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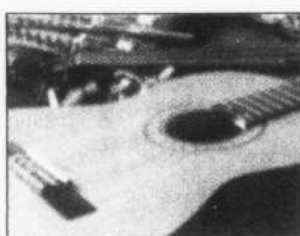
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## McPhee announces reorganization

By Lindsey Turner  
Managing Editor

In a move that will require two administrators, President Sidney McPhee announced Thursday his plans for reorganizing the administrative structure of the university.

The new structure includes creating a new Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost to replace the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, currently occupied by Barbara Haskew.

"In reorganizing the position, I'm looking for someone who can be a chief executive officer for the campus," McPhee said. According to McPhee's



Haskew

written plan, the executive vice president's role will be crucial, as the president becomes more involved in external relations and fund-raising.

McPhee said the decision to remove Haskew from that office was not met with resistance by her.

A nationwide search for an executive vice president will be conducted. Robert Eaker, former dean of MTSU's College of Education, will act as executive vice president until a new one is selected.

McPhee said Haskew had served the university well, but that Eaker will help bring new ideas and perspectives to the position. McPhee would not comment on Haskew's job performance.

"I don't want to get into the issue of individual competence," he said.

Haskew will return to full-time teaching with the title of distinguished professor of economics in the Jones College of Business. She could not be reached for comment.

The Office of Information Technology will move up on the university's totem pole, as McPhee's plan creates a new Office of the Vice President for Information Technology and



Hare

Chief Information Officer.

Lucinda Lea, formerly assistant vice president for Information Technology, will be promoted to vice president for Information Systems and chief information officer.

"It will better enable the technology aspects of everything we do here to be considered," Lea said. "With Information Technology sitting at the cabinet level, there's going to be much more opportunity to develop plans and look at

resources and how the technology can better enable all the things we're trying to do."

Major changes will be taking place in the division of Student Affairs as well. The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs will be converted to the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, to be occupied by Bob Glenn, former vice president for Student Affairs.

Several programs will be shifted from Academic Affairs to Student Affairs, including International Programs and Services, Cooperative Education, the Day Care Center, the Student Athletic Enhancement Center and the

Leadership Institute.

A major responsibility Glenn's division will gain is Enrollment Management.

According to McPhee's written plan, "Presently, many of the student support services are scattered across divisional units with little coordination. Establishing an enrollment management unit under a vice provost (services) to students."

McPhee said this part of his decision was inspired by other universities that have a central enrollment management staff. MTSU's enrollment management currently is spread across financial aid, the records office

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## Housing to expand Channel 19



Photos by Jason Cox | Staff

Sophomore Ben Angeloni (above) takes a break from classes by watching a little Scooby Doo. Angeloni said he enjoys the movie channel because it provides an alternative to the hassle of renting movies.

Matt Jauregui, Aimee Millspaugh and Ben Angeloni (below) watch television in the lobby shared by Wood-Felder Halls.

### Channel will show thematic programs

By Amber Bryant  
Staff Writer

Due to a positive response from students, Housing and Residential Life is planning to expand Channel 19, the on-campus movie channel, to better promote campus events.

Plans include special thematic programming for African-American History Month during February and Women's History Month in March, as well as possibly using the channel in conjunction with certain academic courses, such as film studies.

"Students are encouraged to let us know what movies they would like to have each month," said Debra Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life, "and we also work with other faculty and staff to show movies appropriate to topics being taught in classes and for special events like African-American History Month."

The Film Studies program asked for input from instructors on using the channel to show movies that correspond to work done in class, said



Robert Holtzclaw, associate professor of English.

"It's very tentative," Holtzclaw said. Movies to be shown during Women's History Month include *Erin Brockovich*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *The Joy Luck Club* and *Steel Magnolias*, along with documentaries on prominent female figures throughout history.

Judith Iriarte-Gross, associate professor of chemistry, said the theme of this year's Women's History Month is women in science.

The TV channel had technical difficulties the first month, but that has been the only complaint so far, said Laurie Witherow, associate dean of Residence Life.

The channel, which is funded by student housing fees, usually shows four or five movies each day, with power point slides advertising campus functions between each showing.

"We're making it an educational and entertainment program," Witherow said.

The local cable company offered to provide HBO and Showtime if Housing purchases them as a package for the entire on-campus population, but the university is not in a position to add that cost to the housing budget, Sells said.

"As a compromise, for a lower cost we are able to provide Channel 19 through a special contract with Residence Life Cinema. Through this program, we can show both movies and general campus announcements," she said.

"The movies are pretty decent," said Betsy Hill, a freshman recording industry major. "They need some horror movies."

Sophomore Ben Angeloni said it is nice to be able to hang out without having to rent a movie.

Freshman Aimee Millspaugh did not know that the campus had a movie channel, adding "I haven't watched much TV in six years." ♦

## Groups criticize Senate bill on ecstasy

By Tara Ramroop  
The California Aggie (U.  
California-Davis)

(U-WIRE) DAVIS, Calif. — The Ecstasy Prevention Act of 2001, introduced to the U.S. Senate floor by Sen. Bob Graham (D-Fla.), is currently under fire from civil liberties organizations. A report issued by the Center for Cognitive Liberty and Ethics, a nonprofit organization working to protect fundamental civil liberties, finds that the Ecstasy Prevention Act unconstitutionally profiles people attending "raves," or electronic dance parties, and misappropriates federal funds to communities willing to outlaw these raves.

The bill passed the Senate Dec. 20 as part of the Justice Authorization Bill, HR-2215. It is now in conference with the House of Representatives.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, MDMA, commonly known as ecstasy, stimulates the release of the neurotransmitter serotonin from brain neurons, producing a high that lasts from several minutes to an hour. MDMA can produce stimulant effects such as an enhanced sense of pleasure and self-confidence and increased energy. Its psychedelic effects include feelings of peacefulness, acceptance and empathy.

"This is more of an education piece to get after the users," said Tandy Barrett, Graham's legislative assistant. "There's a misperception that ecstasy is safe. This bill will require a test by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to outline the serious health risk that this drug could have, even from just one use."

According to Sen. Graham's Web site, the apparent harmlessness of the drug has led to its pervasiveness in American life today.

"In part, ecstasy use is rising because teen-agers believe it is a safe way to get high and remain energized through late-night parties known as 'raves,'" the Web site said. "Nothing can be further from the truth. Ecstasy can cause brain damage,

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# MTSU students explore the world in Study Abroad program

By Jennifer Dotson  
Contributor

MTSU students have a diverse group of study abroad programs to choose from this summer.

Seventeen MTSU faculty members will be taking students to 16 different countries this summer including New Zealand, Ghana, Japan and Mexico.

Students also have access to 10 other countries through consortium agreements MTSU has with the Center for Cooperative Study Abroad and the Kentucky Institute for International Studies.

Most applications for the

summer programs are due between Feb. 15 and March 1. A variety of classes will be offered in each country, ranging from "Geoscience in the Caribbean" to "Rebels, Rockers, and Revolutionaries: London's Literature of Protest." In some programs, students can earn up to six credit hours.

Study Abroad Coordinator Richard Pace said he believes the benefits of studying abroad are many. "Study abroad opens your eyes to the world. It changes you in ways you cannot predict as you learn about how different the world is from your own existence," he said.

He also added that studying abroad is a good resume

builder.

"It makes you more attractive to employers for jobs where there is some international focus, which is pretty much most jobs these days," Pace said.

The cost of the programs ranges anywhere from \$1,770 for the Costa Rica program to \$5,950 to study in Spain. Most programs cost around \$3,000.

Financial aid can be used for the trips, and the cost of most programs includes tuition, airfare, room and board and excursions.

Many agree that the prices are affordable.

"Trying to take these trips on your own would often cost double or triple," Pace said.

Student Rashawn Crayton, who studied in Austria last summer, said traveling abroad is money well spent.

"My study abroad trip was truly a life altering experience and was worth every dime I paid for it," Crayton said.

English professor Angela Hague went on the Athens/Rome program for KIIS two years in a row and highly recommends the trip to both faculty and students. While there, her group visited museums, monuments and temples and took classes in subjects such as art history, studio art and classical mythology.

"For students who want to see more of the world and have

their studies take place in the very places they are studying, this is the type of program they should explore," she said.

Many MTSU students have also had positive experiences studying abroad. Jesse Larrison traveled with MTSU professor Shelley Thomas last year to Amiens, France, to study at the University of Jules Verne. During the three-week program, students studied French and other subjects such as history and French cooking.

"I learned so much about [France] that I otherwise wouldn't have experienced, things like local customs and gastronomy," Larrison said.

MTSU students Josh Ellis

and Monte Hendrickson are planning trips back to the countries they visited last summer. Ellis cited his trip as the greatest learning experience of his life.

"I had a wonderful time in a new environment, while learning about a foreign culture and getting credit to graduate," Ellis said. "It doesn't get much better than that."

For additional information about studying abroad, contact Pace at [rpac@mtsu.edu](mailto:rpac@mtsu.edu) or 904-8058. Information concerning the Center for Cooperative Study Abroad and KIIS programs is at [www.nku.edu/ccsa](http://www.nku.edu/ccsa) and [www.kiis.org](http://www.kiis.org).

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and admissions.

"We want to blur the lines between Academic Affairs and Student Affairs so that students have a more seamless experience," Glenn said.

Student Affairs will be divided into three new departments: Enrollment Services, Student Life and Academic Support Services. As vice provost for

Enrollment Management, Glenn will report to the executive vice president and provost.

Glenn said his division is equipped and ready to take on the added responsibilities.

Another nationwide search will be held to find a replacement for Linda Hare, formerly the vice president for Development and University Relations. McPhee's plan calls for Hare to be reassigned as

assistant to the president for University Relations.

"We needed a new focus in our development areas," McPhee said. Hare could not be reached for comment.

In the interim, the offices under the Office of Development and University Relations will report to Duane Stucky, formerly vice president for Finance and Administration.

Stucky's position now will be called the Office of the Vice President for Business and Finance. The Office of Information Technology will no longer be in this division. Stucky could not be reached for comment.

All changes will be effective Feb. 1 and have been approved by Charles Manning, chancellor of the Tennessee Board of Regents.

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potentially fatal dehydration and overheating and can precipitate heart attacks or strokes. In Florida alone last year, there were 25 deaths in which MDMA or a variant thereof was listed as a cause of death.

The CCLE disagrees with this sentiment, as they feel that people have the right to control their own minds.

"In one way it's trying to target people who are using ecstasy based on their lifestyle," said Richard Glen Boire, attorney and author of the report. "Raves are the hotbed for ecstasy use. It's not like marijuana where there's a telltale odor, or heroin, where people have marks on their arms to indicate usage. It's really hard for cops to tell who's been using this drug and they rely on profiling to determine who's been using it."

Boire feels that these harmful effects can be avoided with responsible use of the drug.

"I believe that, fundamentally, an adult has the right to control his or her own consciousness," Boire said. "The basis of human autonomy is that you have the right to make your own decisions, and that includes responsibly altering your consciousness with the use of any drug, technique or technology."

The CCLE feels that there are already so many mind-altering drugs that are legal and that this bill is an inappropriate use of government power to punish responsible users of ecstasy.

"People have a strange view of drugs in our society," Boire said. "They ignore how pervasive they are. The government is allowing people to alter their consciousness with other drugs like alcohol, nicotine and caffeine. Under this act, people are being targeted just on the fact that they are attending raves and it doesn't have anything to do with their behavior. It's just the fact that you're taking this drug they don't approve of."

Supporters of the bill insist that there aren't any unconstitutional profiling techniques being employed, as well as no efforts to shut down electronic dance parties.

"The bill is by no means targeting raves; we're just trying to help the communities that agreed to take initiative over the drug," Barrett said.

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## Editorial

### We wish luck to Student Affairs, OIT

As part of his administrative reorganization, President Sidney McPhee has added the title of Vice Provost for Enrollment Management to Bob Glenn's list of responsibilities.

Glenn, who is already the vice president for Student Affairs, will assume the responsibility for Enrollment Management, International Programs and Services, advisement for undeclared students with less than 30 credit hours, Cooperative Education and the Student Athletic Enhancement Center, among other new duties.

However, Glenn has said the Student Affairs office will not be hiring new staff members to handle the added workload.

Part of the rationale behind the move is to place all enrollment management workers in one department. Presently, parts of enrollment management are spread across the admissions, financial aid and records offices. Any effort to centralize these facets should be applauded.

However, can one office handle all of the new responsibilities placed on top of the ones it already has? We don't know.

In addition, the Office of Information Technology's own Lucinda Lea will become MTSU's first Vice President for Information Technology.

It's about time MTSU placed more emphasis on OIT. Computer technology constantly is becoming a bigger part of the campus in all aspects. By making information technology a higher priority, we are doing nothing more than acknowledging the growing role that it is taking on.

However, the Office of Information Technology now faces the task of living up to this prominence. If any campus office places a call to Information Technology about problems, they must be addressed the same day, not told that someone from OIT might come for a look if they get a chance.

They also will need to look at expanding ideas such as allowing purchases on credit cards at campus cafeterias. Certainly, now that IT has become prominent enough to deserve its own vice presidency, it is capable of this.

The changes McPhee has put forth are part of his larger effort to make the campus more student-oriented while operating on a budget that is much lower than optimum. Let's hope he is making the right choices. ♦

## From the Opinions Editor

### Water, water everywhere



Last week, we got a poignant letter to the editor from student Zack Bennett. He wrote: "When did the university get the budget to install a pool in front of Wood-Felder Halls?"

Not an architect, I won't presuppose to understand issues like drainage and what happens to surrounding areas when a large area of land that previously absorbed a lot of water is covered by an outrageous amount of concrete.

But I will point out that, while our university has always had a water drainage problem, the situation has become much worse in the area surrounding the courtyard since the courtyard

was installed.

Coincidence? Perhaps. But I'd be willing to bet that the two are related.

Logic dictates that concrete cannot become saturated with water. Therefore, when it rains, the water has to go somewhere else.

Refusing to defy the laws of gravity, most of the water from last week's storms ended up in the parking lot outside Felder Hall and covering the sidewalk by the northeast corner of the courtyard.

The amount of water dumped upon us by last week's storm was, hopefully, an anomaly, but it did help to illustrate the need for significant investment by our university in a proper drainage system, preferable across the entire campus, not just in the new, pretty half.

No one should need rubber boots to make it to class. ♦

## Party scene as good as you make it

By Shana Brogden  
Staff Columnist

After my long and enduring college education that has consisted of three different universities, the most frequent question I am asked is "What school parties the hardest?"

I always have trouble answering the question because all three schools, Tennessee Technological University, The University of Tennessee-Knoxville and now MTSU have differences that give them distinction in the partying scene.

My first school, Tennessee Tech, is located in Cookeville, a small college town that sells liquor by the drink, but not by the bottle. Due to the small town it is located in, the select number of bars and dance clubs limits separation of students and is the biggest difference in the other two schools I have attended.

If you party at TTU, you party with the same people every time, and you party at Cotton Eyed Joe's, the near monopolizing country dance club.

Knoxville has a Cotton Eyed Joe's, but it does not have the same ambiance in the Knoxville location as does the Cookeville location.

Cotton Eyed Joe's is a huge dance club and bar that resembles a rodeo rink inside.

No matter if you are an athlete, greek, religion-oriented, independent, cowboy, local townie or hippie, you have come together with others who are different than you, country line danced, booty danced or drank in the name of a good time and because of a lack of options.

After my initial college try at TTU, I tried again at The Home of the Volunteers.

The University of Tennessee was ranked the No. 1 party school in the nation by CNN last year for a reason, and that reason is the defining quality of Knoxville's distinct party scene during football season, use of alcohol, marijuana and more.

During the fall semester, the common student action is to take as few classes as possible, drink as many days a week as they could get by with and get as little sleep as they could.

Students begin their pre-game celebrations on Wednesday before the Saturday football game, no matter if the game was at home or away, and ended their post-game celebrations, regardless of a win or loss on Tuesday.

During football season, it is

understandable to see why they were awarded the crown of partying last year. Even after the football season you can find somewhere to party (only with less testosterone).

The high profile "Strip" that is actually a part of the main street in Knoxville that separates part of campus is the most popular area. "The Strip" contains many bars, dance clubs and restaurants for late night marijuana munchies (the marijuana flows like the color orange up there).

For seekers of low-key fun, "The Old City" has plenty of bars for you to whet your whistle and a 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. dance club called The Boiler Room.

A party is never hard to find at UT either with the area behind "The Strip" called "The Fort" that is made of lots of old houses split into apartments containing party-seeking student tenants, as well as College Park Apartments.

College Park is the center for beer bongs and keg parties in Knoxville. It is where I saw my first three-story beer bong.

MTSU's party scene is very different than the other schools' in so many ways. The scene here is dictated not by location or sports, but by live music, which is hard to find in the other two college towns.

The high number of students

## Urkel: my anti-drug

By Tony Gallagher  
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

(U-WIRE) - Does anyone else remember the "very special" episode of *Family Matters* where that punch at a party got spiked and that little Urkel fellow got drunk?

I used to always joke that when a television program started its episodes "that every family should watch together" that it was on its last legs.

Well, it seems that I may have been mistaken. I read on Salon.com that the U.S. government was paying the television networks to work these anti-drug messages into its programming.

Really, it's true. In the mid-1990s, before the dot-com industry had really gotten going, television advertisements weren't coming in all that quickly for the networks. Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, President Bill Clinton's drug czar, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy came up with the idea to buy ads against drug use.

But they all thought the television networks should do something, too. The final agreed-upon deal was that the networks would sell airtime at a buy-one-get-one-free deal for a five-year term. A contract was signed and everyone was happy.

At least, they were until the new economy took off and that advertising time was worth twice as much. Television networks are businesses like any other, so when seeing that more money could be made, they did like any other company: They tried to weasel out of their contract.

The government offered a compromise. They would be allowed to

incorporate anti-drug themes in their shows (instead of giving the second ad away for free) and then re-sell the advertising time.

Everyone was happy again. The government was still waging its "war on drugs," and the television networks were able to sell their ad time again. What's the problem here?

The problem is that all of this was done in secret. Writers of these TV shows (such shows as *ER*, *The Drew Carey Show*, *Cosby*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *General Hospital*, *Boy Meets World*, *Home Improvement*, *The Practice* and *Beverly Hills 90210*) were just told to write anti-drug episodes.

Producers had no idea what was going on, and, most importantly, the American public had no idea this was being done.

In some cases, scripts were submitted to the Office of National Drug Control Policy before filming.

The office forced some episodes to be rewritten to show drug users in a much more negative light than originally planned.

There have been a number of questions as to the legality of this sort of thing.

Federal Communications Law requires broadcasters to reveal any financial considerations, direct or indirect, that influence on-air programming. This was made into law after it was shown that DJs were taking bribes from record companies to play music to promote that company's clients.

The idea is that the public should know who is trying to influence them.

It might be hard to see what is wrong with all of this. Laws might have been broken or bent, but it was

for a good cause: the war on drugs. Right? Even if one disregards any questions on the validity of the war on drugs, it is certainly a slippery slope.

The government is not terribly far from an Orwellian Big Brother sort of world. Tampering with the mass media in order to influence (or perhaps "correct") does have a rather insidious sound to it.

Even so, the use of propaganda certainly isn't a new idea for our government.

What is new is that it was done without your knowledge.

How far is the government from using what appears to be a popular movie or television show as a way to communicate any number of ideas (beyond "Don't do drugs")?

On the other hand, what is the big deal? Private citizens have been using mass media to influence others for as long as there have been mass media. Is the problem that it is the government, rather than a private citizen, that is trying to influence people?

Alright, let's imagine a world where private citizens write or record a story or idea and then sell it to another party.

Maybe we could call these people professional artists or writers and these other parties networks or publishers.

Is that so different from what is being done here with the other parties being instead the American government?

While I think it is wrong that the government controlled the media like it did, I find it very easy to understand the rationalizations that must have been made. ♦

## Letter to the Editor

### Jackson errs in 'credit' column

To the Editor:

As a returning student at MTSU, I'm not quite up to date on how *Sidelines* is running its opinions column (last attended in 1989). I noticed that the staff writers appear to have the market in this area. Nevertheless, I feel the urge to put my two cents in on an article by Austin Jackson ("Let's give credit where credit is due," Jan. 14, 2002).

Jackson did a great job expressing the contrast between Bush and Clinton. However, I was deeply outraged by some major omissions of facts that, in my opinion, need to be conveyed. I'll try to be as humble as Jackson was in his article.

We all know about the scandals that plague our former president and how much this country needed change. There are two things in his article that make me wonder if Jackson will maintain his stance.

For starters, Jackson states how much the economy was on a rebound with the Reaganomics. He must not remember that the senior Bush took over the Reagan administration four years before Clinton came into power. The way I remember it, the economy wasn't any notable change from the end of Reagan's presidency than it was from Bush Sr.'s. But as I say those words to myself I also remember how funny people are.

It seems like yesterday when Clinton was running for president and almost all conservatives were down playing the role the president truly has over an economy. Has something changed the right wings' sermon? Maybe Jackson has some insight we should heed.

Also, what perturbs me just as importantly is how Jackson tries to mislead the readers of *Sidelines* with his comments on gays in the military. If I remember correctly, the policy Clinton enacted was worded "don't ask, don't tell."

Pretending to believe it was Clinton who all of a sudden decided to allow gays in the military is foolish. Gays have been fighting and serving our country since before the Revolutionary War. It just so happens we don't want to admit that fact as true. And if that alone doesn't make you step back and rethink, let me throw another idea at the readers. If we are prejudiced with allowing gays in the military then maybe we should be treating blacks, Asians, Hispanics and women with the same concept. After all, who needs true diversity using Jackson's logic?

Only time will tell the true legacy that George W. Bush will leave the country. History is being written every day. Who knows what will happen with the economy, the war on terrorism and the new Whitewater-Enron that Jackson comments the left wing is buzzing about.

The one thing I know for certain is no matter what happens with this president, or any others to come, as Americans, we will stand the test of time, like we so often have done. I so much wish we would stop categorizing people on one side or the other and start thinking about our country as a whole.

Remember, we are all in this together, aren't we?

Darrell Osborne

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Juan Prophet reverberates originality

By Christopher Magan  
Staff Writer

Juan Prophet Organization brought their unique musical styling to the stage of The Boro Friday night with Lurve and Urbosleeks rounding out the bill.

The group's music can be considered anything but ordinary. The band's members act as tour guides in a wild ride through countless musical genres with grace and style.

A solid groove with well-timed breaks and a distinctive use of tempos and rhythms, the band layers its sound like artists on a canvas, painting a picture of musical originality.

Although the music changes direction quickly, Juan Prophet definitely holds the road map as it ramps through styles effortlessly without losing the audience's interest.

What further sets the group apart from the rest is the wide range of instruments it adds to the mix — everyday guitars and drums to the glockenspiel, accordion and violin. The choice of sounds the band has at its finger tips adds nicely to its auditory flavor.

By making use of all of these tools, Juan Prophet's stage show may seem hectic to the eye, but the group's sound holds true even through various instru-

ment changes within the confines of one song to the next.

Their distinctive sound can be partially attributed to the vast array of influences the band cites — Frank Zappa and Firehose to Fishbone and Stradashere. Juan Prophet's members are as apt to appreciating different musical styles as they are to playing them.

Although they have been compared to groups such as Primus and Mr. Bungle, which the band finds flattering, Juan Prophet's inimitable sound makes them difficult to pigeon-hole or classify.

"We've been called a lot of silly stuff, like experimental," guitarist Jeff Holt said. "Most people just think it's weird."

The band's philosophy is to save the masses from monotony in the everlasting struggle to save original thought.

Due to their innovative approach, Juan Prophet has gained a cult following in the Murfreesboro area.

"I hate Murfreesboro music," longtime fan Shana Light said. "I finally found a band that I really like."

Born in the rural town of Ruston, La., Juan Prophet came to Murfreesboro in 1999 when two of their members, Grayson White (violin/glockenspiel) and Kris White (guitars/keyboards) decided to attend MTSU, bring-

ing along fellow members (Joshua Foreman [percussion] and Holt [guitars/accordion]).

Even with two of their members being full-time students, Juan Prophet keeps a rigorous tour schedule, playing almost every weekend. In the next month alone, the band plans to perform in Memphis, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Ga., and Asheville, N.C. They're also planning a larger tour of the east coast, which would begin early this spring.

This busy schedule definitely keeps the band occupied, especially the two members who are students.

"All I do is go to school and play in the band," Grayson White said. "That keeps me really busy."

Along with touring, Juan Prophet plans to release their second CD in February, titled *Naked and Palletized*, which was



Photo by Kim Huff | Contributor

(Bottom left) Grayson White, Joshua Foreman, Jeff Holt and Kris White echo new musical styles.

home recorded, produced and mixed by the band with MTSU graduate Jason Bullock.

The songwriting process is a collaborative effort, according to the band, with Holt and Kris White bringing in ideas and the rest of the group mapping them out.

Because they have been play-

ing together for so long, all of the members agree that the songs come together pretty easily.

Juan Prophet's next Murfreesboro show will be at Wall Street Feb. 22 to celebrate the release of *Naked and Palletized*.

The show should prove to be

an event and, according to the band, will include guest musicians, circus freaks, jugglers and other surprises.

For more information about Juan Prophet Organization, visit their Web site at [www.juan-prophet.org](http://www.juan-prophet.org) or drop them an e-mail at [thejpo@hotmail.com](mailto:thejpo@hotmail.com). ♦

## Students become skeptics on superstitions



Photo provided

By India Stone  
Staff Writer

There is an old French saying: "morning spider — grief; evening spider — hope." Nobody knows who came up with it, when they figured it out or why they thought it was true, but it has been passed down ever since.

There is nothing to indicate that it's a legitimate fact, yet people still hold tightly to superstitious sayings such as

this and others.

Lots of people do things based solely on superstitious beliefs. Some stay inside Friday the 13th, while others anoint themselves with egg yolk before going into surgery. Whatever the case may be, superstition holds a permanent place in the fabric of humanity.

"I won't pick up a penny if it's on tails," said recreational therapy major Debbi Hope.

Hope also said she won't step on cracks on the sidewalk, "because you break your momma's back."

Although there are many who hold superstitious beliefs, there are many others who think it's nonsense.

"Everything that happens is up to you to happen," said political science major Benjamin Bryson. "I don't think of some outside force as controlling what goes on around me."

Which direction a pendulum swings or the composition of the lines on some-

one's hands offer believers of superstition insight into seemingly unknowable facts. Whether these things have any truth value is up to the individual, though.

Skeptics of superstition say those kinds of beliefs are nothing more than old wives' tales that have somehow survived over time. Others say one can tell a lot by examining the small things in life, like the ascent or motion of smoke or the positions of the stars and planets.

"I believe in astrology a little bit," said recording industry major Schulz, "although I wouldn't base my life on it."

"I know that since I'm a Capricorn," Schulz said, giving an example, "I don't need to date another Capricorn."

However, Schulz remains on the skeptical side.

"If you don't trust your own life and you have to believe in something else, it's kind of flaky," she said, "because it has nothing to do with anything."

Some think superstition is just a way to feel in control.

"All people throughout cultures and time have had their superstitious things they do," said recording industry major David Maxwell. "It is built into humans to have a void, and some people choose to fill it with superstition."

"That gives them comfort in their void insecurities. Superstition is just one manifestation of that void insecurity."

Humans have created four categories of superstition according to the "New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia": improper worship of God, idolatry, divination and vain observances.

The improper worship of the true God occurs when "incongruous, meaningless, improper elements are added to the proper and approved performance." This includes superstitions such as the old central European belief that red dressrooms with white dots in the forest were the homes of elves and pixies.

Idolatrous superstitions are "offered to creatures set up as divinities or endowed with divine attributes." An example of this is the Japanese belief in the crane being good luck because it

lives for 1,000 years. Many animals in Japan have symbolism associated with them.

Divination "consists in the attempt to extract from creatures, by means of religious rites, a knowledge of future events or of things known to God alone."

Vain observances include "all those beliefs and practices which, at least by implication, attribute supernatural or pre-natural powers for good or evil to causes evidently incapable of producing the expected effects." Occult arts and magic are examples of this.

Superstition could have been perpetuated by humans due to a lack of scientific knowledge of natural causes. The "New Advent" elaborates by saying, "Many superstitious practices are due to an exaggerated notion or a false interpretation of natural events."

"Some superstitions can be so broad that they can fit anything that you do," Bryson said concerning probabilities.

"You may want to try it twice because more than likely it's just a coincidence. If it happens again, maybe you've got something."

A more scientific view of superstition says that humans may be reacting with a borderline conditioned response to stimuli bearing unknown origins.

Psychologist B.F. Skinner's reinforcement and extinction experiments show that a pigeon is capable of creating its own superstitious beliefs.

"Such a stimulus has reinforcing value and can set up superstitious behavior," Skinner wrote in his journal publication "Superstitions in the Pigeon."

"A pigeon will often develop some response such as turning, twisting, pecking, flapping its wings, etc. The appearance [of random actions] as the result of accidental correlations with the presentation of the stimulus is unmistakable."

If pigeons can become superstitious in attempting to access food, this could mean humans are equipped with a drive to use superstition to get what

they want.

"It's somewhat instinctual," Schulz said, "but I think people do it because other people do it."

"To each his own," Bryson said. "Some people go way out with it and let superstition control their lives."

"I can understand having one superstition, but to let it ruin your life is going too far."

Superstition was strongly reinforced during the Middle Ages with the ordeals, or "Judgments of God."

Unlike today, when the accused are innocent until proven guilty, this was the judicial system wherein persons accused of crimes had to prove their innocence. Methods included walking through fire, carrying a red-hot iron and other torturous items. They believed that if the accused were innocent, God would never allow them to be harmed.

This gave rise to new superstitions created by the accused to help them overcome the trials. People often turned to charms, magic formulas and ointments rather than to the intervention of the "Judgments of God."

Again, the "New Advent" rationalizes superstition by saying, "The law of probabilities gives an equal chance to success and failure, and success does more to support than failure would do to destroy superstition."

"I used to own a black cat named Ki-Ki," said MTSU undergraduate Stephanie Gearheart. "I used to walk under ladders and step on cracks and nothing happened; so no, I don't believe in superstition."

"I'm not going to think badly about someone if they are superstitious," she said.

"I think if you try to look at what's actually in front of you and don't try to think you know everything, you'll be OK." ♦

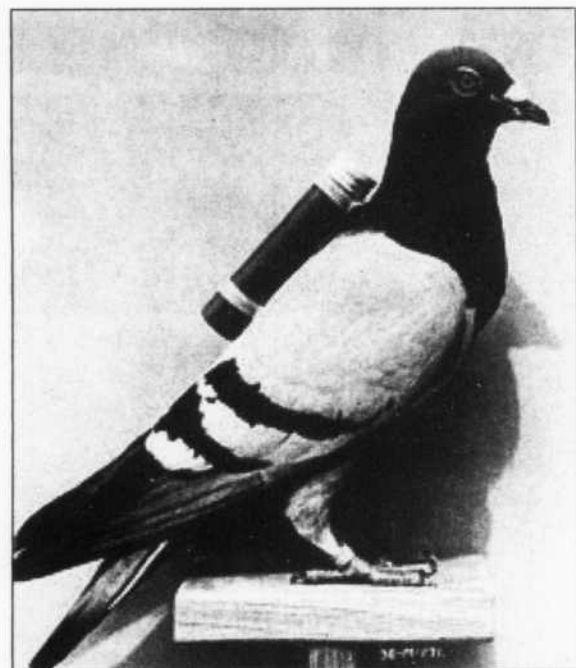


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Dear Annie

## Dating best friends should be allowed

Dear Annie,

My ex-girlfriend of four years wants to date my best friend who I've known since seventh grade. My friend decided to ask my permission. At first, I was shocked. Then I said, "OK. I guess." But after a while I wasn't fine with it anymore. We've been broken up for about four months. She is just doing this to get at me. I told her she better not screw up our friendship. We got in this huge fight. I told her I didn't want them to see each other. But now, I kind of feel bad about what I said. But it would bother me if they got

together.

I don't want to get back together with this girl. I just don't want it to affect my friendship with this guy. I'm starting to feel bad about some things that I said. Was I wrong to tell them they couldn't date? Should I take back what I said? I need some advice about this situation.

— Middle Man

Dear Middle Man,

Your ex-girlfriend has the right to date whomever she wants. Your best friend has the

same freedom. You can't forbid them to see each other.

Remember the story about Romeo and Juliet? If two people want to be together, they will find a way to do it. There is not a thing you can do about it.

The problem is you've probably done more to risk your friendship with this guy by denying his request to date your ex-girlfriend. I hope I'm wrong. Maybe he is so loyal to you that he will respect your wishes. Then again, I'm wondering if they're on a date right now.

This all comes down to what you can and can't control. You can control your response to

this situation. You can't control other people's lives.

Call your friend right now! Tell him this situation is uncomfortable for you, but you wish him all the best if he wants to date this girl. Also, include how much you value his friendship. Then call your ex-girlfriend and say, "You have the freedom to date whomever you want, even if it's my best friend."

You will feel better for being the "bigger man" instead of the "middle man."

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).



# CAMPUS EVENTS

Compiled by Leslie Fike | Features Editor

Monday, Jan. 28

The Survival Honors Lecture Series continues with "Hope: Viktor Frankl, B.B. King and Elisabeth Kubler-Ross Revisited." The lecture will be 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.



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., will host a step show to raise money for the Up 'Til Dawn event, which takes place in March. The step show will be held in Tucker Theatre at 7 p.m. For more information, call 898-2440.



MTSU Films presents *Training Day* in the Keathley University Center Theater at 7 and 9:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Admission is \$2 with a valid student ID. For more information, call 898-2551.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

There will be a summer job/internship fair in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 898-2500 or go to [www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm)



The Center for Popular Music and the Middle Tennessee Popular Music Studies Group invite the university community to "Music at Mid-Week," a series of lectures and discussions on popular music topics. Each lecture will be in the Dean's Conference Room (241) of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m.



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

Thursday, Jan. 31

There will be a free legal clinic at the June Anderson Women's Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The clinic is available to all MTSU students, faculty and staff. To set up an appointment with an attorney or for more information, call the JAWC at 898-2193. Space is limited.

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, Tex. The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-5653.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Music from Japan, a non-profit organization, presents "Ensemble Harena: Gagaku Concert" at 7 p.m. in the Wright Music Hall. Tickets are free and available by contacting Kiyoshi Kawahito at 898-2229 or going to Room 308 in the Keathley University Center.

## Features writers wanted!

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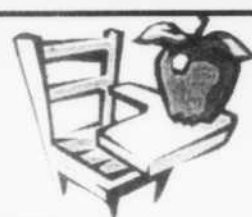
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## Sports Briefs

Compiled by Justin Ward  
Staff Writer

### Smith voted Track Athlete of the Week

Middle Tennessee's Kelley Smith was voted Sun Belt Conference Female Indoor Track Athlete of the Week Thursday. Smith recorded the fastest time of the season in the conference for the 55-meter hurdles.

Smith qualified with a time of 8.20 and went on to win with a time of 8.15, defeating South Alabama's Eboni Tompkins. Both times are the fastest this season in the SBC.

### MT softball picked second in SBC poll

The University of Louisiana-Lafayette was picked by the Sun Belt Conference head softball coaches to repeat as the league champions, while the Lady Raider softball team came in second place.

UL-Lafayette finished 8 points ahead of MT, with 24 points and four first-place votes. Florida International received 14 points, and New Mexico State finished right behind them with 13 points and one first place vote. Western Kentucky finished fifth with 8 points.

Cindy Connelley, the new head coach, comes from Tennessee State to try to exceed the Lady Raiders' 41-23 record last year. Seniors Jennifer Martinez and Lindsay Azevedo will lead the team this year after earning 2001 first-team All-SBC honors last year.

The Lady Raiders open the season at the Mardi Gras Classic Feb. 15 in Monroe, La.

### Lady Raiders fall twice over weekend

The Lady Raider tennis team (0-3) lost 3-4 to No. 20 Baylor University Friday and 2-5 to No. 22 Texas Christian University Saturday.

MT's No. 32 nationally ranked doubles team of Manon Kruse and Stacy Varnell beat Rosa Perez and Paty Aburto 8-6 to open the match against TCU. Verasna Preiss and Jenni Klashcka fell to Leonir Wirich and Saber Price 8-6. Michaela Gridling and Carlen Venter also lost 8-1 to Katrin Gaber and Karla Mancinas.

Kruse, ranked No. 33 nationally, also picked up a singles win 6-7(6), 6-4, 6-4 over Gabner. Klashcka got the other victory with a 6-3, 3-6, 7-6(5) defeat of Aburto.

Kruse and Varnell upset Baylor's No. 25 ranked team of Katja Kovac and Vida Mulec 8-5.

The other two doubles matches went into tiebreakers before the doubles point was decided.

Kruse lost her first match of the season with a 6-7 (4-7), 6-2 loss to No. 29 Kovac in No. 1 singles. Preiss and Gridling picked up their first wins in singles.

### Football signing day set for Feb. 6

National Signing Day for collegiate football is Feb. 6. Middle Tennessee is inviting Blue Raider fans to a signing day gathering at 11:30 a.m. in the Gameday Room located between the weight room and north end zone of Floyd Stadium.

BRAA concessions will be selling grilled hot dogs and hamburgers just outside the Gameday 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 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. ♦

# MT wins match, remains unbeaten

By Rebecca Pickering  
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 37 ranked Middle Tennessee men's tennis team dropped a 6-1 decision to No. 67 University of Louisville Saturday, bringing its record to 2-0 on the season.

The ninth-ranked doubles team of Oliver Foreman and Robert Gustafsson took an 8-1 win over Alex Sivertsen and Octavian Nicodim. At No. 27, Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson won 8-4 over Cody Conley and Paulo Carvalho, giving the Blue Raiders the doubles point. Ranked at 51, Trevor Short and Michael Staniak fell to Matt Mayer and Brent McCombe 8-4.

"It was our first dual match, and we didn't have the communication going," Staniak said.

"We have to gradually take it match by match."

In singles action, the only point lost was in the No. 6 spot with newcomer Rishan Kuruppu.

*"We have to gradually take it match by match."*

—Michael Staniak,  
MT sophomore

No. 12 Klemetz took a 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (3) win over Conley in the No. 1 position. Also in singles, Gustafsson and Foreman defeated Sivertsen and Nicodim with identical 6-4, 6-4 sets.

Staniak defeated Carvalho in straight sets at 6-1, 6-2.

In January of last year,

Carvalho beat Staniak 6-2, 5-6 (9-11) at Louisville. This year, Staniak was more prepared for the match.

"I played a little more intelligently than I did last year," Staniak said.

In the No. 5 position, Jackson took Mayer at 6-1, 6-4.

Kuruppu's loss to McCombe was 6-2, 6-4.

"We competed well and were happy to get a victory today," head coach Dale Short said. "We didn't play great, but it was our first match after a long trip to Hawaii."

With MT sweeping the University of Hawaii Jan. 18, Staniak has high hopes for the team this year.

Stanford, ranked No. 2 in the nation, gave up two points in

See Tennis, 7



Photo by Amy Jones | Chief Photographer

Sophomore Kirk Jackson returns the serve over the net.

## Baseball starts preparation for upcoming season

By Kevin Rose  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee baseball team officially begins spring practice today at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders hit the diamond after spending the past three weeks conditioning and working on individual skills. Under NCAA rules, MT has been limited to conditioning and individual group work for the past three weeks.

Even though conditioning and group work has gone well for the Blue Raiders, head coach Steve Peterson is looking forward to seeing his team on the diamond.

"Our players have done a good job in conditioning and in individual work," Peterson said, "but we want to be out practicing."

Peterson is preparing his team to defend its 2001 Sun Belt Conference championship. However, defending the championship is not the first priority on Peterson's mind.

Peterson is more worried about getting his team ready for opening day and being the best they can be.

"First we have to prepare to be the best we can be, then we can see if we are the best," Peterson said.

If the Blue Raiders are going to repeat as champions, they will have to do so without the services of sophomores Stevie Kline and Troy Harp. Kline, a left-handed pitcher, was declared academically ineligible for the spring semester.

Harp, at catcher, broke his wrist in an accident over Christmas vacation. Both were expected to contribute to the upcoming season. Harp was expected to be a weekend conference starter. Harp was expected to start at catcher.

The Blue Raiders have only 20 days before their season opener. However, Peterson feels the work done by his assistant coaches and strength coach Matt Riley, along with valuable practice time, will allow the Blue Raiders to be ready for the season opener.

"Assistant coaches Jim McGuire, Kevin Erminio and Travis Watson have done a good job in working with the players during individual groups," Peterson said. "Strength coach Matt Riley has done a good job in improving the team's strength and flexibility."

However, the unpredictable Tennessee weather is a factor Peterson has no control over.

"We want to be out practicing," Peterson said, "but it's not like we have 80 degree temperatures. On the 28th there may be a blizzard."

Baseball America predicted that the Blue Raiders will finish fourth and picked the University of Louisiana-Lafayette to finish first. The Blue Raiders also were picked to finish fourth in the Sun Belt Conference coaches poll.

Junior outfielder Justin Simms was selected to the preseason All-Conference team, best pure hitter in the conference and the sixth-rated prospect in the conference. Simms was a member of the 2001 All-Conference team.

Sophomore left-handed pitcher John Williams was rated as the No. 10 prospect in the Sun Belt and as having the best breaking ball in the conference.

Senior right-handed pitcher Adam Larson, a transfer from Mississippi State, was the fourth-rated prospect in the conference and the fourth-ranked newcomer in the conference. Larson, who is projected to be a weekend conference starter, was drafted last year in the 22nd round by the Baltimore Orioles.

Senior outfielder Marshall Nisbett was rated as having the best outfield arm. Nisbett led Blue Raider outfielders in 2001 with nine assists from his right field position.

MT begins its season at home Feb. 17 against Austin Peay. ♦

## Raiders climb out of Sun Belt cellar

By Justin Ward  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team is moving up in the Sun Belt Conference rankings with wins over Arkansas State University (83-64) and No. 2 in the East division University of Arkansas-Little Rock (68-65) to bring its SBC record to 4-5.

After the Blue Raiders took an 8-6 lead in Saturday night's game against UALR, they soon lost it. The Blue Raiders trailed until 5:24 left in the first half when John Humphrey tied up

the game at 22 with a three pointer. The Blue Raiders did not give up the lead the rest of the game. The teams went to the locker room at the half with the score at 29-24.

In the second half, the Blue Raiders had to deal with the three-point shooting of UALR's Nick Zachary. In the first half, Zachary went 1-of-4 from deep, but he put in 5 more in the second half that were well beyond the arc. Zachary made the last points of the game in the final second after the buzzer by sinking a three from the half-court line. His efforts left UALR 3 points

behind of the Blue Raiders' 68. Zachary finished the game with 22 points.

"I was worried to death about Zachary," Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel said. "Thank goodness he didn't decide to start shooting until the end. This guy has range."

Humphrey led the Blue Raiders coming off the bench in the win against UALR. He had a career-high 17 points, and guard Tommy Gunn added 13 points for the win. Humphrey also scored 10 points coming off the bench in Thursday's game against ASU. Even-foot senior Jason Jennings, with NBA scouts in attendance, led the ASU effort against the Blue Raiders. He was the high scorer with 16 points in the 19-point loss to the Blue Raiders.

"Let's not try to go over Jennings' head coach Randy Wiel told his team, "but draw the double team and kick it."

The Blue Raiders came out after halftime trailing by 2 points. They soon regained the lead and never let go of it. Five-foot-10-inch senior Lee Nossle led the way for the Blue Raiders with 15 points in the 83-64 win over ASU.

"I just feel like we're a better team than that," ASU head coach Dickey Nutt said. "We're not a 20-point deficit team to this team. No matter where we play, we feel we're just as good as they are."

The Blue Raiders improve their record to 4-5 in the SBC and 9-11 overall. The wins against ASU and UALR mark the first wins that the Blue Raiders have had over a team in the eastern division of the SBC since joining the conference.

"We knew all year we could play with anybody," Humphrey said. "Coach gave us a ultimatum. These were two must-win games, and we took care of business."

The Blue Raiders play Indiana University Purdue University-Fort Wayne Thursday. ♦

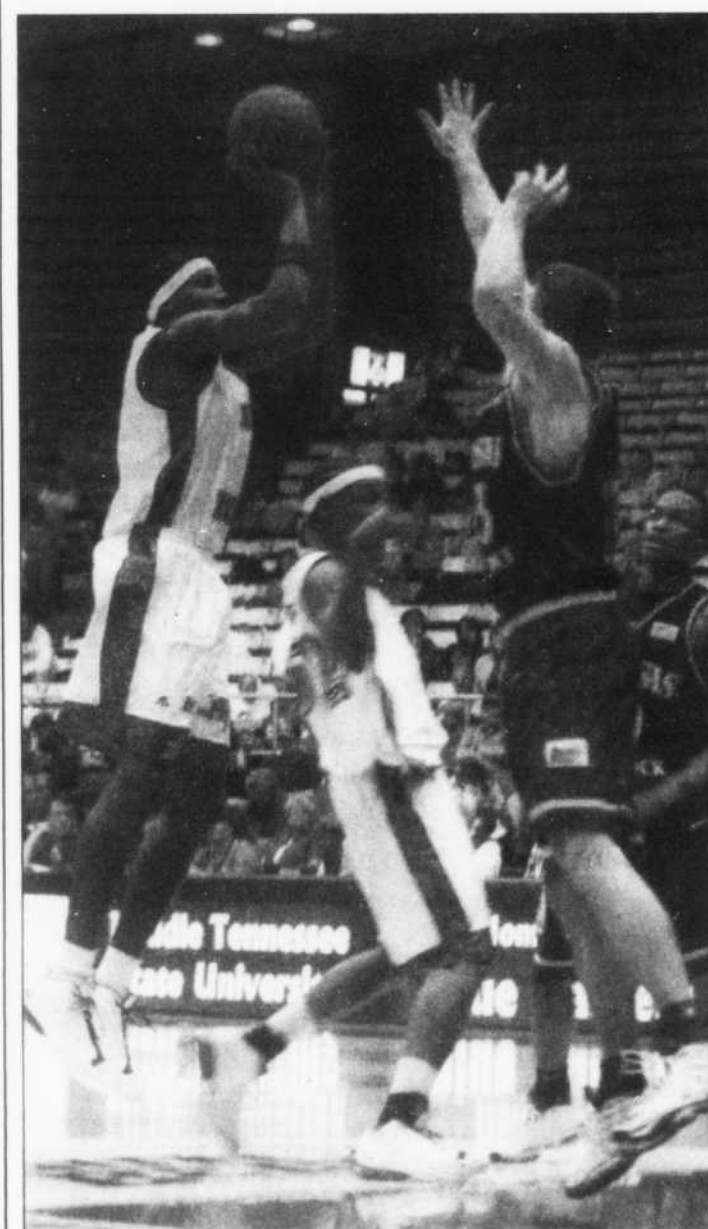


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Pippen takes the jump shot over the defenders hand.

## Track teams produce big at Middle Tennessee Invitational

By Angelica Journagin  
Staff Writer

Saturday's track meet at the Murphy Center proved very lucrative for Middle Tennessee as several track members won events and achieved lifetime personal bests.

At the forefront of the achievements was Mardy Scales, who recently was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Week. Scales won the 55-meter dash with a personal best of 6.20 seconds. Not only did this time provisionally qualify him for the NCAA Indoor Tournament, but it also tied him with the MT record in that event, set in 1994 by Watkins McGee.

Scales also finished in a close second place in the 200-meter with a time of 21.38 seconds. The time was the second fastest in the Sun Belt Conference in that event and only .13 seconds away from provisionally qualifying for NCAA Tournament.

This was the first track meet that Scales has run in two weeks after suffering from a hamstring injury. Despite this and his success, Scales felt he could have done better.

"I'm still not at 100 percent yet," Scales said. "I could have broke the record, but I stumbled coming out. I need to get my starts together."

Other big winners at the meet were Jasper Demps, who provisionally qualified for

NCAA Tournament with a winning time of 7.38 seconds in the 55-meter hurdles. Chris Koger had a season best of 6-feet-10-inches in the high jump to take home the win.

Freshman Greg Jones managed to pull off his first collegiate first-place finish in the triple jump with a distance of 47'03.25, despite fouling out in three out of four of his jumps.

Anthony McGary had his lifetime best in the mile at 4:24.82 to come in a disheartening second after leading the pack for most of the last leg of the race. Steve Safstrom had the team's fastest time of the season in the 3000-meter to finish

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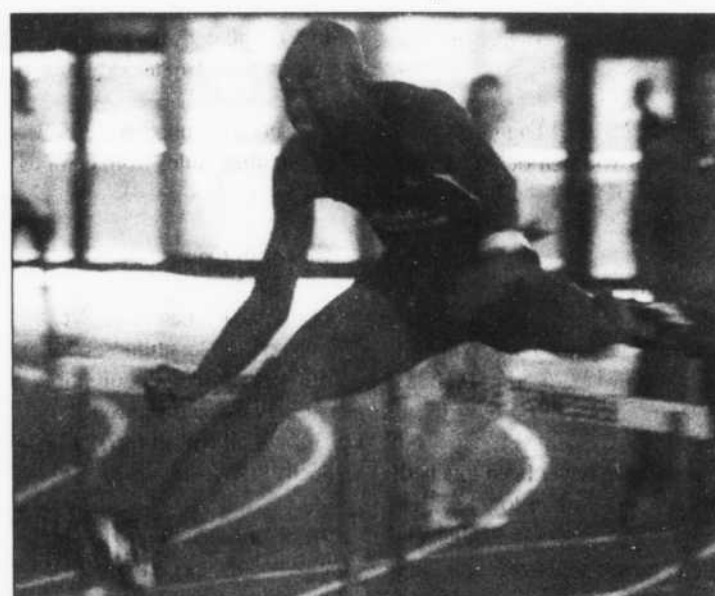


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An MT hurdler qualified for the NCAA Tournament.



## Looking at the Sun Belt Conference



Saturday's Sun Belt men's and women's basketball games.

### Men's basketball

New Orleans 55  
at Florida International 69



Rodrigo Viegas and Slavko Slavtchev scored 12 points each to lead FIU past UNO.

Denver 58  
at Louisiana-Lafayette 70

Center Michael Southall registered a double-double with 19 points and 12 rebounds, and UL-Lafayette held Denver scoreless for the last seven minutes of the first half to take the victory.



North Texas 71  
at New Mexico State 88

Eric Channing scored a career-high 41 points to lead the Aggies to a victory over the Mean Green.



### Women's basketball

Florida International 79  
at New Orleans 63

Cheryl Moody recorded her third straight double-double and the ninth in her last 10 games with 12 points and 16 rebounds to lead FIU to its seventh win in eight games.

Louisiana-Lafayette 47  
at Denver 65

Nikki Wedde scored 16 points to lead Denver to a victory over UL-Lafayette.

New Mexico State 83  
at North Texas 62

The Mean Green outscored the Aggies 50-26 in the paint and out rebounded them 56-35 to take the victory.

Western Kentucky 77  
at Arkansas State 62

Leslie Logsdon scored a game-high 23 points and Shala Reese registered a double-double with 17 points and 18 rebounds to lead WKU to a win over ASU. ♦

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## Tennis: Blue Raiders have high expectations for season

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November when they defeated Hawaii 5-2.

"(Stanford) lost a few points, and we swept (Hawaii)," Staniak said. "That's an indication of how solid our team is."

Short also said he feels the team has great potential this season.

"We have a number of players capable of making noise on the national scene," Short said.

Last season, Klemetz made it to the second round of the

NCAA Singles Championship in Athens, Ga. The team bowed out in the regionals.

This season, Staniak said he thinks the team has the potential to go much further.

The Blue Raiders go on the road to Indian State Feb. 2 before hosting the University

of Tennessee-Chattanooga Feb. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Murfreesboro Racquet Club located off of Cason Lane near Old Time Pottery at exit 78. ♦

### MT vs. University of Louisville

#### Singles

Klemetz (MT) def. Conley 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (3)

Gustafsson (MT) def. Sivertsen 6-4, 6-4

Foreman (MT) def. Nicodim 6-4, 6-4

Staniak (MT) def. Carvalho 6-1, 6-2

Jackson (MT) def. Mayer 6-1, 6-4

McCombe (UL) def. Kuruppu 6-2, 6-4

#### Doubles

Foreman/Gustafsson def. Sivertsen/Nicodim 8-1

Jackson/Klemetz def. Conley/Carvalho 8-4

Mayer/McCombe def. Short/Staniak 8-4

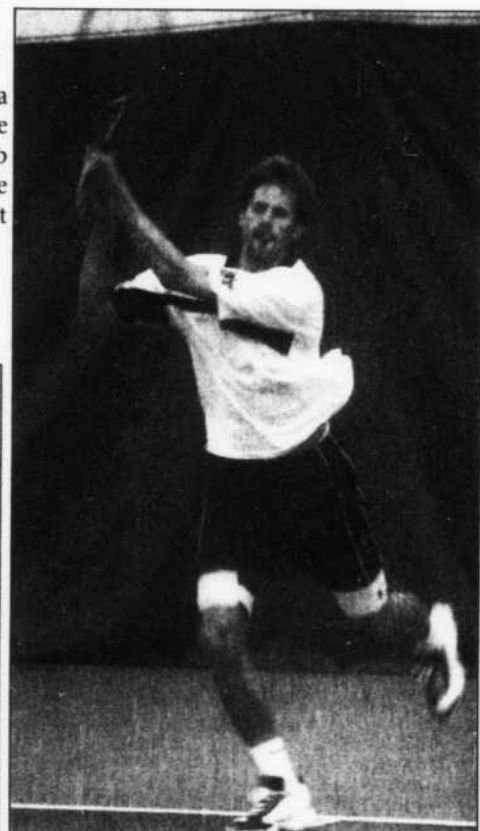


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Robert Gustafsson follows through.

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## Track: Successful at home

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second. Also running a season best time was Wesley Dupar-Scott in the 55-meter preliminaries at 6.40.

The Lady Raiders had an impressive showing, with several of their members placing in first or second place. After pulling past Alicia Cavendar of the University of Louisville on the second lap, Coleen Parker blew everyone else out in the 800-meter and finished almost two seconds ahead of the next competitor.

Parker, along with Kim Freeman, Rosemary Okafor and Lashon Kennedy, finished with a time of 3:51.23 to take first place in the Women's one-mile relay.

Their closest challenge came from MT's A team, which was composed of Nicolette Jarrett, Bromeka Holmes, Kishara George and Rolanda Howard. They finished second with a time of 3:52.85.

"We did pretty good," Parker said after the meet about her relay team. "Everyone really brought it together."

Individually, Rosemary Okafor beat teammate Holmes by only .01 seconds in the 200-meter finals with a time of

24.67. Theirs were the fastest runs by Lady Raiders this season in that event.

In her first time running the 400-meter, George managed to beat out three of her fellow teammates to win with a time of 57.60. Head coach Dean Hayes said that with her time, George had just put herself in the mix for the Sun Belt Championships in that event.

Kelley Smith won the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.18 seconds. Stephany Reid had a mark of 40'04.00 to take the triple jump with her best distance this season. Reid was one of the five MT women jumpers to place in the top six in the long jump. They were all edged out by Jessica DeFreitus from Georgia Tech who won the event with a distance of 19'08.75.

"All in all we had a lot of lifetime bests this meet," coach Hayes said. "So far we have been switching around and trying to figure out where everyone fits. Our first big meet is next week, and we are going to start settling down and getting things ready for the Sun Belt."

The track teams travel to Bloomington, Indiana to compete in the Indiana Invitational Friday and Saturday. ♦

## Lady Raiders sweep SBC games

By Erich Heinlein  
Staff Writer

Jamie Thomatis and Patrice Holmes scored a combined 85 points against Arkansas State University Thursday and University of Arkansas-Little Rock Saturday to lead the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team to victory.

In the game against UALR, the Lady Raiders (11-9, 4-4) scored the first 5 points and went on a 10-0 run over the next 3:44, capped off by a Ciara Gray lay-up.

By halftime, UALR closed the gap to 7 with a 15-10 surge of its own over the last 7:47 of the first half.

Neither team went on a scoring brigade in the second half until the Lady Raiders produced a 13-3 run for 5:15.

The Lady Raiders closed the game with a 15-4 scoring spurt over the next 2:40, giving MT the 79-60 win.

"Jamie (Thomatis) and Patrice (Holmes) are very special players," Smith said. "It's nice to have those two come

around with big numbers when you need them."

The Lady Raiders were led by Holmes, who scored 23 points including a 9-for-12 effort from the field and Jamie Thomatis, who scored 20 points on a 7-for-8 effort from the charity stripe and a 6-for-10 performance from the field. Thomatis also recorded 6 assists for the Lady Raiders.

Darci Cassidy led UALR with 17 points. Alicia Cash added 13 points.

In the first half against ASU, the Lady Raiders scored 6 of the first 8 points in the game. The rest of the half was back and forth with the scoring remaining even. MT went into the locker room trailing 32-31.

Neither team made a second-half run until the 8:21 mark when the Lady Raiders went on a 10-2 tear, capped off by a Jennifer Justice free throw. ASU scored again at the 5:42 mark.

The Lady Raiders capped off the 80-68 win hitting 5-of-6 free throws.

"This was a key win for us tonight," Smith said. "We have



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The MT offense attempts to drive to the basket for two.

been struggling of late, and this was a quality win."

Justice was the only other Lady Raider besides Holmes and Thomatis to record double-digits against ASU, scoring 14 points.

ASU (7-12, 2-5) was led by Jolie McKeirnan, who registered a double-double, scoring 13

points and grabbing 11 rebounds. Chiquita Tucker added 13 points.

The Lady Raiders return to action tomorrow against Morris Brown in Murphy Center. Tip-off is 6 p.m. MT will resume Sun Belt action when it travels to Florida International Saturday. ♦

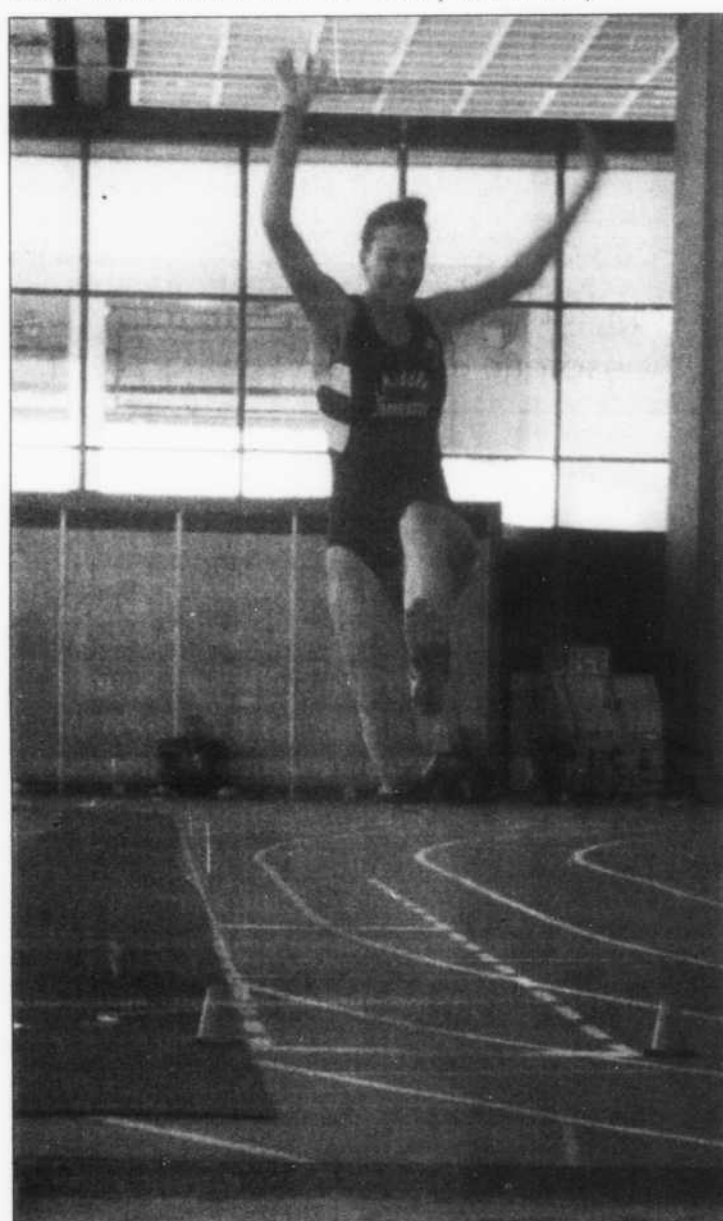


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