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Club seeks players

The MTSU Women's Volleyball Club is seeking members for a club team that will compete in the winter.

The team anticipates competing with clubs from the University of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University and the University of Georgia, among others.

While former high school volleyball players are preferred, all students are invited to try out.

For more information, call Jaime Hutton at 896-6258.

Panel to discuss liberty

There will be a panel discussion deliberating individual liberties vs. national security Nov. 27 in the theater of the Keathley University Center.

Moderating the discussion will be John Seigenthaler, founder of The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center and chair emeritus of *The Tennessean*. The panel members are Michael Gartner, former president of NBC News; U.S. Circuit Court Judge Gilbert Merritt; Wendell Gilbert, chair of Tennessee's Council of Homeland Security; and Hedy Weinberg, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee.

The panel is funded by the John Seigenthaler Chair of Excellence in First Amendment Studies.

For more information, call Sharon Fitzgerald at 890-8578.

ACS seeks minorities

The American Chemical Society is seeking African-American, Hispanic and Native American students for its 2002 Scholars Program.

The program supports academically strong minority students who are studying chemistry, biochemistry, environmental science, chemical engineering and related programs.

Program manager Robert Hughes said the ACS expects to award \$850,000 during the next two semesters.

The application deadline is March 1, 2002. For more information, visit the ACS Web site at www.acs.org/scholars.

Scarlett featured in series

Former MTSU President Mel Scarlett will be featured in a series titled "Recollections," which will be shown on MTSU Television, Comcast cable Channel 9, in the month of January.

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

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

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

For more information, contact Bob Bullen at 898-2327. ♦

Two more BAS projectors disappear

Theft marks ninth time
equipment has been stolen

By Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Two more projectors have been stolen from master classrooms in the Business and Aerospace Building, totaling nine that have disappeared since February 2000.

The projectors were taken some time between 4:30 p.m. Nov. 9 and 9:10 a.m. Nov. 12. Maintenance workers reported them missing early in the morn-

ing of Nov. 12.

The two thefts add to the already lengthy list of projector burglaries MTSU Police are investigating. Three projectors were stolen from BAS classrooms in February 2000, one was taken in April 2001 and three were taken in July 2001, said Travis Smith with MTSU Crime Stoppers.

Electronic keycard locks were installed in the classrooms to increase security, but the sub-

sequent break-ins have again left officials in the College of Business and police department wondering who got in the rooms and how.

"There are theories, but no one really knows who's doing it," Smith said.

Det. Darrell Collins, who is investigating the burglaries along with Sgt. Matt Foster, said there was no forced entry, so the thief probably had access to the room via a key or a propped door.

Both projectors probably were worth more than \$5,000, Smith said.

One of last week's burglar-

ized classrooms had a projector stolen from it once before, and the other had projectors taken four times, Smith said.

Dwight Bullard, associate dean of the College of Business, said professors and students in the college know the doors are to be kept locked at all times, and he is unsure how anyone gained access to a supposedly locked room.

The stolen projectors temporarily have been replaced by old ones, which has prompted some professors to request to change classrooms, he said. He is unsure if or when the projectors will be replaced.

Several other colleges and universities in the Middle Tennessee area have the same technology with more lax room security, Smith said, but haven't been plagued with projector thefts the way MTSU has.

Some schools in Florida, Kansas and Arizona have had similar equipment theft problems, Smith said. In most of those cases, students had stolen equipment and sold it on eBay.

MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest. To contact Crime Stoppers, call 893-7867. ♦

Heartfelt emotions run high



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Robert Rowland (middle) describes his sudden death experience during yesterday morning's press conference in the Recreation Center as Adrian Edsall (left) and Rowland's wife Betty (right) look on. Edsall used an automated external defibrillator to revive Rowland when he collapsed during a cardiac arrest.

Student uses rescue training
to save man in cardiac arrest

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

Robert Rowland had a sudden death experience on the Recreation Center basketball court Nov. 9, but he didn't get to meet the student who saved his life until 11 days later.

Rowland, 52, was playing basketball with his nephew, freshman Michael Rowland, when he collapsed from cardiac arrest at 8:10 p.m.

Michael yelled for help, and senior Adrian Edsall, who was working at the front desk, came running with an automated external defibrillator.

Rec Center staff members Josh Smith and Matt Radtke helped with crowd control as Michael and Edsall revived Rowland.

"When I got to the emergency room, the first thing he said to me was, 'We were winning,'" laughed Betty Rowland, Robert's wife.



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

Edsall and Betty Rowland hug after meeting for the first time after Edsall saved her husband's life.

Robert and Edsall met face to face for the first time at a press conference yesterday morning in the Rec Center. Emotions were high during the conference, as eyes

teared up and hands clapped. "I was sitting at the desk when Michael came running yelling, 'Call 911, call 911, my

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Lecture to cover Internet's influence

By Lisa Thomason
Staff Writer

The final presentation this semester of the Honors Lecture Series will be an interactive look into the uses and controls of cyberspace.

Jan Quarles of the electronic media communication department will present the lecture titled "Cyberspace: Control, Privacy and Cold Comfort."

Quarles said she has altered the content of her lecture to address the changes in the media since the events of Sept. 11.

A large part of her lecture will cover the implications of the Internet on the world media and the control and privacy issues that relate to it.

Quarles said the Internet has caused many changes in the world stage.

"In some countries before the Internet, authoritarian governments could control the flow of information into their countries," she said.

She noted that the Internet has led to media changes in the United States as well.

"It provides a window on the world outside of the U.S.," she said. "We need more international coverage, and the Internet helps that."

Quarles plans to discuss two main issues concerning the usage of the Internet in the United States.

One issue is the public debate over censorship and the control of popular sites. Quarles said this issue includes discussion about what should and shouldn't be written during times of war.

The second issue she will address is privacy, at which

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Class still planning for New York trip

By Karen Moore
Contributor

Next semester, even after the attacks on the World Trade Center, English students will continue plans for their "Drama in New York" Spring 2002 trip.

"In a nut shell, I'll tell you that nobody has canceled - quite the contrary," English professor Keith Taylor said. "Most of the students wrote to make

sure we were still going."

This is the second year English 4850, Selected Topics in Literature and Language, has been offered to students, Taylor said. The course's topic is "Drama in New York." This year students made travel plans for a week of theater and opera during spring break 2002.

"The Sept. 11 attack on New York City has not frightened away the students who were

already enrolled," Taylor said. The professor went to New York City after the attacks.

"I can tell you that city is a different place now," he said. "Very somber."

But it is probably less dangerous now than ever before, he said.

The class will see a total of six plays. They already have booked *The Producers*, a Broadway play starring

Matthew Broderick, and a metropolitan opera written by Jean Cocteau, he said.

"It's a great course," Taylor said. "It should be a blast."

Approximately nine weeks of theater study will precede the trip for the upper-division English course, Taylor said. During the trip, students will keep a play journal, and after the trip, an independent term paper is required, Taylor said.

Although the class is full, "students who are interested in the course might still want to contact me as, occasionally, spots open up for some reason," he said.

For more information, contact Taylor by phone, 898-5772 or by e-mail at ktaylor@mtsu.edu. ♦

Some campus parking regulations unclear

By Shane Gallo
Staff Writer

When freshman April Johnson parked in a faculty space in the James Union Building lot at 6:30 p.m., she had no idea that a parking ticket would await her upon returning to her vehicle.

Johnson assumed correctly that all lots on campus open to all permit colors after 6:30 p.m., but a bright yellow envelope was tucked neatly under her windshield wiper when she returned.

Though Johnson's ticket was

eventually voided after she appealed, her situation echoes a concern many students have about ticketing on campus. Many simply don't know what lots and spaces are available for what cars at what times and who can ticket whom.

Several campus lots, which normally are reserved for white parking passes, open up for all passes after 5:30 p.m. But all lots open up at 6:30 p.m.

Lots that open at 5:30 p.m. for all passes include the ROTC lot, the lot north of the Cason-Kennedy Nursing Building, lots located to the east and south of

the University Library and the lot north of the Midgett Business Building.

"These lots have signs posted that the lot opens at 5:30 for all permits," said Connie Hagberg, manager of Parking Services.

"All other white permit parking areas open at 6:30 p.m. for all permits," she explained.

This wasn't the case for Johnson. A ticket was issued at 6:32 for parking in a white space.

"The officer thought it was close enough to 6:30 maybe," Johnson said. "I feel the ticket was very unfair, and it caused

me to have to register late."

Though her ticket was voided, Johnson said she feels the whole ordeal was an inconvenience.

There are some places students should avoid parking in at all times, such as by yellow curbs, in no-parking zones or in disabled and reserved spaces.

Parking meters are considered in operation from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We do not patrol on Saturday and Sunday," Hagberg said.

However, MTSU Public

Safety can ticket and tow at night and on weekends, contrary to popular belief that only Parking Services can ticket offenders.

The parking pass fee, which was applied to the general access fee in the fall of 2000, "is charged to every student through registration," Hagberg said, including students who do not park on campus.

However, Parking Services "pays for other items on campus than just parking lots, such as the Raider Xpress and sidewalks, which may be used by anyone."

They also fund road improvements, such as the turning lanes located near the Recreation Center and Scarlett Commons and the street improvement at the "old S curve" located on the north side of campus near the co-generation plant and Jones Field.

Parking tickets may be appealed within seven days of issuance.

Students can appeal tickets through the Student Government Association Web site at sga.mtsu.edu:591/cota/new.htm. ♦

Rescue: Early treatment of cardiac arrest essential

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uncle, my uncle," Edsall said. "I took the AED and ran into the basketball arena and saw Mr. Rowland lying on the ground. We shocked him and then performed CPR. When he came back around, he tried to stand up and shake it off."

"I feel as good today as I did before any of this happened," Robert said. "I feel great. I didn't know when I collapsed; I remembered nothing about it. What I do remember is that I was involved in my second game [of basketball], and it was about over. Next thing I remember is I was trying to get up and people were telling me just to sit there. I didn't know what had happened."

"I feel like we've received the most tremendous blessing that is possible," Betty said. "This event could have happened anywhere - at home or at work. It could have happened on the tennis court, jogging, it could have happened anywhere. And

none of those places would have been equipped to revive him."

"Here at campus recreation, we have trained our staff," said Ray Wiley, assistant director of Campus Recreation. Wiley said the Rec Center staff is trained extensively for a variety of emergency scenarios each semester.

"Cardiac arrest is a condition where the numbers are growing throughout the country," he said. "Over 200,000 people suffer from it every year. Fifty thousand people walk through our doors every month. We want our staff to be prepared for that."

Edsall demonstrated how to use the AED with a training simulator. As the simulator beeped signaling that it was ready to shock, he took a moment to collect himself emotionally.

"That's pretty powerful right there," he said.

"I can't say enough for these guys and how quickly they responded," Wiley said. "You

have to have the courage to push the button and follow up."

Directions for using the AED come with the device, but it also is important for emergency workers also to be trained in how to use the device and how to recognize whether or not the body is in a "shockable rhythm."

"Everything worked right that needed to work right," Betty said. "It was the first time the machine had been used on a person, and it worked right - the first time students used it and it worked right. It's going to be a really good Thanksgiving."

The Rowlands said they hope the experience will encourage businesses and facilities to buy an AED for emergencies.

According to the American Heart Association, the AED machine allows trained rescuers to give a potentially lifesaving electrical shock to the victim's heart during a cardiac arrest.

Through the efforts of the Christy-Houston Foundation and the AHA two years ago, more than 90 defibrillators were

distributed throughout Rutherford County, including several at MTSU.

"The Christy-Houston Foundation is pleased to have been involved in the purchase of the AED devices," said Bob Mifflin Jr., executive director of the foundation. "The placement in over 90 locations in Rutherford County has already helped save the life of one individual and is in keeping with our mission to enhance the quality of life in Rutherford County with emphasis on health care," he said.

According to the AHA, early defibrillation is the critical link in the "chain of survival." If a normal heart rhythm isn't restored in minutes, the person will die. For every minute without defibrillation, the odds of survival drop from 7 to 10 percent.

Only one minute and 13 seconds elapsed between the 911 call and the first shock administered by Edsall. ♦

Parents Association to offer turkey dinner

By Lisa Poepsel
Contributor

Scarlett Commons will smell as good as grandma's kitchen tomorrow.

Thanks to the MTSU Parents Association, students who can't go home for a Thanksgiving feast can enjoy a home-cooked meal in the Scarlett Commons clubhouse tomorrow from 2 to 6 p.m.

The tradition began last year with approximately 50 students enjoying good food and fellowship in the clubhouse's home-like setting.

"We chose Scarlett Commons clubhouse for a few reasons," said Becca Wilson, coordinator of Student Development. "It is a very nice facility with a large TV, couches and a nice fireplace."

With 1,458 out-of-state students and 270 international students there likely will be some students who can't get home this Thanksgiving.

"I'm from England so I don't

get home much," said Oliver Foreman, an international student. "A free, home-cooked meal would make any college kid happy."

Tomorrow's menu includes turkey, ham, dressing and gravy, cranberry sauce, broccoli and rice casserole, sweet potato casserole, rolls and pie.

Wilson serves as the adviser to the Parents Association, which is providing this meal for the students.

"We have almost 300 members in the Parents Association," she said.

"Parents from any city or state can be involved. The group receives three newsletters each semester that keep them informed ... The group is very open to suggestions for what else we can do to meet students' needs," she said.

Parents can offer suggestions or become a member of the association by visiting www.mtsu.edu/~parents or by calling Wilson at 898-2454. ♦



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point she will access the Web site of the Electronic Freedom Foundation.

Quarles' lecture is not limited to the Internet, however. She also plans to discuss the Arab television station Al Jazeera based in Qatar. The station also has a Web site which she will display during her presentation.

"I'll talk about the role of Al Jazeera in terms of the different viewpoints it presented in handling what happened this fall," she said. She will also compare it to CNN and the reputation that network made for itself during the Gulf War.

In addition, Quarles will

integrate information from Web links, national and international, to demonstrate the different perspectives that exist about world events. Some of the links she will access include news Web sites from Pakistan and the Peugh Internet in American Life Project.

Quarles, who has lived overseas in the past, said she believes it is important to pull information from multiple sources.

If time remains, she also will speak briefly about ways urban myths have been perpetuated through modern media.

Quarles' lecture will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. The lecture is free and open to the public. ♦

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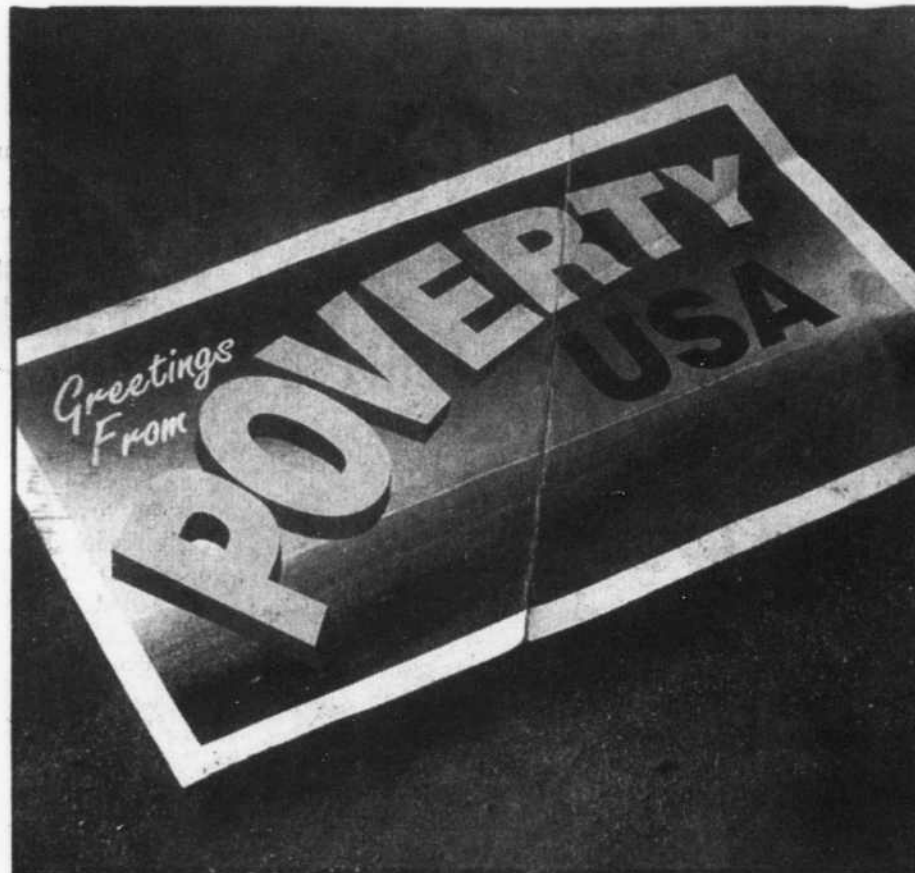
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Editorial

MT bowl bid would jump-start recognition

The Middle Tennessee football team lost out on its chance for an automatic bid to the New Orleans Bowl when North Texas beat Idaho Saturday night.

However, all hope is not lost yet. MT still has a chance at getting into a bowl game.

A team can go to a bowl one of two ways – an automatic bid or by invitation. The Blue Raiders are hoping the San Jose Silicon Valley Bowl, the Humanitarian Bowl or the Music City Bowl will extend an invitation to them.

A bowl invitation would be a big boost for a program that is only three years into Division I-A play and on the verge of losing that status if home attendance doesn't improve.

What better way is there to gain support than for the team to go to a bowl game? Bowl games are prestigious, even though there are more than anyone cares to watch these days, and being invited to one is a big honor.

Obviously, people aren't taking this program seriously. A look at the number of people who showed up for the Connecticut game makes that very clear. Getting an invitation to a bowl game will help MT gain respect.

Marshall is the only team to go to a bowl game in its first three years in Division I-A. The Thundering Herd continues its success in making bowl games and has sent Randy Moss, Chad Pennington and others to the National Football League.

If given the chance, MT could do the same.

Sure, every bowl would love to have Florida, Tennessee, Florida State or Oklahoma play in their game, but that's not possible. In fact, the bowls MT is in contention for take teams from smaller conferences. Teams that get in these bowls will likely be from either the Mid-American Conference, Western Athletic Conference or Conference USA.

MT is a young program that deserves to be rewarded for its 8-3 season and quick rise to success.

The offense has proven that it can provide plenty of excitement for the fans. Fans in these bowl cities won't be disappointed with the football they will see should MT get the bid. ♦

Religion should remain private; teach ethics instead

Out of Leftist Field



Lindsey Turner
News Editor

Secularism in public schools is something that has been debated for as long as I can remember. As a little girl, I overheard my family hiss the name "Madeline Murray O'Hare" with disdain usually reserved for references to child molesters and serial killers.

The debate over God in schools resurfaced after the Columbine shootings in April 1999, when several Colorado senators insisted the Ten Commandments be posted to deter school violence – a weak, watered-down attempt to enforce morality in school children.

Now, after Sept. 11, the

controversy once again has edged into the spotlight.

Freaked-out WASPs are crying that God be put back into schools so good little boys and girls can know the right God to pray to when they eventually recognize what they're kneeling for.

I have heard people (and lunatics) on television and in the streets blame the attacks on a lack of God in schools and insist that America get back to its God-fearing roots and put those commandments on every wall and say a prayer before every class.

In Matthew C. Martin's Nov. 15 column, "Secularism in public schools has run amok," he argues that both liberals and conservatives should make concessions regarding religion in schools and agree on a purely educational discussion of all religions to clear up misconceptions and stereotypes.

While I agree that a

basic understanding of all religions would be a helpful tool, learning about every religion is such a major undertaking that it would be nearly impossible to cover all religions and all variations on those religions without requiring hours of outside research most middle and high school students won't be willing or able to understand for at least 10 more years.

What high school teacher is going to be qualified to speak authoritatively about those thousands of religious mythologies that exist in America alone? That's why there are religious studies classes in college.

Instead, schools should employ days or even entire courses dealing with the philosophy of ethics.

According to the Closet Atheist (www.geocities.com/closetatheist), Kant's Categorical Imperative and John Stuart Mills' Utilitarianism

are straightforward enough concepts for any high school student to grasp and provide simple rules of thumb for making ethical decisions without stepping on any religious toes.

"Discussions about each method's pros and cons would provide students with a better understanding of what constitutes ethical behavior and a better background for handling complicated moral dilemmas," CA says. "The Ten Commandments, on the other hand, rather than being based on logic that can be applied to other situations, are based solely on the fact that God says so."

While it could be said that the religious right's attempts to reintroduce morality into schools via posting the Ten Commandments and encouraging school prayer are admirable (I wouldn't say it), they are, at best, band-aids covered in salt

that will only make the wound more painful and less likely to heal.

Bringing God, Allah or any other deity into schools will only worsen this thick, post-Sept. 11 climate by putting paradoxical messages against each other and alienating anyone not fitting into a specific category.

Religion should remain in the home where it belongs. That is what makes America great.

Perhaps Adolf Hitler had the best argument for religious instruction in schools: "Secular schools can never be tolerated because such schools have no religious instruction, and a general moral instruction without a religious foundation is built on air."

Consequently, all character training and religion must be derived from faith. ... We need believing people." ♦

Thanksgiving – with a little help from my friends

By Lauren Bocchino
The Crimson White (U. Alabama)

(U-Wire) I am from New Jersey. Being from a state that is 1,000 miles from the campus means two things. One, it's usually a two-plane trip home, and two, the drive home is too long for a Thanksgiving trip.

Coming to this actualization early on made me realize something: Thanksgiving was a trip that wasn't feasible for me to make home.

Sure, I tried it freshman year. It was, after all, my first year away from home, but it didn't work for me. Arriving late Wednesday night to leave on Sunday morning isn't a fun trip for me – it's stress. Having to visit with my entire family

and all my friends from high school requires too much energy, when all I really want to do is relax. On top of that, my luggage was lost on the way home, which pretty much ruined any future Thanksgiving trips home.

Now don't get me wrong. I love my father's Thanksgiving dinner and spending time with family and friends, but the commute was unbearable to me. My parents, however, didn't quite agree with this decision. Now I hope, at this point, you are agreeing that not going home for the few days the university allots for Thanksgiving makes sense. But unfortunately this isn't the case with the general population. Many believe Thanksgiving is a time to be spent with family, not

friends, no exceptions. This statement prompted me to write my column.

When Thanksgiving was first created in 1621, it was a result of the first year the Pilgrims spent at Plymouth Rock. After a devastating first winter, the Pilgrims had lost 46 of the original 102 who had sailed from the Mayflower from Great Britain. The harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one for the Pilgrims, so the remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast and include 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive during their first year. In June of 1676, a Day of Thanksgiving was proclaimed, and in October of 1777, all 13 colonies joined for a Thanksgiving feast.

As the first president of the United States, George

Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789. Following 40 years of controversy, President Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November as a national day of Thanksgiving. Franklin D. Roosevelt changed the holiday to the second to last Thursday of November.

After learning what the history of Thanksgiving meant, I began to explain to my family that not spending the holiday with them was not the end of the world. I tried to tell them to think of me as one of the colonists spending time with new friends who had helped me make it my first year in a new environment.

My parents understood my frustrations with the commute and agreed to let

me stay in Alabama for my second Thanksgiving. Going to my boyfriend's house made me realize that although spending Thanksgiving with family is nice, spending it with other people who love you is just as nice.

In a day where families are scattered from one end of the country to the other, it's important to realize that it's not always who you spend the holiday with, but how you spend the holiday.

I now try to remember the reasons that Thanksgiving was established and to remember the suffering and trials the Pilgrims had to overcome that first year in America.

I also remember that like the Pilgrims, none of us could make it without the help of friends. ♦

Bad logic breeds doubt in pro-life view

By Jeffrey Eisenberg
Cavalier Daily

(U-Wire) The abortion debate suffers from a great deal of confusion among pro-choice supporters and pro-life supporters. It is clear that the pro-life position is philosophically and practically untenable. With hope, the issue will fade away from the American political landscape into the far-off land of non-issues, where it has long belonged.

Abortion's relevance to amount of media coverage ratio is nearly zero. Abortion isn't an issue that the average American is likely to confront often in the course of their daily lives. It is, at its foundation, a moral issue; that's the only reason that those concerned should care, because they suppose that they defend right – not that they are the champions of smart utilitarian public policy.

But pro-life advocates make bad moral advocates. To begin, Judith Jarvis Thomson, an MIT philosopher, observes that it's a logical jump to con-

sider a fetus a person.

That's why most pro-life supporters focus on the property of being alive, hence their name. But insofar as being alive is being not dead, the pro-life advocates have an irrelevant point. Plants are alive, and if terminating life is wrong, then so is stepping on plants.

Pro-life advocates have to argue that there's something special or distinguishing about a person as compared to other forms of life, if they're to argue that such is sacred. That's fine. Supporters of the pro-life position can be granted that. They're pro-persons. Still, when did it arrive in their minds that personhood forms at conception?

Pro-persons say it's because of the potential for human life (again, they confuse their terms). But so what? Thanks to Thomson and her moral theorizing, we know this is an empty point. If a fetus is a person because of its potential to be one, then so an acorn must be, has the

potential to become one.

It's true that acorns become trees at some point, but it is a fundamental confusion to say an acorn is a tree. In the same manner, it's deeply inaccurate to suggest that a fetus is a person.

Thus, the abortion debate, if it is to be at all meaningful, ought to focus on when personhood develops. We know one answer to be wrong: conception.

We also know that it's not extremely close to conception any more than a really fat acorn is a tree. Supporters of both the pro-choice and pro-life positions are able to agree that there are times when the fetus is a person.

This is the sound logic behind mutual opposition to partial birth abortion, which to the mind of many, is just a form of infanticide.

Thus, it's fair to conclude that those who are pro-life, or pro-person depending on who's doing the calling, go astray right from the beginning.

Pro-choice advocates,

despite being correct, however, need to get a few things straight. Pro-choice supporters need to stop saying that terminating a pregnancy is wrong, but they don't support the government's right to deny individuals that option. You wouldn't say you think murder is wrong, but the government has no business stopping homicidal maniacs.

The point is pro-choice advocates and the other side divide specifically over the morality of abortion – nothing more. Arguing about the proper sphere of government lacks any sense because the government's role is shaped by what society deems to be normatively right and morally sanctionable.

Both sides need to remain focused on making intelligent moral arguments and stop framing abortion as a political issue that is separate and apart from morality. We need to be discussing when personhood starts and even then we need to analyze critically our belief that prematurely ending per-

sonhood is morally blameworthy.

This issue will continue to be the mantelpiece of fanatics on the far left and the far right. People, not predisposed to such fanaticism, likely would realize its actual irrelevance.

But this is just the problem. Those who are most seriously engaged in the public debate over abortion are so cloaked in emotional baggage that the people who would think clearly about it are crowded out from public discussion.

If we were to engage the intelligent members of society in this debate with some clear-headed moral thinking, much of the confusion and the inaccuracy in the abortion debate would wither away in favor of greater tolerance of people's decisions about what to do with their bodies and the issue might finally come to a rest, which is where it needs to be.

Until that happens, the pro-life position will continue uncritically to captivate the minds of many. ♦

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Be kind to the noble trashcans that serve our campus

To the Editor:

Those poor things. They are being abused left and right by MTSU students, faculty and staff alike. I'm talking, of course, about those poor trash cans in the Business and Aerospace Building, always trapped, waiting on someone to come rescue them. These poor receptacles have become nothing but doorstops, as visitors to the BAS use them to keep classroom doors propped open so they won't get locked out by the security locks (which aren't doing such a good job, according to the crime log in Monday's Sidelines). When will it stop? It's time we did something about it. Why not take up the BAS Trash Can Fund? Think about it. If every MTSU student pitched in

\$2 to this fund, we'd raise nearly \$40,000 to stop the senseless abuse of trash cans. It's almost as if they aren't even used to store trash anymore... just to prop open doors. Most are bruised and battered. Some have even cracked. I just won't rest easy until all of these innocent trash cans have been replaced, and their new counterparts actually get to be used... as trash cans.

Zack Bennett

The previous letter to the editor is a sarcastic attempt at humor, arguing the point that those stupid locks in BAS need to be taken off so students don't have to sit in the narrow hallways waiting on their professors to come let them into the classrooms!

Rockin' back to the eighties

Local clothing store showcases vintage fashions of the '80s



Photo by Andy Alexander | Staff
Models strut their stuff at The Boro Bar and Grill last Thursday during Anastasia's Attic's Head to Toe '80s Rock Show. Models wore everything from mini skirts and fishnets to tight jeans and oversized sweaters.

Anastasia's Attic is located on the square.

By Phoenix Taylor
Staff Writer

Slip into something black, layer it with lace, put on your fishnets and don't forget those ankle-high, heeled boots. Models wearing vintage clothing took center stage at The Boro Bar and Grill last Thursday night during Anastasia's Attic's Head to Toe '80s Rock Show.

Take a fashion trip back in time, when banana clips, jelly bracelets, big gold jewelry, Izod shirts, oversized T-shirts, skinny ties, fringe and stir-up pants were in style. Recall the sound of aerosol Rave hairspray that created ultra-high teased bangs. Side ponytails, crimped hair and the Jeri curl were very popular among the stylish. Remember the MTV Video Music Awards performance when Madonna jumped out of a wedding cake and rolled around on stage performing her hit song "Like a Virgin" in her racy white wedding dress and lace fingerless gloves? She made expressing sexuality a social issue and ignited the lingerie as outerwear universal sensation.

Do you remember DJ Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince's "Parents Just Don't Understand" video? This song expresses that the trends were too "far out" for the older generation.

Music made an important impact on clothing style. Huge, time clock necklaces, Flava Flave of Public Enemy; Adidas jump suits and shelled toe shoes, Run DMC, and Kangol hats by L.L.Cool J were among the styles made popular by artists. Robert Smith of the Cure made Gothic styles such as a pale face, teased and matted black hair hip. George Michael made tight, stonewashed jeans to emphasize firm backsides popular. Recollect to Cultural Club, Boy George's face of vivid color and design. He created makeup looks for club kids abound. One cannot forget the Jackson siblings. Michael made pushing up shirt sleeves cool in "Beat It," and Janet took "Control" by wearing only one earring with a key. Speaking of outrageous, remember the glam rock styles of cartoons such as Jem or the military fatigues of G.I. Joe?

Those were the days.

The show didn't go back too far for thought - '90s techno music from Orgy was pumping throughout the venue. The performance captured the rock and new romantic, a blend of glamour and punk, trends of the decade.

In the show's fourth year running, store

owner Christine Hudson presented an eclectic assortment of modern '80s silhouette; super tight minis, tight jeans, oversized sweaters, tube tops, colored tights and fishnets with holes. Silver studded and skinny doubled belts offered quite an entertaining night.

Hudson, however, did a great job of styling the show. The models worked their charm and dazzled the packed bar with their ultra-high teased hair, Mohawk inspired looks and spiky styles that captured the extremity of hair in the '80s. Model Tamara, one of the more spirited ladies, danced down the runway with big hair, a Custo-Barcelona long-sleeved shirt, coordinated with a turquoise sequined fitted skirt and a silvery studded belt that hung low around her hips. Black fishnets and ankle-high boots completed her look. She encompassed the imaginative and artistic blends of the event.

In addition to the hair, the makeup was extremely well done. Upward, winged lines of deep black shadows painted the model's eyes. Defined streaks of burgundy blushes graced cheekbones. Pale pinks and plum lipstick put the finishing touches to their face palettes creating the looks of '80s chic.

Vintage jewelry was complementary detail. Silver designs, red- and black-beaded crosses and chokers adorned models necks. Tennessee local artisans Rababa Al-haddad and Regina Crowl created the jewelry, called Rabina, which is sold at Hudson's boutique.

Other highlights from the show were a white, short, skin-tight tube dress matched with double studded belt; black sequin tube tops; sparkle Capri pants; a black cocktail dress that had spaghetti straps; a sequin top connected to a short full skirt; A-symmetrical tops; and colorful, straight and A-lined skirts. Some of the skirts had sequined, flower motifs adorned on the surface.

Toward the middle of the show, variety among the garments became monotonous. The only dress changes that occurred were among the tops instead of having an overall transition of clothing. Tops featured on stage were from Spanish design label Custo-Barcelona. They are known for their trend-setting designs, audacious color, geometric prints and pop-art styles. Although this trendy label is a current among fashionable men and

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As real as it gets

MTV's Julie tackles 'real world' issues in college lectures across the country

By Morgan Lomax
Staff Writer



Julie Stoffer

Imagine growing up in a strong Mormon household in rural Wisconsin.

As a child, MTV was banned from your home. Such entertainment was unacceptable. This was life for 21-year-old Julie Stoffer.

The Brigham Young University student didn't know anything about MTV or its No. 1 rated reality series *The Real World* when she auditioned on a whim. It was a friend who persuaded her to

tryout for the show and she agreed, thinking it would be fun. This was a far cry from life in Provo, Utah, where MTV is banned from the dorms.

Julie never dreamed that out of 35,000 hopefuls she'd be one of the lucky seven. Her goal wasn't to get on the show, but to move on to the next round of auditions in Los Angeles.

"I was like, 'Free trip to L.A. Yes!'" she said. "That trip, in itself, changed my life."

The open-call audition was only the beginning of the journey Julie was about to embark on. Not only did she get several free trips to Los Angeles for callbacks, she was cast in the ninth season of the series, set in New Orleans.

For most, being cast would be a dream come true. For Julie, the decision to appear on the show was difficult. She didn't know how her parents, friends and fellow Mormons would feel about her representing them on national television.

After much deliberation, Julie's parents reluctantly agreed to let their daughter do the show. With her parents' approval, she left BYU in January 2000 to begin five months of taping.

She would share her new home, the Belfort mansion, with six strangers and have her life taped around the clock. Her new roommates included four males and two females. She would be living with a devout Catholic, two minorities and an openly gay man. Julie, the oldest of four children, had been sheltered all her life. Until that point, she had never personally known anyone of another race or sexual orientation.

She was literally about to face the "real world."

Throughout the season, Julie's faith was a major topic. In the first episode alone, it seemed like Mormonism was a bigger topic than homosexuality. Julie faced the subject with pride and patience.

Viewers watched her grow spiritually and mentally. After five months of taping, she emerged a changed person. The little girl who grew up sheltered from many of today's issues ended up being

'The Man Who Wasn't There,' 'Waking Life'



Coen brothers sink to mediocrity, Linklater creates unique piece

By Zachary Hansen
Staff Writer

Well, they finally did it. The Coen brothers made a mediocre film. *The Man Who Wasn't There* had the potential to be a classic neo-noir picture, but was instead ruined by the ludicrousness of its makers.

Set in 1949, the film is about a barber named Ed, played by Billy Bob Thornton, whose performance is one of the sole redeeming qualities of the movie. He doesn't talk much, but instead stands silently smoking, his only thoughts conveyed to us through a constant voice-over. He is approached one day by a customer who, hoping to open a chain of dry cleaners, proposes a shared business with him.

Needing \$10,000 for the down payment, Ed thinks of a way to raise the money. He blackmails a department store owner, David (James Gandolfini), who happens to be having an affair with Ed's wife, Doris (Frances McDormand). In a confrontation, Ed kills David, and the plot is sent in motion. False accusations and double-crosses ensue, and for a while, the film is highly entertaining.

Soon afterward, the whole film goes wrong. All sorts of absurdities and typical Coen situations begin to occur, and the film goes on and on and on. In films like *Barton Fink* and *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, this technique works successfully because the films are meant to be highly stylistic and silly. But the addition of this nonsense to a film like *The Man Who Wasn't There* is inappropriate.

Using their masterpiece as an example, the Coen's *Fargo* was a great film because,

despite occasional jokes and surrealism, it is still a dramatic film at heart. This concentration on character rather than comedy made it effective. *The Man Who Wasn't There* could have played perfectly as a straight mystery, with some humor thrown in for color, but they took it too far. A subplot involving a Lolita-esque obsession and a theory involving aliens take the focus away from what could have been an interesting study of the psychology of the characters.

In addition, this is one of those examples where the film comes to a point where it would make a perfect ending, and then continues on for another pointless 30 minutes or so.

Many have praised the filmmakers for putting this new spin on the film noir, but there were surely other ways to make it new and fresh without making a mockery of the genre. Although it is their most beautifully shot film, using black and white to bring out details color couldn't have accentuated, that alone does not make a film worthwhile.

To the Coens: save the laughs for your next *Big Lebowski*. In this case, you've done a horrible thing.

Thankfully, another new film made up for the tragedy of this earlier weekend experience. Richard Linklater's newest creation, *Waking Life*, is one of the most unique films of the year, a journey into the dream world that I wish I could experience when I sleep.

This largely plotless film follows an unnamed young man through his dreams. Or is it his life? This is part of the intrigue the film presents. He encounters a number of unconnected characters, and they share with him their thoughts on life, death,

dreams, philosophy and films. Their tales are funny, interesting, frightening, occasionally pretentious but never boring. I will admit that right now, it probably doesn't sound like a very intriguing, action-packed film, but there is something I have not yet mentioned.

The entire film was shot on digital video and then given to a number of artists, who then painted over the frames, making it endlessly fascinating to look at. Each vignette is given its own look by the artist who created it, interestingly giving the main character a contrasting appearance in almost every scene. Even in still frames, the picture never stops moving. It flows as if there is water pulsating above the frame. Tables float in the scene as if they are boats on a lake and characters' faces shift color and shape nonstop. It's comparable to going to an abstract art gallery and being able to enter each different painting, mingling with its inhabitants.

Yes, some of the vignettes' dialogue does get a little tedious. But even if you tire of listening to a professor ramble on about his philosophical beliefs, the look of the film itself will never cease to amaze you. Though nobody will agree with all views presented by the script, it is still interesting to hear so many points of view on all types of things.

A sharp contrast to the vivid nightmares in *Mulholland Drive*, *Waking Life* is a celebration of dreaming and life itself. Like the best of dreams, this film is an experience that you will not likely want to wake up from anytime soon. Its beautiful images and unrelenting imagination make the most original movie of the year. ♦

Real: Stoffer conquers another real 'extreme challenge'

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a huge, respected voice in the house. The only black woman turned out to be her best friend. She also confronted her father on camera about control issues and why he had sheltered her from the world. Julie stayed strong in her Mormonism, at the same time facing many issues she doubted. She became her own person.

After the show wrapped production in May 2000, Brigham Young officials suspended Julie from the university for breaking the honor code. BYU felt her living in a co-ed environment was unacceptable. The decision made national headlines.

Julie's parents, both BYU alumni, stood by their daughter. James and Jan Stoffer publicly discussed their frustration with BYU's decision, calling it "hurtful."

News of the suspension brought Julie's decision to join the cast of reality spin-off show, *Real World/Road Rules Extreme*

Challenge. The Extreme Challenge puts alumni from MTV's two biggest reality shows together in physical challenges against one another for prizes. To no one's surprise, Julie led the *Real World* team to victory.

With a year of filming for MTV behind her, Julie entered President George W. Bush's Points of Light intensive training course at the University of San Diego. There she was trained to speak effectively to youth about issues such as diversity, drugs and alcohol, conflict resolution, AIDS, STDs, sexual purity, volunteerism and more. Her *Real World* experience, high personal standards and training make Julie an amazing speaker, especially to young adults.

Julie has visited more than 100 schools, churches and events over the past year-and-a-half spreading her inspirational message. I met Julie last year during her visit to the University of Tennessee at Martin. Her speech was

immensely powerful. She discussed her views on issues college students deal with daily. The sincerity of her words brought many people, including myself, to tears.

Along with personal appearances, Julie has been featured in numerous publications, including *People*, *Newsweek* and *USA Today*, and on such programs as *The View*, *Larry King Live*, *Politically Incorrect* and *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus*. Her travels have taken her across Europe, to the southern tip of Africa, Canada, Mexico and to each state in the United States.

Although cameras no longer document her every move, Julie still leads a very public life. You can read her personal journal on her Web site www.plan-etjulie.com. The site includes tour dates, bio and links on Julie.

Despite all that has changed in her life, good and bad, Julie remains faithful to her religion and her *Real World* experience,

which lives on in re-runs.

Julie has not re-applied to Brigham Young University despite the fact her brother is now a freshman there. She is busy traveling with her college tour.

Although she no longer attends BYU, Julie is still an active member of the Mormon church. Many members of the church have accepted her for who she is. Others don't hesitate to tell her what they think.

"Most of the time reaction is positive. I get one, maybe two instances a month where people are angry, and they are screaming and stuff," she said.

Does that make her regret being on reality television?

"I think that this is the best experience. I wish that everyone was afforded this kind of opportunity," she said. "I am really thankful. I really think this is a blessing in my life, and it is going to afford me the opportunity to touch a lot of people, and for that I am thankful." ♦



Photo by Andy Alexander | Staff

Models mingle backstage at Anastasia's Attic's Head to Toe '80s Rock Show fashion showcase held at The Boro Bar and Grill last Thursday night.



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women, it became a repetitive feature in the show and took away from the themed event.

The excitement remained constant. Hoots and hollers from the crowd showed their approval.

As the models took their last walk and the mistress of ceremonies concluded the show, I didn't walk away with a sense of nostalgia – except for the big teased hair and the artistic makeup designs. Nevertheless, I did leave knowing where to find contemporary and vintage treasures – Anastasia's Attic on the square. ♦

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MT's future doesn't include a bowl game

The Middle Tennessee football team is playing the waiting game right now.

Due to North Texas' victory over Idaho Saturday, MT is out of the New Orleans Bowl and waiting to hear from other possible bowls – the Humanitarian Bowl and San Jose Silcon Valley Bowl among them.

A bowl invitation would be really nice for the MT football program, but it's not going to happen this year.

MT's only big win this season came against Vanderbilt. One could argue the only reason the Blue Raiders won that game was because Nezih Hasanoglu dropped a potential touchdown pass in the end zone, and then on the next play, the snap for a field goal was fumbled. Even so, Vandy is the worst team in the Southeastern Conference with a 2-6 record.

Another thing going against the Blue Raiders is that they're in the weakest conference in college football. The six other Sun Belt teams have won 18 games combined. Those same six teams combine for two non-conference victories.

MT has three non-conference wins. To its disadvantage, those wins are against Troy State, Connecticut and Vanderbilt. Those aren't exactly powerhouses. Winning games in a weak conference doesn't get you into a bowl game, especially with that non-conference schedule. Of course, smaller, weaker conferences go to the bowls that could possibly contact the Blue Raiders.

Cities hosting bowl games want to know they're going to be able to sell tickets. MT can't promise the number of fans bowl games would like to have. Most bowls like at least 15,000 to 20,000 tickets sold for each participating school.

MT fans showed up in those numbers for Vanderbilt but have failed to do so since then. The average actual attendance for home games going into the UConn game was 19,067. The announced attendance for the UConn game was 13,017. Both those numbers seem a bit inflated.

On top of that, the bowl games are during Christmas break. How many students do you think would spend their Christmas in Boise, Idaho? New Orleans is much more appealing.

Lastly, the Blue Raiders failed to take care of business in Denton, Texas, against the Mean Green. NT at the time was 0-5 and had lost to Louisiana-Monroe – not exactly a strong team – the week before. MT lost that game 24-21.

NT now goes to the New Orleans Bowl with no non-conference wins to this point. The Mean Green play Troy State this weekend, but as I've already established, they're not exactly a powerhouse team.

The loss to the Mean Green will sting even more when the Blue Raiders are sitting home during bowl season.

MT needed a win over a better SEC team to make a case for getting into a bowl this season. A win over Ole Miss or Louisiana State would give the Blue Raiders a legitimate claim at a bowl berth. Then again, MT could have beat North Texas and played in the New Orleans Bowl like most people expected them to.

As it stands, MT is 8-3 and hating the words North Texas.

Call from the Pressbox appears every Wednesday. You can contact Colleen Cox at slsports@mtsu.edu or 898-2816.

NT wraps up New Orleans Bowl bid

By Colleen Cox
Sports Editor



North Texas beat Idaho 50-27 Saturday night at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow, Idaho, to secure a spot in the New Orleans Bowl Dec. 18 at the Louisiana Superdome.

Middle Tennessee lost its shot at the New Orleans Bowl

with the NT win. Many publications picked MT to win the Sun

Belt Conference in the inaugural season. Despite the Blue Raiders' better overall record, NT is in the bowl game because of a 24-21 win over MT Oct. 13 in Denton, Texas. The two teams hold identical 5-1 conference records.

MT could still end up in a bowl game. The team will have to wait and see after finishing

the season 8-3.

The Mean Green are not sure yet who they will be playing in the New Orleans Bowl. The Mountain West Conference representative will be determined after the Utah at Air Force game Dec. 1. Utah's 24-21 loss to Brigham Young Saturday dropped them into the mix. Other teams in contention for

the MWC bid are Colorado State and New Mexico.

NT will play in its first bowl game since the 1959 Sun Bowl. The Mean Green held the longest bowl drought in Division I-A before the win over Idaho.

The New Orleans Bowl will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 7 p.m. CT. ♦

MT seeks win over IUPUI

Blue Raiders look for second win in 17 games at home tonight

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's men's basketball team will try to win for just the second time in 17 games today.

"The only thing we can do is

put last year behind us," junior guard Dee Wilkes said. "We've got a lot of good new players coming in, and we're just trying to be real unselfish and get the ball to the open guy, and I think that is going to help us."

Just like MT, Indiana

University Purdue University at Indianapolis has many new faces, but also has some returning talent, including 6-foot-8-inch forward Charles Price who was called "workhorse" by the overview of IUPUI on CBS.sportsline.com. IUPUI has

two returning starters, notably Price who averaged 12.5 points per game. They also return Lance Williams who averaged 8.7 points per game last year, shooting 40 percent from the three-point line.

Another face to watch for IUPUI is Brian Buchanan. In IUPUI's opener against Cleveland State, Buchanan scored 21 points including 5 three-pointers. Another reserve that the Blue Raiders will have to worry about is 6-foot-4-inch, 185 pound Lonnie Holland who shot a blistering 55 percent from three-point range last year.

Another newcomer to watch in the backcourt for IUPUI, according to CBS.sportsline.com, will be 6-foot-4-inch guard/forward Odel Bradley. According to MT head coach Randy Wiel, the Blue Raiders will have their work cut out for them.

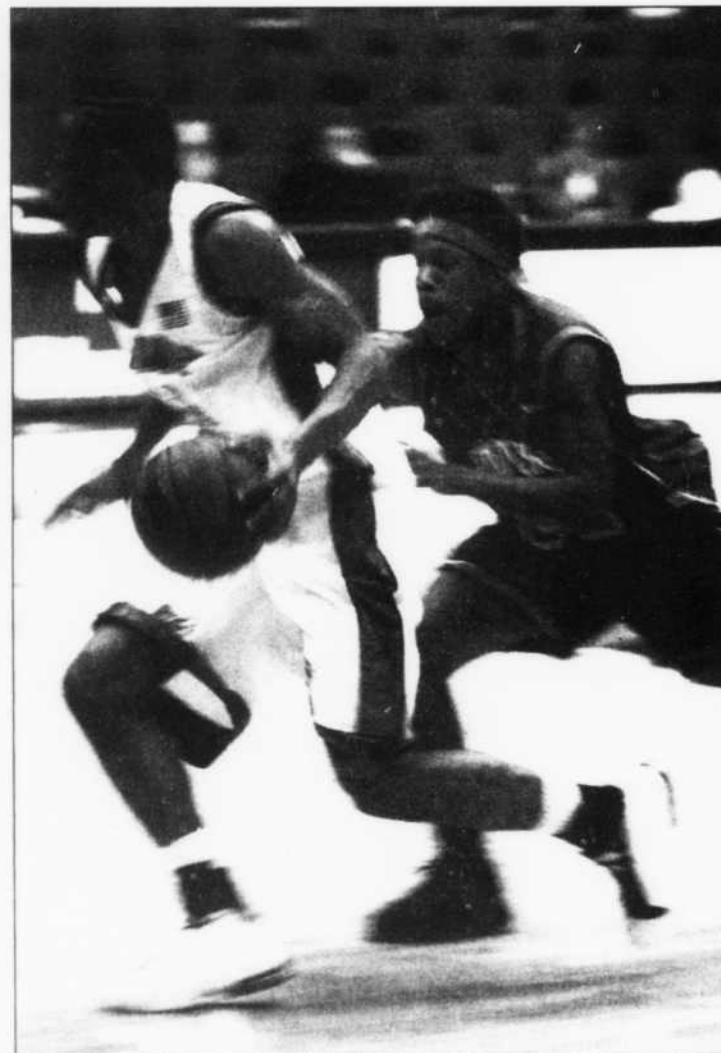
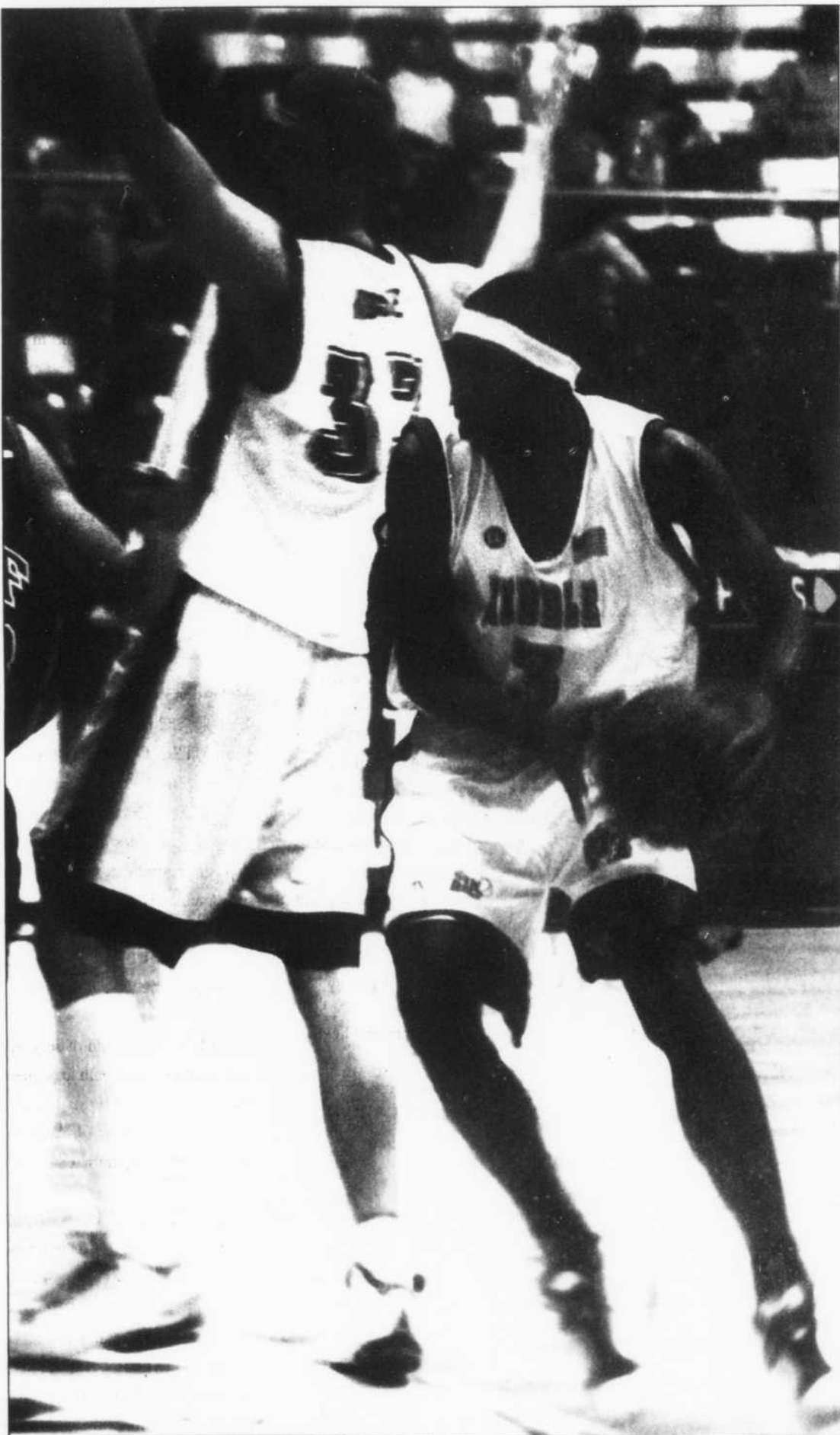
"In the first half (of the Bryan College game), we only

had 1 percent loss of ball, but I hammered on that. But let's hope that it carries over into the game Wednesday because Indiana University-Purdue University is a very tough opponent," Wiel said.

"(William) Pippen is settling in as a starter. John Humphrey did very well. He is an explosive player and a momentum guy. Charles Anderson is very, very steady and plays inconspicuously," Wiel said. "There are some things we need to work on and in the last (exhibition) game. We turned the ball over trying to be cute, and now let's hope that it will continue over into the next game."

The Blue Raiders should not have any trouble matching up defensively with IUPUI, as they have Iiro Tenngren who scored 25 points in the home opener and Lee Nosse who scored 8 points in 19 minutes.

The Blue Raiders will be hosting IUPUI Wednesday at 7 p.m. CT. ♦



Photos by Amy Jones | Staff

(Left) William Pippen dribbles the ball in for two as Lee Nosse blocks a would be defender. (Above) The MT player tries to protect the ball from the crashing defender.

MT season success

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

Not that the curtain has closed on the Middle Tennessee football season, but the fat lady is humming the alma mater fight song backstage as the bowl committee tests the sound system.

But if the Music City Bowl comes calling, the Blue Raider show will step back on stage for one more encore. In the off-chance that this act of justice does not present itself after an impressive 8-3 season, a walk through of the MT 2001 season is the next best thing available for those that can't seem to put the Blue Raiders on the shelf quite yet.

Vanderbilt

The Blue Raiders are the favorite for the inaugural Sun Belt Conference championship, but that doesn't mean much to the SEC and their favorite whip-

ping post, the Vanderbilt Commodores. So, the Blue Raiders took their act down to Nashville to inform Vanderbilt that they will have to continue to keep cellar duty in the state of Tennessee. MT answers all questions on whether they are worthy members of Division I-A football when they returned to Murfreesboro with a 37-28 victory.

Troy State

Welcome home Blue Raiders! The second largest crowd in Floyd Stadium history convened to watch the Blue Raiders break the seal on their first home game as they demoralized the Troy State Trojans 54-17. The game set the tone for the Blue Raiders' sheer dominance at home as well as proving that Murfreesboro did have a pulse.

Louisiana-Monroe

This was the first of three trips down south into Bayou Country and the very first Sun

Belt Conference game ever played. And, of course, MT claimed it for their very own with a 38-20 barnburner. When the smoke cleared, MT emerged holding the kerosene and the match and every Sun Belt Conference award the league had to offer. Linebacker Scotty Brown won Defensive Player of the Week honors, quarterback Wes Counts earned the offensive award and punter Robert Billings took the special teams recognition.

Louisiana-Lafayette

This was the biggest test of the season for the No. 1 ranked offense in the country. They had to return to Louisiana to face the Ragin' Cajuns, one of the Sun Belt Conference's most selfish defenses. And though the Blue Raiders took another win from Louisiana, the Cajuns exposed a sign of weakness in the MT armor. The vaunted passing attack was held to 5-of-17 com-

pletions and 53 yards in a 26-9 victory.

Idaho

The Blue Raiders return home to introduce the Idaho Vandals to Sun Belt Conference play. The introductions got friendly as the two combined to set an NCAA record with 128 total points scored. The 70-58 final left black tread marks on the Floyd Stadium turf and provided even more questions about the Blue Raider squad as they allowed Idaho to climb back into the game with 48 second half points.

North Texas

The hopes for a trip to the New Orleans Bowl were washed away in a Mean Green as the MT weaknesses of the past two games were fully exposed against the best defense in the conference. The Blue Raiders fumbled as many times as they scored (three times) and were sent home with a black eye to

their perfect record. North Texas proved that the Blue Raiders are only as good as their running game, which was practically nonexistent with a mere 123 yards on the afternoon. The final score appeared closer than the game let on. The 24-21 score actually was a glaring indication of what happens when a top offense takes a day off.

Ole Miss

The Blue Raiders had every intention of taking their frustrations out on the SEC bully and its favorite son, Eli Manning. They just about accomplished their goals until wilting in the fourth quarter under the Mississippi burning, losing 17-45. The offensive machine of the Blue Raiders seemed to be hydroplaning.

New Mexico State

To quote Al Michaels, "Do you believe in miracles?"

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Football: Bowl game could be in future

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The Blue Raiders used a 28-point fourth quarter rally to keep their home winning streak intact and to keep their hopes of a Sun Belt Conference championship alive. This game also displayed the re-emergence of the Blue Raider defense as they completely shut down the Aggie offense in a memorable fourth quarter. It also appeared that the fourth quarter stops by the Raider defense coaxed the beaten MT offense from out of the corner as they took a 39-35 win. Arkansas State

Will the real Blue Raiders please stand up. The MT squad that bushwhacked Vanderbilt, Troy State and New Mexico State in the fourth quarter showed what home field was all about as they embarrassed Arkansas State in front of a modest Floyd Stadium crowd. The final score was reminiscent of the offense that had been so highly touted at the beginning of the year as they tattooed a 54-6 score on to Arkansas State. LSU

When MT wants a challenge, they go hunting for SEC big cats. When they want adventure, the Blue Raiders travel down south to one of the largest, most hostile venues in college football - Tiger Stadium. The Blue Raiders endured another loss to SEC competition, but they continued to prove that the conference is not totally out of their league. The Blue Raider defense held the LSU Tigers to a mere field goal in the second half though the final outcome favored the opponent, 30-14. Connecticut

Though the season would end without the ticket to the New Orleans Bowl, MT will send 16 seniors down the graduation line with a 8-3 2001 season record and an 11-game winning streak at home. They beat the Huskies on both sides of the ball, and the game ended with a lopsided 38-14 score. Wide receiver Kendall Newson ended his career with a catch in 43 straight games, while Dwone Hicks posted back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Wes Counts leads the nation in completion percentage, and the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders will end the season co-champions of the Sun Belt Conference.

Bowl Hopes

The water is still murky, but rumors are rippling down the Murfreesboro grape vine that the lack of Big East bowl-eligible teams opens a slot for the Music City Bowl. Now, whether that slot opens for the Blue Raiders has yet to be determined, but the chances that MT could face its fourth SEC opponent of the year don't look too shabby.

Regardless of whether the Blue Raiders receive the stiff-arm from the bowls or receive the opportunity to even the score on the SEC, their efforts should be saluted. Head coach Andy McCollum and his staff have lifted the small blip of a football school to national prominence, and the 16 seniors can walk away knowing they have helped inflate the image of 'Little Middle.' ♦

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Announcements

Ball girls and boys needed for the Lady Raider Basketball 2001-2002 Season. Please contact Kate Sullivan at 898-5207 for more information.

Lost black spiral notebook with 8 x 10 picture of my son and Professor Gore on Thursday, Nov. 14 in Prof. Gore's class at podium. If found, please call 907-9096 or 907-0055 or take by Smith Hall desk where my son works.

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Roommate needed...will give a discount on first month's rent. Lease lasts till the end of July. A four bedroom four bath apartment. Call 848-7195 or 519-8916 and ask for "Andi"...short for Andrea. Need a female roommate.

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Female Roommate needed: To sublease at University Courtyard Apartments. For Spring Semester. \$395 per month includes everything, completely furnished, no deposit or application fee. Call Jennifer at 615-907-2162, leave message.

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MT inks prospect

MT Media Relations

The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team has signed Knoxville's Brandon Allan to a national letter of intent this week.

Allan, who attends Bearden High School in Knoxville, is the top-ranked junior in Tennessee and won the Tennessee State Qualifying Tournament in June. He also won the Southern Boys 18s Doubles title last summer and has 20 USTA singles and doubles championships to his name. Allan is ranked in the Top 25 in the South in singles and is a member of the National Honor Society at Bearden High School.

"Brandon is an excellent addition to our tennis program. He brings in a tremendous amount of potential with excellent physical ability," head coach Dale Short said. "Brandon certainly has the ability to make an immediate impact on the Blue Raider tennis program."

"Brandon, along with Greg Pollack of Memphis and Murfreesboro's Trevor Short, give us three of Tennessee's top juniors over the past couple of years."

MT opens the spring campaign in Jan. 18 at the University of Hawaii. The home opener will be Jan. 26 against Louisville. ♦

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