat except for poultry and chicken," O'Neal said. "I quit eating red meat and pork years ago because I wanted to stay healthy."

Many people choose to become vegetarians because of health concerns, environmentalism and taste preference.

"Human beings are not natural carnivores," said Dr. William Roberts of Cardiology. "Animals contain cholesterol and saturated fat that were never intended for humans."

A vegetarian lifestyle may

reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, certain forms of cancer and obesity.

The most effective diet for prevention of obesity consists of vegetables, fruits and whole grain, a vegetarian diet. Meat, even lean cuts, have more fat than a healthy body needs, Roberts said.

Other people choose to become vegetarians because of the billions of animals slaughtered early in their lives to satisfy the appetites of humans.

According to a study, if Americans were to reduce their meat consumption by 10 percent, the grain used to feed those animals would be enough to feed 60 million people.

Meat substitutes are among the top 10 fastest growing products in U.S. supermarkets, according to the Vegetarian Resource Group.

Gardenburgers, vegetarian hot dogs and chicken-free patties are examples of available substitutes. Supermarkets also offer cakes and bread which do not contain animal products.

"I pretty much just eat every vegetable there is," said Ricky Hopkins, a senior in psychology at Auburn University. "I recently started eating fish again."

Vegetarians who do not eat dairy substitute soy milk and soy cheese for it.

"Soy milk is available in all versions and all flavors and can be used for baking and cooking," said Kim Galeaz, nutrition consultant to the Indiana Soybean Board.

"Soy cheese is low fat or fat free and actually melts," she said, "unlike some lower fat cheeses."

Galeaz said her friends make fun of her for not eating meat, but she has no desire for it. ♦

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Dear Annie Friends or lovers?

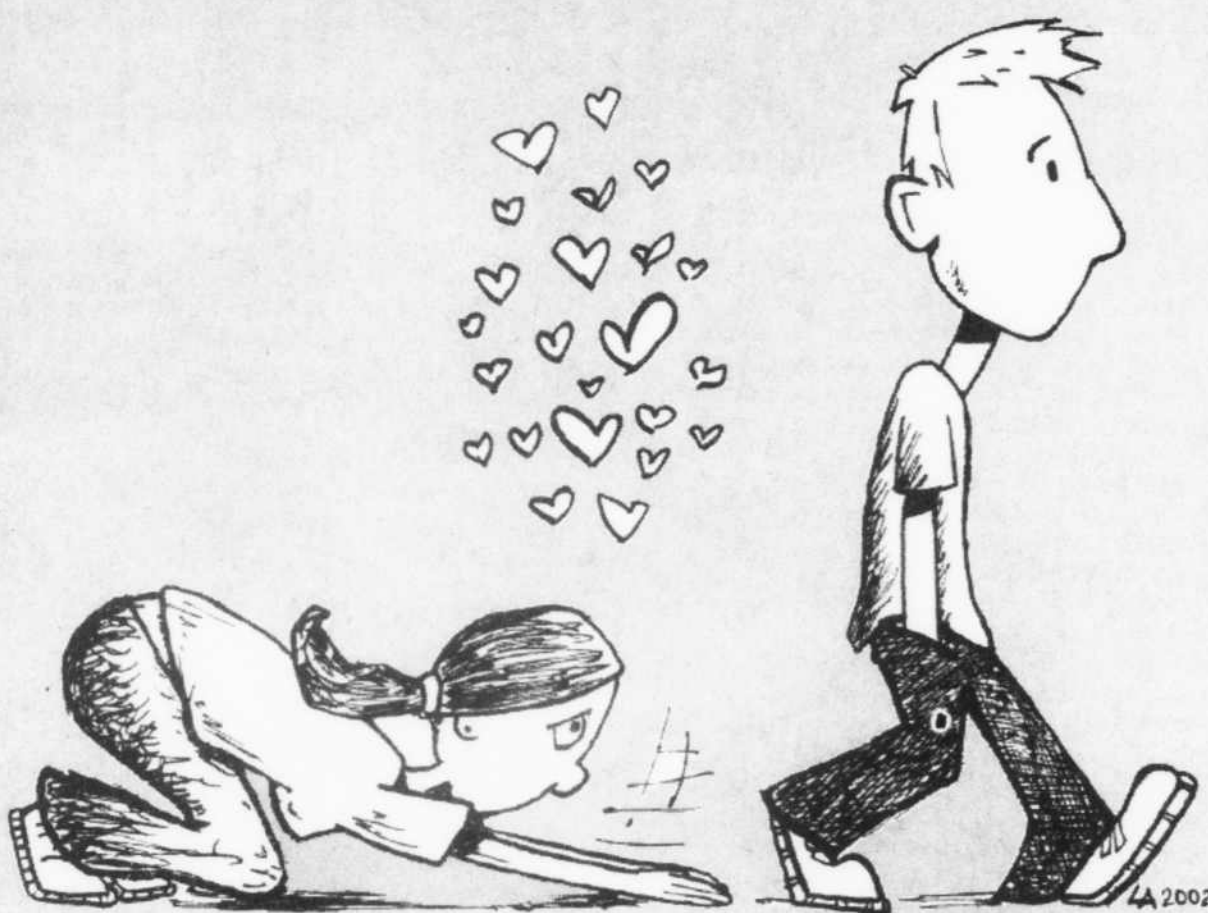


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Dear Annie,

I want to date my friend.

He is so fine, and he has the most amazing eyes. We always have a lot of fun together. I have always been there for him.

We've been friends for several years. He just broke up with this girl that I knew wasn't any good for him. Thankfully, that relationship didn't last long. So, now he's available!

He makes comments like, "Why can't they all be as sweet as you?" He always says he can tell me anything, but there is something that I want to tell him.

I thought for a long time that we would make a great couple. I've been waiting for the perfect time to tell him how I feel. I think I'm perfect for him, but I'm afraid this is going to

affect our friendship if I tell him how I really feel. I don't want to lose him as a friend, but I really want to be with him.

What should I do? Should I tell him my feelings or not?
— Hopelessly Devoted

Dear Hopelessly Devoted,

This is a tricky situation and should be handled with caution.

You need to study his behavior. Is he affectionate toward you? Does he flirt with you? Do you feel like he might want something more? Does he want to be in a serious relationship right now? He did just break up with a girl. Do you want to be his "rebound relationship?"

Yes, he thinks you're sweet. Yes, he can tell you anything. However, has he

given you any indication that he is interested in more than a friendship? Sometimes the best way to start a relationship is to be friends first.

Friendships can grow into love.

Honestly, I think this is a risk.

When you tell him how you feel, know that your friendship may not be the same. He could look at you and say, "I feel the same way too." Or he could turn bright red and say, "Wow, it's getting late. I think there is some homework I need to finish."

If you're going to spend your energy being "hopelessly devoted," then be honest and tell him how you feel. It would be better to know the truth now than to spend your time wondering "what if?"

Please e-mail your questions to DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com.

CAMPUS EVENTS

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Monday, Feb. 4

The Survival Honors Lecture Series presents "Economic Predators" with guest speaker Richard Hannah from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.



The Barn Gallery presents "El Groups Tejano," paintings by young artists from San Antonio, Texas. The exhibit will be open today through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-5653.



MTSU's Circle K is holding an informational meeting tonight at 6 in the Keathley University Center, Room 318. Circle K is the largest collegiate service organization in the world. Free food will be provided, and everyone is welcome. For more information, attend the meeting.



The Martial Arts Club hosts classes that teach various martial arts forms every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. in the Recreation Center's aerobics room.



MTSU Films presents *The Hurricane* in the KUC Theater at 6 and 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and at 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$2.



The Tennessee Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra performs "Music for the Romantic" tonight at 7:30 in Tucker Theatre. For ticket information, call the symphony office at 898-1862.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Music from Japan, a nonprofit organization, presents "Ensemble Harena: Gagaku Concert" at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Tickets are free and available by going to Room 308 in the Keathley University Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

The Victory Campus Ministries will host a Bible study session every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in Room 104 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. For more information, contact Kevin Searcy at 898-4281.



Dan Pfeifer speaks on "Communication Aspects of Production" for this week's "Music at Mid-Week," lecture series of discussions on popular music topics. Each lecture will be in the Mass Comm, Room 241 on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7

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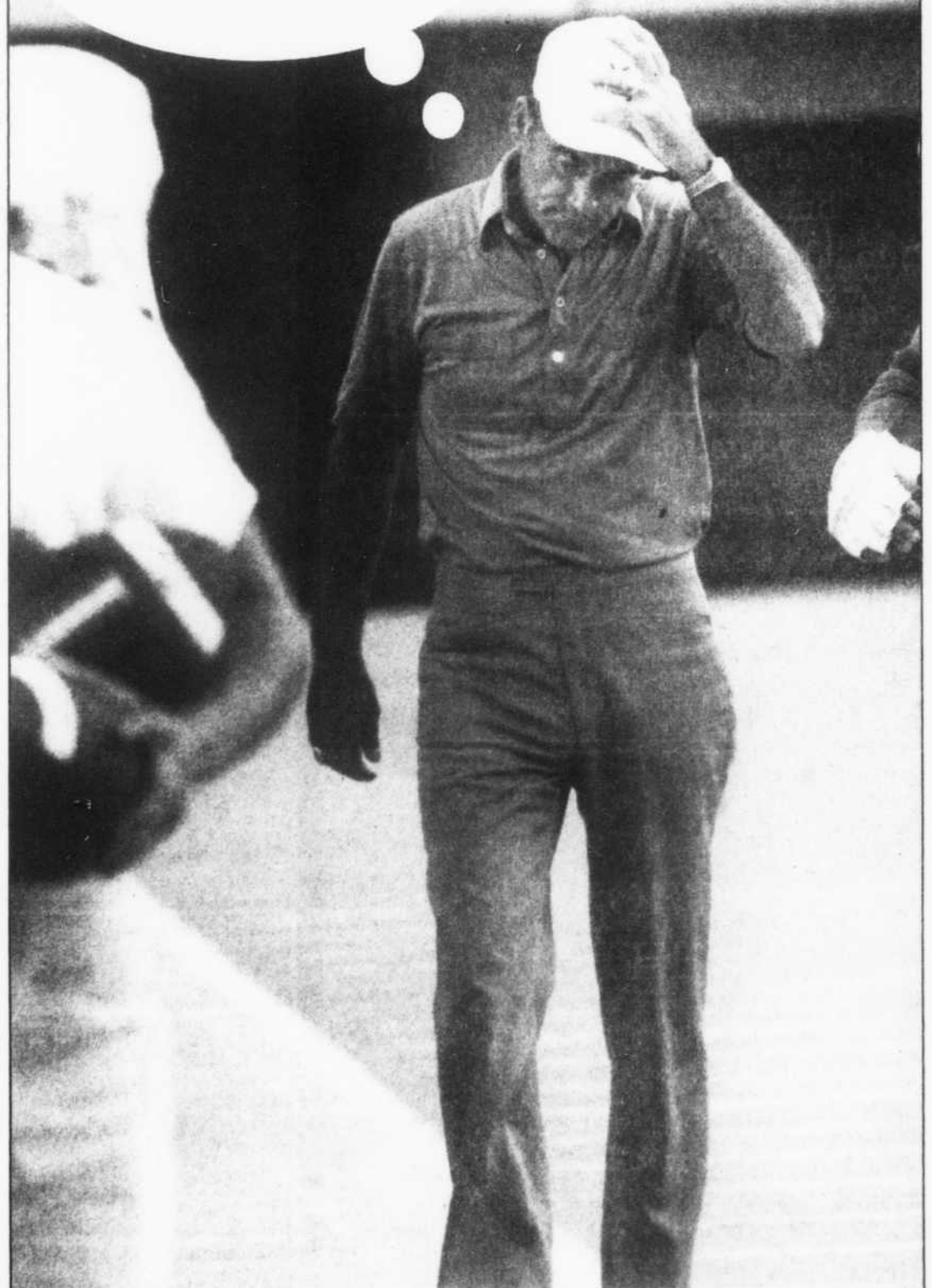
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Sports Briefs

Compiled by Justin Ward
Staff Writer

Track places high at Indiana relays

The Blue Raiders picked up numerous honors at the Indiana Relays over the weekend.

In men's action, Godfrey Herring won the 400 meter at 46.93 seconds and provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships. Freshman Wesley Dupar-Scott finished top five in three events. He took second in the 60 meter, third in the 200 meter and fifth in the long jump. The men's relay teams finished third in the 4 by 400 at 3 minutes 19.88 seconds and fourth in the distance medley at 10:29.28.

For the women, Stephany Reid won the triple jump with a team season-best 40 feet 11.25 inches. Lady Raiders Letitia Eady and Kim Freeman claimed the second and third place finishes in that event. Freshman Rosemary Okafor finished second in the 200 meter at 24.75. Colleen Parker placed second in the 600 meter at 1:35.27 and freshman Kishara George claimed fourth in the 400 meter at 56.90.

Reid named SBC field athlete of week

Stephany Reid was named the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Field Athlete of the Week, even before her performance at the Indiana Invitational over the weekend.

Following the MT Invitational, Reid received this honor for her 40-4 finish in the triple jump and fifth-place finish in the long jump. She surpassed that, however, with her 40-11.25 at the Indiana Invitational.

MT will host four teams this week at the Murphy Center. They will host the SBC Championships Feb. 23-24.

Tickets available for basketball tourney

Tickets for the Sun Belt Basketball Tournament in New Orleans, La., are now available.

Both the Middle Tennessee men's and women's basketball teams will be playing in the tournament Feb. 28-March 5 at Lakefront Arena on the campus of the University of New Orleans.

The women's first round games will be held Feb. 28 starting at 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. The men's first round will follow the same schedule March 1.

Tickets in the MT section are available for \$60 from the Murphy Center Box Office or by calling 1-888-YES-MTSU. These tickets include admission to all games in both the men's and women's tournaments.

There will be single-session tickets available Feb. 28 for \$15. Students get in free with their Sun Belt Conference school identification cards.

Football signing day set for Wednesday

National Signing Day for collegiate football is Wednesday. Middle Tennessee is inviting Blue Raider fans to a signing day gathering that day at 11:30 a.m. in the Game Day Room located between the weight room and north end zone of Floyd Stadium.

BRAA concessions will be selling refreshments outside the Game Day Room and parking will be available in the Greenland Drive parking lot.

As a signee faxes his letter of intent to the football office, his information will be posted on the signee board and a complete biography will be made available.

Head football coach Andy McCollum will hold a press conference to announce the entire class, talk with the media and answer any questions at 3 p.m. ♦

Women's tennis falls to top 25 teams

By Angelica Journagin
Staff Writer

After their first win of the season against Rice University, the Middle Tennessee women's tennis team (1-6) followed up with two losses against the University of Georgia (3-0) and the University of South Carolina Thursday and Saturday.

The highlight of the match against Georgia was the doubles contest between No. 32 Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell for MT against No. 20 Agata Cioroch and Lori Grey for UGA. Kruse and Varnell beat the higher-ranked team 8-5 to increase the number of high-ranked teams the duo has knocked off.

The point in the doubles match had already been

clinched for UGA, however, with wins against doubles teams Tanja Bucheim and Emily Vest in the No. 1 position 8-4 and in the No. 2 match 8-4 against Verena Preiss and Jennifer Klaschka.

In singles play, the team was at a loss when top player Kruse wasn't able to play due to a sore shoulder, forcing the team to move everyone up in the lineup.

Five of MT's players were finished off in straight sets. Bucheim was inserted at No. 6 and was the only MT player to win against her opponent, Jeanette Mattsson, in two sets.

The win Thursday extended UGA's streak to 40 against the Lady Raiders.

After Thursday's loss, the Lady Raiders traveled to Columbia, S.C., Saturday to

play USC, but bad luck followed.

MT had one single win in the third match-up between Preiss and USC's Jodi Kenoyer. Preiss won the first set 7-6, lost the second one 3-6 but managed to finish off her opponent in the last set 7-6.

The 33rd-ranked Kruse had

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Moving up

Blue Raiders reach No. 3 in SBC east with FIU win

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

After a win over IP-Fort Wayne Thursday night, the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team (11-11) finished out a four-game winning streak Saturday with a 71-69 win against Florida International University (10-14) to increase their Sun Belt Conference record to 5-5 and move them into third place in the eastern division.

The Blue Raiders took off in the first half with a 7-0 run against FIU Saturday. They increased their lead to 11 points with 12:28 left in the first half and the score at 17-6. The Blue Raiders maintained that lead to end up with a 32-21 halftime score.

The Blue Raiders maintained their lead in the second half until there was 14:09 left in the half with the score 51-37. FIU slowly came back, tying the game up at 64 with 4:50 left in the game.

The Blue Raiders pulled away again to make the score 70-67 with 22 seconds left. Chris Carter made a jumper with 6 seconds left and was fouled with the score 70-69. Carter missed his free-throw shot, and William Pippen got the rebound and was quickly fouled. Pippen made the first free throw but missed the second. FIU's Taurance Johnson got the rebound and quickly turned over the ball, and the Blue Raiders held on for a 71-69 win.

"We knew they had one

more run left in them because FIU is a very good club," Pippen said. "We knew they were going to come at us in the end, and we just tried to withstand it. Tonight, we beat a very good team and moved into third place. Now we are looking at second."

John Humphrey led the Blue Raider effort with 13 points. This is his third time in the past four games to score double digits. Lee Nosse scored the next highest total with 11 points and a team high 8 rebounds. Starter Tommy Gunn fouled out for the second time this season with 10 minutes left in the game.

"When Tommy came out, he looked at me and told me to 'do what you have to do,'" Humphrey said. "I didn't really have to do anything except play good defense, and we came out with the win."

Johnson led FIU with 21 points and 6 rebounds. Carlos Morban and Rodrigo Viegas backed him up with 11 points each.

Nosse, Tommy Gunn and Eric Parham led the scoring in the 90-80 win Thursday night against IP-Ft. Wayne. Nosse had his fourth double-double of the season with 22 points and 11 rebounds. He is now just 30 points shy of a career total 1,000 points. Tommy Gunn and Eric Parham both had 20 points. This is the first time this season that two or more Blue Raiders have scored 20 or more points.

The Blue Raiders have moved into third place in the



D'Marius Wilkes throws the no-look pass to Gunn.

Photo by Allison Grammer | Staff

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William Pippen moves into the lane for the shot.

MT to take on Texas-Pan Am

By Justin Ward
Staff Writer

The Blue Raiders (11-11) will take on the University of Texas-Pan American (17-6) tonight in the Murphy Center at 7.

When the teams last met Dec. 15, the game was decided in the final seconds when the Broncos pulled out of the game with a 66-64 victory. The Broncos' senior guard Mire Chatman had 23 points and 7 rebounds in the win.

The Blue Raiders' Lee Nosse and Tommy Gunn had 19 points and 17 points, respectively, to lead their team in the 64-point effort that fell just shy of victory. The Broncos also out rebounded the Blue Raiders

42-30.

The win by the Broncos improved their record to 7-3, while the Blue Raiders record dropped to 5-4. The Blue Raiders go into tonight's game with a four-game winning streak.

"It is a team that's used to winning," said Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel. "They're coming into our place, so we need to be ready to play them. We played them well last time."

"We had a lead down there, and they came back to beat us in the last second. Now we just have to beat them at our place."

Nosse is leading the Blue Raiders in total points for the

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Lady Raider winning streak halted by FIU

By David Hunter
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team had its three-game winning streak snapped in a 71-55 loss to Florida International University Saturday.

FIU (18-5, 9-1) swept the season series with MT.

The Lady Raiders (12-10, 4-5) began the game by taking a 16-7 lead. The Golden Panthers started a 21-9 run of their own with 12:33 left in the first half.

FIU took its first lead with 4:54 left in the first half on a Cheryl Moody jumper that gave the Golden Panthers a 26-25 lead. FIU went into the locker room with a 34-30 halftime lead.

The second half started with both teams exchanging baskets. A jump shot by Cormisha Cotton at 16:03 set FIU on a 10-0 run, giving the Golden Panthers a 48-38 lead.

MT cut the lead to 2 with 10:00 remaining in the contest, but Dace Cinite hit a layup with 9:59 left in the second half to start a 20-6 FIU run to close the game. FIU took the victory 71-55.

"The game was really taken over at the backboards," said Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith. "We were getting the looks we needed, but if the shot didn't fall, we weren't getting a second chance."

The Lady Raiders shot 39 percent from the field in the game and 37.5 percent in the second half. MT shot just 20 percent from three-point range. FIU shot 46.7 percent from the field and 45.5 percent from beyond the arc.

The Golden Panthers out rebounded the Lady Raiders 48-24. FIU has out rebounded its opponent in 22 of the past 23 games.

Thomatis led all scorers with 19 points. Patrice Holmes added 10 points for the Lady Raiders.

FIU had four players score in double figures. Gergana Slavtcheva led FIU with 15 points. Moody added 12 points and 16 rebounds for her 14th career double-double. Shafer and Cotton had 13 and 14 points, respectively.

MT remains in third place in the eastern division of the Sun Belt Conference. FIU stays the leader of the division. The Golden

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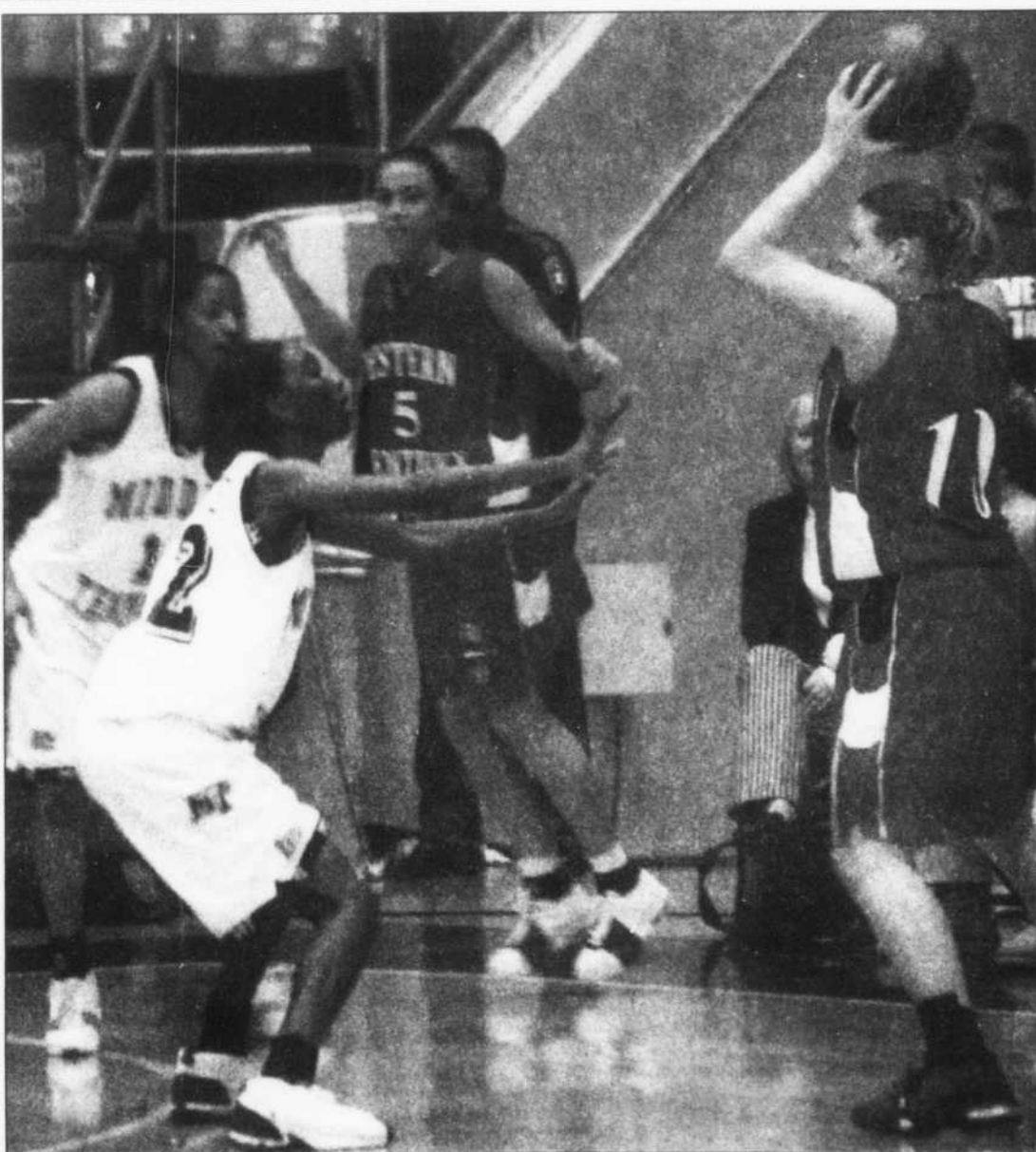


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The Middle Tennessee defense rushes to the ball and tries to cut off the passing lane as the offensive player looks to get rid of the basketball. The Lady Raiders forced the Golden Panthers into 22 turnovers but still lost the game Saturday afternoon.

Former Blue Raider makes big waves in Hula Bowl

Staff Reports

Former Middle Tennessee wide receiver Kendall Newson led the South team with 5 catches for 70 yards, including a 30-

yard touchdown reception in the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii, Saturday.

Newson and corner Jykine Bradley were the two Blue Raider representatives at the

game. Both players played for the victorious South team coached by Bob Stoops and Steve Spurrier among others.

"There are a lot of good players down here," Newson said

prior to the game, "but I have had a good week of work and feel very confident heading into the game. This is a big opportunity for Jykine and myself, so we plan on making the best of it and representing Middle Tennessee in the proper way."

Hawaii quarterback Nick Rolovich, who started the season as the third-string quarterback, threw 3 first-half touchdowns and 163 yards on 9-of-17 passing. Rolovich received Most Valuable Player of the South honors for his performance.

The South took a 28-7 first-half lead, taking advantage of 5 North turnovers and running up 308 yards on offense. At one point, the announcer comment-

ed that Bradley was the only South corner without an interception.

The North had trouble moving the ball in the first half, throwing 5 interceptions and punting twice. The team scored its only touchdown in the first half on a 10-yard fade pass from to Maurice Jackson, who had beaten Bradley.

Chester Taylor, who took North MVP honors with 61 yards and 2 touchdowns rushing, ran for a 3-yard touchdown with 4:00 left for the last North score. The South took the win 45-28.

The 45 points put up by the South was the highest total since 1968.

Newson and Bradley were the first players from MT to play in the Hula Bowl since Jamie Redmond in 1993. They are also the first since Kelly Holcomb in 1994 to compete in a postseason all-star game.

More than 70 NFL scouts watched the game and the workouts leading up to the game. The Indianapolis Colts sent seven scouts to the bowl.

Newson and Bradley will have to wait until April to find out if their performances in the Hula Bowl affected their 2002 NFL draft status. If drafted, the duo would join a short list of Blue Raiders in the NFL. ♦



File photo

Kendall Newson showed off his moves Saturday at the Hula Bowl in Maui, Hawaii.

Tennis: Lady Raiders unsuccessful on road

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The 33rd-ranked Kruse had only her second loss in singles of the season against Katarina Markoviski in two sets.

In doubles action, Carlen Venter and Varnell had the only other MT win after the noon with an 8-4 win against USC's Kathy Boyanovich and Magda Wojdylo, bringing the final

team match total to 6-1.

Results from Sunday's match against Clemson were not available at press time. ♦

Lady Raiders: MT back in Sun Belt action

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Panthers have won nine of their past 10 games.

The Lady Raiders begin a

three-game home stand Thursday against Arkansas State University. MT plays the University of Arkansas Little-Rock Saturday. The Lady

Raiders close out the home stand against South Alabama Feb. 14.

Tip-off for each of the games is 7 p.m. ♦

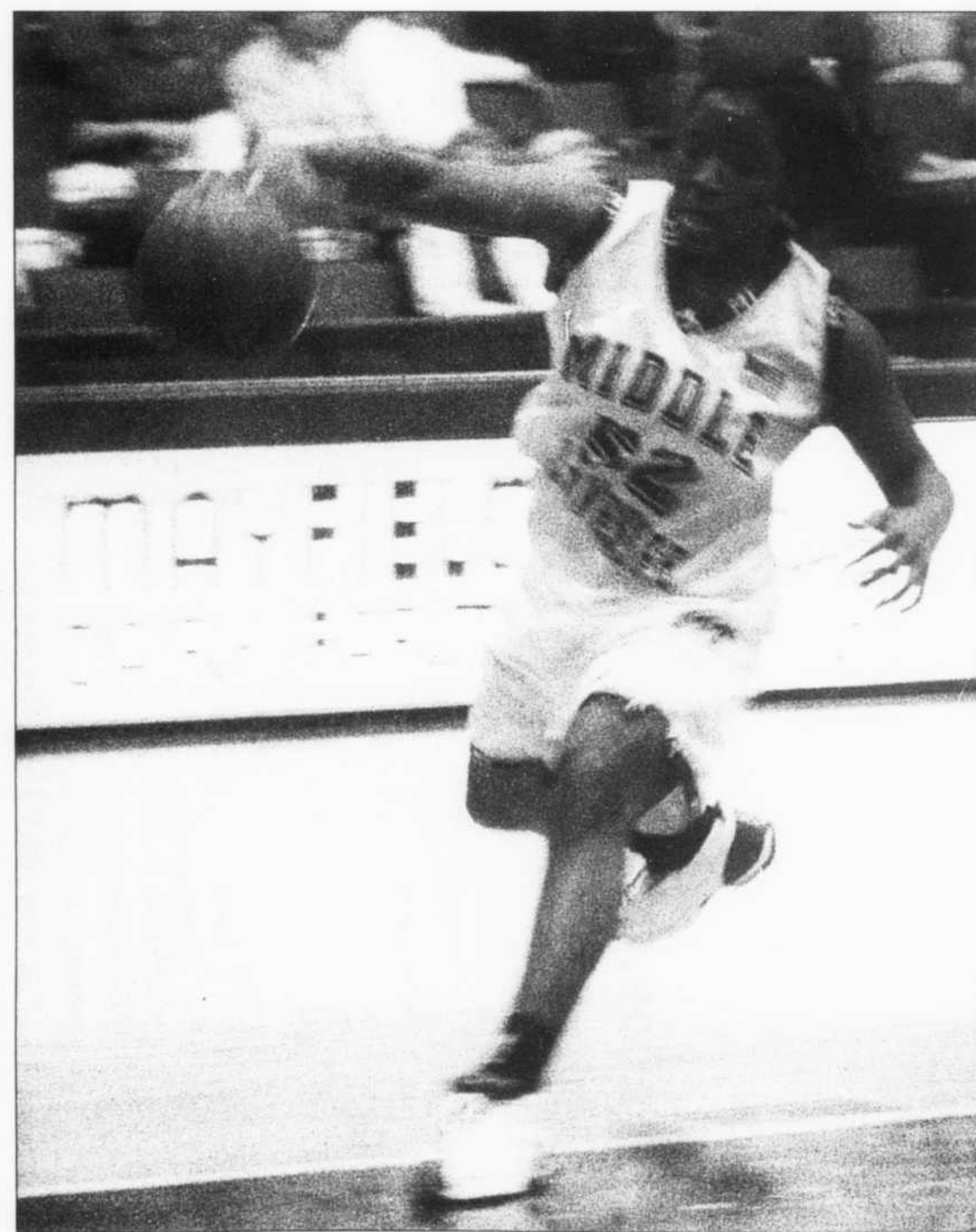


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Joanne Aluka runs down the pass and gathers the ball in preparation for a fast-break layup. The Lady Raiders lost to Florida International in SBC action Saturday.

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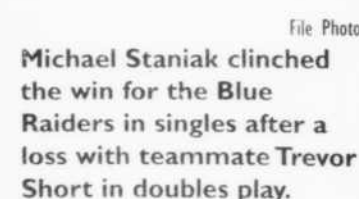
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Lee Nosse brings the ball up court and throws a bounce pass to a teammate. The Blue Raiders moved into third place in the Sun Belt east Saturday.

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