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Students deceived by fake counselor

Man in jail for fraudulent prescriptions

By Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

A Smyrna man is in jail for unlawfully dispensing prescriptions, some of which were received by MTSU students.

Eric Richard, 29, was arrested Dec. 18 by MTSU Police and charged with multiple accounts of criminal impersonation, dispensing fraudulent prescriptions and impersonation of a licensed professional.

Detective Sgt. Matt Foster, of MTSU Public Safety, said Richard, who is not an MTSU student, approached a campus organization and attended several meetings, passing himself off as a licensed social worker

offering free counseling to those in the organization. Foster would not say which organization was involved.

Police know of two students who took Richard up on his offer, Foster said. Those students received counseling over the phone. During the course of the sessions, Richard told the

students he was licensed to prescribe medication. Richard used a Drug Enforcement Agency number he had stolen from a Nashville psychiatrist, Foster said, to prescribe the medication. A DEA number is essentially a license to prescribe drugs.

When the students went to

their pharmacies to pick up the prescriptions, Foster said, they were filled as though they were legitimate. Two students had a total of four prescriptions filled, he said. He would not disclose what type of prescription drugs were involved.

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Woman barely escapes assault

Witnesses say man resembles suspect in other cases

By Lindsey Turner
Editor in Chief

A female student barely escaped a potential assault Feb. 2.

According to the MTSU Police report, the woman was checking her mail on the first floor of the Keathley University Center at approximately 5:55 p.m. when she felt that someone was following her.

As she closed her mailbox and turned to exit, police say she noticed a man following her. She picked up her pace and, scared, broke into a run. The suspect, according to the report, began running after her toward the door.

According to Detective Sgt. Matt Foster, there were several people just outside the large glass doors of the KUC and, upon seeing them, the suspect turned and fled.

"The way I understood it," Foster said, "is as soon as they walked out the doors, there were other people ... and [the

suspect] turned around and went back in the KUC."

Foster said it was his understanding that the victim didn't call Public Safety the night of the incident because she said she wasn't aware their office was open all night. She reported the incident the next day.

Witness accounts of the suspect bear much resemblance to the suspect(s) in the previous two assault cases on campus. According to the witnesses, the man is a black male, 6-feet-4-inches tall, of average build with short black hair. He was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, light colored jeans, light colored shoes, wore no jewelry and had no facial hair.

"Certain criminals — they leave a signature," Foster said about the black hooded sweatshirt — the same kind of clothing article worn by the suspect in both assault cases under investigation. "They will leave something behind, the same thing at every crime scene."

Foster said it is unclear if the suspect is the same in all cases.

"You can't rule out anything," Foster said. "We're looking at it from all angles."

Police urge those with information to call Crime Stoppers at 893-STOP or Public Safety at 898-2424. ♦

Students, faculty discuss parking

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

Students, faculty and staff were allowed to ask questions and voice their opinions on MTSU's parking proposals at an open forum held in the Keathley University Center Theater yesterday.

Moderated by Vice President for Student Affairs Bob Glenn, questions were posed to representatives from different departments throughout the university such as Events and Transportation and Construction and Renovations.

A video showed the university's two proposed plans, one outlining a possible parking garage and one about adding new surface lots to the areas surrounding the campus.

The university prefers the surface parking lot plan because building a parking garage on campus would only add 1,500 new parking spaces. Currently, the university has an estimated 10,000 to 11,000 spaces available, and the goal is to add another 3,500 spots.

The new surface parking lot spaces would add those 3,500 spots the university expects to need in the next 10 years due to growth.

A parking garage would also

cost students an extra \$200 per semester. Surface lots would cost only a fraction of that, approximately \$50 per student per semester. Additionally, the parking garage would cost \$40 million, whereas the surface lots would cost the university \$30 million.

The cost would be implemented into the general access fee in a "phased-in" process starting with the freshmen in 2003-2004. In 2004-2005, freshmen and sophomores would be paying the increased fee, in 2005-2006, freshmen, sophomores and juniors would be paying the fee and in 2006-2007, all classes would be paying the fee.

The university is looking at adding one parking space for every two students, factoring in arrival and departure times.

Officials are also looking toward improving other aspects of the campus. The plan would include more green spaces, improving the shuttle service, adding a pedestrian corridor connecting the Learning Resources Center and the KUC and two tunnels running under Rutherford Boulevard, repaving existing lots, adding extra lighting to the lots and widening

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Miller Coliseum gets ready



File Photo

MTSU's Miller Coliseum will hold its grand opening tomorrow and Saturday for the public. The Walking Horse Owners Association Convention will be held both at the coliseum and the James Union Building.

Horse facility ready for public

By Mark Lewis
Staff Writer

The Miller Coliseum, MTSU's new state-of-the-art horse facility, will open to the public for the first time tomorrow and Saturday.

The 222,000 square-foot facility will include a 150-foot by 300-foot coliseum floor, a 100-foot by 230-foot covered

warm-up area and 492 10-foot by 10-foot horse stalls.

The Coliseum has a seating capacity of 4,600 but can be increased to 6,500.

There is also paved parking, two concession stands and a premier sound system on the premises.

Funding for the coliseum was made possible through a generous gift of \$20 million that was left to the MTSU

Foundation by John C. "Tennessee" Miller. In May of 1994, MTSU was notified of the donation from the Mary Elizabeth Miller Trust set up in honor of Miller's wife, according to a recent *Record* article.

"At the time it was given, it was the largest gift ever received by a public

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Along with a new logo, *The Record* now uses color in its publication.

'Record' gets facelift, color

By Mealand Ragland
Staff Writer

After a challenge from university President Sidney McPhee and one year of research and planning, the Office of News and Public Affairs unveiled the new design of *The Record* Feb. 3.

Doug Williams, executive director of News and Public Affairs, said McPhee's goal was for *The Record* to become the best possible paper.

"Why shouldn't we have a paper that reflects what an excellent school MTSU is?" Williams said.

Published twice a month, *The Record* has served the MTSU community since 1993. Until now, it was only printed in

black, white and MTSU blue. Now, its eight pages are filled with color photos and it sports a new logo.

Angela Cannon Hayes, editor of *The Record*, said the change came in response to the university's growth. The paper needed to reflect the quality of the university, she said.

"The smaller publication served the university for a number of years, but the time was right to take *The Record* to a new level of excellence," Hayes said.

Changing the format of the paper was not easy, Williams said. In developing the new look, the paper's staff used publications such as the *Vanderbilt*

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Concrete industry major approved despite budget

By Kristin Hall
Staff Writer

Prior to the announcement of required budget cuts for all state public universities, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission approved a new concrete industry management major at MTSU.

Formerly a concentration under the industrial technology major, the concrete industry management program has grown from two students in 1996 to more than 200.

The conversion from concentration to major mainly consisted of a title change, according to Tom Cheatham, dean of the

College of Basic and Applied Sciences.

"It's still the same program, the same faculty and courses," Cheatham said. "We're not really extending the program more money."

For that reason, the concrete industry management program has been allowed to expand despite upcoming budget cuts throughout the university.

Mary Morgan, director of communications at the Tennessee Board of Regents, said the announcement of financial cuts did not come until after the new major was approved by THEC Jan. 30.

According to a university press release, MTSU will have the only four-year concrete

industry management program in the nation that offers a bachelor's degree starting in the fall of this year.

Morgan said she expects the new major could attract more students to MTSU, possibly inviting more revenue to the university.

Cheatham said students are drawn to the program because of the need for concrete managers in the construction industry.

"Primarily, there is a good job market, and starting pay is about \$45,000 a year," Cheatham said.

The press release stated that the goal of

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Concrete: Change adds flexibility

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the program is to produce graduates sufficiently grounded in basic sciences and mathematics, knowledgeable of concrete technology and the industry and able to manage people and systems.

Austin Cheney, director of the concrete industry management program, said that the change from concentration to major afforded the program additional flexibility when deciding core classes.

"This program is very specific, but the industry is very large," Cheney said.

"This is an \$80 billion a year industry."

A large number of concrete industry sponsors support the development of this program through donating funds to

remodel the offices, providing student internships and offering more than \$100,000 in scholarships.

"This involvement of the concrete industry with our program makes a statement to the students," Cheatham said.

"[These] top industry people believe and support this program."

Cheatham said concrete industry funds would pay the salary of a faculty member for three years and provide a secretary for the office.

Cheney said that because concrete companies will provide guest lecturers and actively recruit on campus, the students would have an opportunity to make contacts within the concrete industry.

"The concrete industry is involved and engaged in teach-

ing, which is not typically found in other engineering classes," Cheatham said.

One of the key goals outlined in MTSU President Sidney McPhee's academic master plan for the university is establishing partnerships with area institutions and businesses.

"MTSU has been on a pretty remarkable growth curve in the last few years," Morgan said.

According to Cheney, McPhee has supported the development of this program and announced the new major at the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association annual convention earlier this month.

"He sees this as an ideal example or model of partnership between academia and industry," Cheney said. ♦

Parking: Proposal to be decided next month

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MTSU Boulevard and adding security to the new lots.

"The surface lot plan focuses on being able to move people more quickly about the campus, which is a big problem right now," Glenn said.

One of the issues addressed at the forum was security.

"Campus security will monitor the lots at the same level as they are now," said Ron Malone, director of Events and Transportation.

Senior mass communication major Lucas Leverett noted another approach. Leverett has a Web site, www.mtsuparking.com

sucks.com where he proposed his own plan to fix the parking problem.

He has outlined areas he thinks new lots should be added as well as addressing the need for a parking garage.

"I have lived in Murfreesboro almost all my life and have seen the campus grow," Leverett said. "I think we need to address some of the big questions such as the flood planning issue with the new lots and have some of the harder questions answered."

He proposed adding six new lots: one across Tennessee Blvd., adjacent to the James Union Building and Bell Street, one in

university President Sidney McPhee's backyard, another internal access running next to the stadium, one in the area next to Cummings Hall and the last two next to Greek Row and the Recreation Center.

MTSU's proposal is expected to go to the Tennessee Board of Regents next month for consideration.

"We want as much information and feedback from the students before we send in the plan to the Board of Regents next month," Malone said.

Students can send their comments to www.mtsu.edu/~parking/plan. ♦

Coliseum: Delays due to planning

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university," said Doug Williams, executive director of News and Public Affairs.

Miller was not a graduate of the school and had only been on campus twice.

In spite of its recent completion, the ceremonial groundbreaking of the project was conducted in August 1997.

This long period of development and construction was primarily due to the fact that the gift was a surprise and time was needed to plan the project, Williams said.

"We had to know the actual amount of the gift before we could draw up any plans," he said. "The groundbreaking in 1997 was more of a celebration."

Much of the gift was in the form of land in Alaska that needed to be sold.

According to Williams, sale of the property necessary for the construction of the coliseum took longer than expected because of environmental concerns and a down-turned market.

A clear understanding of the actual size of the gift was critical

in the planning process.

The new coliseum will host the Walking Horse Owner's Association Convention on its first weekend. However, the grand opening for the coliseum will be held March 18 with a program led by Murfreesboro banking executive Charlie Myatt.

As for further upcoming events, the 14th annual Volunteer Horse Fair will be held March 21-23.

The coliseum is located at 304-B W. Thompson Lane near the intersection of Memorial Blvd. ♦

Record: New design gets approval

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Register, *Tennessee Register*, *Nashville Scene* and even *Sidelines* as guides to make *The Record* better.

"One thing they all had in common was pictures and graphics," Williams said.

Williams also said that the paper gives news to the staff, faculty and MTSU community from the university's perspective.

"The *Record* has evolved into a respected source of information for the media, business and civic leaders, the MTSU community and the community-at-large," Hayes said.

The cost of production may

have increased, but the potential donations outweigh the cost.

"We want alumni and business supporters to look at the paper and say, 'Why shouldn't we give money to MTSU? They're doing big things over there,'" Williams said.

He said he hopes *The Record* will increase donations from business supporters and alumni.

The paper's current circulation is about 3,600 and the staff looks to expand that number soon.

"We will continue to search for a method to expand our readership and use *The Record* to promote development activities of the university," Hayes

said. "Now that the paper is larger, more space is available to publicize the faculty, staff and students' accomplishments."

Since the change, comments have poured into the office, congratulating the staff on a job well done.

"The new design is user-friendly," said Anantha Babbili, dean of the College of Mass Communication.

David J. Bishop, professor of Journalism, noted that he enjoys *The Record's* use of color.

Copies of *The Record* are available in the Business and Aerospace Building, Keathley University Center and Cope Administration Building. ♦

Fraud: Fake doctor charged with felonies

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A faculty member involved with the organization became suspicious of Richard and approached MTSU Police in mid-December about his practices, at which time Foster began investigating and found that Richard had used fake college transcripts and other fabricated material.

"He's got probably 20 different IDs," Foster said.

Foster said Richard, of 301 Sussex Ct. in Smyrna, did not accept money for either the counseling or the prescriptions,

but that he did it to feel powerful and important.

According to a press release issued by MTSU Crime Stoppers, police have reason to suspect that Richard may have committed similar offenses in Davidson and surrounding counties.

Richard was arrested Dec. 17 in Brentwood, Tenn., on unrelated charges. Detective David O'Neil of the Brentwood Police Department could not be reached for comment.

MTSU Police picked Richard up the next day, when he was placed in Rutherford County

jail without bond because, Foster said, he is seen as a threat to society.

Two of his charges – dispensing fraudulent prescriptions and impersonation of a licensed professional – are felonies. The other – multiple accounts of criminal impersonation – is a misdemeanor.

A trial date has not yet been set.

Police encourage anyone who has been prescribed drugs by Richard to contact both their personal physician and Public Safety. To contact Public Safety, call 898-2424. ♦

Prof helps rare plants

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

MTSU assistant professor of biology Jeffrey Walck will contribute in an effort to help save rare plants across Tennessee.

Walck is serving on the Rare Plants Scientific Advisory Committee. He is one of 12 members of the committee and was appointed by William Hamilton, head of the committee at the time.

Walck was selected because of his expertise on cedar everglades. The cedar everglades are currently one of 532 plants that are on the endangered species list in Tennessee.

Everglades can grow in a group of 15 to 20 at a time.

"Everglades are all over the world," Walck said. "However, their main home is in Tennessee."

While serving on the council, Walck will do extensive research with graduate students about wild plants and ways in which they can be saved.

Walck said several factors determine whether or not a plant is worth saving.

"We look at things like whether or not there are animals who live just on this food,"

Walck said.

"Other things we look at are its medicinal purposes and possibly the ecological effect as well."

These factors may be hard to determine, according to Walck.

"Right now, nobody really seems to know how plants make an ecological impact," Walck explained. "There just hasn't been enough research done about it."

The state of Tennessee has a list of endangered species that are regularly reported to the government, and is required to submit the numbers to the group NatureServ. NatureServ then gathers all the information from every state in the United States and records the information on its Web site.

"There really isn't a specific time frame which these numbers are reported," Walck said. "These statistics are just released whenever they are determined."

When the state of Tennessee submits the list, it has three categories: special concern, commercially exploited and endangered.

For a species to be a special concern, the number of that particular species must be on

the decline, but not enough is known about them to really determine whether or not they are really endangered, according to Walck.

If a plant is commercially exploited this means the plant is used for commercial use. Walck used ginseng as an example of a plant that is highly exploited.

If a species is endangered, this means that it is on the verge of extinction.

However, to use plants for medicinal and business purposes, you must have a license, and there are certain ownership rules.

Walck considers himself a plant ecologist and conservation biologist. He served on the Botanical Society of America and the Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species Technical Advisory Board. He reviews numerous journals on rare plants and has given 10 different presentations, the most recent being an honors lecture at MTSU.

Besides being an assistant professor at MTSU, Walck is currently a Senior Research Fellow at Austin Peay State University and was a postdoctoral fellow at Ohio State University from 1999-2000. ♦

Teams prepare for Quiz Bowl

By Mealand Ragland
Staff Writer

"Set your mental wheels spinning, get your minds in high gear," Ken Hollman, quiz bowl adviser, says as Gamma Iota Sigma Insurance and Phi Kappa Phi honorary fraternities gear up to host the 2003 MTSU Quiz Bowl on Feb. 25.

Teams will be quizzed over a spectrum of knowledge – everything from architecture to zoology, according to Hollman. This is the 11th year that Gamma Iota Sigma has hosted the bowl, and Phi Kappa Phi is this year's co-sponsor.

"We've helped sponsor the quiz bowl a few times," said Bob Glenn, president of Phi Kappa Phi honor society. "We think it's a good idea. It brings students who otherwise, most likely, wouldn't interact together."

Teams who wish to compete in the quiz bowl must be registered and recognized by the office of Student Affairs. On campus, 250 such organizations exist.

Normally, only 12 to 15 choose to compete. Quiz Bowl rules require a \$15 registration fee per team. Under the rules, a "team" is classified as one to four people.

Notable winners include Gamma Iota Sigma from 1995 to 1997, *Sidelines* in 1993 and last year's winner, the Intercollegiate Quiz Bowl Team.

The IQBT is MTSU's official team, which participates in tournaments throughout the region at schools such as the University of Memphis and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Three weeks ago, the team won fourth place in the tournament hosted by UTC. Dennis Thibodeux, an IQBT member, likes the chance that his team has at winning this year's title.

"It's likely that we'll win. I'd put money on us," Thibodeux said.

The rules of play are simple. All rounds are single elimination, meaning the team with the lowest point total at the end of each round will be eliminated. Teams may buzz in at any time while the question is being read.

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but will not have the benefit of having the question repeated. They then have seven seconds to answer.

In the event of a tie, a tie breaker round will be played. The first team to answer three questions correctly wins.

This year's cash prizes are: \$80 for first place, \$40 for second and \$20 for third.

Teams that do not win or place have a chance at winning \$20 just for entering.

The Quiz Bowl will be held Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the TV stu-

dio of the McWherter Learning Resources Center.

Although seating is limited, anyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided to all observers and participants.

For those who are unable to attend, the bowl will be broadcast on Murfreesboro TV Channel 3 throughout the semester.

For more information on entering competition, contact Hollman at 898-2673. ♦

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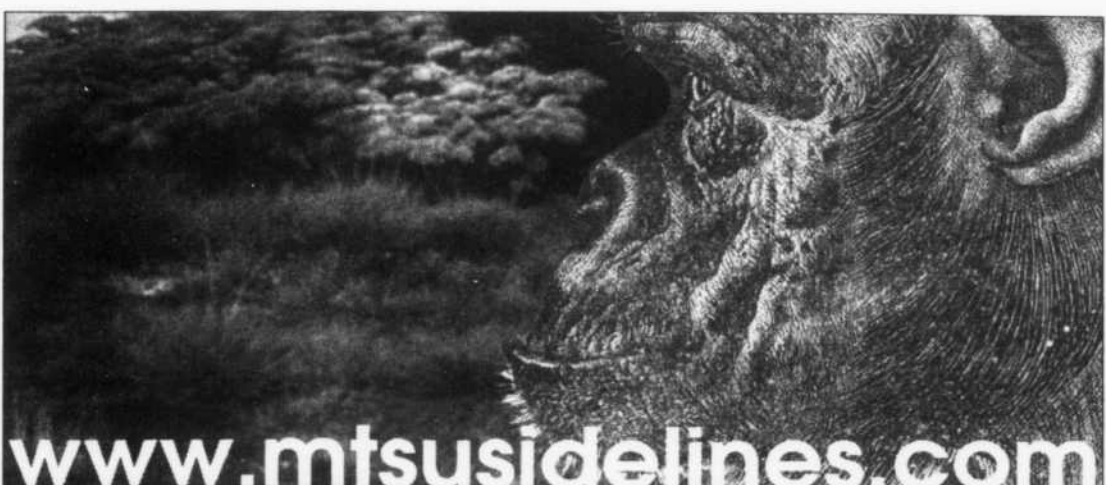
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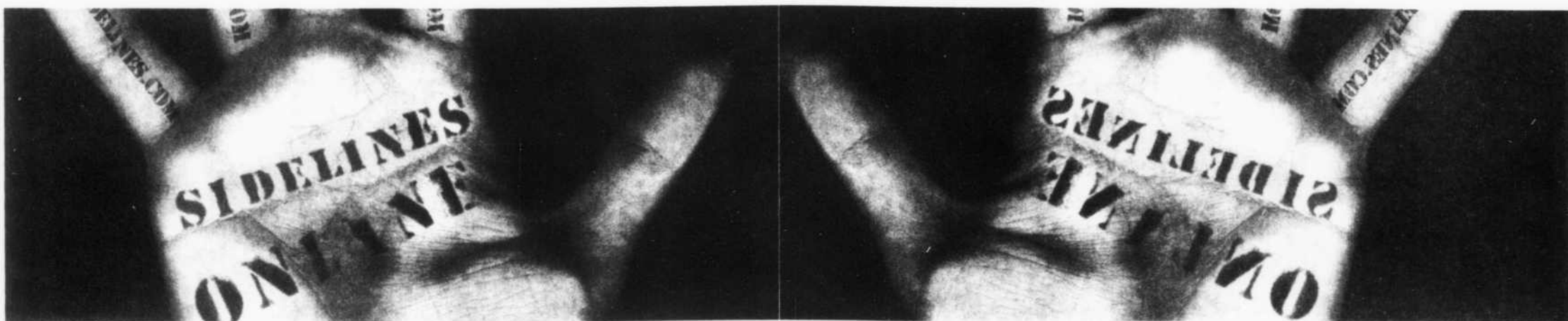
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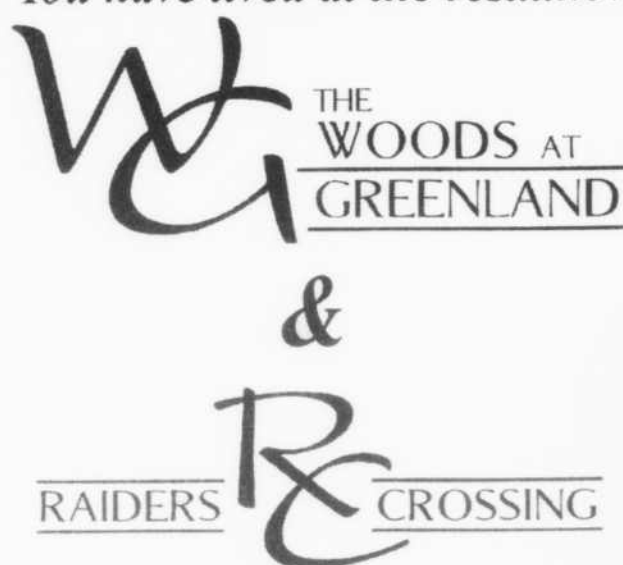
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The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

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Oral contraceptive (pill)	-	3
Combined	0.1	-
Progestogen only	0.5	-
IUD	-	3
Progestasert	2.0	-
Copper T 380A	0.8	-
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge	-	-
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

*Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol*. 1992;76:558-567

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- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or no bleeding at all. Usually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries stop to release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain

You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 6.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trial, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolus, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods

During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2. Laboratory Test Interactions

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones, such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions

Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers

Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks), given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

From the Editorial Board

Student coalition needed for safe campus

You might not guess it, but Murfreesboro isn't as safe as Mayberry.

With a name like Murfreesboro, it's easy to imagine porches and rocking chairs, root beer and church bells. The 'Boro has all that, but, as any officer of the law can tell you, the 'Boro and, in particular, MTSU's campus, have some sinister problems to deal with lately.

What seems like a rash of criminal activity has transpired over the past few months – assaults, break-ins, robberies and now the most recent offenses by a man dispensing prescription drugs without a license.

According to MTSU Public Safety officials, however, this rash of crime is pretty much par for the course – criminal activity has always happened on the campus; it's just getting more publicity now. In the past, the university has been prone to keep such activity hush-hush, but the recent efforts made by the university and Public Safety to make students more aware of these crimes are commendable. Students need to know when shady things happen on campus.

It makes sense to take this newfound awareness to the next level. The next step – to both help prevent future crimes and help solve current ones – is to form an official student coalition geared toward ensuring student safety.

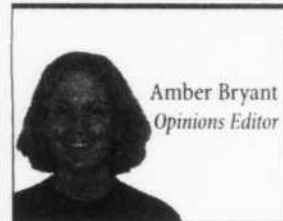
Such coalitions, formed most often in suburban communities, have proven effective in keeping residents safe. MTSU is quite comparable to a large, suburban community. Why shouldn't we look out for ourselves and our fellow students, faculty and staff?

It begins by becoming informed. You can begin by exercising your right to know by visiting Public Safety each week and examining the public media log, where offenses are recorded daily.

Don't bury your head in the sand – know what's going on around you and keep an eye out for your fellow student. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

Students old enough to shack up in dorms



Amber Bryant
Opinions Editor

Students at Yale are fighting for their right to live with members of the opposite sex on campus.

Andrew Allison and Cyd Cipolla recently helped found the Alliance for Sensible College Housing at Yale, a group crusading to make co-ed campus housing an option for willing students.

According to *The Yale Herald*, Allison and Cipolla defended the group's efforts, stating, "Students enjoy comfortable friendships with people of both sexes [and] should be permitted to choose roommates with whom they feel most comfortable."

They also argued that the current rules of campus housing unfairly assume that all students are heterosexual, ignoring the laments of gay students who feel uncomfortable living with a same-sex roommate who isn't his or her significant other.

Forbidding paying adults to live with members of the opposite sex has always been an overbearing, pseudo-moral rule, especially when considering how easily they could do it off cam-

pus anyway.

Sometimes women and men get along better with each other than with their respective equivalents, making for a much better living and studying environment. Sometimes traditional same-sex habitation is the preferred option – most of the men I know are perfectly happy living in an anti-Tampax apartment dominated by testosterone.

Also, many young lovers spend the night together seven times a week anyway, so co-ed housing would save financial backers from wasting money on an often empty room.

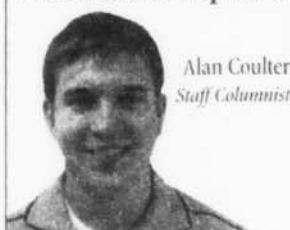
Parents and grandparents everywhere would probably faint at the thought of allowing their precious Susie to live with a man before she's married (gasp), but let's face it – if Susie's a moron and doesn't know how to act like an adult, she's bound to screw up regardless of restrictions.

The point remains – college students are old enough to be given the option. Sure, problems are imminent, but aren't they always? Most of the time, potential misadventures can be eradicated by making healthy, responsible choices based on personal needs and beliefs.

In a university setting, babysitting the students only defeats the purpose of college. ♦

All men not necessarily swine

Four Shots of Espresso



Alan Coulter
Staff Columnist

Ladies, you are all queens and should be treated as such.

No, really – I mean it. I can hear the applause from thousands of MTSU women already, except for one group, and it's not composed of men.

A week or so ago, a dear feminist friend and I began a debate that got a little heated. Topics such as chivalry, male bashing, female bashing and double standards were tossed around until she had to go to class.

Sadly, extreme feminists have crossed a line that I believe should only be considered in individual situations, such as being polite to a lady and treating her like she is less of a person than men.

A couple of semesters ago, a young lady in my class and I began to ask a question at the same time. Naturally, as I would for almost anyone, I offered for her to go first.

Well, apparently I committed the No. 1 sin of feminism – showing preferential treatment to a lady. Had I done the same thing to a male, it would have been labeled courtesy. Suddenly, I was branded a sexist.

I try hard to make sure I don't have any prejudices in my life, and maybe most men aren't like me.

So what if I'm a minority? Minorities have rights, and my attempts to respect the rights of others has been attacked and infringed upon.

Don't get me started on male-bashing talk shows. It seems every week when I flip through the channels, any given talk show has an episode entitled, "Men are Pigs" or "Bow Down to Me, I am Woman."

But things like *The Man Show* have been attacked over and over again. I personally don't watch it, but what makes this show any worse than the bashing that men hear everyday? (I'm not defending lewd comments, ladies, just trying to prove a point.)

I'll be the first to admit sexist remarks toward women are inappropriate, and female bashing is com-

pletely unacceptable. But why is it suddenly OK for women to do this to men?

I know plenty of women who are madly in love with their husbands or have a best friend who is a man. They seem to think that not all men are swine.

My friend suggested history itself gives women more of a right in these activities than men had.

Yes, it's true. Women had a harder road in American history, but I, for one, applaud any woman leader. I believe there is definitely a place for female leaders in America. Forget the image that all men want women to stay barefoot and pregnant. It's just not so.

We don't speak up very often about it because it would make men appear "weak" and "insensitive."

Well, this is not the case.

I'm also glad there is still such a thing as the romantic wooing of women.

It doesn't suggest females are "weaker" mentally, but shows them the honor they deserve.

Don't any women out there appreciate this just a little?

So, lighten up on us "good guys." We're on your side, really. We don't want to infringe upon any single right you hold.

Let's just not go to the other extreme and start taking away men's rights to treat women in every positive, respectful way imaginable. ♦

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Death, suffering simple reality

Finding Trouble



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Americans don't know what suffering is anymore.

What a useful ignorance. Like the concept of infinity, even if it sat in our lap, we wouldn't believe it. We wouldn't really comprehend its depth.

If we don't acknowledge pain, anger, death and suffering, then we don't really turn our back on it by ignoring it, do we? If it doesn't exist, why does it matter?

Two reasons. Reason one: It's a worldwide epidemic. Hate and anger come to Americans in watered-down versions. We see it in discrimination against homosexuals and other minorities.

We see people like Fred Phelps and think it's hate. This, ladies and gentlemen, is a joke. If he is our example of extreme hate, then we're blind. Outside this country, people who hate do it with gusto. We should pay attention, because this country and its people are often the target of that hate.

Imagine Phelps having the power to arbitrarily torture and kill gays and other "sinners." Even devout Christians wouldn't be safe from him.

If you can imagine that, and you probably can't, then you might have a glimpse of life in Iran – a theocratic dictatorship that still stones people.

This kind of hate comes from years of watching family and friends die in the most brutal ways. Pain and death is life for these people.

Around the world, people live lives of nothing but pain. Family is murdered in front of family, people have only table-spoons of food to eat every day and, in the third world, wars and warlords bring a self-perpetuating blanket of hate and resentment every day.

These people suffer and die, and we ignore their predicament while driving SUVs and watching big screen TVs. But you can be sure they don't ignore us.

They know how good life is here, and they know how little

we care about them.

Reason number two: It's causing your war.

Bush pushes for war with Iraq, and even the loudest protesters know that it's already a done deal. Bush and Blair push for it, despite our own CIA and Britain's MI-6 "leaking" to the world press what a bad idea war is. They told the press that Saddam Hussein is not a threat, but can easily become one if backed into a corner.

If you faced imminent, unjustified death at the hands of a group of armed men, would you just roll over and take it? (If you said yes, you truly are one of the sheep this column applies to.) Your only chance is to fight and expose the injustice.

But Hussein has no international court to appeal to since the United States chose not to participate in such a thing. All Saddam has is the underworld, and if our answer is violence, then his will be, too.

Plenty of people hate us enough to help Saddam out, even if all they do is buy weapons for use against us. When people hate without fear, when they have real reasons for their hate, their focus and energy is boundless. Too many of those eyes look squarely at us.

Remember, this is a democracy. Your government follows your will, so any blood on the government's hands is blood on your hands. That's the way people around the world see us. We get stereotyped just as much as we do it ourselves.

The funny thing about hate is that it doesn't discriminate between real and merely associated causes. All Americans are the target of a hate we can't even imagine anymore, even if only 10 percent of us want war.

So buckle up, America. The aftermath of a war with Iraq won't be pretty. We won't be able to ignore suffering then, because we'll be the ones in pain.

Ignorance hurts most when it's shattered for you. Do the job yourself, and you can wage into your awareness at your own pace. Ignore suffering and pain at your own cost. ♦

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Truth about tolerance

Cosmo's Corner



Jeremy Coseo
Staff Columnist

"You have to accept everything that's put in front of you. You must be understanding and tolerant of everything you see."

That's the way you're supposed to think.

It's a message we receive in school and popular culture – the message of mass tolerance.

But can you really tolerate everything? Better yet, should you tolerate everything?

A man wants to display a painting of the Virgin Mary covered in manure, and you don't like it. Oh well – it's art, and you just don't understand it.

Hundreds of homosexuals want to march down Main Street wearing body paint and Speedos calling it pride, and you don't like it. Oh well – you're just a homophobe.

Millions of illegal aliens pour across our borders every year, and you don't like it. Oh well – it's always been like that and you probably just have something against Mexicans.

Wrong.

I don't like those kind of things and don't want to tolerate them for one minute. Those things are wrong and don't cause any good.

British novelist G.K. Chesterton once said, "Mere tolerance is the virtue of men who no longer believe in anything."

I couldn't have put it better myself.

When you tolerate everything that's thrown at you, where does that leave you? It leaves you an empty shell of a human being with no concepts of right and wrong; you just move through life nodding your head in compliance and mumbling OK.

But how can you keep from ending up as one of those empty shells? Follow your gut instincts and beliefs. Sure, it may not make you the most popular person around, but it will at least make you a real person.

This is a great problem for our generation. We've been so bombarded with being told to be tolerant of everything that there's almost nothing we won't tolerate. Just look around you, and see all the people who don't care. As long as they don't cause any ripples in the pool of life, they're happy. Heaven forbid you don't make everybody happy all the time.

However, the big problem with this is that by not voicing your opinions and taking a stand for what you believe, you're left at the mercy of others who do, and you may not necessarily like or agree with them.

The current state of affairs is a direct result of our lack of involvement and caring in the past.

You don't like our country today? Thank all the people from the past who just stood by and let what happened happen.

Things end up the way they are because people let them happen. They tolerated and tolerated time after time until it was too late and they could do nothing about it.

What do you think would've happened if the United States had stood by and tolerated Hitler's rampage through Europe? Why should we have cared? It was an ocean away.

We cared because we knew it was wrong and no good would come of it.

Mass tolerance is a pipe dream – don't buy into it. Even the people who tell you to be tolerant of everything don't tolerate everything.

Another saying that may help, "Say what you mean and mean what you say."

If something's wrong that you don't like, speak up. Not everyone will agree with you, but you may just stimulate another person to speak up also.

We all have our own opinions – some people just express them and others don't.

The sad fact is, people who truly express their own opinions are an ever-increasing minority up against a majority who doesn't want to hear it.

Tolerate that. ♦

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SPORTS

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Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Softball team starts Spring Break early with Sunshine Tourney

By Angela Hall
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's Lady Raider softball team kicks off their 10th Year on the Diamond this weekend.

The Lady Raiders begin season play in Tallahassee, Fla., Friday, competing in the Sunshine State Tourney. MT faces Florida State and Iowa State, both of whom the Lady Raiders fell to 2-1 last year.

Florida State is ranked ninth in the country, marking the first time that the Lady Raiders will open with a ranked team. Iowa

State will have eight starters returning this season, along with 16 lettermen and three pitchers.

"It will be a tough opener," head coach Cindy Connelley said, "but we will be cautiously optimistic."

"We were swinging for a more regionally based sched-



Connelley

ule," Connelley added, in contrast to last year's early season tournament in California. "After this weekend we will find out where we are and where we need to go."

The expected warm sunshine will definitely play on MT's side as will competing against opponents other than practice players on their team.

The Lady Raiders finished strong last season and used that momentum to push them into their second consecutive Sun Belt Conference Tournament title game. In the final seven games of 2002, MT peaked with

a winning streak of five games while only losing once.

The Lady Raiders are picked fourth in the SBC Preseason Poll.

The squad will have four returning starting seniors: Erica Buhl, Kip Phillips, Stacy Preator and Megan Cherinka. The 13 new players,



Mitchell

along with the other returning players, will definitely contribute.

"The seniors always provide leadership," Connelley said. "They have raised our level of play."

One new player to particularly keep your eye on this season is the national level infielder Courtney Mitchell. Mitchell is a junior transfer who started shortstop for the University of Arkansas.

She also said the Lady Raiders really came together as a team, especially during fall ball.

"The harder we will work, the harder it will be for us to surrender," Mitchell said.

The Lady Raiders open at home Feb. 19, against East Tennessee State in a double-header slated to begin at 2 p.m.

MT will open their conference play on Apr. 5 versus Louisiana-Lafayette, who was ranked No. 1 by the Sun Belt Preseason Poll and has captured the league crown since its existence.

Lafayette is followed in the poll by Florida International and Western Kentucky at second and third respectively. ♦

Final week of home games begins for MT

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team will look to solidify a Sun Belt Conference tournament position with two home games this weekend.

The Blue Raiders host the Indians of Arkansas State University tonight and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans on Saturday night. A pair of wins this weekend would practically assure the Blue Raiders a first round bye in the conference tournament.

The inside-outside combination of Paris London and Tevoris Thompson lead ASU (11-11, 4-5 SBC). Thompson averages 16.6 points per contest, while London is not far behind averaging 10.9 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

MT will be looking for another big outing from Sun Belt Player of the Year candidate Tommy Gunn who torched the Indians for 21 points on Jan. 9 when the teams met in Jonesboro.

The Blue Raiders also dominated the rebounding statistics in the previous meeting as they pulled down 13 offensive boards and dismantled the Indians overall 43-27 off the glass.

On Saturday night, MT bids farewell to five Blue Raider seniors in a ceremony prior to tip off of the UALR game. Seniors William Pippen, John Humphrey, Bryant Mitchell, Demario Watson and Eric Parham will play their final game at Murphy Center.

See Arkansas, 7

File Photos

Seniors Eric Parham, below, and William Pippen, right, will play their final home games as Blue Raiders on Saturday.



Athletes choose cash over college

Sports commentary



Josh Beasley
Staff Writer

More underclassmen than ever are forgoing their college athletic careers for more lucrative professional careers.

There's no denying the recent trend developing across the country in the world of collegiate sports. The temptations of fame and millions of dollars have brought more kids into the forefront of professional sports, not to mention a staggering amount who bypass college altogether.

Acquiring an education should be on the top of the list for these student athletes.

Can the NCAA allow this dropping out of college and entering into professional sports?

The NCAA rules committee needs to work collectively with the NBA, NFL or MLB, just to name a few, to implement rules that state players who decide to leave early must fulfill their college graduation in a specified time.

If the requirements are not met, then that player must serve some sort of suspension or fine upon doing so.

Should athletes be required to reimburse the university for the money that was spent for their commitments?

Colleges and universities spend millions of dollars every year in the recruiting process to lure the top prospects in to play for their school colors. In return, some of these kids bail on their school for a chance at the show.

Part of a program's success rides heavily on the athlete's level of commitment to his or her organization.

However, all the blame cannot fall solely on the athlete. Schools have their names in lights on television. Colleges across the country receive millions of dollars on these TV contracts, but college athletes don't see a dime of this money.

The NCAA allows coaches to make and attain contracts with equipment companies, such as shoes, hats and uniforms. Substantial amounts are given to these coaches, but the ones doing most of the work on the field, on the floor or whatever their sport consists of receive nothing but the joys of winning.

Some professional athletes consider it important to finish their college education after declaring themselves eligible for the draft and leaving early.

Los Angeles Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal and Toronto Raptors' Vince Carter both managed to finish college despite already making millions of dollars.

The NCAA needs to create some sort of promotions to encourage student athletes to finish college and not waste their opportunity for a quality education, whether athletes receive compensation for their accomplishments or better recognition for revenues, the university receives off of them. ♦

Lady Raiders travel to Ozarks to face Arkansas foes

By Josh Beasley
Staff Writer

The men are at home this week while the Lady Raiders head west to the Natural State for a pair of Sun Belt Conference showdowns with Arkansas State and the Trojans of Arkansas Little Rock.

The Lady Raiders (13-10, 6-4 SBC) hold down the number three spot in the SBC East Division, winning four out of their last five SBC match-ups through dominant performances by sophomore Patrice Holmes who grabbed SBC player of the week accolades.

"We are glad that we are 6-4 in the conference," Holmes said. "We have a chance to get back in first place in the East Division."

In the Lady Raiders first ever victories against the Mean Green and Denver, Holmes averaged 19 points, 7.5 rebounds, 4.5 assists and five steals, while shooting 41.2 percent from the field. This is the second time this season Holmes won this honor.

After back to back wins, the Lady Raiders look to sweep the season series between ASU and UALR.

Arkansas State (9-13, 4-5 SBC) rolled past UALR last Saturday and would like nothing more than to spark an SBC winning streak going into the

home stretch of the SBC race. According to ASU head coach Brain Boyer, the Lady Indians are coming off possibly their best all around game of the season.

"That was a game of different runs and emotions," Boyer said. "That was as good of a match to it as we've had all year, and then we matched it in the second half, too."

Arkansas State's win against UALR (5-17, 0-9 SBC) handed the Trojans their fifth loss in six tries. The Trojans bring up the rear in the SBC East as the only team without a win in conference play. Although the Trojans season is in the trenches, they should be hungry for that elusive conference victory. Look for them to play with a high level of intensity this Saturday night for their final home game of the season. In the Little Rock's last meeting with MT, the Lady Raiders did hold them to their lowest offensive performance of the season.

Another pair of wins this week, coupled with help from other teams around the league could vault the Lady Raiders into a race for the top seed in the SBC tournament.

The Lady Raiders are scheduled to tip-off in Jonesboro tonight at 7:05 p.m. then shoot across state for a showdown with the Lady Trojans Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. ♦



Eboni Kirby goes over two defenders for a shot.

File Photo

Arkansas: Mitchell may not play Thursday

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MT head coach Kermit Davis knows that UALR (14-9, 5-4 SBC), who beat the Blue Raiders in overtime on Jan. 11, will present a stiff challenge to his team.

"Little Rock is a solid team. They were picked second in our league," Davis said. "We must be able to protect the basketball."

Davis stressed that the Blue Raiders turned the ball over too many times in their previous meeting, where MT relinquished a nine-point lead in the final three minutes of regula-

tion.

Davis issued a call to arms for all MT students, saying that big crowds this weekend will go a long way to getting two victories.

"The buzz in our locker room when the student body is there is a big difference," Davis said. "Sometimes a supportive student body can will young guys to win."

Student support could be even more important if the Blue Raiders play short-handed. Mitchell is dealing with recurring knee problems, and Keith Connor has fallen ill with the

flu. Both have been unable to practice this week. Pippen and Steven Jackson struggled with the flu last weekend while the Blue Raiders were on the road at Denver, but Davis said both are continuing to recover nicely.

Tip off for both games is slated for 7 p.m., with Senior Night festivities scheduled to begin at 6:45 on Saturday night. Fans are encouraged to come early to show their appreciation for the five Blue Raider seniors, all of whom are on track to graduate. ♦

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	Sun Belt Games				All Games			
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	W	L	Pct.	Stk.
Western Kentucky	7	2	.778	W3	15	8	.652	W3
Middle Tennessee	7	3	.700	W3	12	11	.522	W4
Arkansas-Little Rock	5	4	.556	W1	14	9	.609	W1
Arkansas State	4	5	.444	W3	11	11	.500	W3
Florida International	0	8	.000	L14	6	15	.286	L8

West Division

	Sun Belt Games				All Games			
	W	L	Pct.	Stk.	W	L	Pct.	Stk.
Louisiana-Lafayette	8	1	.889	W7	16	6	.727	W6
New Mexico State	6	4	.600	W2	15	6	.714	W2
New Orleans	5	6	.455	L3	12	10	.545	L3
South Alabama	5	6	.455	L2	11	11	.500	L3
Denver	4	6	.400	L6	12	12	.500	L6
North Texas	2	8	.200	L2	7	15	.318	L2

Arkansas State Indians

The Indians snapped a five game losing streak to the Trojans on Monday.

Kim Adams became just the second player in school history to etch his name on the school career top-10 list in blocked shots and steals along with ranking among the top-15 in rebounds.

Adams added another 24 rebounds over two games last week to push his career totals to 585, just three behind Marvin Jarrett for 13th place on ASU's career rebound chart.

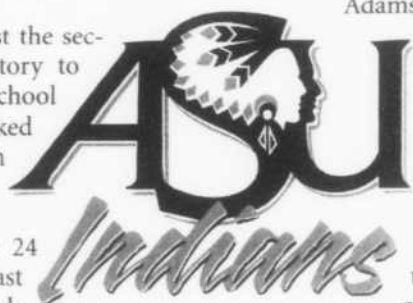
The 11 rebounds against FIU gave Adams a

four game streak for reaching double figures in rebounds and was the ninth time this season that Adams has hit double digits in rebounds.

Adams is leading the team in steals this season, with 42, the most by an Indian in a season since Chico Fletcher had 54 in 1999-2000.

Paris London continues his solid play for the Indians, averaging 16 points and 5.5 rebounds per game last week.

London has reached double figures in points in eight consecutive games and now leads the team in scoring average in conference play, at 13.0 points-per-game. ♦



Tennis team set to play Furman U.

By Osby Martin
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee's men's tennis team is coming off of a heartbreaking loss last weekend to Indiana State University 4-3 after leading 3-1.

The 51st ranked MT netters started the season 1-3 due in some part to being short-handed. Three of the four matches were without senior star Daniel Klementz, who is coming off knee surgery.

Klementz, who is the third ranked player in the nation, played his first singles match of the season last weekend falling in straight sets at the No. 1 spot. He, however, won both doubles matches with partner Kirk Jackson. The duo is ranked 10th nationally.

The match with Furman could see Klementz moved down to the No. 2 spot and have the nation's 92nd ranked player junior Kirk Jackson moved up to the No. 1 spot, since he has played in Klementz's absence, going 2-1. It will be a match-

time decision whether the move is made.

"I expect a real battle [with Furman] and I hope that our guys come out on top. We need a little confidence to get going," said MT tennis coach Dale Short. "We play seven matches in the next 16 days starting Friday and hopefully that [a win] will set the tone for us."

Don't let the 75th ranking nationally fool you about the Furman University tennis team. They are a very solid team with a great coach.

Paul Scarpa is in his 39th season coaching tennis and is currently the third highest winning active coach with 702 victories.

"I am well aware of the job [coach] Dale Short has done with the MTSU program," said Furman coach Scarpa. "We are all about playing the best, and that is what this trip is about in taking on MTSU Friday."

The Paladins are coming off consecutive victories and are 2-1 on the season. Their only loss

coming at the hands of fifth ranked Florida Gators. In that match the Paladins held their own winning at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles. They also took a couple of other matches to three sets.

Senior captain James Cameron of Zimbabwe leads the Paladins, who is unbeaten at No. 1 singles this season 3-0. They are also pretty solid at the No. 2 and No. 3 spots with Andrew Rogers and John Chesworth respectively.

The match with Furman is set for Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Racquet Club in Murfreesboro. ♦

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