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president Another VP joins MTSU's presidential race

## By James Evans <br> Editor in Chief

Another MTSU vice president has dropped his name in the hat to be considered for the next president of the university. Duane Stucky, currently the vice president for Finance and Administration at MTSU, formally submitted his application for

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## Residence halls receive needed renovations

## By Lindsey Turner Staff Writer

Over winter break, construction crews worked campuswide to quickly complete renovations in several of MTSU's residence halls.

Both McHenry and Schardt Halls were revisited by contractors to correct problems that plagued both dorms throughout the fall semester.
"This past summer we had done major bathroom renovations in both Schardt Hall and McHenry Hall, and over winter break the contractors went back in and did some final refinishing," said Sarah Sudak, associ-
ate director of residential life. But the contractors weren't returning just to tidy up the bathrooms. Instead, they had to replace numerous fixtures that had made living in McHenry and Schardt Halls quite unpleasant, according to residents.

According to Sudak, a combination of improperly installed shower heads and slow floor drains amounted to the constant bathroom flooding with which McHenry and Schardt residents became all-too-familiar last semester.
"When the water came out
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## Campus Briefs

## Compiled By Rebecca Pickering - News Editor

## MTSU jazz quartet to perform

In pitting their music and instrumental prowess against some 250 competitors, members of the MTSU Jazz Faculty Quartet emerged victorious, winning a performance slot at the 28 th Annual Conference of the International Association of Jazz Educators in New York City.

Recognized as the largest gathering of the global jazz community, the Jan. 10-13 event is expected to attract more than 7,000 educators, musicians, record executives, exhibitors, media and enthusiasts, reports Tim Musselman, coordinator of facilities and publicity for the School of Music.

Characterized as a "high-energy, mainstream acoustic jazz group that plays a blend of original compositions as well ss new interpretations of jazz standards." the fazl quartet's membership
phone), and Erik Applegate (bass) as well as Nashville-based guest performer Chris Brown (drums).

The 2001 conference will be held at the New York Hilton and New York Sheraton Hotels in the heart of Midtown Manhattan and New York's famed Theatre District.

## Award deadline

 nearsApplications for the 2001 MTSU Foundation Special Projects Award will be distributed to faculty and administrators early this month. The award, of up to $\$ 10,000$, provides seed money for a proiect that advances the goals of the university. The 2000 recipient was Ngee Sing Chong, chemistry. For the 2001 award applicants will have the option of usim the paper application form or applyang via the Web, the address of whicht will bs printed en the form are

## Nominations being accepted for John Pleas Award

Nominations are now being accepted for The John Pleas Faculty Award, which each year honors a minority faculty member at MTSU who has set a standard of excellence and contributed in significant ways to the university and community.

Nominees must have been employed full-time at MTSU for at least five years. He or she must have excelled in one or more of the following areas: instruction research, publications, and university and/or community service. Nominees thould also have demonstrated commit ment to the African-American studen population by serving as a sponsor of a tudent organization, participating in thudent activities, and/or mentoring.
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ing why he or she deserves to be considered for the award

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 21 , and they should be sent to Bonnie Shipp, Box 422, or Tyson KingMeadows, Box 29 .

## The MTSU Fact

 Book is an award winnerMTSU won the Best Fact Book Award of the Southern Association for Institutional Research at its recent conference held in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

This is the second award that the Fact Book has received, the first being the 2000 TENNAIR Best Fact Book Award. The book also took home first-place honors from SAIR in 1998.

The book was initiated in 1994 to provide comprehensive information about various components of the institution. It is published annually during the fall semester.
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## A time for everything

## Compiled by Lisa Thomason

It is that time of year again: the Christmas decorations are down, the New Year's ball has dropped and school is back in session. This week, thousands of students will descend on the MTSU campus for the spring 2001 semester.

But whether you are a first-time student or a returning student with New Year's resolutions to study more or get in shape, there is some information you need to know about the campus. This list details the services provided by MTSU as well as their hours of operation, important phone numbers, and upcoming school events to help you make the most of your college experience.

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Pieces: Stucky joins 22 candidates for presidency

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the vacant permanent president position at MTSU in December.
"A number of people encouraged me to do so," Stucky said.

Other than that, Stucky limited his comments because he said it would be inappropriate for him to say much more.

Stucky's name now joins the list of 22 other candidates who have applied for the posi tion.

Barbara Haskew, MTSU's provost and vice president for Academic Attars, has announced her candidacy for the president position, as has lim Hindman, who at one
month, according to officials at the Tennessee Board of Regents.
Mary Morgan, director of Communications for TBR, said TBR Chancellor Charles Manning is hoping to have the committee convene for the first time by the end of January or carly in February Morgan said she was unsure if the committee would start evaluating the current list of candidates, or if the search would be extended to include more candidates

In the meantime, Interim President Eugene Smith will continue serving at the helm while TBR decides the cours of action.

Smith started as interim president Oct. 1, 2000), afte former President James Walker left MTSU to becon multi-campua Southen Illinois University Wher $\rightarrow$

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## Candidates for MTSU presidency

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Pittsburg State University
Dean of the College of Business at University of Missouri-Columbia Dean of the College of Education at New lersey City University


Celebrating the life of King

Compiled by
Charlene Callier Statf Writer

The following activities will be held on campus the week of lan. 15-20 in celebration of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthdas: All events are free to the public unless otherwise specified.

## January 15

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Candlelight Vigil and
Memorial Service will be held at the KUC Theater from 6-8 p.m. with guest speaker Ernic Suggs, a journalist for the

Atlanta Journal Constitution. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will sponsor the event.

## January 16

There will be a lecture on the recent presidential election presented by Michael McDonald from the Election Committee for Davidson County, in the KUC Room 324 , at 6 p.m.
There will be a performance by musical guest By Any Means Gospel Choir. The political science department will sponsor the event. January 17

A one man's play written and performed by Samuel Irving titled, A Night with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be presented. This event will be in the State Farm Room in the Business and Aerospace Building at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and is sponsc ed by the African-American Student Association and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

## January 18

A lecture on the philosophical differences of Malcom X and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be presented by Jacqueline Jackson, professor of English,
at noon in the KUC Room 322. African-American Studies and the African-American Student Association will sponsor the event.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Dance will be held in the Tennessee Room in the JUB from 10 p.m.- 2 a.m. Admission to the dance is $\$ 5$ or $\$ 3$ with a canned food donation. The food collected will be donated to the Rutherford County Food Bank The event will be sponsored by the African-American Student Association and the National Pan Hellenic Council.

## January 19

"Expressions: Culture Celebration of Spoken Word" will be held at the Cyber Cafe
from 5-7 p.m. This event will be sponsored by the AfricanAmerican Student Association.

## January 20

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Day Breakfast with Gene Smith, interim president, will be held at the Hazelwood Dining Room in the JUB from 10 a.m. $-12 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. This event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and is by invitation only.

For more information concerning the week's activities, contact Tyson King-Meadows, Co-Chairman of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee and assistant professor of political science at 904-8232.

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## Enrollment up slightly



Every year, enrollment has risen steadily overall, generally peaking in the fall and taking a dip in the spring. Enrollment for this spring as of Jan. 9, is slightly higher than last year at this time. However, spring enrollment for 2001 has not been finalized. Final enrollment for Spring 2000 was $17,506$.



Photo by Hatt Kelly | Staff
Bruce Rogers muds a wall in the Corlew lobby.
Renovation: Residents benefit from updates

## Hall.

Soon, however, Corlew will house a computer lab, complete with the fastest Internet connections available. The lab, which will likely contain eight to 12 computers, is currently being constructed in the lobby area of Corlew Hall and is scheduled to be completed within three weeks. It will be open to all residents of campus housing.
"All of the computers and everything are ordered and here, and I believe that they have a couple more weeks work to do some finishing," Sudak said.
In addition to the computer lab, there will be an office for the academic advisor for students in the First Year Experience program, as well as a tutoring center similar to the one already in Cummings Hall. Sudak asserts that there will be more renovations during the coming months to improve residential life on campus. Some projects to come include the replacement of screen doors, windows and stairwells at the Womack Lane apartments, roof replacement on Smith Hall and more bathroom work in the Monohan Complex and Reynolds Hall.

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## SGA announces proposed changes to constitution

By Mary Anna Brown SGA Reporter

The Student Government Association is opening the spring semester with three main proposed changes to the SGA constitution, which has governed MTSU students for the past 26 years.
"The constitution is 26 -years-old and MTSU has grown an extreme amount since the core of the constitution was revised," Speaker of the House Matt Walker said. "Minor amendments have been made, but for the most part, the constitution is cumbersome and exercises power too bureaucratically. We want a small, manageable balance with equal representation."

The three main proposed changes center around the constitution's article four, a consistency of service in a transitional electoral period; article five, a more efficient unicameral governing structure; and article seven, a judicial voice for students. Article four of the constitution deals directly with the power and procedure entailing
the SGA executive branch. The SGA is proposing a three-month transition period from spring elections until May where the outgoing president will work closely with the presi-dent-elect to ensure a smooth transition of power and consistency for the student body.

Currently, the presidentelect's term begins as soon as the election ceases and the outgoing president concludes his or her term of service.
"Under our prevailing governing system, the new administration is thrown into office mid-semester and is literally hanging in the balance while the outgoing administration ends their term," Walker said. "It leaves the new administration reeling and disconnected. We are proposing a transition period where the new elects will be working side by side with the old administration and will, in effect, eliminate downtime for the SGA."
Changes proposed for article four also call for a review, at least semi-annually, of the operations and responsibilities of the executive branch and its committees
by a proposed student judicial board.

Article five of the constitution explains the distribution of the power of the legislative branch.

The SGA governing body is currently made up of a senate and a house of representatives. The proposed changes to article five call for a consolidation of the two bodies into a solitary senate body, creating a unicameral governing system from a bicameral governing system.
"The current system is inefficient and often hinders the speed by which legislation is passed," Walker said. "The students will not lose their voice because they have the opportunity to present direct legislation themselves."

As a result of dissolving the house, the office of speaker of the house will become the vice president of administration and public affairs.
A referendum addressing this issue was proposed last spring by the administration and was not passed by the student body
"Some were adamant
that were brought up with last year's referendum but we attribute those changes to the lack of information the student body received about the details," Walker said. "As of right now, the house is in support of the proposed unicameral system."

Article seven of the constitution outlines the judicial branch and its composition and jurisdiction.

The SGA is proposing that all judicial powers be vested in a student judicial board which will operate under the supervision of the associate dean of student life.

The proposed board will consist of nine members and three alternates. Members must be full-time MTSU students and maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA , be in good standing with the University and have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at MTSU.
"The recruitment of the board will be campus-wide and the pool of candidates should reflect the diversity of the University comWalker said.
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All judicial matters are currently being assessed by the supreme court of SGA, consisting of a chief justice and six associate justices.
"The current judicial branch is amazingly inefficient and has not been utilized properly in the last 20 years," Walker said. "Our proposed student judicial board will speed up the process in hearing individual cases concerning students.

Walker states that the pro-
posed system will become an accountability system for stu-
"Students should stand up because they are finally getting a voice in the affairs and actions of their fellow students," Walker said. "It places more responsibility on the students to uphold standards and to decide a fitting punishment when the rules are broken."
Other minor additions and
deletions are being proposed for
the constitution
"Despite the major changes to the constitution, some grammatical and format changes are being proposed," Walker said. "It is basically just general housekeeping and will make the constitution flow more smoothly
Article two, currently titled "Mandate of Student Rights" will become "Statement o Governing Principles." It will outline how the SGA will conduct itself in the interest of the student body
"Article two is the mission statement from the SGA to the student body," Walker said "We are pledging ourselves to three main principles and we are promising the efficiency of our service.
The three proposed princi
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changes to the constitution.
All organizations must be present at the first joint session meeting to be able to vote on the proposed constitutional changes. If the proposed changes are approved, the proposed changes will be moved to
a referendum calling for a vote by the student body in mid- to late February

If passed by the student body, the new constitution will take effect March 1, and all leg islation passed under previous constitutions will be considered null and void.
"A lot of extensive research has gone into formatting the proposed
changes," Walker have coupled the strong points from the current constitution with adopted governing idea from successful schools around the nation and created a whol new constitution that still talls under the tradition and interest of MTSU and ifs student body.

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Students can contact SGA by visiting the office in KUC Room 208, by phone at 898 2464 or by e-mail on the Web site.

## Get ready to think

By Sarah Johnson
Staff Writer
Unsure of what career path may be right for you? This semester's Honors Lecture Series may assist you with your decision.

The Spring 2001 Honors Lecture Series will feature working professionals as speakers each week. Lecturers will include journalists such as Dwight Lewis of The Tennessean, and Holly Thompson, anchor from Chamnel 4. Others are Kathy Aslinger. Attorney, and Dr. Henry Butler, Physician. These are just a few of the man
Also appearing in the lecture series will be several MTSU fac ulty members. Some of the deparments that will be represent ed are Aerospace, HPERS, Science and Nursing, among others Even if you are not enrolled in the Lecture Series for the Spring semester, all lectures are free and open to the public, so rou can take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about one or several professions available. The lectures are in Peck Hall 109A on Monday from 3:00-3:50.

The Spring 2001 Honor, Lecture Series Schedule is as follows: anuary 28 - Kathy Aslinger, Attorney
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# Opinions 

# Conquer resolutions with focus, faith 

Welcome back fellow students! I hope that your holidays were everything you wanted them to be. Mine were. All I did was sit on the couch in my den, flip through the channels and ate. It was a wonderful vacation. Not having to write stories, go to classes or meetings or read textbooks was exactly what I needed.

All the spare time gave me a chance to reflect on my life and what I planned to do in the final stages of my time here at good 'ol MTSU.

So I started thinking about some goals and eventually wrote them down in a journal that my cousin bought me for Christmas. With the new year approaching, I decided to make these goals my new year's resolutions.

## On the Real



Now, I know how we do with new year's resolutions. We tend to break them very easily. I bet half the people reading this have already broken their resolutions. If so, it's cool, you can always start again.
Don't think that just because you've already cheated that you can't start
again. Resolutions are just goals and you can start a goal anytime.

I think a lot of people don't even take resolutions seriously. They just make them because it's fun and it's traditional, with no intentions of ever keeping them. I even hear people say that they'll never make a resolution again, simply because they never keep them.

My main resolution was just to live more for God, which means living a healthier lifestyle: physically, mentally, spiritually and all the other "allys." I set smaller goals that are cohesive to my greater goal. These smaller goals are the usual things like improving my grades, exercising more, reading the Bible more, etc. I have other goals that I don't care to
go into because they're a little more personal. Although it may be tough, I have every intention on keeping them and if I fall off the horse, I'll just dust off my butt and get back on.

My point is that new year's resolutions can be a blueprint of how you want to construct your year and though things may not go exactly the way you planned, you can always adjust.

So I say to you, if you haven't made those blueprints, go ahead and go for it. Don't be afraid of not reaching your goal because all it takes is focus and faith. You may slip up but sometimes you have to fall hard in order to succeed.

So, God bless with your resolutions and continue success.

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## Pedigree of child shouldn't matter <br> 1 don't believe in breeding pets. It is <br> already in need of a loving family.

wrong for so many unwanted cats and dogs to suffer and die because they are not of the right "pedigree." I'm sure that there are at least a few people out there who will agree with this. However, I'm also sure that number will drop even further when I apply the same principle to humans.
Population control has been a great concern for some time now. This planet isn't getting any larger, after all.

We currently have over six billion humans residing on the premises, double what we had in 1960. Without some much needed changes, we'll reach 14.4 billion by 2050 .

I'm not saying that everyone should just stop having babies. That would mean the call for the end of humankind. I'm calling for the expanse of reproductive control and the utilization of adoption services.

Some women simply try too hard to become pregnant. Methods like fertility drugs, egg donation and in vitro

## Atypical Woman

Angela White Online Editor

fertilization all represent a selfish tendency humans possess - the need to pass their own genes down at any cost. For these people, adoption isn't an option. That's unfortunate, for there are more than 100,000 children waiting for permanent homes in this country alone. When many think of adoption, they think of people getting on two-year waiting lists for babies. These same people argue that abortion is an unnecessary form of population control since so many people are waiting to take in a child.
waiting list is primarily for white babies. Minority children make up more than 60 percent of those waiting to be adopted. It's no secret that the areas that lack the most education about and access to birth control and reproductive services, the inner cities, reproduce the most unwanted children. Second, most children waiting to be adopted are not babies. They are school-aged, often older than 10 years. They are living in the foster care system due to the death abandonment or unfitness of their parents or relatives. Some of these older children may be hard to handle, as they may have developed behavioral or emotional problems during their troubled lives. But nonetheless, they are just as worthy of a home as anyone else.

Yet we as humans let our instincts get the best of us. We answer our "biological docks" and strive to create children that ire truly ours, blood and all Unfortunately, most of us can't accept he idea of taking into our homes

In addition to not giving our love and support to those already in need, a great deal many people also continuously fight the efforts to stop bringing these children into the world in the first place. They fight efforts to give birth control to teenagers who will one way or another have sex, with or without protection. They fight efforts to give women the right to end pregnancies that will only create more children nobody wants.

When the Genocide Awareness Project came to campus, many protesters asked anti-choicers if they would be willing to bring the unwanted babies they wanted born home with them. It isn't brain surgery to guess their answer.

What we have here is a cycle that can only be stopped with education, acceptance and compassion. Unless we stop producing unwanted children and begin giving homes to those who already exist, the future of this planet will most certainly be dim .

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# INTERESTS 

# Tap into dance this spring growing program, students push for major 



Photo by Jenny Corde | Staff Photographer
Angela Armstrong and the MTSU Performing Arts Company practices in the Murphy Center.

By Jason Cox Staff Writer

The dance program here is growing by leaps and bounds.

Angela Armstrong, a teacher in the program, attributes the program's success to dance's wide-reaching benefits.
"Dance is basic education, intensifying and clarifying the human experience," Armstrong said. "It reinforces all learning, relating to and enhancing other academic areas."

The program will be quite active this semester. The Senior Dance Company, chosen from members of the MTSU Performing Arts Company, will be performing at the Miss MTSU Pageant on February 9. In addition, Armstrong will be doing the choreography for the contestants.

Also, the group will be attending and performing at the Black College Dance Exchange April 10-15. This year is the Exchange's 20th anniversary, and MTSU has performed at over half of the events.

The group also will be performing for halftime at some basketball games.

The Performing Arts Company, founded in 1997, is open to students, alumni and the community. It began with 12 members and now has 107. Their spring performance, on April 20 and 21, had choreography and performance of all types, including social, tap lyrical, hip-hop, jazz, ballet and several other types.

While there is no dance major here vet. students may minor in dance performance. teaching and production. "With the growing number of students in the program," Armstrong said, "the university is definitely planning to have a dance maior, hopefully by 2002."

## Calendar of Events

Miss MTSU Pageant - February 9
Black College Dance Exchange - April 10-15
Preforming Arts Company preformance
April 20-21

## A treasure beneath the rubble

By Ginette R. Garza ContributingWriter
"I'm sorry about the floor," apologizes Deborah Anderson, a theatre professor. "Hopefully we'll be in the theatre soon."

Anderson leads her class in what will be the first of many acting exercises upon a cold tiled floor in an old room of the former Todd Library.

The students hesitantly seat themselves on the floor with queer expressions, remembering now why they were warned by Anderson to dress down for the Fundamentals of Acting class.

Just how soon is 'soon,' many of the students wonder as they contort their bodies.

Anderson's class of 82 is temporarily being housed in Todd Library. What is the future of this aging building?

Though "no final decisions have been made," Patty Miller on Campus Planning says Todd will be renovated, in part, as a temporary facility for the art department.

Miller says no dates have been set for the renovation. It is hoped that bidding will begin next summer, with completion in the fall of 2002. State funding for the project comes to more than $\$ 9$ million.

Reconstruction of Todd's interior will not be solely for the art department, though.
"There will be some overlap-
ping of general classes," admits Miller.
The limited space in Todd is expected by Mark Price, art department chairman. Price has already begun talks with faculty to assess the needs of the depart ment. Plans will be discussed further with the architect.
"The shell (of Todd) will be unchanged, the interior has to be reconfigured," Price explains. "We're so cramped for space here, we hope to just get to the level, in terms of square footage. that we can live in comfortably.
Price adds that Todd is only a temporary solution to the spatial problems of the art department.
"We're scheduled to be it
Todd for only 10 years, until the
get the money for a new building for us," says Price. "Then we can talk about expanding into different areas.

A request for planning funds for a permanent art building has been made to the Tennessee Board of Regents and the state. The board has placed MTSU" art building on a priority list.
"That's a very big step for us. Miller says.
Once the art department is relocated in the reconfigured Todd building, the old Art Barn will be demolished, and the new art facility will be constructed on that site.

Price says the art department is currently pressed for faculty and is over enrolling: students
into classes. The limited number of faculty has placed yet another constraint on class size
"We're already the biggest art unit in the middle of the state," Price says. But with the facility limitation gone, there would be room to talk of improvement within the department.
One possible improvement involves a merger of the theatre department with the art department into a liberal arts depart-

If that were to occur, her acting class could find itself upon a floor built specifically for their crawling needs. It could be a floor void of electrical outlets scattered across it, distinctly unlike the one they use now.

## INTERESTS

## Paying tribute to the memory of Joe $\mathbf{C}$.

By Keith Ryan Cartwright Staff Writer

Originally I planned to use this space to write a review regarding Monday night's American Music Awards. You know, the typical so and so beat out so and so for such and such award.

Nevertheless, after watching Kid Rock's heartfelt tribute to the musicians that passed away in 2000 - including the Kid's own band mate Joseph Calleja from the Twisted Brown Trucker Band - I changed my mind. Instead, live decided to write my own memorial to Joe C., who unfortunately passed away Thursday, Nov. 17.

I don't claim Joey to be one of my close friends, but to anyone who's ever come in contact

with him he truly did pose an infecthous attitude and a potty mo u th unmatched by anyone.
Death, in and of itself, is never easy to deal with
When it claims the life of a 26 year-old like it did Joey, it's that much harder to take. If anything, it makes one celebrate and not take for granted being here on this earth.

This past August I had a chance to hang out with Joey when Kid Rock came to Nashville.

One of country music's orig. inal outlaws - Merle Kilgore -
put me on the guest list as a guest of Hank Williams Jr., who got up on stage and jammed for a few songs.

I got there about 5 p.m. and was hanging out, waiting for Uncle Kracker - Kid Rock's DJ and songwriting partner - to get to the venue when Joey sat down next me with a plate of food. He wound up two-fisting this big-ass baked potato - and I do mean big - like it was the first time he'd ever eaten one.

It wasn't until he got about halfway through it that he finally looked up and made a comment about it, using more than one explicative. That's Joey for you.
Unfortunately, at the time Joey was extremely sick with a life-long intestinal disorder called Celiac, which forced him
to be hooked up to a kidney dialysis machine for eight hours a day.
Twice on the American Bad Ass Tour the illness not only forced him to return home to Detroit, but also into the hospial as well.

The day after Joey's passing was publicly announced, I called Mike Bradford, who had played bass for the Twisted Brown Trucker Band on its most recent tour, to pass along my condolances.

He told me that although ley's death wasn't surprising considering his condition, it did come as a shock to those close to him simply because they never got a chance to say goodbye to their friend.
1 know the feeling. My grandfather - Ronald Gordon

Cartwright Sr. - passed away last April while I was in the midst of purchasing an airline ticket to return home to Wisconsin.

My only advice to Mike and Kracker was life goes on and that's exactly why Kid Rock has planned a tour for the spring and summer. He plans to perform live on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, while recording his forthcoming album on the other days.

There's no doubt, however, it'll be a bit different without the off-the-cuff, witty humor of Joe C.

Other than bringing joy to an often times bleak existence, Joey's only other message was as brutally honest and personal as any; "I ain't no damn midget, bitch!"

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# Lights, camera, action ! 

KUC theater offers another semester of cinematic entertainment.
By Keith Ryan Cartwright Staff Writer

Once again the KUC Theater is showing some of Hollywood's best motion pictures. Among the films showing this semester are the blockbusters Almost Famous and Charlie's Angels, the critically acclaimed Wonder Boys and Requiem For A Dream as well as classics like Wizard of Oz and the 3 D version of Creature From The Black Lagoon.

Unlike semesters past, the theater is going to begin offering Friday and Saturday night
showings in approximately three weeks at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. as opposed to the standard 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. viewings offered Monday through Thursday.

Airing tonight and tomorrow night is The Ladies Man starring Saturday Night Live veteran Tim Meadows.
Despite its fair performance at the box office upon its release last year, The Ladies Man caters to fans of the horny disc jockey who dools out some rather misinformed romance advice made popular by Meadows on Saturday Night Live.

Although he's a bit lost in the fray of things, The Ladies Man also features Saturday Night Live comedian Will Ferrell, who has since claimed more fame for his weekly impressions of VicePresident Al Gore.

Nevertheless, next week should be a busy week for the KUC Theater ticket takers with the debut of Cameron Crowe's
mega-hit Almost Famous.
A self-referencing, yet not autobiographical, account of a 15-year old's - played by first time actor Patrick Fugit cross country trek with a 1970s rock and roll band.

Crowe, who prior to becoming a filmmaker was a rock critic for Rolling Stone magazine, earned rave reviews for the true-to-life narration, with numerously tightly crafted sub-plots. Segued within the confines of a rock backdrop is a love story built on multiple layers. There's the love a parent has for their child, the over-zealous love fans have for their idols and, of course, the love of rock and roll.

Crowe's ability to draw upon his own travels and encounters with some of the 1970s' biggest rock icons gives credence to the dialogue of the characters

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# Managing finances proves to be as challenging as academics to students 

## By Carolina Reyes

Daily Bruin (U. CaliforniaLos Angeles)
(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES When students initially take out a loan or receive financial aid, officials from the UCLA Loan Office give them advice during orientation on how to manage their money.

But as the quarter drags along, a lot of students stop managing their money, leading to what Edward C. Flores, scholarship and outreach coordinator at the financial aid office, has termed "the $\$ 140$ pizza." "First week students get together and they study and one of them says, 'Let's get go get pizza," he said. "Second week they get together and they say 'let's go get pizra.
"After 10 weeks and after three quarters and finally after one year, they end up with a $\$ 140$ pizza!" he said.

According to Flores, students can avoid situations like searching for an emergency loan and charging rent on a credit card by simply learning to balance a budget.
"Students need to work toward not borrowing as much money, taking advantage of work-study and learning the value of not taking out too many credit cards," he said.

One way students can bud get their money each quarter involves setting aside some money each quarter. Flores said.
Edward Ayala, a sixth-year microbiology and molecular genetics student. budgets his
money by considering what each of his quarterly expenses are as soon as he gets his financial aid disbursement.
"I just keep in mind that I can only spend the money 1 set aside on rent. I also have a part time job that helps me pay for groceries, books and entertainment."

Getting into debt can not only mean a bad credit history but it can also affect a student's educational future. According to Hores, the financial aid office has heard of graduate school withdrawing their offers of admission because students The reality of it is that gradschoots are becoming more expensive," Hores said. "So you
get from which you can only borrow $\$ 18,500$ under the annual federal maximums."

Because graduate students may need more funds, they might need to apply to private auxiliary loans, he added.

Often, if students have poor credit, they will not qualify for those funds and cannot pay for the school fees. If they can't pay, then the institutions may need to withdraw their ofter of admission.

Some students said they try to avoid using their credit card too often.

I'm just getting out of my credit card debt that I've had since my freshman year," said Carmell Norice, a fourth-year neurological science student. "That's why I'm really trying to avoid getting myself in debt and
saving money for upcoming graduate and medical school applications." Other students like Franchesca Paolone, a third-year Spanish student, avoided getting a credit card altogether
"My biggest fear is to have tons of bills and no money," she said. "1 don't have a credit card. I use my mom's credit card and, when the bill comes, I just pay her.

Although financial aid counselors advise students not to acquire too many credit cards, not having a credit card can have its drawbacks.

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throughout the film.
In the end, Almost Famous introduced Fugit the movie going audience with as much impact as an actor could hope for. In the meantime it has made Kate Hudson - who until now was best known as the daughter of actress Goldie Hawn - one of Hollywood's most
sought after young sex symbols on par with Heather Graham.

Recently nominated for a Golden Globe Award, Almost Famous has also generated a convincing Oscar buzz for later this year. Crowe's previous work includes Say Anything and the Tom Cruise driven Jerry Maguire.

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history to verify financial infor－ mation consumers provide them when deciding whether or not to conduct business with them．

To help students better manage their funds，the Financial Aid Office provides a resource on the Web called EdWise．

Through EdWise，students can learn to budget their money，learn to borrow less， and learn how to start repaying their loans while they＇re still in school．

The Loan Office also pro－ vides debt management session workshops twice a week throughout the year．

Loan associate Cynthia Mancillo advises students to attend the debt management
sessions to learn how to be financially responsible．
＂The sessions show you dif－ ferent ways of how to budget your money by showing you how to break down your quar－ terly expenses，＂she said．

Even students who do not have loans can benefit from the management
workshops． Mancillo said many students who are not borrowers attend the sessions to learn the risks involved if they want to borrow money in the future．

Some students are not aware of the difference between a subsidized and unsubsidized subsidized according to Mancillo．

An unsubsidized loan requires students to pay their own interest，giving students the option of repaying their loans while still attending school．

A subsidized loan，however， does not require students to make interest payments while they are attending school on at least a half time basis．Instead， the government pays the inter－ est on the loan for students．

The hidden catch is that， with an unsubsidized loan， interest will be added back to the original amount borrowed and interest will be charged on the loan and the interest incurred on the loan．Thus， students end up paying interest on interest．

By paying as little as $\$ 20$ a month，students can pay off a lot of the loan money they take out over the years，Flores said．
＂Students need to learn that in the repayment portion if they make the equivalent of one extra payment a year，say \＄10－15 a month，it almost cuts
the loan in half，＂he said．
The＂UCLA Resource Management Guide，＂a brochure from the Financial Aid Office，shows that after making an in－school payment at $\$ 20.83$ a month，at the end of four years a student will have a balance of $\$ 11,999.68$ ，out of a $\$ 14,000$ loan，instead of $\$ 14,000$ ．

The guide also advises stu－ dents to consider living at home their first year to gain experience in managing and budgeting their resources．
＂My advice to students is to try and avoid getting in debt， period，＂Mancillo said．＂Don＇t make school your career．
＂You＇re going to make a lot of moner when you get out of school，＂she continued．＂But while you＇re in school you should try to keep a budget．＂＊
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# Nontraditional students get degrees online- 

By Melisa Sherman
The Lantern (Ohio State U.)
(U-WIRE) COLUMBUS, Ohio - The students are enrolled to get a degree in pharmacy, but when they met over the weekend at Parks Hall, it was the first and most the last time. That's because the students are part of Ohio State's first online degree-granting program.

Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program (NTPD) students met for a two-day orientation on Friday and Saturday to learn how to navigate their way through their

## online classes

"No students came to campus until today, and it is very rare that they will have to come back. Some live as far as two hours away," said Cable Green, director of educational technology for NTPD.

OSU President William "Brit" Kirwan and Provost Ed Ray welcomed the students and directors on Friday. The landmark program is the first of its kind offered at OSU. The orientation on Saturday showed the students how to use the technological tools needed to complete the classes. The program allows working profes-
sionals to receive the Doctor of Pharmacy degree at their own pace.
"One goal of the program is to let people learn when they want to learn, even if their only available time is at midnight," Green said.

The program could take anywhere from three to six years to complete. The first half of the degree program is 40 hours of the online coursework. The second part consists of experimental rotations that could last as long as two years.
"We have created an online program identical to scope and quality as the traditional meth-
ods," said Dennis Mungall, director of virtual education.

Students of the program are working professionals with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy. Several of the students work fulltime and have families. The ability to access the classes online allows the students flexibility in their busy lives. Clare Schmurr received a handout in the mail telling her of the program.
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# The $X$ Factor 

Nick Hefley
Staff Writer
Taru Tuukkanen 31 points and 11 rebounds, joined with an Xavier record 17 assists from guard Reetta Piipari, allowed nationally ranked Xavier to hold onto a $92-89$ victory at the Gaylord Entertainment Center Dec. 15.

The game, at times, seemed out of range for both teams. In the first few minutes, the game clearly was owned by the Lady Raiders.

MT went on an 11-3 run
highlighted by two Kelly Chastain three pointers. However, Jennifer Parr, who had a personal high with 16 points, and the aforementioned Tuukkanen, brought the Musketeers to a tie at 33 all with 8:27 remaining in the first half.
A three by Nicole Levandusky put Xavier ahead by four and the Musketeers would have that lead until the final two minutes of the half.

At the 1:56 mark, No. 17 Xavier was leading 47-40. Then the Raiders turned it on down
the stretch in the first half. Two buckets by Jamie Thomatis and a three pointer by Kelli McClinic with only 5 seconds left capped a $7-0$ run to tie the game at the half at 47 .

Xavier shot 16-28 (57.1 percent) from the field and $10-14$ from the free throw line to headline the Musketeers halftime stats. The Lady Raiders were equally impressive with a 17.36 ( 47.2 percent) and were a perfect $7-7$ from the free throw line.

See Xavier, 34

R. Colin Fly Sports Editor

## Hoops, yards <br>  pipe dreams

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It's games like the Tennessee/Middle Tennessee game at the Gaylord Entertainment in mid-December that size up both teams before they enter conference play. Tennessee, a rising power, has a chance to work on fundamentals (something they need to do a lot more of). Middle Tennessee can see how they size up against a quick and athletic team, much like the University of LouisianaLafayette and Western Kentucky.

However, UT coach Jerry Green doesn't see it that way, going just short of saying that the game was worthless to his team.

Lack of motivation on his team or lack of motivator?

Green's comments, and his team's continued sloppy play, make the Vols a target in their conference.
"I don't mind playing anybody, but we want people to play us in Murfreesboro," head coach Randy Wiel said. "Tennessee didn't want to come to Murfreesboro."

Wiel, whose coaching ties have brought Kansas and North Carolina to the Murphy Center in previous years, has a right to ques-


Photo by R. Colin Fly | Staff
Freshman Keisha McClinic drives for the basket against nationally ranked Xavier.


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By Nick Hefley Staff Writer

Freddie Martinez tied a Middle Tennessee and a Sun Belt Conference record by hitting 6 of 6 from behind the three point arc and netting 19 points to lead the Blue Raiders to a 79 77 win over the Tennessee State Tigers during the Dec. 9 game.

The bench played a key part in the game as Tommy Gunn added 13 and Bryant Mitchell just missed his second doubledouble of the year with a 10.9 rebound performance.

Also, Iiro Tenngren and senior Fernando Ortiz each had 11 to put Middle Tennessee at 5 players in double figures, which would mark the first time all year that feat had been accomplished.

The first half was pretty back and forth with the largest lead coming when TSU's Kevin Samuel, who led all scorers with

20, knocked down a jumper at 12:07 to increase the Tiger lead to 4.

Tommy Gunn then came in and was clearly the spark of the first half, scoring 11 before the halftime buzzer.

The score at the half was tied at 40 all, with the Raiders shoot ing a blazing 15-25 ( 60 percent) from the field and connecting on 8 of 10 from the charity stripe.

Middle Tennessee opened up the second half with a 9-2 run, headed by two 3 -pointers by Freddie Martinez. MT increased its lead to 9 when Jonathan Whitworth made a jumper to make it a 71-62 ballgame.

However, TSU began to chip and chip at the Blue Raider lead and with 1:11 remaining, TSU's Kyle Rolston hit his only 3 of the evening to make it 78-77.

TSU forced a turnover and called a timeout with :30 seconds remaining. The MT
defense played great during the stretch and knocked the ball out of bounds under the goal with :04 seconds left

The out of bounds play went to Terrick Brown, who turned and shot, only to have the ball hit the back side of the rim to be rebounded by Fernando Ortiz, who was immediately fouled Ortiz hit one of the two and TSU's desperation hurl came up short as the Blue Raiders revenged an earlier season loss, 79-77.
"I struggled last game," Martinez said, "this time I just wanted to take what they gave me." When asked about his three point consistency

Martinez replied that "the basket looked very, very close tonight."

The win pulled the Raiders to the .500 mark at $3-3$ and dropped TSU to 1-7.*

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## Raiders earn 1st Sun Belt victory

## Staff Reports

The Blue Raiders topped the century Thursday night and earned their first win in Sun Belt Conference history.

Middle Tennessee toppled the Eagles of North Texas 105-71 at the Murphy Center by shooting a sizzling 56.7 percent from the field and 40 percent from behind the three-point arc.

The Blue Raiders forced 31 turnovers and swiped 19 steals in the winning effort.

Senior Fernando Ortiz led the Blue Raiders with 22. Junior liro Tenngren and sophomore Bryant Mitchell chipped in 17 each and senior Freddie Martinez scored 11 to help lead Middle.

The win moves the Blue Raiders to 5-7 overall and 1-1 in the Sun Belt. North Texas falls to 4-10 and 1-2 in the conference.


Photo by R. Colin fly | Staff Fernando Ortiz shoots a technical free throw during the game at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

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## Xavier: Nationally ranked Musketeers escape Middle Tennesee with a victory

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In the second half, Middle Tennessee came down to earth a little as Xavier "jumped" out and topped off a 30-15 opening second half run.

At the $7: 16$ mark, the Musketeers had their biggest lead when Taru Tuukkanen made a jumper to increase the Xavier lead to 15 . However, the Raiders would chip at the lead and a three by Jamie Thomatis would cut it to a $89-87$ with only 1:02 left.

Free throws by lennifer Phillips and one by Reetta Piipari would increase the lead to 92-89 with only 13 seconds left. The Raiders would take a timeout to talk things over and had their play set.

Mia Parvianinen went up
with the 3, but was partially blocked and the rebound and immediate shot by Jamie Thomatis fell short as Xavier won $92-89$, knowing that this could have been the win to knock them out of the Top 25.

The story of the game was Taru Tuukkanen. She was 13 18 including 5-7 from the free throw line for her game high 31 points. Also, the 11 rebounds marked the center's 21st career double-double and the fourth of the year.

Jennifer Phillips also was a perfect $8-8$ from the free throw line and knocked down 20.

Middle Tennessee also had their share of scoring. Jamie Thomatis was also 8-8 from the free throw line and had 28 points. Joanne Aluka also contributed 22 and Kelly Chastain
was $3-4$ from the 3 -point line to add 13.

MT coach Stephany Smith said, "I thought we fought hard at the end of the half to come back and tie it up as the first half expired." "I thought that we did a really good job. I was really pleased the way we played the first 20 minutes of the game," added Smith.

Xavier coach Melanie Balcomb was clearly impressed with the MT output. "The big thing was Middle Tennessee came out hot from the outside which forced us to go to man. Middle Tennessee is scrappy and strong. They have good post players inside and out."

The Xavier win improves the Musketeers to 6-1 while the Blue Raiders drop to 4-3.


Photo by R. Colin fly | Staff Paula Penttila fires a three-pointer during the 92-89 loss against the Xavier Musketeers.

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## Brazelton named AllAmerican

## MT Media Relations

With the snow that fell around Murfreesboro last week finally melting away, its hard to believe that baseball season is nearly upon us.

However, Dewon Brazelton has kept the spirit alive over the holidays by being named preseason First Team AllAmerican by two prestigious publications.
Collegiate Baseball Newspaper and Baseball America each recognized the Tullahoma native for his outstanding accomplishments with the Blue Raiders last season and his subsequent stardom with the US National Team over the summer months.

Brazelton was the only player in the Sun Belt conference to be so honored.
"All of these awards are just a culmination of what Dewon accomplished as a sophomore, especially with his strong finish last year, and his outstanding summer season. He deserves what he has gotten because he has proved himself on the field," said head coach Steve Peterson.

Brazelton has already been named one of the top five draft-eligible college prospects in the country by Baseball America. He has been touted as a first round pick by several publications and the interest level from major league clubs has indicated that these predictions are accurate.
"Dewon's status with the draft and all of the attention he has been getting is good for our team," said Peterson.

## A tale of two halves

## Blue Raiders strong in the first, toppled in the second by UCF

## Nick Hefley <br> Staff writer

For Middle Tennessee, it was a tale of two halves on Dec. 12.
The Blue Raiders easily dominated the first, they out-rebounded, out-shot and just plain out-hustled Central Florida. The second, well, was lackluster to say the least.

Middle Tennessee shot 10-27 (37 percent) in the second half, and was only 4-14 ( 28.6 percent) from the 3 -point line.

The first half was a period of runs.
The Blue Raiders started out the game with a $5-0$ run, highlighted by an opening 3-point bomb by Fernando Ortiz. UCF answered with a $9-3$ streak of their own. Then MT had one, then Central Florida, this is the way it would go throughout the entire game.
At the half, the Raiders were up 34-27, thanks to a buzzer beating 3 by D' Marius Wilkes. The story of the first half was UCF's freshman forward, Joey Graham.

Graham was 6-7 from the field, hitting one three pointer to hold down 15 first half points and 25 overall. The only Blue Raider in double figures for the half was Freddie Martinez with 10 .

In the second half, the MT lead would grow to as many as 12 early, but the Golden Knights would keep cutting away at that lead. Fernando Ortiz, who's shooting got hotter and hotter as the game wore on, picked up his 4th foul very early in the second half.

Central Florida explored his foul trouble to go to Jason Thornton, Ortiz's man, who ended up with 12 points for the contest.

The thing that ended up being the Raiders' Achilles heel was the Central Florida zone. The offense looked shaky in it and out of sync.
"The zone threw us off a couple of times and we just turned the ball over," said senior Dale Thomas, who led the Raider rebounding effort with 6 .

Central Florida then made their move, shooting a scorching 15-27 (55.6 percent) from the floor in the second half and finally took the lead with two foul shots by Jason Thornton at 2:19. MT pulled to within two points, but a key no-call on Bryant Mitchell's jumper in the lane with 13 seconds remaining.

Mitchell's hand was obviously slapped, but the refs didn't see it and had to immediately foul Paul Reed. Reed, who had the game's only double-double with 12 points and 12 boards, made both free throws to ice the victory for the Golden Knights, as they pulled out a $68-64 \mathrm{win}$.
The most glaring fact was the Middle Tennessee big men. They combined for an abysmal 2-12 day shooting with center liro Tenngren going 0-7 from the field.

This marked the lowest scoring game of the year for Middle Tennessee with only two players in double figures, Freddie Martinez with 20 and Fernando Ortiz at 15.


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## 2) MT students 'breakout' in inline hockey tournament

By R. Colin
By R. Colin Fly Sports Editor

Sophomores Chris Evans and Shane McMorries will travel to Orlando this weekend to compete in the NHL Breakout inline hockey championships.
"Our team signed up for the 18 and up competitive division, which is the highest level of competition," Evans said.

Evans and McMorries are part of the Hendersonville Sabres and are on a team comprised of hockey players of all
ages, ranging from players from their teens to forties.

NHL Breakout is a program sponsored by the National Hockey League to promote hockey throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. The program landed in 22 American cities, including Nashville. The division the Sabres played in is the most competitive, with a $\$ 160$ entry fee for a nine-member team.
"I went to play one day with a couple of MTSU guys because one of them plays in

Hendersonville," McMorries said. "One of the players on the Sabres recognized me from a tournament I played in a couple of years ago and asked me to play in the tournament."

McMorries was an intricate acquisition. In the championship game of the Nashville tournament, the Sabres faced off against the Paducah Knights, who had defeated them earlier in round robin play.

The championship game was tied 2-2 at the end of regu-
lation. McMorries was the second shooter for the Sabres in the playoff and scored the eventual game-winning goal.
"That game, I was playing well, but all of my shots were off," McMorries said. "I faked the goalie and saw the bottom left hand corner of the goal open.

I took a quick snapshot and beat him."

The Sabres practiced from noon to $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. every Sunday in preparation for the Nashville tournament.

Now, the Hendersonville Sabres travel to Orlando to face off against the world.
"I think we've got a pretty good shot of going far, from what I've heard," Evans said.
"There are going to be teams from around the world. I don't know how we're going to look," McMorries said.

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## Raiders, 99-83

## By J.P. Plant

Assistant Sports Editor
The Blue Raider basketball team squared off against another top ten opponent in midDecember. The fourth ranked Tennessee Vols met the Blue Raiders at the Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville on Friday, Dec. 15.

The match-up was expected to be anything but close, Tennessee, carrying arguably the best talent in college basketball, against a struggling Middle team without their leader senior center Lee Nosse.
But having only lost to the Vols by one point last season, Middle was not going to be intimidated by the talented Tennessee squad.

The game started with a quick pace on the shiny arena floor. Tennessee pressed early but had little success as platooning point guards senior Jonathan Whitworth and junior D'Marius Wilkes pushed the ball up the floor dishing it off for easy scores.

Middle slowly built up a seven-point lead, 33-26, with five minutes to go in the first half. Following a dunk from freshman guard Tommy Gunn to give Middle a 37-31 lead with


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just under four minutes to go in had snapped his fingers, UT the first half, UT sophomore picked up their intensity. forwad Marcus Haislip from forward Marcus Haislip from nearby Lewisburg, TN, returned the favor with a jam of his own that started a $22-0$ run for UT spanning seven and a half minutes.

Middle didn't score after Gunn's dunk at the 2:30 mark in the first half until sophomore forward Bryant Mitchell killed the drought with an authoritative dunk at the 14:53 mark of the second half. By that point, however, UT had already built up a 16 -point lead as they went on to win by that margin 99-83.
"I thought the first five minutes of the second half set the tempo of the game," Blue Raider head coach Randy Wiel said.

The first five minutes contained eight Blue Raider turnovers and 14 unanswered points by UT.
"I thought the press in the second half really energized us," Tennessee head coach Jerry Green said.
"Coach told us we had to come out (in the second half) and pick it up because we had been playing kind of soft," UT sophomore forward Ron Slay said.

And just as if coach Green
At the beginning of that 22 0 run by UT were two key three pointers by sophomore guard Terrence Woods, the second of which gave UT the lead at 39-37 for the first time since Woods hit a three pointer earlier that gave them a 17-14 lead.

Turnovers also played an important role in that run as the UT press picked up its pace at the beginning of the second half causing 12 turnovers over the span of that period.

Coach Wiel attributes the turnovers to Tennessee's depth.
"They kept throwing bodies and numbers at us," Wiel said following the game.

Wiel was however pleased with his team's effort and execution in the first half.
"If we can play like we did in the first half against the people in our league, we should be all right," said Wiel.

Middle proved it could compete for short periods of time with the country's elite. And outside the 22-0 run by UT, the rest of the game was evenly played. Middle even outrebounded UT 42-39 without its star center Lee Nosse.

| January 11 | January 12 |
| :---: | :---: |
| - Men's Basketball | - None |
| Blue Raiders vs. Florida International at Murfreesboro, Tenn., 7 p.m. |  |
| Women's Basketball |  |
| Lady Raiders at Florida International |  |
| at Miami, Fla., TBA |  |



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Demario Watson avoids the block of UT's Vincent
Yarbrough in the first half.



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