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Rally puts students in

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

Hypnotized students danced around the Keathley University Center Grill convinced they were hungry orangutans at Friday's Raider Rally while laughter roared from the rest in attendance.

Hypnotist Dale-K, sporting a bright orange patent leather ensemble, manipulated the thoughts and actions of 13 students. He made them become violent toward a rubber duck

and respond to annoying calls from the vacuum cleaner salesperson via the 'shoe phone.'

"If you are female and you are pregnant, please refrain from volunteering to be hypnotized," Dale-K said. "However, if you are male and are pregnant, come on up and we could have a lot of fun with you."

Dale-K began with transporting the hypnotized students' minds to the beach and then to a smelly cow field where he lead them in a chorus of mooing.

Thunderous laughter and applause echoed from the audience when the hypnotized males on stage made their debut as exotic dancers.

"When I say the phrase 'outback boys' you will turn into the hottest male exotic dancers there ever existed," Dale-K said with a booming voice. "Do not be afraid to turn yourself loose."

Despite the amazement and skepticism from the crowd, hypnotized

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The Rowdy Raiders rally support for the Blue Raiders at the football game against the University of South Florida.

Graduate opens record store

By Shawn Whitsell
and Wesley R. Bush
Opinions Editor
and News Editor

Customers jammed inside graduate student Thurman "Tuck" Tucker's Music Jams Saturday for the grand opening of the local underground music record store.

"I was nervous at first," said Tuck with hip hop group "The Firm" echoing off the walls lined with compact discs. "But as soon as I saw the first person walk through the door, I forgot all about that."

"I knew then that I was in business," he said with a grin.

Tuck said his reason for opening the store was to help bring underground music to the forefront in the Murfreesboro area.

Recognizing that Murfreesboro needed an underground music from everywhere, Tuck has set out to supply music from such places as Michigan, Illinois, California as well as Tennessee.

Tuck said local artists without an outlet for producing their music can have compact discs pressed at the store.

"We had some rappers come in that had CDs," he said, "but didn't have a place to get their albums produced. That's part of the reason why I started my store."

Tuck said he chose to focus on underground music because he wants to provide exposure for underground artists as well as inform the public that there much more music out there than what we see in mainstream media.

"Being an underground artist

See Records, 3

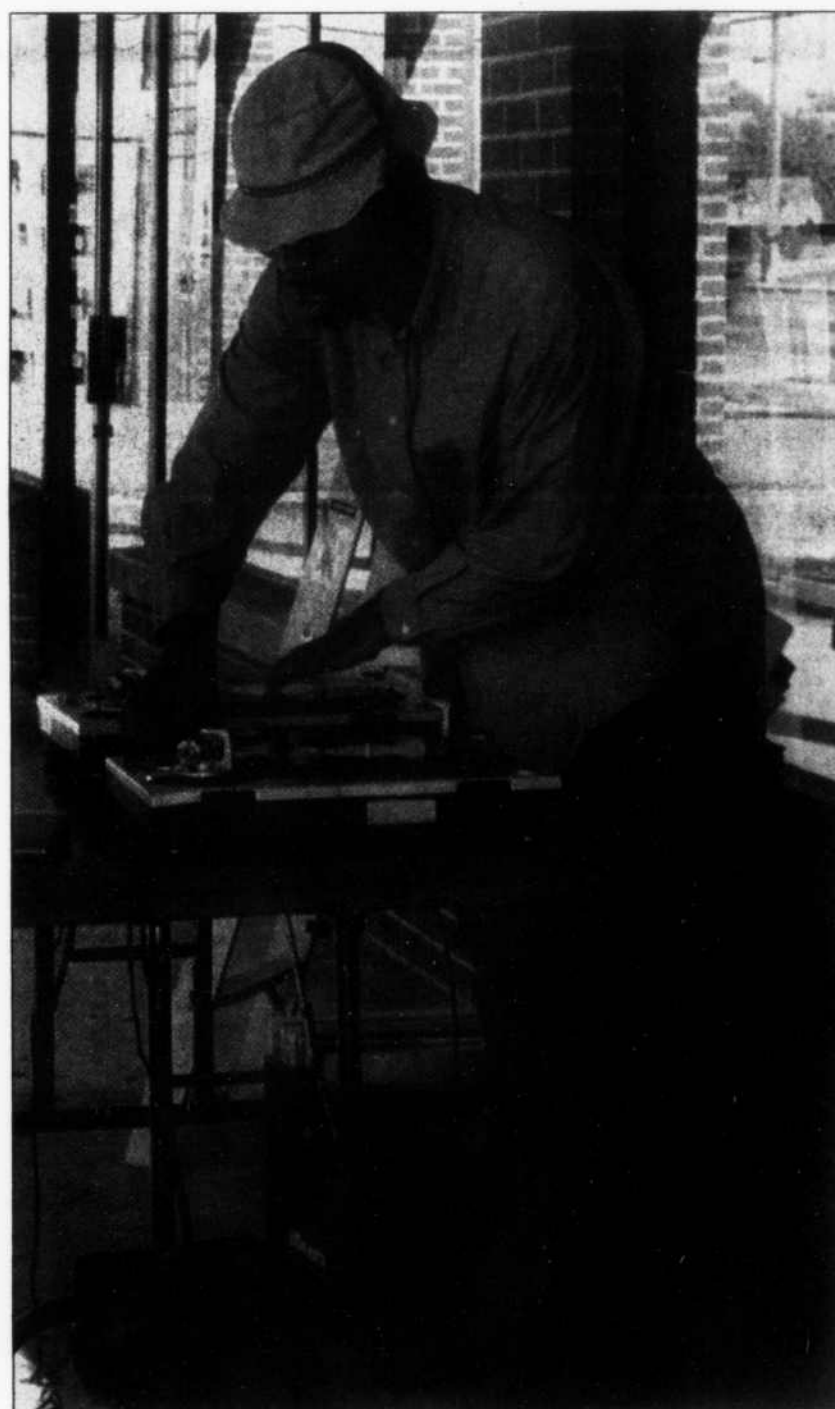


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(Left) DJ Homer D spins records outside the newly opened record shop. (Top) Thurman Tucker ties a balloon for the grand opening of Music Jams. (Lower right) Shell Knox previews a CD at the listening station inside the store.

Senate resolves for creation of Arts College

By Mary Anna Brown
SGA Reporter

The Student Government Association Senate passed a resolution expressing the necessity of and student support for the creation of a College of Visual and Performing Arts at a meeting Wednesday.

Under proposal HR-01-2000F, the areas of study in the new college will include schools of art, music, speech, theater and dance.

House Rep. Katy Baker introduced the proposal at the Senate and House joint session meeting Oct. 23, but the Senate tabled the proposal until Baker could produce more details.

"Originally there was a question about the cost involved, so it didn't pass in the last meeting," Speaker of the Senate Josh Pounders said.

"However, Katy has presented us with the details, and the Senate plans to support the proposal."

The proposal will be sent to a faculty committee for further discussion.

Pounders also announced openings for two Senate positions in the College of Education, one Senate opening in the College of Liberal Arts and one Senate position for all undeclared majors.

"Anyone who is interested in the Senate positions can pick up an application in the SGA office," Pounders said.

"We hope to have the positions filled by the first of December."

Additions were made to Senate committees, including freshmen Jason Searles and Greg Blackburn to External Affairs and freshman Jacob Holmes to Internal Affairs. ♦

SALUTING VETERANS

Staff witnesses WWII Memorial groundbreaking

By James Evans
Editor in Chief

Last week, senior staff members of *Sidelines* traveled to Washington D.C. to take part in the 79th Associated Collegiate Press/ College Media Advisors Convention.

The staff, however, got more than the standard tour of the nation's capitol.

As part of Veteran's Day Saturday, a ceremony was held to recognize the groundbreaking of the World War II Memorial in the historic Mall district.

Special guests included President Bill Clinton, actor Tom Hanks, Senator Bob Dole and a bald eagle named Challenger. Dole and Hanks have been some of the key players in the campaign to raise funding for the memorial.

In front of thousands of veterans and on-lookers too young to remember the war, Clinton gave thanks the "greatest generation" — those who served in the war. He acknowledged both the soldiers that returned from the trenches and those who weren't as fortunate.

"We are the children of your sacrifice," he said,



(Left) Challenger, a bald eagle, extends its wings for the crowd the day before the WWII Memorial ceremony. The eagle was released at the memorial to honor vets on Veteran's Day. (Right) A park ranger at the Vietnam War memorial rubs a name on the wall for a visiting family.



Photo by Wesley R. Bush | Staff

"and we thank you forever."

The face of the world as it is known today would be entirely different, Clinton said, if the outcome of the war had been different. He attributed the United States' emergence from The Great Depression and the economic prosperity that has grown in the last fifty years to the war, all because of the veterans from the U.S. and Allied forces.

Dole thanked Clinton for his presence at the ceremony, and Clinton even joked about his up and down relationship over the years with Dole. Clinton said he considers Dole a good friend and that he appreciates all that he has done.

Some of the crowd were almost in tears as Hanks read a story from WWII dispatch writer Ernie Pyle about the death of a captain and the effect it had on his men. Hanks read with a dry disposition and then left the podium to sit down. For a moment, the crowd was completely silent and then broke out in applause.

The memorial is tentatively slated to be opened on Memorial Day 2003. It is being built on the opposite end of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool. ♦

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Compiled By Turner Hutchens - Associate News Editor

Guns debated

A reminder that Monday through Thursday, Nov. 13-16, a series of debates on gun control will be held at 8 p.m. in MTSU's Tucker Theatre. The entire program, sponsored by the Distinguished Lectures Committee, will be free and open to the public. Debaters on both sides are nationally known experts in their fields. Call 898-2551 for more information.

Faculty and staff to study assistive technology

The Office of Disabled Student Services invites faculty and staff to attend an orientation session on disability awareness and current assistive technology, which will be presented Nov. 14 in the KUC theater at two different times: 1-2:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m. Please reserve a spot by calling Melissa Smith at 904-8246 or Philip Voorhees at 904-8550. During this orientation, additional dates will be given for those interested in visiting the Adaptive Technology Center in the University Library to "play" with the technologies in an informal setting.

Displaying the "Threshold of Darkness"

"Threshold of Darkness," a 40-piece exhibit by photographer Harry Wilson, is on display now through Dec. 13 in MTSU's Baldwin Photographic Gallery on the first level of the Learning Resource Center.

Wilson will visit MTSU to deliver a slide/lecture presentation regarding the documentary photo exhibit beginning at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13 in Room 103 of the John Bragg Mass Communication Building. An open reception for the artist will be held in the gallery immediately following the lecture and slide show.

The exhibit, which officially opened Oct. 30, comprises 40 silver gelatin, black-and-white prints with text panels. These photographs document Wilson's personal response to travels through Eastern Europe.

Turning in pledges

The deadline for turning in MTSU "Partners in Giving" Employee Giving Campaign pledges is Nov. 15. All pledge forms returned on or before that date will be entered in a drawing for four outstanding grand prizes, including a watch, two season tickets to MTSU basketball, a four-month family membership to the Campus Recreation Center and a reserved parking space for an entire year. Please return all pledge forms to Box 76. Diane Sawyer is this year's campaign chair.



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Katherine Salmon, a disc jockey for the student radio station WMTS, cues a song on her weekly show "Barnyard Boogie."

Award given to Research Center

MTSU's Business and Economic Research Center recently received the Association for University Business and Economic Research's 2000 Award for Excellence in Publication for the department's flagship publication, Tennessee's Business, published three times a year.

The award was based on the latest two issues of journals published by business and economic research centers across the nation. In the BERC's case, the two issues dealt with tax reform and financial planning. ♦

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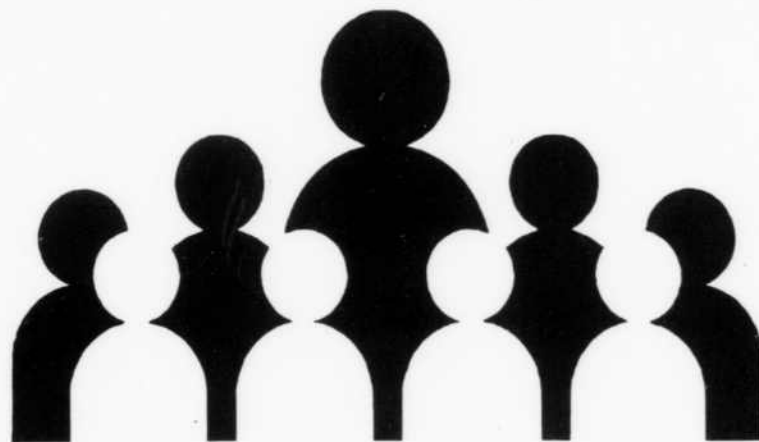
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***In order to be eligible for funds you must have attended
one of the orientation sessions presented during the Fall
and be a registered organization.**

For further information call 898-5822

Rally: Skeptical students amazed

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students claim they were really under the influence of Dale-K's words.

"At first I was joking around and wasn't taking it seriously," freshman Stephen Cash said. "Then I started feeling kind of lethargic and out of control of the situation."

One hypnotized student was made to believe that he was Tinkerbell and waved a green fairy wand around the Grill.

"My eyes were so tired and I could barely keep them open," freshman Reshard Lee said. "I don't know where that energy to run around like Tinkerbell came from."

Another hypnotized student voiced his distaste for what Dale-K

influenced him to do.

"I didn't like it when I was getting milked and when I was walking around naked on the stage," freshman Colonel Hodges said. "I did like it when he made me think that all of the girls in the audience were naked though."

The football team, Band of Blue, cheerleaders and dance team were also present at the Raider Rally to get everyone excited about the football game on Saturday.

"I think the spirit of MTSU Blue is very obvious among the students of MTSU," freshman Lisa Henderson said. "I have loved backing the guys as they go out on the field, and the rallies get everyone involved."

Aramark food services provided free food at the Raider Rally. ♦

Records: Store provides hard-to-find music

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myself for so long, I've come to realize that a lot of people don't even know there's an underground market. They think it's just everything that's on TV or radio," he said.

Tuck explained that the bulk of the music in stock is hip hop and R&B, but he also plans to carry independent country, rock, alternative, reggae, gospel and any other genre of music that the public demands.

Tuck said he has a deep desire to help independent labels get a start because he is the CEO of the independent Rapball Records, and knows how difficult it can be being an independent artist.

Representatives of Def Jams

Records visited the birth of the store and discussed a possible appearance in December from Jay-Z, Jay-Z, as well as Bone-Thugs-N-Harmony and Rapball's own F.O.D. (Faces of Death) were some of the day's top sellers.

Besides providing music that may be nonexistent in other Murfreesboro record stores, Music Jams carries less expensive products with CDs ranging from \$9.99-14.99 and tapes ranging from \$7.99-9.99. The store also has listening stations for customers to listen to the music before purchasing. Customers were even given the option of completing a membership form so they could be contacted when music from their favorite artists

came in.

Music Jams sells more than just music. Customers can also pick up African products such as soap, oils, chew sticks and apparel, as well as publications such as "XXL," "Vibe," "Murder Dog," and soon "Sidelines" will be available there.

Tuck credits MTSU and the Murfreesboro community for all the support they've shown in the past and looks forward to support in the future. He also mentioned that he's the first African American record storeowner ever in the history of Murfreesboro.

Music Jams is located at 1610 Memorial Blvd and will be open daily from noon to 9 p.m. For more information, call 848-1198. ♦

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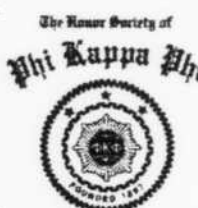
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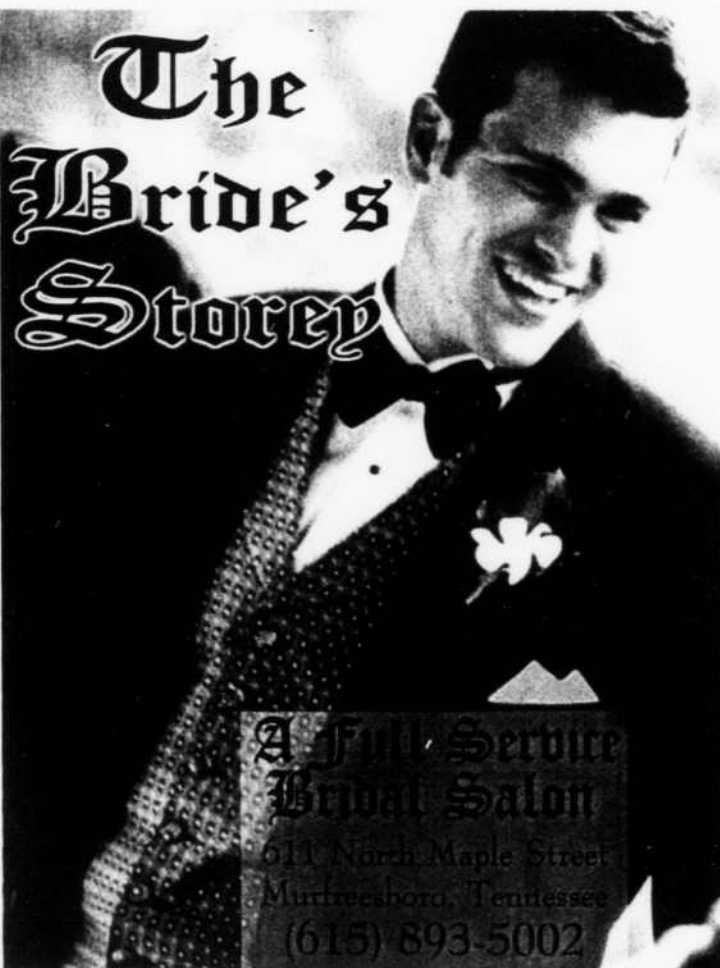
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SIDELINES ♦ 5

From the staff Speculation to blame for election confusion

It is not a big secret that the media was irresponsible in covering the presidential election last Tuesday. Every time you changed the channel, a different network had totally different figures than the others. True, the figures are constantly changing as votes are being tabulated; however the numbers that the networks displayed could have least been close to accurate.

One of the first mistakes the media made was announcing very early in the evening that Gore had won Florida and New Mexico, then later taking them away from him until an accurate recount is successfully completed. This screwup has been blamed by some for Gore losing the election, since some democrats in the West may have not bothered to vote or voted for the Green Party, thinking Gore had a solid lead.

Then at approximately 1:30 a.m., Bush was announced the new president of the United States. Publications all over the world, such as *The New York*

Times, *The Washington Post* and college papers such as ours rushed to press after the long-awaited announcement.

But because the networks jumped the gun, many of these publications ran inaccurate stories declaring Bush the winner.

This situation is reminiscent of when *The Chicago Tribune* ran a headline saying, "Dewey defeats Truman" after Truman won the presidency in the 1948 election.

Not only were viewers frustrated, but even reporters and anchors were bothered by the irresponsibility of the networks. CBS anchor Dan Rather showed his frustration on air saying, "If you're disgusted with us, frankly, I don't blame you."

It's a shame that as far as we've advanced in technology since 1948, we're still making irresponsible mistakes. Hopefully, this election will be finalized soon, and we the media will do a better job getting that information to the public.

Majority vote should be country's deciding force

Atypical Woman



Angela White

Managing
Editor

That headline ran in the Switzerland newspaper, *24 Heures*, mocking our never-ending presidential election. Needless to say, other countries are having a ball watching the most powerful nation in the world scratching its head about who will lead it for the next four years.

Any political system that gives the second-place winner the ribbon is seriously flawed. This blotched election in particular has resparked legislative efforts to remove the Electoral College, which in most states allows the winner of a plurality of the votes to take all the electoral

votes of that state. However, it will take a constitutional amendment to get rid of the College, and those are hardly easy to pass, requiring a two-thirds majority in Congress and approval of three-fourths of the states.

Many are fighting this effort to fix the system. Some argue that removing the Electoral College would give an unfair advantage to populous areas, resulting in the negligence by candidates of sparsely-populated areas of the country. This could very well be true, but it doesn't really matter. A vote is a vote, regardless of where it comes from. This is supposed to be the principle behind democracy — equality for all. Densely-populated areas have more people, so they should have more representation. The Electoral College itself is based somewhat on population — two votes are given based on senators, and the rest based on the number of U.S. House representatives, which is based on the population of the state.

Some also argue that the Electoral College is necessary to give states relatively equal influence in the presidential election. This is the 21st century — the days of state sovereignty are all but over. We are no longer a country of many separate "nations." While each state does have its own government and Congress representatives, the presidency is a federal office that involves the whole country. State influence should not be a factor. Any system that gives an entity like a state more influence than its population should allow for is undemocratic to say the least.

Despite these arguments, one fact remains clear. The Electoral College was created by a group of untrusting

elites who doubted an uninformed public's ability to choose its own president. We are hardly uninformed now, and we are more than capable as citizens to choose our leader. It's time to cut out the middleman and let popular vote to be the judge.

But in a country this centrally divided, a simple popular-vote election is not enough. If we were currently running on a plurality-rule system, it would still be tough to legitimately call the winner of this election. While Gore has slightly more votes than Bush nationwide, they carry the same percentage of support — 48 percent. Neither received a majority of the vote, primarily due to the relatively strong presence of third-party candidates.

For example, take the influence of Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate, on the election. Nader claims that he did not keep Gore from winning, but exit polls revealed that 40 percent of people who voted Green said they would otherwise have voted for Gore; only 20 percent would have voted for Bush. Swing states Florida and New Mexico, as well as Bush-supporting New Hampshire, would most likely have gone to Gore without much trouble if not for Nader. Gore would have also had stronger support in some of the states he barely won, including Iowa, Minnesota, Washington and Wisconsin.

All this trouble and the party didn't even get the 5 percent it needed for matching funds. I hope it was all worth possibly putting a conservative regime in power.

This country's people would be best served by a majority-rule system. Countries like France and Australia currently use this method, which requires that a candidate get at least 50 percent of the vote in order to win. This often results in the need for a run-off election, where the top two candidates compete alone for the office.

If we were under this type of political system, the most likely result in this particular election would be a victory by Gore once the third-party voters, particularly those supporting the Green Party, have no one else to turn to.

A majority-rule system would also remove the flaw of allowing a president of the opposite political leaning from the majority of the voters to take the office.

Simply put, it's time to modernize our archaic method of choosing a president, if for no other reason than to stop being the butt of the world's jokes. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Sidelines should have edited irrelevant quote

Sidelines:

"These two African American girls were arguing."
This was a quote within the first few paragraphs of the October 26 issue of *Sidelines* entitled, "Knife fight breaks out at KUC." This quote has raised eyebrows around campus, and for good reason.

I was pleased to read in the opinions section the following week some sort of recognition from *Sidelines* for the irrelevant comment printed by Ms. Molly McNemar. Ms. McNemar says [in a letter to the editor, Wednesday, Nov. 8] she is "hurt this has become a racial issue."

I will try to explain my point to you in the most respectful way I can, Ms. McNemar. You and only you made this a racial issue. It is interesting to me that you consider it being politically correct stating, "These two African American girls," yet you were not conscious enough to realize their race had nothing to do with the incident.

Ms. McNemar later stated in her article to the editor, "If these two people involved were white-skinned, that's what I would have said. Had they been lavender people with green spots, I would have described them as being such." Really?!? What if it was four people? And let's say for the purpose of my point that they were all different races. Would you have stated that a Caucasian girl, an Asian American girl, and African American girl and a Latin American girl were arguing.

Mail your comments to Box 42, drop them off at JUB 310 or e-mail them to stupubs@mtsu.edu.
Letters may be edited for length, grammar or content.

Call me complicated, but in my opinion, I would see four girls arguing.

Please do not take my tone wrong, Ms. McNemar -- I understand that many people unintentionally (and with no disrespect intended) profile people by race. My point is that it was irrelevant to the situation and to the article that followed in *Sidelines*. "Two girls were chasing each other" would have been sufficient for your quote.

I personally do not feel that you are racist, and I have no bad feelings toward you or your name; I just feel you made a comment what was not necessary or irrelevant. Period. In your defense, Ms. McNemar, I agree with you and feel that *Sidelines* could have easily paraphrased your statement in a way that would not have altered your account in any way. They should not have blamed you in their "apology."

I work in another facet of journalism on campus, and paraphrasing is imperative for professional reasons and in order to effectively communicate "the facts" to the public. Recently, I spoke with a highly respected professor in the journalism department on campus about the article, and he also thinks the comment could have been delivered to the reader in a more professional way. The only time race needs to be addressed (direct quote or not) is when there is a fugitive at large, when an individual is reported missing, or a first such as "The first African American president of the United States of America," etc.

In closing, I would like to comment on a statement made by James Wesley Cobb in his letter to the editor November 1. "This is important information and should not be omitted. In the future, I would like to see more factual reporting and less intelligence-

insulting PC posturing in our student paper."

Well, Mr. Cobb, I encourage you to look up two words in your dictionary. Fact and relevance — there is a huge difference.

Sincerely,
Luke Burke

A note of gratitude goes out to Parking Services

Dear Editor,

When someone or some department goes above and beyond their duties, they should be commended. Such is the case with Parking Services.

This morning, in a rush to make a meeting, I left my lights on while parked on Loop Drive. When I returned from my meeting, I was surprised to have a voice mail from Parking Services informing me about my lights!

The folks in Parking Services have quite a difficult job, as it is providing and maintaining parking here at MTSU, and yet even then they took a few moments from their busy day to save me from a dead battery.

To them I say kudos and thank you!

Greg Schaffer
Campus Network Manager
Office of Information Technology



Mission: Impossible 2 should have been aborted

By Philip Duncan
DVD Columnist

I didn't get a chance to see "Mission Impossible 2" in theaters last summer and after watching it on DVD, I wish would have missed that as well. There are a few good things about the DVD, but not enough to make up for the film.

This is supposed to be a popcorn-action film and in some aspects it is. There are some great action sequences, but they are few and far between. There is too much down time. While this would not be a problem if there were anything resembling a plot or character development going on, it just comes across as slow.

The action sequences are extremely unbelievable, with Tom Cruise and villain Dougray Scott having superhuman strength and stamina. The problem with Matrix-like action sequences not set in a science fiction world is that they come off as too unbelievable.

On the technical side of things, the video is top notch. In action films, great care must be taken during the transfer process. The many explosions and other such effects are areas that can look bad if transferred incorrectly.

Likewise, the audio on this disc, presented in Dolby Digital, is one of the nicer sounding discs I have heard lately. There is plenty of rear and panning effects to give your home theater a nice workout. The action sequence at the end of the film provides a nice 20-minute showcase for any theater.

There are plenty of extras also included with this disc. Accessible from the slickly designed front menu, there are three short features on different aspects of the film.

There are two separate documentaries that focus on the stunt work and special effects used in the film. There is also a short set of interviews with the cast and crew. While these provide a nice look into the process used in making the film, there is very little groundbreaking information or content here.

The best features of the DVD are the commentary with director John Woo and a short film from the MTV Movie Awards. Woo's commentary, while not as entertaining as some, provides a nice bit of information and is definitely more informative than the standard interview.

Paramount has pulled out the stops for this DVD. This is great news, because their DVD presentation is usually lacking when compared to the competition. On the other hand, it can be seen as an attempt to bolster what is an otherwise weak film.

If you simply must fulfill your action quota, there are plenty of other choices out there that do a better job. For Tom Cruise fans the first "Mission Impossible" worked better than the sequel. If you want to see John Woo at his directorial best, look for the recently re-released versions of "The Killers" and "Hard Boiled." Lastly, for the best of mindless action, the "Die Hard" trilogy boxed set is the best deal around. Rumors are swirling that the first movie will be re-released in a special 2-disc set sometime soon. ◆

Disabled students add diversity to campus

By Sue T. Amos
Staff Writer

Spend any time on campus, and it's easy to see the diversity of its students.

Look a little closer and you might just see beyond the obvious: male and female, young traditional and older non-traditional, black and white and other ethnic groups that make up MTSU's 19,000 plus enrollment.

That's what happened to me one rainy morning last spring.

Dodging raindrops, I hurried between Peck Hall and the Keathley University Center. On the sidewalk in front of the Todd Building, another student approached me from the direction of the Cope Administration Building. Although I moved over, we almost bumped into one another.

It wouldn't have been a major collision. It was simply a close encounter.

"Hi," he said. "I didn't realize you were there."

Exchanging apologies, we traipsed down the sidewalk toward the KUC chatting about the "ducky" weather and other pleasantries. In that short span of time, I found out he lived off campus, always took this route to school and was wearing his favorite parka although the hood wouldn't stay on half the time and his head was getting wet.

But I discovered much more. My fellow student was blind.

Although I knew that MTSU had a large number of students with disabilities, it took that incident to help me see beyond the obvious.

"We think we'll be somewhere in the neighborhood of about 800 students with disabilities," predicted John Harris, director of Disabled Student Services, who is visually impaired himself. "We're in the process of counting those students right now. The numbers change because we're identifying students every day."

This fall's enrollment of 133 disabled new students is the second largest in the program's history, Harris said.

What began in 1974 as a recognition by the university for the need to aid visually impaired students has evolved into a program that today assists students with 17 different types of disabilities. The most prominent of those—the ones most students think about—are visual impairments and physical disabilities. About 35 students on campus have visual impairments; some use canes, but others prefer dog guides. Almost 200 students have some sort of physical disability.

"When we say individuals with physical disabilities, we are talking about quadriplegics, paraplegics, muscle degeneration disease, muscular dystrophy and cerebral palsy," explained Harris. "Any of those things that impedes the person's ability to do things physically in some way is a physical disability."

"We have 27 wheelchairs on our campus. A campus of our size would normally have about 13. So that gives you a flavor of what we're doing, he added."

Harris also includes hearing impairment, psychological disabilities—bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, obsessive/compulsive disorder—learning disabilities, attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder among the more obvious disabilities. A separate Learning Disabilities Program operated by the Disabled Student Services office supports 225 or so students with learning disabilities.

Harris identified three conditions people generally don't expect to find.

•Fibromyalgia - muscular soreness, severe pain and extreme fatigue.



Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

Senior Ryan Smith manages just fine around campus despite his blindness.

•Narcolepsy - a sleep disorder associated with uncontrollable sleepiness and frequent daytime sleeping.

•Chemical sensitivity - reaction to chemicals in the environment, both synthetic and natural, such as those found in paints, carpeting, plastics, perfumes, cigarette smoke, sprays and plants.

"These are some of the new things that are cropping up that we are having to make accommodations for and be sensitive to those students' needs," Harris confirmed.

In meeting the needs of this diverse group, Disabled Student Services offers a variety of support functions including academic aides, such as note takers and readers, auxiliary aides such as recorded textbooks, orientation services, recreation and social activities and testing accommodations. The Adaptive Technology Center, located in the University Library, provides tools that put students with physical, visual or cognitive disabilities on equal

technological footing. Harris noted the center is as good as any in the region—a fact of which he is very proud.

"No one in the state of Tennessee has an Adaptive Technology Center like we've got," he claimed.

Each student designs the program according to his or her needs. The overall program is very individualized, Harris stressed.

Jeremy Brown, a graduate student, has been at MTSU for eight years. Brown, who is visually impaired, primarily uses readers available through the Disabled Student Services office.

"I'm an English major so I read a whole lot of books for my classes," said Brown. "I have three readers, and they're all reading 40 hours a month. I've gotten to work with an awful lot of good people over the years as far as readers and that sort of thing."

Brown relies less on the program now than he did as an undergraduate student. But he notes the office fosters a sense of community and tries

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to make connections between people who have skills that will compliment one another.

Ryan Smith, a senior Mass Communications major with an emphasis in Radio/TV Electronic Media Management, is also visually impaired.

"I try not to take total advantage of the services," Smith admitted. "I like to try to do as much as I can without too much assistance. But I do use the services for testing and for a reader to read my books when I can't get them on tape."

Smith feels his needs are being met by the program and staff.

"They've helped me in a number of ways when things have come up unexpectedly," he said. "They've been right there willing to help. It's hard for me to imagine any program being better, more equipped or as well run."

John Taylor, a junior Mass Communications major, wants to work for the Dell Corporation when he graduates. Unable to walk because of cerebral palsy, he motors around campus in a wheelchair.

"I'm about 70 percent independent," he said, "but I need help taking notes, and that's all. I do write, but I write slower than normal. Professors go 100 miles per hour so note takers really help me. Other than that, I'm pretty self-sufficient."

Campus terrain played a key role in Taylor's choice to attend MTSU, but another major factor influenced his decision, as well.

"MTSU has one of the best services for disabled students around," he said.

Harris sees the differences that the nationally recognized program makes in a student's life.

"Here's one less person that is going to be dependent on society to take care of them," he reiterated. "My job is to see that students who come to MTSU with a disability have an equal opportunity to be successful and to graduate from here with a marketable skill."

The number one priority is to not make someone with a disability feel different, according to Smith, who considers himself impaired but not disabled.

"Stop looking at people with disabilities as having disabilities," he urged. "I guess ADA sums it up best when they change their policy. Instead of saying disabled people or handicapped people they now say 'people first.' They're trying to get people to look at the disability first before looking at the person."

That rainy morning last spring, I learned a lot. My close encounter put our campus diversity into perspective. The next time you bump into someone on campus, take a closer look. You, too, may just see beyond the obvious. ◆

Lone squirrel leaves 25,000 UC-Berkeley area residents without power for more than an hour

By Will Evans
Daily Californian (U. California-Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - As further proof that just one small individual can really affect widespread change, a lone squirrel managed to cut off power from 25,000 PG&E customers Sunday, Nov. 5. The squirrel somehow snuck into a

Pacific Gas and Electric transformer at the El Cerrito substation, causing much of Berkeley and parts of Albany and Oakland to go without power for an hour from 10:25 a.m. to near 12, said PG&E spokesperson Maureen Bogues.

This is not the first time a mischievous rodent took down the power giant. Last November, another squirrel crawled into

the transformer, shorting it out and dying in the process. 37,000 customers were left without power. Earlier that year, a different squirrel cut off power for 30,000 homes.

"They're pretty good at getting into stuff," said spokesperson Jonathan Franks after last year's attack. "With 110,000 miles of power lines, it's pretty much impossible to animal-proof all of it." ◆



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Nov. 16

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475. Contact Bill Badley, the Director of General Studies, at 904-8416 for more information.

Nov. 17

The President's office has now confirmed all appointments to the Student Publications Committee for the 2000-2001 school year. Appointees should plan to meet at 2 p.m. in the KUC Room 210 for an organizational meeting. If unable to attend, call 898-5812 or email to oplisan@mtsu.edu.

Nov. 18

Want to lead water aerobics classes and have fun while getting paid? Come to the Campus Rec's water aerobics workshop from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It costs \$20 or \$5 for aquatic staff. Contact Karen Nikazy at 898-2104 for more information.

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Nov. 30

The General Studies Committee is meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the library, Room 475.

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Raider Victory Ministries holds weekly bible studies. Call Andy Roller at 217-3132 or 479-5449 to find out about one of the weekly bible studies that would best fit your schedule. Times and locations vary.

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Want to travel to places like California, Kansas, Florida and Illinois? Want to speak your mind and learn about interesting issues? Want to miss class on Fridays and have an excuse? Join the MTSU Debate Team! The Debate Team meets every Tuesday at 5 p.m. in the BDA, Room 220.

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Ever wonder what your dreams mean? Curious about how they can help you be happier and live a more fulfilling life? Learn to use art, drama and discussion for personal guidance and growth in The Dream Group sponsored by the June Anderson Women's Center. The Dream Group meets every Monday at 10 a.m. in the BAS SunTrust Room. It is open to all women students. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information.

The June Anderson Women's Center is sponsoring an Eating Disorders Support Group for women students struggling with over-eating, body image, anorexia or bulimia every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz for more information at 898-5725. All contacts are confidential.

The June Anderson Women's Center is holding a Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group for women students who are survivors of sexual abuse every Thursday at 3 p.m. in the CKNB, Room 124. Contact Mary Glantz at 898-5725 for more information. All contacts are confidential.

Campus Crusade for Christ, an interdenominational campus ministry, invite all to attend their weekly meeting every Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. in the LRC, Room 221. For more information contact Mike at 848-6741 or Eric at 896-2039.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes welcomes all students to come to fellowship on Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. in the Football Game Day Room located between the stadium and athletic weight room, across from Murphy Center. There will be great speakers, bible studies, activities and friendship. Contact Rhonda Neitzel at 893-6109 for more information.

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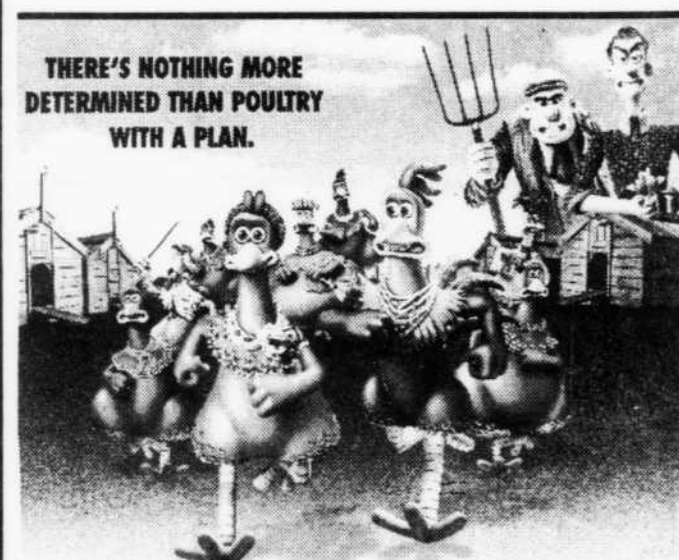
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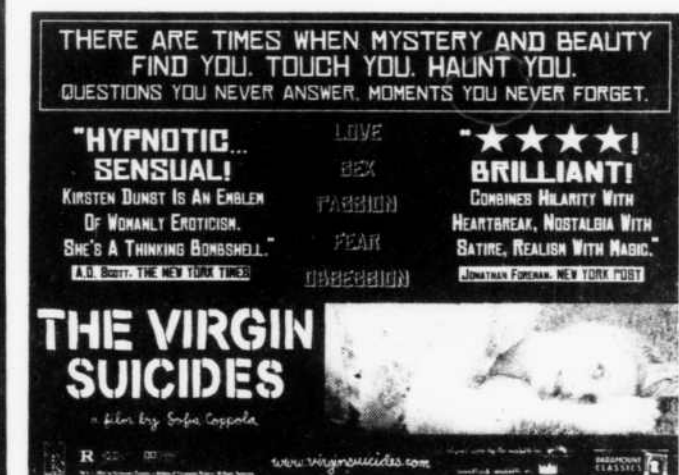


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SPORTS

JuCo transfer looking for revenge against Volunteers

By Nick Hefley
Staff Writer

Senior Marcus Mason is part of seven seniors for the Middle Tennessee men's basketball team going into the 2000 season.

Middle Tennessee is hard at work preparing for the upcoming season, and one of the team's most devoted players is Mason.

Mason has been described as being a very hard worker that continued to improve over the course of last season. Last year, the shooting guard averaged 1.6 points and was 3 of 6 on his free throw attempts in five games for the Blue Raiders.

He played his high school basketball at Houston High School in Germantown, Tenn., where he helped the Mustangs to four district championships and a sub-state appearance. There, he was awarded as the most improved player during the 1996-97 season.

From high school, Mason went to

Walters State Community College in Morristown, Tenn. He was instrumental in taking the team to an Eastern Division Championship during the 1998-99 season, and received the team's best defensive player award.

"My brother Terrell (Johnson, who played football here,) keyed my interest in MTSU," Mason said was one of the reasons why he chose to be a Blue Raider. He added that the coaching staff was another reason because he felt that "each member brought a different aspect to this team that I liked."

Mason feels that he brings senior leadership "first and foremost" to the team. He tries to lead the younger players on and off the court.

Hard work, intensity, and enthusiasm are also some things he hopes to bring to the team.

In looking at the team for the upcoming season, Mason expects the team to win at least 25 games and win both the regular season and Sun Belt Tournament championships. He admitted that he is looking forward to aveng-



Mason

Mason's Vital Statistics

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ing the loss to Tennessee in December. The Blue Raiders "travel" to Nashville to play the Volunteers, the number seven ranked team in the nation, for a home game at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"I have a lot of friends that play at UT and last year's game was definitely too close for us to lose," Mason said.

The Blue Raiders dropped the game to the Volunteers 78-77 in Knoxville last season, last year to a 78-77 loss.

In his spare time, Marcus likes to hang out with his friends and family. He also enjoys attending different organizations around campus such as Campus

Crusade, reading the Bible, and listening to various types of music.

"We have a great group of guys here and to be successful, we have to work together," Mason said.

He feels that the students must come out and support the team, in what looks to be, a very good year for the MTSU basketball team.

Coach Randy Wiel and his Blue Raiders begin the 2000 season at home against the University of St. Francis (IN) at 7:30 on Friday.

This will be the team's first season in the Sun Belt Conference, where they hope to make a big impact. ♦

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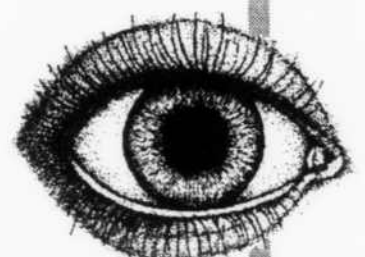
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Football: Bulls run over by high flying Raiders

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"The coaches put us in position to make plays," Brown said. McCollum was very pleased with his team's performance in the locker room as he dried off from a Gatorade bath saying, "We executed on both sides of the ball."

He also added, "This may have been our best overall performance. Our kids came and played a complete game."

The victory brings the Blue Raiders (5-5) back to .500, while South Florida (6-4) suffers its worst loss of the season.

McCullum is looking forward to revenging a loss to the Ragin' Cajuns (MTSU's next opponent from Louisiana-Lafayette) last season. He also is excited about the opportunity of a winning season. He said they are where they are because of the work they do during the week. And, he plans to work and "go at it hard" this week.

Kickoff Saturday is at 2 p.m., with senior festivities starting 20 minutes prior. ♦



Martez Phelps reaches out to 'hug' Marquel Blackwell. Blackwell escaped this sack but could never spark the Bulls offensive attack. He finished the day 23 of 39 with 184 yards and one interception in the 45-9 loss.

Photo by Jessica Norton | Photo Editor

B'ball: Women roll, 87-60

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ance," Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith said. "I hope this will be a breakout year for her."

Freshman guard Keisha McClinic added 16 as she continues to become a crowd favorite. Nicole Perkins chipped in 12, Chrissy Davenport had 11

and Joanne Aluka rounded out the Lady Raiders that reached double figures with 10 points of her own.

Kim Webb, a former Lady Raider standout in the mid '80s, registered a double-double to lead the All-Stars with 11 points and 10 rebounds and Carolyn Aldridge scored 15. ♦

Raiders fall in five games

MT Media Relations

The Lady Raider volleyball team dropped a heartbreaker to Florida International on Friday night 3-2 (16-14, 11-15, 15-11, 5-15, 11-15).

The Lady Raiders were ahead 2-1 after the first three games of the match, but couldn't hold on to win after dropping the final two games of the contest.

Alicia Scott and Lindsay Pritchard led Middle Tennessee (13-17, 6-9) with 12 kills each. Katie Thiesen added 11 and Caia Morstad chipped in with 10.

Scott also led the team in digs

with 15. Setter Goldie Bilyeu netted 26 assists while Kelly Quinn racked up 24.

Nirvana Kos led Florida International (16-15, 6-9) and the match in kills with 30 while Adriana Fundora turned in 29. Two other Golden Panthers were in double digits. Setter Betsy Moreland had 61 assists for the home team.

Middle Tennessee continues its road swing with a trip to Ruston, La., to take on Louisiana Tech on Sunday at noon, rounding out the regular season slate. The Sun Belt Tournament is slated for Nov. 16-19 in New Orleans. ♦

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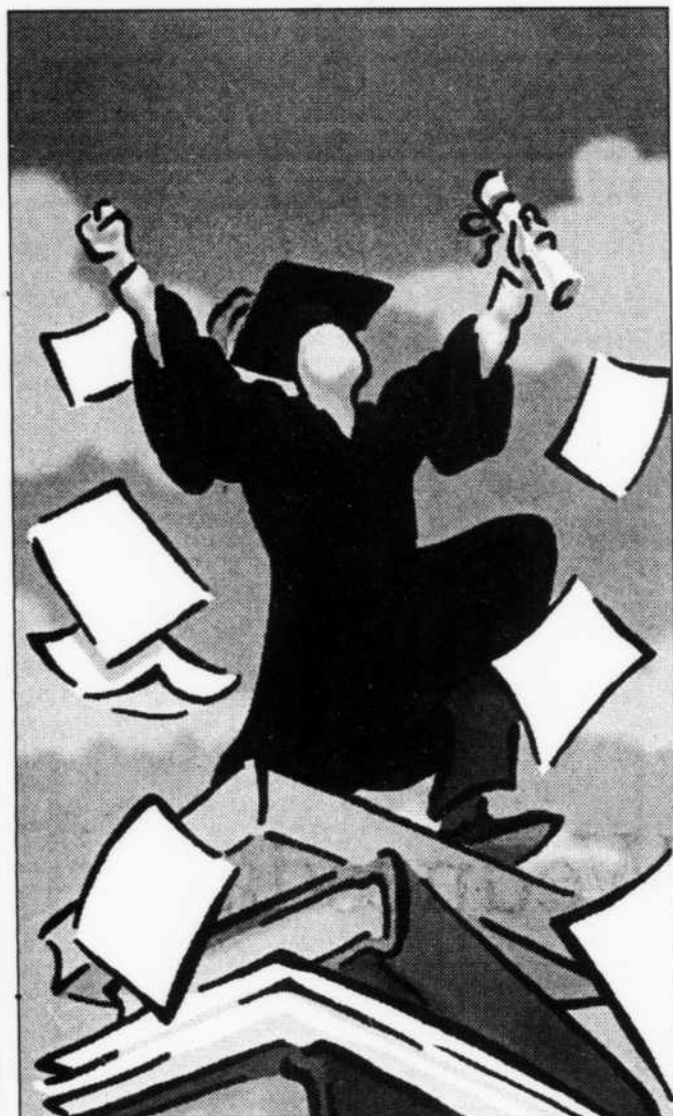
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Football Hot Routes

After 110 yards rushing on Saturday, sophomore Dwone Hicks now has 1,269 yards on the season, which is the third most in school history. It was also Hicks' eighth game over the century mark rushing this season and the ninth of his career.

Hicks also ran for his 18th and 19th touchdowns this season on Saturday. Hicks was ranked fifth nationally before Saturday's tilt.

The 24 points on the day helped Hicks pass the single-season scoring record of 104 by Kippy Bayless in 1993. Hicks has 126 points on the year.

Junior quarterback Wes Counts had a career afternoon by throwing four touchdown passes against USF to up his career total to 33, placing him in a tie for third all time in Blue Raider history. The three TD passes on the day were the fourth time he accomplished the feat.

Counts also broke the record for all-time completions by a quarterback at MT. Counts now has 510 completions, breaking the mark of 501 set by Kelly Holcomb from 1991-94.

He also broke the record for most 200-yard passing games, with 13. He has thrown for 200 yards in three consecutive games, which is the second time in his career he has accomplished the feat.

Junior wide receiver Kendall Newson caught two touchdown passes Saturday, moving his career total to 14. The total places him fourth all-time. He trails career leader Herbert Owenby, who has 21.

Newson also extended his catch streak to 31 straight games.

Junior wide receiver Hansford Johnson set a personal mark with a rushing total of 86 yards today on four carries.

Johnson now has 190 rushing yards on the season, which is the third best total on the team.

True freshman Joe McClendon collected his first career interception when he picked off a Marquis Blackwell pass in the first quarter, ending a string of 111 straight passes by Blackwell without an interception.

Brian Kelly's 41-yard field goal in the first half was his fourth consecutive made field goal and his third from beyond 40 yards.

Today's victory marked the Blue Raiders fifth straight win at Floyd Stadium.

Senior offensive tackle Barry Hall made his 41st straight start today.

Sophomore Tyrone Calico has caught at least one pass in 21 consecutive games.

The Blue Raiders are back to .500 in the win-loss column for the second time this season.

The Blue Raiders are averaging 41.5 points a game at home this year.

Volleyball Aces

Sophomore Katie Thiesen had a season-high 31 kills at Memphis. She averaged 4.82 kills per game for the week.

Freshman Goldie Bilyeu-Sears set a new career high with 39 assists against Memphis and seven aces against North Texas.

The Lady Raiders have 108 more blocks than its opponents including 30 more block solos. ♦

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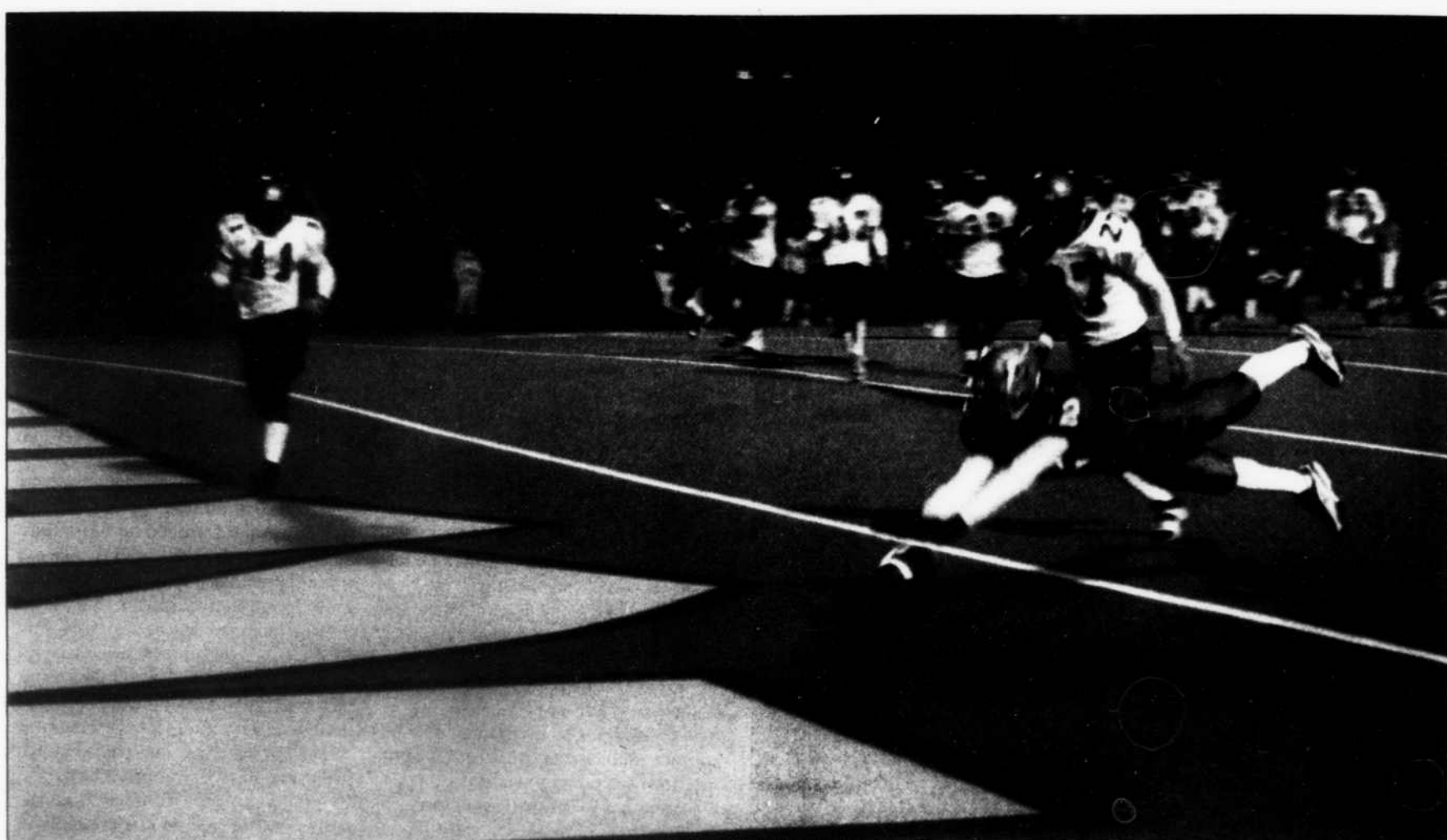


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Kendall Newson stretches out across the goal line. Newson finished the game with two touchdown receptions from nine and 25 yards.

By J.P. Plant
Staff Writer

It was the running on the bulls Saturday at Floyd Stadium in the Boro.

The Blue Raiders kept its offense on track as it piled up more than 400 yards as they stayed perfect at home with a 45-9 victory over South Florida.

Junior quarterback Wes Counts had his most efficient game of the season throwing four touchdowns while completing 14-23 passes for 226 yards and no interceptions. With his 14 completions, Counts became the school's all-time leader in completions with 510 for his career. The four touchdown passes ties him with Mickey Corwin for third place all-time in that category.

Sophomore tailback Dwone Hicks also put his name in the record books with his performance Saturday. Hicks ran for two touchdowns and caught two

more, giving him 126 points on the season. Hicks surpassed Kippy Bayless' record of 104 points for a season when he darted out the middle 47 yards putting the Blue Raiders on the board first. Hicks finished the day with 20 carries for 110 yards and also caught four passes for 59 yards and his first two career touchdown receptions.

Both touchdowns and all four receptions came with Hicks out of the backfield. Hicks said utilizing him out of the backfield was not a new concept.

"We tried it a couple of weeks ago but didn't do a good job with it," Hicks said.

The Bulls came right back to get on the board with a 33-yard field goal from Bill Gramatica to make it 7-3. South Florida wouldn't score again until the fourth quarter long after the outcome was decided.

The defense held the high powered South Florida offense to only 297 yards.

Blue Raider head coach Andy McCollum said it was a total defensive effort.

"Our defense came out and played with intensity," McCollum said of their performance.

Highly touted quarterback Marquel Blackwell was held to only 185 yards through the air while attempting 40 passes. Blackwell's streak of 111 passes without an interception ended on his 112 attempt when freshman free safety Joe McClendon picked off a sailing Blackwell pass in the first quarter returning it 23 yards to midfield.

Junior middle linebacker Scott Brown led the defense penetrating into the South Florida backfield knocking down Blackwell several times. One of those trips into the backfield resulted in a sack and another with a tackle for no gain.

See Football, 9



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Tyrone Calico and Dwone Hicks celebrate a touchdown.

Men, women finish exhibition season strong

MT Media Relations

The Blue Raider basketball team completed a sweep of its exhibition opponents with an 80-56 dismantling of Bryan College on Thursday night.

The contest gave head coach Randy Wiel reason to be pleased with his team's play as the Blue Raiders prepare to open the regular season next Friday against St. Francis.

"The execution wasn't as sharp as I had expected, but we're getting there," Wiel said. "I still think that the sharpness and execution are areas where we must continue to improve but the big picture is there."

Wiel's charges used their physical advantages to wear down the Lions in the second half and eventually roll to a big win. Middle Tennessee continued its assault on the boards, pulling down 43 in the game. Perhaps more importantly the Blue Raiders outdueled their opponents on the offensive boards with a 14-11 margin in that column.

Rebounding has been a focus of the team's throughout the preseason and it appears that drastic improvements have come in that area. In limited action, Dale Thomas collected a game-high eight rebounds and added 13 points while Lee Nosse backed up his 17 rebound performance from Monday with 11 points and seven boards. Iiro

Tenngren led the Blue Raiders with 14 points.

"Rebounding has been the focus for our big men, especially," said Tenngren. "At times we were terrible on the boards last year and I think we've gotten better."

Tenngren also added that the Blue Raiders didn't really change anything about their approach to rebounding other than the attitude of the players.

He continued, "We needed an attitude adjustment. It's all about attitude when it comes to rebounding."

The next time that the Blue Raiders take the floor it will be for real. Middle Tennessee opens the regular season next Friday against St. Francis with tip-off scheduled for 7:30.

Public address announcer John Rice got a linguistic lesson in Finnish during the women's contest.

Mia Parviainen led the Lady Raiders to an impressive 87-60 win over the Nashville All-Stars in the second game of a double header at Murphy Center.

The Finnish native led all scorers tonight with 22 points, including three big treys — two in second half — to help the Lady Raiders pull away with their second straight win in the Coca-Cola Exhibition Series.

"I'm pleased with Mia's perform-

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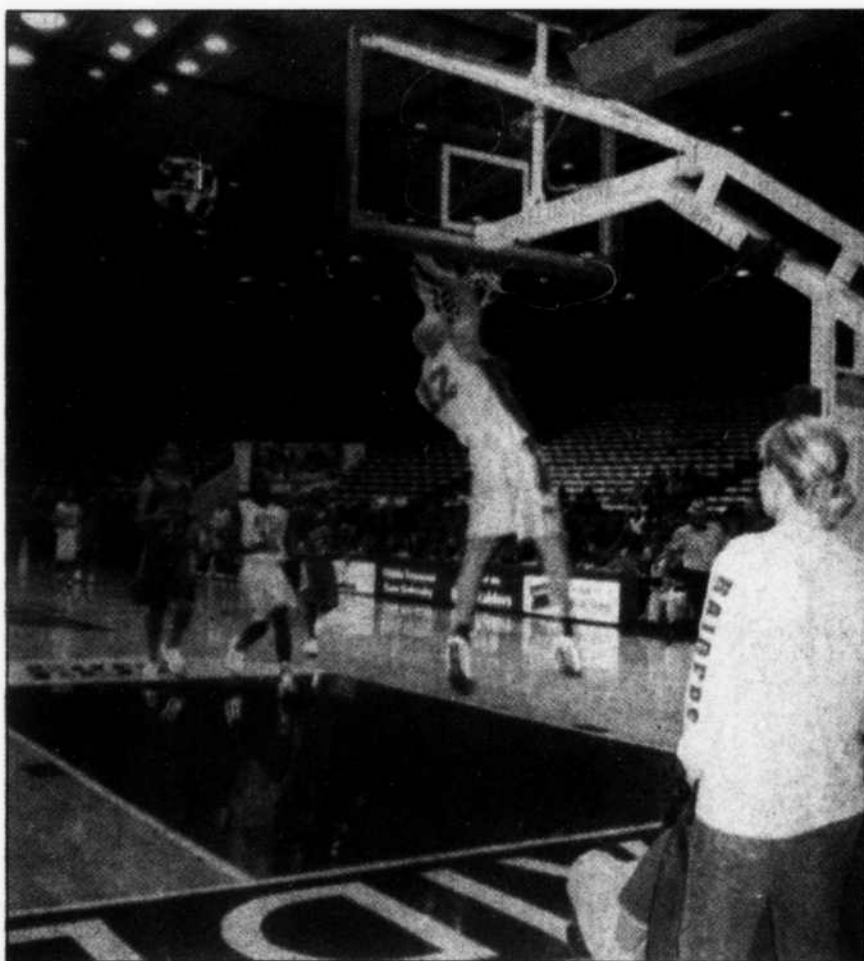


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Junior Iiro Tenngren slams home his points in an 88-56 win Thursday.



7 Day Sportscast

THURSDAY

■ **Volleyball**
Sun Belt Tournament
TBA

FRIDAY

■ **Women's Basketball**
Lady Raiders vs. Tennessee St.,
Season Opener
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
5:30 p.m.

■ **Men's Basketball**
Blue Raiders vs. St. Francis, Ind.
Season Opener
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
7:30 p.m.

■ **Volleyball**
Sun Belt Tournament
TBA

SATURDAY

■ **Football**
Blue Raiders vs.
Louisiana-Lafayette
FINAL HOME GAME
Murfreesboro, Tenn.,
2 p.m.

■ **Volleyball**
Sun Belt Tournament
TBA

SUNDAY

■ **Volleyball**
Sun Belt Tournament
TBA

MONDAY

■ **Football**
The Andy McCollum
Show,
News Channel 5+
10:35 p.m.

