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MTSU Blvd. will be closed from Rutherford Blvd. to Blue Raider Drive due to construction. You will be able to enter the campus off Rutherford Blvd. at Alumni Drive (the newly opened road by Greek Row). The 4-way stop at MTSU Blvd. and Blue Raider Drive will also be closed for construction. Please follow detour signs.

The gravel lot on the corner of Rutherford Blvd. and MTSU Blvd. will also be closed during this time. We recommend parking in the Rutherford Blvd. lot across from Greek Row and riding the shuttle.

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## Student charged in bus collision

By MARK BELL  
Staff Writer

An MTSU student will face charges of DUI and three counts of vehicular assault after he struck a Rutherford County school bus with his car on March 7.

Murfreesboro police allege that 20-year-old Justin White, sophomore, business major, was inhaling an aerosol can of compressed air shortly before his car struck the special education bus at the intersection of Greenland Drive and Rutherford Boulevard.

"The school bus was stopped in the left turn lane on Rutherford Boulevard," said Kyle Evans, spokesman for Murfreesboro Police Department. White "lost control of the vehicle and struck the rear of the bus, which pushed the bus into the intersection and caused it to turn over onto its side."

Police found cans of air duster in White's vehicle, and as a result he was "arrested for driving under the influence under the suspicion of huffing," Evans noted.

"Driving under the influence is not just limited to alcohol," Evans noted. "Huffing in particular is very dangerous."

Two students from Daniel McKee Alternative School as well as motorists in another vehicle were treated for minor injuries and released from Middle Tennessee Medical Center the same day.

Three other people involved in the crash, along with the bus driver and a school aide, refused treatment at the scene. Two other vehicles became involved after the initial collision, sustaining minor damage.

Patrick McCarthy, a Murfreesboro City School Board member, witnessed



A paramedic treats an injured man after a car collided into a school bus at the intersection of Greenland Drive and Rutherford Boulevard Friday afternoon.

the accident. He said the school bus was turning left onto Greenland Drive when White's small black car rear-ended the bus.

McCarthy, along with other bystanders, rushed to help the students, school aide and driver on board the bus.

Murfreesboro Police Officer Terry Spence said White was noticeably upset following the crash. According to Spence, White repeatedly checked on the conditions of those on the bus.

When notified of the incident, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Laura Sosh-

Lightsy said "initially, it doesn't seem like anything [judicial affairs] will further pursue in terms of punishment." Some off-campus incidents result in punishment from MTSU's judicial affairs.

The collision occurred almost a mile from Daniel McKee Alternative School just after 1 p.m. School had been dismissed early in anticipation of inclement weather.

Sidelines sought comment from White concerning the incident, but he could not be reached as of Monday's press time.



The school bus rests on its side after the collision, for which an MTSU student has been charged with driving under the influence.

## Art professor of 'five-star integrity'

### Dedicated teacher and community leader dies at 68

By TIFFANY GIBSON  
Campus News Editor

MTSU Art Professor and Holocaust Educator Lon Nuell, 68, passed away on Wednesday, March 12 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center after having a seizure during a CAT scan.

Prior to his death, Nuell had broken his hip and was recovering, but suddenly returned to MTMC over the weekend for additional problems. Early on March 12 Nuell suffered a massive stroke and seizure, which tragically ended his life.

Nuell began teaching in 1968 before arriving at MTSU in August of 1971 to work in MTSU's Department of Art. During this time he made a close friend in faculty member, Edward Kimbrell.

"The story of Lon Nuell is of great intellect," Kimbrell said, journalism professor. "He had the capacity to see the goodness in people when no one else might not be able to."

Nuell and Kimbrell met at the first faculty dinner, where they sat across from



Dr. Lon Nuell serves a meal to fasting Muslim students on the Keathley University Center Knoll during Ramadan.

each other. Ever since then, Kimbrell and Nuell have remained close friends over the 35 year time period of working at MTSU.

Kimbrell also said that Nuell was extremely gener-

ous in his religious beliefs towards others. As an active member of the State Holocaust Commission, Nuell tried to teach the Holocaust to people in a way that they could understand it.

"Dr. Nuell's legacy is not only forever etched on our state's K-12 art education system and MTSU's art program, but also within his

## Meningitis places MTSU student in hospital

By Andy Harper  
Editor in Chief

An MTSU student remains at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville after being admitted on March 9 for bacterial meningitis.

The female freshman, whose name is being withheld at the family's request, remains in critical condition, but is showing signs of improvement.

The student complained about symptoms of the bacterial infection on Saturday, March 8, after returning from her spring break vacation in Florida.

"We don't know where the student contracted the disease and it's really hard to tell exactly where," said Rick Chapman, director for Student Health Services.

After returning from spring break, the student did not return to campus.

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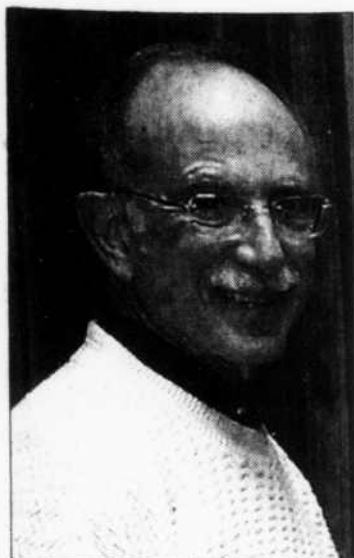


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DR. LON NUEL  
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## NUELL FROM PAGE 1

great service to others through his tireless efforts on behalf of Holocaust studies," said President Sidney McPhee.

Before playing a role as a chairman and co-chairman of MTSU's Holocaust Program, Nuell earned his Doctorate of Education and Master of Science in 1969 from the University of Kansas. He also received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in interior design at the Kansas City Art Institute in 1962.

## Bacteria

### FROM PAGE 1

"The health department doesn't think that she was infected on campus," Chapman said.

According to a news release from MTSU News and Public Affairs, the university has contacted and treated all students who may have been in close contact with the student during the spring break.

MTSU does not require students who live on campus to receive meningitis vaccines. However, freshmen are informed on the benefits of receiving the vaccine and required to sign a waiver indicating that the university has informed them of potential health risks.

"Freshmen, especially ones living in a dorm or apartment type setting are at higher risk for infection," Chapman said. "That is why freshman CUSTOMS recommends the vaccination."

The vaccination, called Menactra, is offered by Student Health Services for \$95. The vaccine protects against most strains of meningitis, Chapman said.

Bacterial meningitis is an airborne-transmitted illness. Most who are stricken are between the ages of 10 and 30, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Students who are immuno-suppressed or overly stressed are especially susceptible.

Anyone suffering from symptoms related to meningitis should seek medical attention immediately, Chapman said.

"The symptoms are flu and viral cold like, so it can make it hard to diagnose initially," Chapman said. "The only real way to confirm an infection is with a spinal tap."

More information on bacterial meningitis can be found at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site.



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## Meningitis: Deadly Disease Prevention and Symptoms

### What is meningitis?

Meningitis is an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain.

People sometimes refer to it as spinal meningitis. Meningitis is usually caused by a viral or bacterial infection.

Knowing whether meningitis is caused by a virus or bacterium is important because the severity of illness and the treatment differ.

Viral meningitis is generally less severe and resolves without specific treatment, while bacterial meningitis can be quite severe and may result in brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disability.

For bacterial meningitis, it is also important to know which type of bacteria is causing the meningitis because antibiotics can prevent some types from spreading and infecting other people.

Before the 1990s, *Haemophilus influenzae* Type B (HIB) was the leading cause of bacterial meningitis, but new vaccines being given to all children as part of their routine immunizations have reduced the occurrence of invasive disease due to *H. influenzae*.

Today, *Streptococcus pneumoniae* and *Neisseria meningitidis* are the leading causes of bacterial meningitis.

### What are the signs and symptoms of meningitis?

High fever, headache, and stiff neck are common symptoms of meningitis in anyone over the age of two years.

These symptoms can develop over several hours, or they may take one to two days.

Other symptoms may include nausea, vomiting, discomfort looking into bright

lights, confusion and sleepiness.

In newborns and small infants, the classic symptoms of fever, headache, and neck stiffness may be absent or difficult to detect, and the infant may only appear slow or inactive, or be irritable, have vomiting, or be feeding poorly.

As the disease progresses, patients of any age may have seizures.

### How is meningitis diagnosed?

Early diagnosis and treatment are very important. If symptoms occur, the patient should see a doctor immediately.

The diagnosis is usually made by growing bacteria from a sample of spinal fluid.

The spinal fluid is obtained by performing a spinal tap, in which a needle is inserted into an area in the lower back where fluid in the spinal canal is readily accessible.

Identification of the type of bacteria responsible is important for selection of correct antibiotics.

### Can meningitis be treated?

Bacterial meningitis can be treated with a number of effective antibiotics.

It is important, however, that treatment be started early in the course of the disease. Appropriate antibiotic treatment of most common types of bacterial meningitis should reduce the risk of dying from meningitis to below 15 percent, although the risk is higher among the elderly.

Information courtesy of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information on meningitis, please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

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PHOTO COURTESY MELVIN KAPLAN INCORPORATED THE AULOS ENSEMBLE  
The Aulos Ensemble, from left to right: Christopher Krueger, flutist; Marc Schachman, oboist; Linda Quan, violinist; Arthur Haas, harpsichordist; Myron Lutzke, cellist.

## Baroque concert on campus

### STAFF REPORTS

Students will have a chance to step back into the 17th century on Friday night with a baroque concert when the Aulos Ensemble performs on campus as part of the Presidential Concert Series.

Aulos formed in 1973, consisting of five students of the Juilliard School who hoped to introduce the American public to chamber music. Aulos continues to tour, both by themselves and in con-

junction with orchestras and solo musicians. They have released more than a dozen albums, including collections of Bach, Handel and Vivaldi, and receive frequent play on National Public Radio.

Aulos consists of flutist Christopher Krueger, oboist Marc Schachman, violinist Linda Quan, cellist Myron Lutzke, and harpsichordist Arthur Haas. The ensemble uses baroque-style instruments, which are distinctly different from their modern

counterparts, giving the music they perform an authentic classical chamber sound.

While the idea of classical music may seem offputting to the professionalism and skill of Aulos make it a concert that anyone can enjoy.

The Aulos Ensemble will perform on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the T. Earl Hinton Music Hall in the Wright Music Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

## SGA president elect excited new position

### STAFF REPORTS

Unifying the students is newly elected Student Government Association President Sondra Wilson's main goal for her upcoming term.

Wilson, senior political science and history major, became the first black female SGA president after the February campus-wide elections. Her term, along with the executive officers and senators, begins on May 1.

"I'm excited about the job," Wilson said. "MTSU is an amazing campus."

Wilson has been at MTSU for two semesters, she said the campus offers a warm and welcoming environment.

"I was previously at Columbia State University where I

served as the SGA president," Wilson said.

One of Wilson's first tasks will be filling the 10 vacant senator seats left in the student body senate. She plans to start seeking applications within a month.

"After people submit their applications for a senator position, I will select who will be the best fit and bring my recommendations before the senate," Wilson said.

Wilson also plans to continue the work with a "legislative liaison," a student who works with Tennessee senators and representatives in Nashville.

"We will definitely continue our lobbying work for the new science building," Wil-



Sondra Wilson

son said.

Other goals for Wilson include better communication between the senators and students, as well as more support for various organization events.

"Communication is key in the unification of the student body and SGA," Wilson said. "We want to keep everyone informed and involved."

## Traffic report

### STAFF REPORTS

MTSU will continue to experience high-volume traffic this week due the TSSAA high school basketball tournament at Murphy Center.

Parking in the Greenland Drive lots will be reserved for TSSAA ticket-holders, who will be charged \$5 to park there.

Northbound traffic on Middle Tennessee Boulevard will be reduced to a single lane as buses park along the east side of the Road.

Buses will shuttle as scheduled except for the green route, which will service the Tennessee Livestock lot instead of the Greenland Drive lot.

MTSU Student Affairs announces the

## 2008 DEAN JUDY SMITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Dean Judy Smith Scholarship Award is given to a student who is an active participant in one or more of the following areas of Campus Life: social sorority or fraternity, cheerleading squad, Student Programming, Special Events, Student Government Association (executive, legislative, or judicial branch), or CUS-TOMS (new student orientation). This student must have completed at least 30 hours credit in residence at MTSU and have a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.000. (Because of the terms of this award, graduating seniors are ineligible.)

Applications are available now in the Office of Dean of Student Life, KUC Room 128.

**Application Deadline: March 28, 2008**

If you have any questions about the application process or the scholarship award, please contact Susan Thornton in the Dean of Student Life Office at 898-2750.

## CRIME BRIEFS

**Feb. 19, 2:26 a.m.**

**Harassment**

Smith Hall

Caller reported that someone had been running around the hall kicking on his door.

**Feb. 19, 10:32 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

Greek Row

Subject reported that the mirror on their vehicle was damaged.

**Feb. 19, 1:57 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

Womach Lane apt. lot

Subject reported that something sticky was put in her gas tank.

**Feb. 19, 1:13 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

MTSU Campus

Subject called and stated she witnessed a student letting air out of someone's tires and walked off.

**Feb. 19, 1:43 p.m.**

**Miscellaneous**

Cope Administration

Subject called and complained about a student whom came into their office.

**Feb. 25, 9:05 a.m.**

**Miscellaneous**

Recreation Center

Subject requested the fire department in reference to a CO2 tank that had the potential of exploding and they could not shut it off.

**Feb. 25, 11:40 a.m.**

**Theft**

Keathley University Center

Subject called about his book being stolen on Friday in front of Phillips Bookstore.

**Feb. 25, 11:58 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

Smith Hall

The area coordinator reported van-

dalism done in the hallway.

**Feb. 26, 3:24 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

Kappa Alpha House

Subject reported that one of the banners hanging outside the building was vandalized.

**Feb. 27, 1:29 a.m.**

**Theft**

Cummings Hall

Subject reported that his door was standing open and his computer stolen.

**Feb. 27, 5:38 a.m.**

**Harassment**

Smith Hall

Complainant stated that he was harassed while taking a shower. This was the twentieth incident of harassment that the subject has had to report.

**Feb. 27, 12:11 p.m.**

**Traffic**

East Main Street

Suspect failed to yield the right of way, and was arrested for driving with a revoked license.

**Feb. 27, 1:45 p.m.**

**Theft**

James Union Building

Subject had called to report that his bike had been stolen.

**Feb. 28, 12:26 p.m.**

**Assistance**

Wiser-Pattern Science Hall

The subject was lying on a bench unconscious.

**Feb. 28, 1:50 p.m.**

**Theft**

Phillips Bookstore

The store contacted the department and stated that three worthless checks had been passed there.

**Feb. 29, 10:32 a.m.**

**Vagrancy**

Peck Hall

Gabriel Velez was arrested for Criminal Trespassing after he was reported to be wandering around aimlessly. He was reported to be possibly intoxicated.

**Feb. 29, 11:07 a.m.**

**Traffic**

Bell Street

There was an accident on Bell Street involving a Red Mustang and a Black Grand Prix. A state citation was issued to Quinnette C. Amos for driving without a license.

**Feb. 29, 8:18 p.m.**

**Theft**

Corlew Hall lot

Subject reported that her license plate was stolen off of her red Ford Taurus.

**March 02, 3:46 p.m.**

**Theft**

Miller Horse Coliseum

Complainant reported that her purse had been stolen while at work on March 1.

**March 03, 8:18 p.m.**

**Theft**

Blue Raider Dr.

Subject filed a report on her missing wallet.

**March 06, 1:24 a.m.**

**Alcohol**

Reynolds Hall

Anthony C. Howse and Natasha D. Hudson were issued a state citation for underage consumption.

**March 09, 8:55 p.m.**

**Vandalism**

Vocational Agriculture Center

Subject called to report that he heard the shattering of a window and requested an officer.

## 'Ethnocentric' Paul delegate fails

By ERIK SCHELZIG

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NASHVILLE (AP) — A self-described white nationalist earned nearly 12,000 votes here as a failed candidate to represent Ron Paul at the Republican National Convention.

Will Williams, who told the press he's "pro-white," was an early organizer for the Texas congressman's campaign in northeast Tennessee. "I have a world view that's ethnocentric, I believe my people are worth preserving," said Williams, 60, of Mountain City.

He said he had no direct contact with Paul about his views. "He didn't endorse me; he signed off on the list of volunteer delegates," Williams said.

Paul's spokesman Jesse Benton said Wednesday that the campaign was unaware of Williams' views.

"We try to vet as carefully as possible. But unfortunately, as with all campaigns, undesirable people are able to weasel through, slip through, and become delegates," Benton said.

"Congressman Paul wants nothing to do with detestable

people like that," he said.

Voters in the Feb. 5 Republican primary picked a presidential candidate and up to 15 delegates for the September convention. Nothing on the ballot identified Williams as a white separatist.

Only the delegates for the top three finishers — Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Mitt Romney — will be seated at the convention. Paul came in fourth.

Williams said he belonged to the white separatist National Alliance and was a protege of founder, William Pierce.

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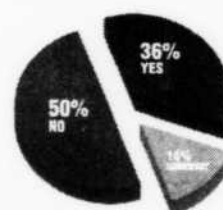
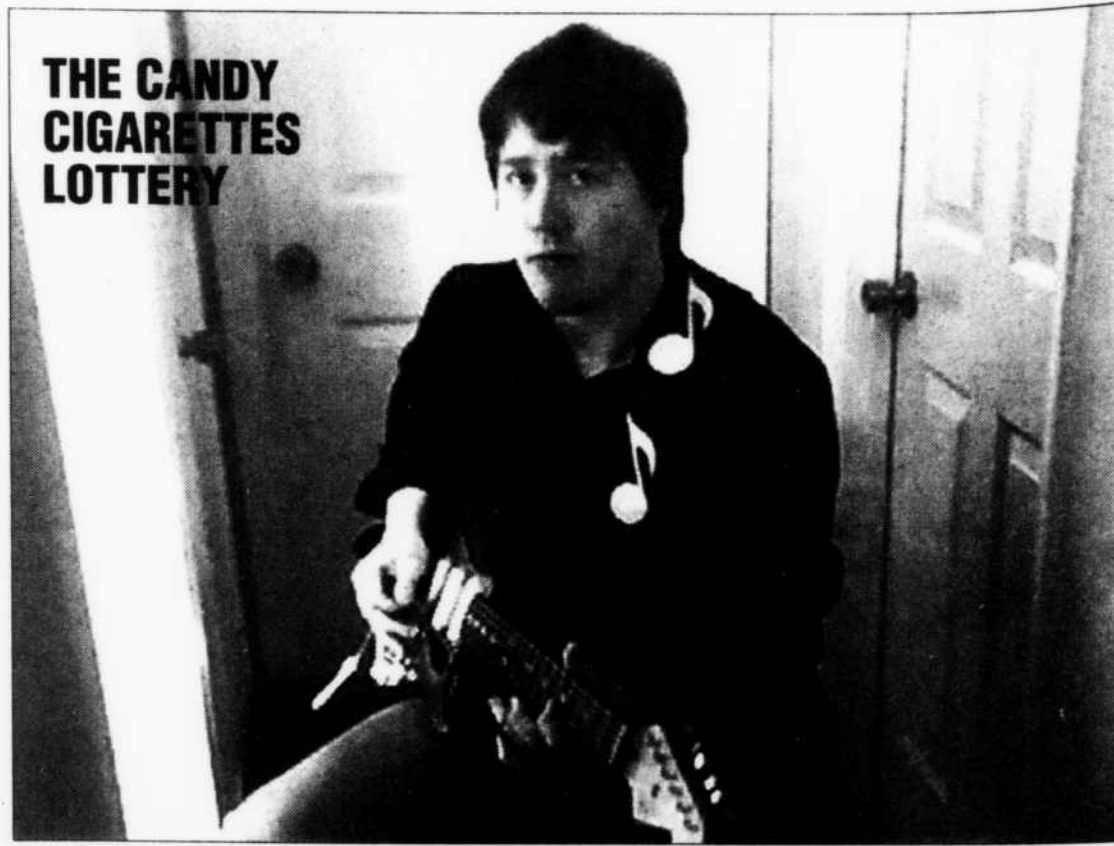
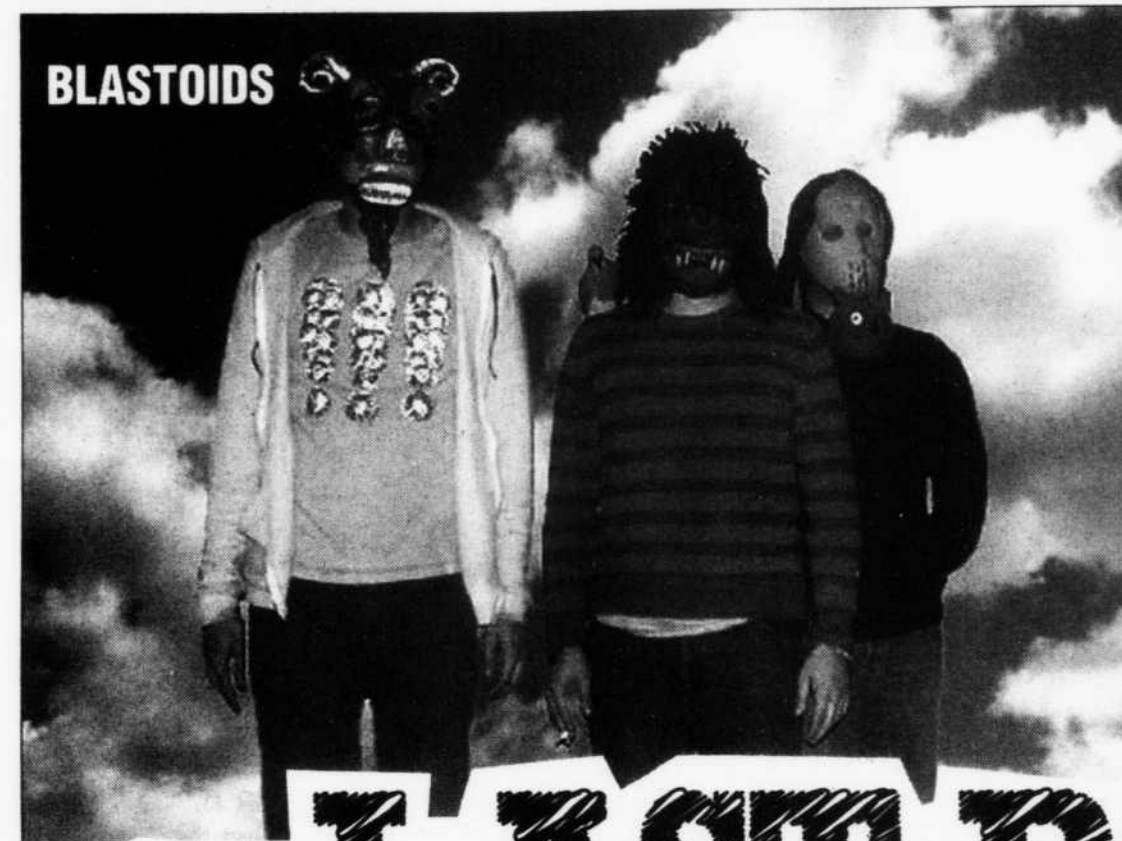
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STANDING ★By MICHAEL STONE  
Staff writer

Anyone who lives by the saying, "Early to bed, early to rise makes a person healthy, wealthy and wise," will be unhealthy, poor and dumb on March 19.

No one within a five-mile radius of MTSU's campus will be catching so much as a wink of early shut-eye on the night of March 18. After all, who could sleep through what is sure to be one of the liveliest concerts MTSU has ever had?

"Last Band Rocking" will pit five of Middle Tennessee's best bands against one another to establish which band can declare rock n' roll dominance.

The audience even gets to pick the winners.

Just being in the competition says something positive about the competing bands because two-thirds of the bands that

applied didn't get picked to play.

Those who are playing (Bearded Holiday, Blastoids, The Candy Cigarettes Lottery, Thief and Title Page) may have unusual names, but that should be no deterrent to attend the show.

Each band has its own unique sound, and all of them are practicing around the clock to entertain you, the devoted rock fan, on March 18.

So, don't let their practicing be in vain. They played to an empty room during the previous "Last Band Rocking."

**Bearded Holiday**

- [myspace.com/bearded-holiday](http://myspace.com/bearded-holiday)
- Wes Suitt-Vocals
- John McDonald-Keys/Vocals
- Alex Nixon-Drums
- Dan Johnson-Guitar
- Chandler Kellogg-Bass

Bearded Holiday considers their sound to be "Norwegian black-doom-grind-gore-core metal with a hint of

Scott Stapp."

What that actually sounds like, you may not be sure, but according to the band, it sounds similar to artists like Andy Davis, Jon McLaughlin and O.A.R.

But in the end, the band says their music is "about whatever you want it to be. We made up our own language, and you can interpret it however you like."

The band was formed a year ago by Wes Suitt, John McDonald and Alex Nixon. They had a difficult time finding a guitarist and a bassist that played their style of music.

The search for those two positions ended when Wes met Dan Johnson and Chandler Kellogg in a Music Industry Seminar class.

"Dan and I met Wes in class, got a practice together, and that's how the current line-up came to be," Kellogg says.

The band predicts that in one year they will be "starving college students," in five years they will be "starving musicians" and in 20 years they'll just be plain "starving."

The band's song "Meet Me Where" is always a fan favorite for the people of Murfreesboro because the song is about the town and sentimental locations within it.

With these songs and more, the five guys of Bearded Holiday stand a good chance of becoming the "Last Band Rocking."

**Blastoids**

- [myspace.com/blastoids](http://myspace.com/blastoids)
- Charlie Hareford
- Tyler Walker
- Joe Volmer

There are no dashes with instruments beside each of the members' names because the guys of Blastoids don't play instruments. They "all play music," according to the band.

The guys describe that music as "chaotic post-tornado victory music." That description may not make too much sense for anyone who hasn't heard the band before, but for anyone who has, it makes perfect sense.

The band claims to have formed in October 2007 "under immense pressure beneath layers of igneous rock."

Blastoids is known for using electronic gadgets to produce their signature sound. Synthesizers and megaphones are just two examples of the vast entourage of gizmos they use.

Another unique trait of the band is that they all play percussion during live performances.

The band's songs are about lighthearted subjects that make everyone want to get up and dance. Their song "Baby Jaguar" is about wooden dolls. Their song "Teddy Bears" is about abandoned houses and Debbie cakes.

If their signature sound and lighthearted lyrics don't entice you to cheer them on at "Last Band Rocking," then surely their response to the question, "Should we expect to see any 'unusual' stage the-

atrics at the performance?" will.

"You'll just have to wait and see," the band declares.

**The Candy Cigarettes Lottery**

- [myspace.com/cclocks](http://myspace.com/cclocks)
- Johnny Norris-Vocals/Guitar
- Peppermint Mica-Vocals/Piano/Bass

As Johnny Norris sat working at the Kroger Fuel Center, he noticed three decals. Those decals said "candy," "cigarettes" and "lottery."

That story may not be as exciting as you had hoped for behind a name like The Candy Cigarettes Lottery, but what is exciting is that the first ever self-proclaimed "high-energy garage pop" band will be playing in "Last Band Rocking."

Having not found a full-time drummer yet, the band will be playing with guest drummer Ryan Illingworth.

The band plans to play their most popular songs for the show, including the song "Hell."

"This is the story of 'Hell,'" Norris says. "I was really freaking out when I was younger, and I tried to run away from home. I was at the Greyhound station on Eighth Avenue (in Nashville), but I finally broke down and went home. Almost a year later, I had a dream about this movie I was watching. This kid had an abusive mother that had planted a GPS chip in his neck. So he decides to run away and rips the chip out. And I heard the chorus

to 'Hell' in the dream."

Even though the band stands a good chance to win with just "Hell," they plan on playing a few more songs to try and become the first ever "high-energy garage pop" band to be the "Last Band Rocking."

**Thief**

- [myspace.com/thiefband](http://myspace.com/thiefband)
- Matt Tubandt-Vocals
- Brennan Walsh-Guitar/Piano
- Ryan Hart-Bass
- Steve Janson-Drums

When Matt Tubandt and Brennan Walsh were 13, they started playing together. Their music career thus far has led them to play in three different bands jointly. None of those bands had worked out, though, to the degree the two had hoped. That was until they met Ryan and Steve.

"We were lucky enough to meet Ryan, our bass player," Tubandt says. "We started to jam and show him material. He had grown up with Steve and brought him in to play drums. We taught them the songs and started to write new ones. This lineup has been together for less than a year."

Their music has been compared to The Doors, Led Zepelin, The Mars Volta and The Music.

Tubandt describes the music as "largely classic rock influenced. Sometimes we write longer, constructed songs that are very melodic and rhythmic."

MORE  
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## ROCKER FROM PAGE 4

But don't think the band is afraid to "Hendrixify" their sound.

"We love tasteful use of reverbs and delays," Tubandt says.

The band doesn't like to tell what their lyrics behind this sound are about because they want the listener "to create their own story from it."

"I write about life. How's that?" Matt explains.

Even though they won't confess the true meanings of their songs, the band does confess their plans for the future.

"Like any musicians, we want to be respected, loved, and famous enough to have what we want," Tubandt says. "But ultimately, we want to be respected by those we respect and be able to make a living with music."

If you end up not respecting or loving Thief after their performance on March 18, or you don't already, you will at least be entertained.

"We get down and shake our [groove things], but that's what certain parts demand if your into the show," Tubandt explains.

This "groove shaking," along with their Zeppelin-like music, will definitely help Thief stand a good chance of becoming the "Last Band Rocking."

### Title Page

- myspace.com/titlepage-music
- Dave Armstrong-Vocals/Guitar
- Oliver Pierce-Guitar/Keys/Vocals
- Julian Kisner-Drums
- Timothy Alan-Bass

Something magical hap-

pened a few months ago in Felder Hall on MTSU's campus. Well, it wasn't so much magical as it was kind of cool.

Dave Armstrong, Timothy Alan and Julian Kisner were looking for a place to have a jam session. Oliver Pierce told them, "Hey guys, you can jam in my room!" Oliver ended up playing in the jam session and the rest is not-so-distant history.

Within that short history, though, the band has been developing their music.

"Our sound is currently evolving," Pierce emphasizes. "All of us have fairly different musical influences and ideas, so right now, we are currently trying to merge them."

According to the band, that merging sounds like the band Radiohead.

The band says their lyrics behind their Radiohead-like sound "revolve around our concern for injustice in the world, our confusion at the vast complexity of life, and our hope for the reconciliation through Christ both now and in the future."

Title Page, with strong Christian influences, doesn't want to become like some of the mainstream Christian rock bands.

"Christian music should simply be honest, beautiful music that explores the deepest truths of the world," Pierce believes. "If Christ is the ultimate reality, we, as Christians, don't need to go to any extra effort to make 'Christian' music. All we need to do is write about what is on our hearts, the stories of others, and the truth we see in them."

With such a well-spoken lyricist as Oliver Pierce, you can expect to see Title Page to be in strong contention to becoming the "Last Band Rocking."

## 'Color So Bright, Gotta Wear Shades' *all that glitters*

By LAUREN PRICE  
Contributing writer

Desperately sick of the daily changes in weather--bitingly cold and snowy one day and chilly rain the next--the quickly approaching warm weather months has given me a full fledged case of spring fever. Longer days and hope of continuous sunshine taunt me and make me hate all the time I have to spend cooped up inside.

This spring is a fabulous time for fashion. Beautiful, breathable floral dresses, bright bold prints and colors, and neon accessories all encompass the spring line up.

While I love high fashion, including every piece in Christian Lacroix and Alexander McQueen's couture spring shows, let's be honest: unless they graciously decide to send me their clothes, I won't be wearing them anytime soon.

What's a fashionista on a budget to do? The quickest way to modernize your look is through makeup. While designer's normally showcase their new collections on models with neutral faces, ensuring focus stays on the clothing, this season there were bright, new changes sashaying down the runway.

Color is everywhere this season, not just on the clothes, but also on faces. Shockingly bright liners in blue, purple and green rimmed eyes. Creamy bold shadows in a multi-hued rainbow palette of pink, blue and purple adorned lids. Various shades of glitter in small or large amounts was sprinkled on faces. For the brave, try the spring looks as the designers showcase them, though if you're still unsure, try a clean sweep of a single bright color like green or bright pink with lots of mascara, or a smoky eye in various intensities of

a single shade like deep purple.

Lips were adorned with two different extremes, either in a soft neutral like covetable baby pink or in a deep wine. Forgo gloss and keep these matte for a modern look.

While winter was perfect for the Ice Queen look created by silver shadows, warm up your eyes with deep golds and bronzes. These are flattering on everyone and create a look of richness and elegance.

Black eyeliner drawn in clean lines or purposely deconstructed for a partied-all-night vibe rimmed eyes at multiple shows. Try this look but keep the rest of your make-up minimal with a soft pink lip and nude sweep of shadow on your lids.

The skin on the runway was clean, not cakey, and matte, keeping a fresh look and feel. Allow your skin to show



through by using concealer under your eyes and just a swipe of loose powder. Finish with a bright pink blush on the apple of your cheeks.

If the humidity of spring and summer leave you hating your quickly curling hair despite the hour you spent straightening it, put down the flat iron by embracing your natural texture. Rub some shine serum on and neaten your waves by curling random pieces with a curling iron.

This spring is a time to be creative with your look. Be cool and relaxed by wearing what you love. But don't be afraid to try new things. Make-up's not permanent, after all. Sometimes, it's fun to be someone new.

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The Amy Spain Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded this spring to a graduating senior planning on attending law school this fall. Amy Spain was an alumnus of Middle Tennessee State University and an active Alpha Delta Pi from 1982-1986. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree she went on to graduate with honors from the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law. Amy obtained a position as an Assistant United States Attorney in Memphis. She held this position until a tragic automobile accident ended her exceptional life.

To continue Amy's legacy, some of her friends and family have established this scholarship. The Memorial Fund will be used to further the education of an MTSU Greek female who plans to attend Law School. Candidates must demonstrate the leadership, dedication, commitment, and integrity which characterized and described Amy.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please obtain an application from Susan Thornton in the Dean of Student Life Office, Keathley University Center, Room 128.

Deadline for applications is Friday, March 28, 2008.



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# OPINIONS

## Allowing torture a breach of ethics, law

With a stroke of his pen last week, President George W. Bush virtually sealed his legacy as the president who condones torture. Bush vetoed a bill that would have restricted the CIA to non-torture methods of interrogation, as outlined in the Army Field Manual.

Make no mistake about it, the Field Manual does not expressly prohibit heavy-handed treatment of detainees, but lends an air of legitimacy to the dirty business of interrogation. The Army has specifically forbidden waterboarding, a technique of simulated drowning, in its Manual since 2006. In fact, the very first paragraph in Appendix E is a statement on the continued upholding of the standards set forth in the 1949 Geneva Convention.

In case you were sick for history in high school, the Geneva Conventions are a set of protocols that date back to 1859. They are the basic "laws of war" under which legitimate military action is executed. The Geneva Conventions are recognized by 194 countries. The Conventions require signatory nations to make the breaking of the code a punishable offense. To be plain, if a person or nation breaks the code, it is a violation of international law and is to be treated as such.

Interesting and relevant sections of the Army Manual include instructions on what to do upon capturing an enemy soldier. Detainees are to be provided food and water as well as clean clothing. The manual instructs that they be "provided protective facilities and equipment

and should be oriented as to procedures to be followed in case of chemical, biological, and radiological agent attack." Capture prisoner of war, then train them in case of an attack. This is the best of the armed forces, treating enemies with dignity and respect.

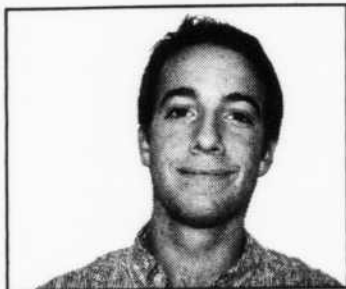
The Army Field Manual is explicit in its expectation that prisoners of war be treated in a humane manner. This code actually dates back to President Eisenhower, who issued a simple "Code of Conduct" to the US Armed Forces, including the following:

"It is a violation of the Geneva Convention to place a prisoner under physical or mental duress, torture or any other form of coercion in an effort to secure information."

Ironclad, no?

This is all in sharp contrast to the recent actions of the executive branch. A bill recently passed Congress which would have required the CIA to abide by the rules in the Army Field Manual. To be clear, this would prohibit the CIA from using sensory deprivation, dogs, sexual torture, waterboarding and other methods on captured prisoners. Bush vetoed the bill. Torture is now officially okay.

Bush contends that he does not want to tie the CIA's hands in obtaining information from captured al-Qaida members. This, in and of itself, is understandable. However, the Army Field Manual's most recent addition is necessary because prior to the clarifications about waterboarding and



**The Pen is Mightier**  
Evan Barker

other torture methods, it was revealed that such methods were in use, not necessarily on al-Qaida members, but on anyone picked up by the Army in Iraq or Afghanistan. Hence, the changes in policy. Breaking the Army Code is a serious offense because of the damage it does the worldwide image of the United States of America. Why, then, are the CIA and Executive Branch not held liable for the same loss of face and egregious violation of human rights?

This will have grave consequences for the United States both in the near and far future. Since torture is contrary to the Geneva Conventions, it is a serious offense against international law. It is difficult to consider, but perpetrating this crime requires charges to be brought. Those responsible must reckon with their transgressions. People need to get used to hearing that the president has committed a crime.

Not to split hairs, but Bush's veto is of paramount importance. He has repeatedly said "The U.S. does not torture," yet will not sign a law mandating the same. Why the hang-up? If the United States is moral in its wartime conduct, and treats its detainees under the rule of law, signing

the legislation would be a formality. Clearly, there is more at stake. If Bush signed a law making torture illegal, and it was subsequently revealed that his office encouraged its use, which it did, it would constitute a crime.

Senator and presidential candidate John McCain was tortured in Vietnam as a prisoner of war. He submitted legislation in 2005 to do essentially the same as the bill vetoed by Bush, prior to the revisions made in the 2006 Army Field Manual. The White House response to this effort was first to send Dick Cheney to dissuade McCain from acting his conscience. When this failed, the Pentagon rewrote the Army Manual at the end of the year, and classified 10 pages of the section on interrogation. Catch-22.

The United States will henceforth be known as the nation that formerly stood for human rights and dignity, for enemies and friends alike. With the adaptation of this egregious double standard, every nation will have good reason to question the strength of our democracy.

In conjunction with Bush's warrantless surveillance and secret prisons in Eastern Europe and Afghanistan, CIA torture completes the perfect trifecta of extra-legal government operations. Bush argues that these "tools" and "enhanced" interrogation techniques have prevented terrorist attacks, but offers no proof. Additionally, his assertion that extra-legal government operations are necessary is flawed on its face. If the Army is prohib-

ited from torturing its detainees, they could easily be turned over to the CIA, with no such restrictions.

The United States used to hold a certain moral high ground in international relations as the face of democracy. However, after the Department of Justice became an arm of the Bush administration and ceased acting as the necessary devil's advocate, actions such as these have tarnished our international face and seriously wounded our democracy.

The U.S. Constitution is the law of the land. Article 8 reads: "Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted." There is no addendum which specifies "only to citizens" or "except to suspected terrorists." The Constitution sets as its lofty goal that all humans shall be equal, and treated equally.

If the people that the CIA captures are actually suspected of terrorism, there should be enough evidence to try them in a real court. There are legal ways of doing virtually everything, including obtaining a wiretap, extraditing prisoners, and interrogating a suspect. Playing at Jack Bauer of "24" may be a fun exercise for the president, but real democracy is at stake.

The United States DOES torture, and it absolutely should not.

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## FACES IN THE CROWD

What are your thoughts on an MTSU student contracting bacterial meningitis? What about the health conditions on campus?



**Roberts**

"I don't like it. I did not think that it was that bad around here, but everyone caught the flu too."

*Alex Roberts, senior entrepreneurship*



**Goldston**

"It's a serious thing around campus. Obviously, they are in classes with other students, so it's dangerous."

*Samantha Goldston, junior recording industry*



**Chukka**

"I advise people to live in the most hygienic conditions possible."

*Neelima Chukka, graduate bio-technology*



**Seals**

"My prayers and hopes go out to their family. As far as the health issues go, having a lot of young adults so close together will cause a lot of problems in the forefront."

*George Seals, senior business administration*



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### FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD:

## This was a sad week for MT and the community

After debate over what to actually focus on in this issue, we decided the real underlying theme of the issue is, unfortunately, tragedy.

Our community has had hit after hit over the past seven days.

Lon Nuell, a beloved art professor, leader of the Jewish community and active Murfreesboro resident, died yesterday after suffering a massive stroke.

One student remains hospitalized at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville after contracting bacterial meningitis over spring break. And while she seems to be recovering, she has a very long, hard fight against a brutal illness.

Another MTSU student stands accused of huffing compressed air before driving into a school bus.

Fortunately no one was seriously injured, but if the allegations prove true, we can only hope he receives the help he needs before testing his luck again.

Yes, MTSU has suffered a sad week indeed and our condolences go to the fami-

lies and friends affected by the numerous tragedies that have befallen our campus family.

Even athletics, although severely less traumatic than the above mentioned, also suffered a loss at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament.

Men's basketball and the Lady Raiders were defeated by Western Kentucky Tuesday, ending postseason hopes for the men and putting the women into an anxiety-ridden waiting period.

On this front, though, there is a silver lining.

The women will find out on Monday whether or not they will receive an at-large spot in the NCAA tournament or a bid in the WNIT. It would be a great ending to an amazing season by Amber Holt.

Holt spent her senior year breaking records and giving the rest of the country a run for their money as the leading scorer in NCAA women's basketball. Holt ended the season with 27.1 average points per game.

She also broke four Sun Belt Tournament records, including a record set by former teammate Chrissy Givens.

In addition to Holt's performance, the entire Lady Raiders team is to be commended for overcoming early departures from several teammates, whittling their team to just eight players. The entire team played extraordinarily well this year, and we sincerely hope they can go to a fifth-consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament.

So while this week was full of bad news, we know that the strength and spirit of the community will prevail.

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# SPORTS

## Finding the silver and blue lining



**I am Sportacus**  
J. Owen Shipley

After leading me to skip four classes, cancel band practice, and fall behind on everything from laundry to shopping MT's Sun Belt Conference Championship runs finally ended Tuesday night in defeat, sort of.

Two good things came out of MT's two losses, and they are story lines I look forward to following even if this will be my last March at MTSU.

One hundred miles separate MTSU from the conference rival that ended the season of both MT's men and women's teams. One hundred miles of increasing acrimony and history. Nearly 100 years after their first-ever competitive basketball game, the conference's two oldest rivals are at it yet again.

Despite wins in the regular season, defeats to WKU helped to end the post-season hopes of MT's football and both basketball teams. While this may seem embarrassing to some, I welcome it. If MT athletics have suffered from one sickness it has been anemic attendance.

Luckily, nothing fires up a fan base like a 100-mile blood feud. Next year's attempts at revenge will be must see games in all three sports, and after graduating, I know the games I'm most likely to travel for will be those in which I might get to see the Hilltoppers lose.

The fact that I, as a student, have few positive things to say about WKU is only good for MT. As rivalries grow, students grow fonder of their school as their hatred for their biggest rival increases.

And then there's the fact that I was even able to watch that men's game on TV. When I started at this school, MTSU on national TV was not only rare, it was unheard of.

I grew up only 15 minutes from the campus and yet I didn't know a thing about the Blue Raiders (in any sport) and had never seen them play (in any sport) until my freshman year. Now we have a women's basketball team that is regularly on national TV, a men's team two night's removed from an ESPN2 game and an ESPN2 home game for the football team next year.

It's not easy to sway a recruit, no matter how persuasive your pitch, if he's never heard of your program.

So, when I turned on ESPN2 on Tuesday night still stunned by the women's loss, all I could think about was getting more recruits in order to beat WKU next year. I told myself that a selection was still possible for the Lady Raiders thanks to the nation's leading scorer, Amber Holt, and one of the toughest schedules in the country. But I knew that the WKU defeat would sting even if the Lady Raiders made it to March Madness.

Maybe, just maybe, Coach Davis and the men's team could avenge the Lady Raiders.

**SILVER AND BLUE, PAGE 8**



Once the final horn sounded, players on the Middle Tennessee bench could not control their emotions including (from left) Anne Marie Lanning, Emily Queen and Starr Orr.

## SBC title streak ends at four

By JO JO FREEMAN and  
CHRIS MARTIN  
MT MEDIA RELATIONS AND  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

In the most important game of the season, Amber Holt did her part to help secure a win for the Lady Raiders. Unfortunately, the rest of the team didn't perform as well as Holt.

Western Kentucky shot 60 percent in the second half as WKU defeated Middle Tennessee, 65-49, Tuesday in the championship game of the Sun Belt Tournament at the Mitchell Center. The loss ended the Blue Raiders' 15-game tournament winning streak and denied Middle Tennessee its fifth straight SBC crown.

Holt managed to score 22 points, but the Blue Raiders were undone by a poor shooting performance, hitting just 34 percent from the field, including 4-for-24 from 3-point range. Emily Queen added 11 points and six rebounds for Middle Tennessee in the loss.

The teams traded buckets to start the second half for the first four minutes. An eight-minute scoreless stretch for Middle Tennessee (21-11) allowed WKU to put together a 12-0 run and a 44-33 advantage.

Amy McNear hit three straight jumpers for the Lady Toppers during the stretch and Dominique Duck made the first and last baskets of the run.

Holt finally ended the drought with a bucket at 8:25 on the clock, but Kenzie Rich kept the Raiders at bay, knocking down a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Then, as the shot clock was about to expire, Rich double-clutched on a 3-pointer from the wing and drew the foul, completing the four-point play for a 53-39 WKU (26-7) lead.

The Lady Toppers hit all eight of their foul shots down the stretch, ending a two-game losing streak to the Blue Raiders in SBC Tournament championship games.

Holt was named to the All-Tournament Team after eclipsing the SBC Tournament scoring record. Holt netted 88 points in the three games, surpassing the mark set last season by teammate Chrissy Givens (85). She also broke tournament records for field goals (32), field goal attempts (63) and free throws

made (24).

Rich hit all three of her 3-point attempts in the second half and was 4-for-5 from behind the arc in the contest, ending the game with a team-high 18 points. Crystal Kelly added 26 points and 11 rebounds and Arnika Brown had 11 points and 11 boards as well. Duck also netted 12 points for the Lady Toppers.

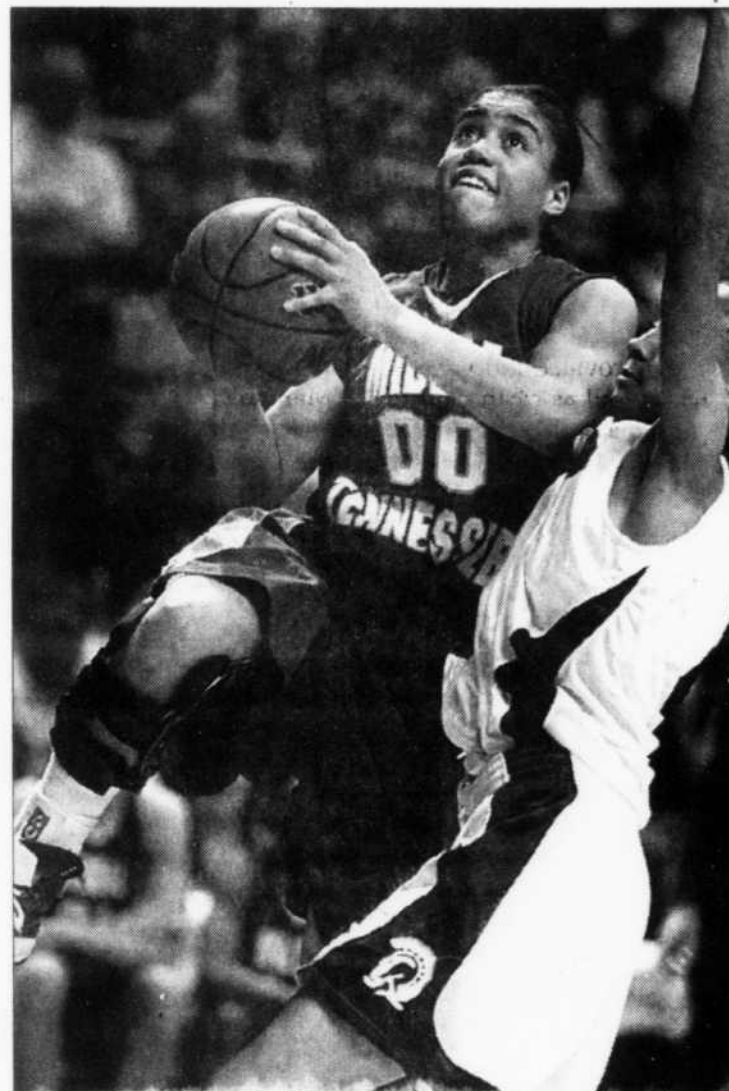
The first half saw a run by the team and then a long drought by the Blue Raiders, though WKU did not take advantage.

Middle Tennessee started slow but registered a 10-0 run that featured a putback and a 3-pointer from Queen and then another 3-pointer by Jackie Pickel that put the Raiders ahead, 18-10.

WKU answered with an 8-0 stretch to tie the contest with four points from Duck. The Blue Raiders went more than seven minutes without a point during WKU's run.

Holt's bucket with 3:57 left in the half ended the drought and the Raiders continued to hold the lead until Rich nailed a 3-pointer from the

**LADY RAIDERS, PAGE 8**



Chelsia Lymon scored 14 points with two assists and two rebounds as the Lady Raiders defeated Arkansas-Little Rock, 57-45.

## Upset bid for SBC title ends with loss to WKU

By TONY STINNETT and  
RICHARD LOWE  
MT MEDIA RELATIONS AND  
SPORTS EDITOR

A memorable run in the second-half of the season saw the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team land in the Sun Belt Conference Championship game, but a strong second-half run by Western Kentucky denied the Blue Raiders a tournament title as the Hilltoppers captured a 67-57 win in front of 5,234 at the Mitchell Center here Tuesday night.

Middle Tennessee won 10 of its last 13 to reach the title game for the second time under sixth-year Head Coach Kermit Davis, but the Blue Raiders finally ran out of gas against an experienced Western Kentucky team that featured senior leadership and SBC Player of the Year Courtney Lee.

However, it was a sophomore that denied Middle Tennessee (17-15) the SBC title and its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since

1989. WKU forward Jeremy Evans poured in a double double with 20 points, 14 rebounds and he shot 8-of-9 from the field to earn Most Valuable Player honors.

"Evans was a major factor in the basketball game," Middle Tennessee Coach Kermit Davis said. "We allowed him to have a big game inside and that made the difference. We didn't play as well as we needed to win that game. Western Kentucky made all the hustle plays and all the toughness plays. They have a talented team and I believe they will be a good representative for the Sun Belt in the NCAA Tournament."

Desmond Yates and Kevin Kanaskie were named to the SBC All-Tournament team after a strong run here in Mobile, Ala. Yates led the Blue Raiders with 16 points against the Hilltoppers (27-6) and Kanaskie added nine points and three assists. Demetrius Green tallied 12 points and eight rebounds and Theryn Hudson finished with 10 points.



Demetrius Green helped the Blue Raiders with an upset of USA but could do little against WKU in the finals.

A critical factor against the Blue Raiders was foul trouble against Nigel Johnson, who played just 14 minutes and did not score. He fouled out early in the second half.

"We had some key players who didn't have one of their better games and we can't have that in a game like this," Davis said. "I'm very proud of our team and the run we

made. You can't fault the effort and we are excited knowing we have every player on this team coming back in ad-

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ers' first SBC tournament loss in five years.

And for a half it seemed beyond possible MT was fired up and looked perfectly poised. They held the lead until the final shot of the first half. Sadly, WKU held it from then on.

What excited me about that game in the second half was the coverage itself. The ESPN2 announcing team did what MTSU really needs most. They talked about the school. And if they were surprised that MT has 23,000 students, they were absolutely stunned that a team that hadn't been to the Big Dance since 1989 had soundly beaten No. 1 seed South Alabama.

For an athletic program on its way up, exposure of that kind is priceless. WKU, the only school in the Sun Belt to have both men and women win an SBC championship, has the only thing our teams couldn't compete with — depth.

Depth comes from exposure and consistency. And consistent competition between two deep squads less than a 100 miles apart will, in the end, be much better for this school than any two wins could ever hope to be.

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dition to the players we gain." We made a lot of progress and we can carry that over. It's just a disappointing ending to what was a great finish to the season."

Middle Tennessee led throughout the first half and owned a 28-21 advantage after Yates' short jumper with 6:16 remaining in the first half, but WKU went on a 6-0 run and closed the half with

a 3-pointer from Orlando Mendez-Valdez to go on top 34-31.

From there it was all downhill for the Blue Raiders as they were outscored 8-1 in the first five minutes of the second half and the Hilltoppers gained a 42-32 lead. Middle Tennessee could never make sustained runs against the strong WKU defense even though the Blue Raider defense played well enough to keep the team in the game.

WKU outscored Middle

Tennessee 19-9 on second-chance points but the real difference was at the charity stripe, where the Hilltoppers outscored Middle Tennessee 25-10 in a 10-point game. WKU was 25-of-29 from the line, while the Blue Raiders were 10-of-16 and did not reach the bonus until 7:07 remaining.

Middle Tennessee shot 50 percent (24-of-48) from the field, including 43 percent (6-of-14) from 3-point range, while also converting 82 per-

cent (28-34) from the free-throw line. The Blue Raiders also battled on the boards with the Jags holding a slim 34-28 advantage and that was remarkable considering the significant foul trouble Middle Tennessee had to overcome.

Yates and Hudson spent most of the first half on the bench with three fouls and they each picked up their fourth foul less than four minutes into the second half. Yates played just 22 minutes

and Hudson saw action for 17. Despite this, Middle Tennessee was able to stay in the game because of exceptional guard play and strong bench support from Dino Hair and Darren Avery.

Despite the disappointing ending to the season, Middle Tennessee still can take some pride in its tremendous run and the fact it returns all of its players and likely will be the preseason favorite to win the SBC East Division.

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corner with 26.4 seconds remaining to give the Lady Toppers a 25-24 advantage at the break.

In the semifinal game for the Lady Raiders, defense was key in their victory over the Trojans of Arkansas — Little Rock. Holt scored 33 points with 10 rebounds, Chelsia Lyman netted 14 points and Queen added four assists and eight rebounds in the victory, sending Middle Tennessee

into its sixth consecutive SBC Tournament championship game.

Holt and Queen's efforts on the boards helped the Blue Raiders win the rebounding battle, 34-25, and Queen's defense on First Team All-SBC player Nikya Hughes was terrific, keeping the Trojan senior scoreless in the second half after she netted 12 points in the first half.

Middle Tennessee (21-10) trailed 23-18 at halftime, the least amount of points for the Blue Raiders in the first half

this season and the second fewest under head coach Rick Insell in the opening 20 minutes. But the squad fed Holt to start the second half, as the senior scored the first 12 points after the break before Brandi Brown knocked down a huge 3-pointer from the top of the key.

A pair of technical fouls on UALR (23-8) also helped change the momentum in the second half, the first one on head coach Joe Foley at 9:53. Brown hit both of those free throws in between a 3-pointer

from the corner by Lyman and a driving layup by the Blue Raider senior that put Middle Tennessee ahead, 40-35.

Another 3-pointer from Lyman, this one from the top of the key, gave the Blue Raiders a 45-38 edge with 5:45 remaining. UALR never got closer than five and the lead went back to eight after UALR's bench was whistled for a technical with 3:30 left. Brown made 1-of-2 foul shots before Holt and Lyman iced the game with six straight free throws in the final 1:25.

Middle Tennessee shot 48 percent from the field in the second half after making just 29 percent in the opening 20 minutes. The Blue Raiders were also 0-for-3 from 3-point range in the first half but made 3-of-4 after intermission, all very big shots in the final outcome.

Middle Tennessee must wait until the NCAA Selection Show on Monday, March 16, to find out if it receives an at-large bid into the tournament and a fifth straight trip to the postseason.

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