

Real ID causes concern

Act mandates federal driver's ID, security becomes an issue

By Josh Hudson
Staff Writer

A law demanding federalized drivers' licenses was passed under the radar, but has recently been caught in a nationwide debate.

Several states are rising in opposition to the federal law that will create national standardized driver's licenses, citing expenses and leaving citizens more vulnerable to identity theft.

The Real ID Act, the law which was passed by Congress in 2005, will make all federal agencies recognize only driver's licenses and identification cards that meet the requirements of the act issued by the state. These federal matters include boarding a domestic flight or opening a bank account, among others.

So far six states have passed legislation that are in direct opposition to the act. Among these states are Maine, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming, Montana and Georgia.

Tennessee has still yet to take an outspoken stance on the issue.

"Governor [Phil] Bredeesen is expecting to see the guidelines [of implementing the Real ID Act] in the spring and seeing how they will impact Tennessee," said Lydia Lenker, press secretary for the governor's office.

"I do not see how this bill would have an effect, since federal law trumps state law."

—Jeremy Arie

Georgia Senator Mitch Seabaugh introduced Senate Bill 5, which states that the exact requirements of the Real ID Act have yet to be defined, and several deadlines ranging from November of 2005 to January of 2007 have passed with no requirements established.

In addition to this, the bill states that the Real ID Act was tacked to the end of a spending bill for defense and tsunami relief, allowing it to slip through without careful examination. Without taking a closer look at the bill, some fear that this will leave documents more vulnerable to counterfeiting and citizens more susceptible to identity theft.

Once the law is implemented, that states will also be required to share related information with the other states.

Another concern is the estimated \$11 billion states will have to spend to implement the changes with no federal money allocated to aid with the transition.

Jeremy Arie, Deputy Director of the Georgia Senate Press Office, said that the bill would allow Georgia state officials to ignore the law until the Department of Homeland Security outlines a step-by-step protocol for the transition.

"I do not see how this bill would have an effect, since federal law trumps state law," Arie said. "I think it may be more of a gesture to the Department of Homeland Security - that they need to address this issue further."



From left, Chirssy Givens, Amber Holt and Johnna Abney of the Lady Raiders pass out beads last Thursday night as they watch the parade before the doubleheader game for both men's and women's basketball. In keeping with the time of year, the theme of the night was Mardi Gras.

Students celebrate Mardi Gras with MTSU sports

By Michelle McCrary
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Last Thursday night, students celebrated Mardi Gras MTSU style at Murphy Center.

Blue Raider fans came out in full force to cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams. Only this time, they came wearing their traditional blue and white with purple, green and gold.

"It's my favorite game of the season," said Tina Stackens, senior animal science major. "I came last year and had a great time. It's fun catching beads and seeing people catching them."

The Lady Raiders took on Florida International and fans came out to show their support of their team. Sororities and fraternities like Delta Omicron and Gamma

Beta Phi came out to show their school spirit and support for MTSU athletics.

"Girls games are great," said Lorelei Rackauskas, senior recording industry major and president of Gamma Beta Phi. "Krystle Horton is our girl."

Students also came out in homemade T-shirts with shakers and streamers ready to cheer on the men's team as well.

"The Mardi Gras theme adds to the [fun of] the game," said Crystal Griffey, senior communication disorder major and social chair for Gamma Beta Phi. "I wish the fraternities and sororities had dressed up more. I especially like the banners."

Stackens, Rackauskas and Griffey were dressed in purple and green masks, several strands of multi-colored beads, feather boas. They are regular supporters of the

MTSU Lady Raiders.

"Last year we played Louisiana Lafayette in Louisiana during Mardi Gras, and it was like a big party," said Brad Smith, assistant director for MTSU marketing. "Everyone had a great time, and it was a huge success."

Smith said the Mardi Gras theme was chosen due to its previous success over the past several years, and last year's Mardi Gras night at the basketball game was one of the largest student turnouts for last season.

Even MTSU's own 'dancing man' came out to support his Blue Raiders by dancing his way through the crowd to conjure up school spirit for the Raiders.

A Mardi Gras parade was held during half-time of the MTSU men's basketball

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Date set for Rec project ground-breaking

By Josh Daughtery
Staff Writer

MTSU will celebrate the groundbreaking for the Recreation Center expansion this Friday.

The Rec Center expansion project has moved from the planning phase into the construction phase, said Arthur Reed, project manager.

A groundbreaking ceremony to indicate the beginning of construction will be held in the Rec Center's dance and aerobic center, said Tom Tozer, director of News and Public Affairs.

There will be several speakers at the groundbreaking said Kim Edgar, executive assistant to the president. Speakers include President Sidney McPhee, Rick Chapman, director of Student Health Services, and Charles Gregory, director of the Rec Center.

Chapman said he and his staff cannot wait for the expansion to be completed.

"This is our busy time of the year, and our current facilities are stretched to the max," Chapman said.

He said right now some students have to stand in the hallway because it is so crowded.

The Rec Center expansion will double the number of exam rooms, add an X-ray machine as well as a pharmacy, Chapman said.

He also said the expansion will add a dedicated room for immunizations, which will help students who travel abroad in international programs. With the new facilities, a nurse or student could actually go to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site and look up the immunization shots needed for the country the student is visiting.

"Our current space for immunizations is tight and not as confidential as we would like," Chapman said.

With the groundbreaking on Friday, construction will soon close the Rec Center parking lot.

Nancy Weatherly, Transportation and Parking Services manager, said the Rec Center parking lot would close during spring break.

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Students contribute to pollution problem

By Ashley Brase
Staff Writer

Students and campus employees commuting daily may be contributing to traffic and air pollution at MTSU and in Murfreesboro.

While the large number of students and employees driving to campus every day may cause problems with the number of parking spots available, it also adds to campus traffic and decreases air quality.

Parking is added yearly, now with 94 parking lots on campus for a total of 12,983 parking spots.

Parking services has issued 23,198 parking passes this semester, with 20,047 issued to students currently enrolled and 2,791 issued passes have been distributed to professors and campus employees.

"I live on campus and would rather walk to all my classes," said Emily McDonald, agribusiness and horse sciences major. "The horse sciences building is off campus and the traffic to get there is always ridiculous."

McDonald, formerly a resident of Knoxville said, although the traffic does cause some air pollution problems around Murfreesboro, it is not as bad as the air quality in Knoxville.

There are 3,200 students living on campus at maximum capacity. Of those, most own cars, said Vicki Justice-Love, associate director of Housing Administration.

Bicycle riding is an option for many students living on or off campus to avoid traffic. Bike racks are located outside of each building on campus for easy access to students.

"I live on campus and bike to two classes a day," said Erin Halcott, freshman special education major. "I never have any problems finding a place to park my bike on campus."

Those students who have to drive a long distance to get to campus have several environmentally friendly options, such as flex fuel vehicles that utilize E85 or Biodiesel, as opposed to regular fuels.

Another option is hybrid vehicles which alternate between



There are 94 parking lots on campus and more are built each year. The parking lot between Gracy Hall and science building, which is set aside for faculty and staff, is packed during the week.

using regular gasoline and electricity from batteries charged by friction in the breaks.

Reddell Honda on Church Street typically has several hybrid vehicles on the grounds, according to Sales Consultant Joe Semmes.

"I just sold one to a girl from MTSU last week," Semmes said. "It's usually a pretty good incentive for students that the

campus to Nashville may carpool with other students or take a bus.

"I live on campus and don't own a car, so I take the bus to Nashville to meet friends on the weekend," said Kenny Torrella, junior recording industry management major, while waiting at a bus stop in front of the James Union Building.

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Mardi Gras: Students participate

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game. Several groups including delegates from Middle Tennessee Medical Center, Blue Raiders Athletic Association, the MTSU Lady Raiders basketball team, the MTSU cheerleaders, students showing their school spirit and the MTSU football team all participated. The grand marshal for the parade was Lightning. These groups threw out beads, candy and medallions to the crowd.

The only major problem for the evening was some students said they were upset that Mardi Gras night was not publicized more.

"Marketing for this night was not very good," Rachauskas said. "It could have been a lot better."

Griffey suggested that MTSU athletics should put on more competitions and give awards for student's efforts.

"I think they should reward [student] organizations based on how many members showed up to the game and participated," Griffey said.

Rachauskas, Griffey and Stackens all attended last year's game and remember a better student turnout.

"It seems like more people dressed up last year," Rachauskas

said. "There are not a lot of activities before or during the girl's game. I wish there was more."

Students offered suggestions for themes which they would like to see during the basketball games such as western night, decades night or a beach party theme.

"There are over 100 student organizations on campus, and I would like to see more of them here at events like this," Rachauskas said. "Greeks always turn out, but these events are for everyone. [I think] more than Greeks need to be here."

By the end of the night, the Lady Raiders beat FIU 66-59, while the men's team suffered a close loss at 69-67. ♦

Pollution: Mass transit not utilized

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The Raider Express bus system is available for students looking for a ride around campus without having to find parking.

"We just ordered new buses and are planning a bus lane in certain areas around campus so car drivers stuck in traffic will see the buses passing them and will start to see the bus system as a faster way to get around," said Nancy Weatherly, manager of Parking

and Transportation Services.

Students living close to campus may choose just to walk to campus.

"Walking here every day is good exercise, and it's so convenient just to walk and not have to worry about finding parking and being stuck in traffic," said Sitti Saban, sophomore mass communications major.

With options to help reduce traffic and the amount of air pollution around MTSU and the

Murfreesboro area, the annual rise of students at MTSU could be less damaging on our environment.

"I'd say we have thousands more students every semester and that many cars have to have some negative effect on our environment," said Tim Jacobs, junior biology major.

Murfreesboro's ozone level was rated "good" at 30 to 48 parts per billion, Saturday, Feb. 17, according to the National Weather Service. This rating is part of a system guide to air pollution in the ozone. ♦

Rec center: expansion beneficial

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"We've already got a sign on the lot telling people it's going to be closed," Weatherly said.

They will be putting the date

of the closing on the sign soon, she said. The sign should help student anticipate the closure of the lot.

She said she does not expect there to be a disruption in park-

ing after the lot is closed.

"There is the large gravel lot next to the Rec Center," Weatherly said. "I don't expect there to be [many] problems."

The Rec Center groundbreaking will be held on Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. ♦

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Campus Briefs

Conference looks at performance and gender

The 2007 Interdisciplinary Conference in Women's Studies, which is conducted once every two years, will take place Feb. 22-24 in the James Union Building.

The theme for the 2007 conference is "Performing Gender," which will feature noted speakers in a panel discussion, a film series, performances and presentations of scholarly papers.

Jill Dolan, author of "Presence and Desire: Essays on Gender, Sexuality and Performance" and "Utopia in Performance: Finding Hope at the Theatre," will be the keynote speaker for the conference. Dolan's work bridges the gap between theory and practice in performance studies, queer theory

and post-structural feminism.

Other panel speakers include historian and president of the Tennessee Transgender Action Committee Marissa Richmond, director, performance scholar and professor of theatre at Ohio State University Lesley Ferris.

The conference will also premiere Deb Margolin's new full-length work. Margolin is a founding member of the Split Britches Theatre Company and has been awarded an OBIE award for Sustained Excellence of Performance from *The Village Voice* and the Joseph Kesselring Prize for playwriting. She is the author of seven full-length performance pieces, which she has performed off-Broadway and throughout the United States.

MTSU's Women for Women student organization will also perform during Saturday's lunch.

Registration for the conference is \$75 (\$85 off-site) for non-stu-

dents and \$30 (\$35 off-site) for students, unemployed and underemployed individuals.

The conference fee will be waived for the students, faculty, administration and staff of MTSU.

For more information on the conference and registration visit <http://womenstu.web.mtsu.edu> and click on "Women's Studies Conference" or call the Women's Studies Program at 898-5910.

Symphonic band holds concert

The MTSU Symphonic Band will join the Chambers Winds for a performance on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the T. Earl Hinton Hall of the Wright Music Building.

The Chamber Winds will be performing a variety of compositions including Karl Husa's "Divertimento," as conducted

by Craig Cornish, MTSU's associate director of bands, as well as Clifton Williams' "Fanfare and Allegro."

"The Symphonic Band program consists mostly of classics for band or orchestra by well-known and recognized composers," Cornish said. "Fanfare and Allegro" and "George Washington Bridge" are both considered cornerstones of the modern Symphonic Band repertoire."

For more information on this and other events in the McLean School of Music, call 898-2493 or visit <http://www.mtsumusic.com>.

Boxes needed to help food drive

The Student Government Association, Athletics and Student Organizations and Community Service are co-sponsoring a food

drive during MTSU's family weekend Feb. 23-25.

Boxes are needed to put food in and then be stacked to reach the basketball goal.

Students are asked to contact Jamie Burns at jburns@mtsu.edu or Rob Patterson at rpatters@mtsu.edu if they have any boxes and would be willing to contribute them.

Boxes should be turned in by Feb. 23 in Keathly University Center Room 326. If students can't turn in their boxes to the KUC, contact the KUC and someone will pick up the box.

MTSU plans for family weekend

The first spring Family Weekend is set for Feb. 23-25.

Family Weekend, which is sponsored by New Student and Family Programs, is when students and their families can attend sporting events such as basketball, softball and baseball games, attend the MTSU production of "Ramona Quimby," Feb. 23 or Feb. 24, hear the MTSU Symphonic Band and Chamber Winds Feb. 23 or attend a performance by illusionist Wayne Hoffman on Feb. 23.

"This should be a fun weekend, and certainly will be busy," Rob Patterson, New Student and Family Programs coordinator, said.

Patterson said one of the main focuses will be promoting attendance for the Feb. 24 Senior Day basketball games.

MTSU usually holds Family Weekend during the fall, but the 2006 home football schedule, which included two Thursday night games and a Friday night game in Nashville did not allow for it to take place.

"This is the first time we've done it with basketball, baseball and softball," Director Gina Poff

said. "Hopefully the weather will be good. We think it will be a big success."

MTSU students will attend free with ID, while there is a cost of \$30 to family members. The Feb. 23-24 baseball games v. Bowling Green and the "Ramona Quimby" performances will require additional admission fees. Family Weekend T-shirts will be available for \$10 each. Registrations will be taken until Feb. 23.

For more information including a list of sponsor hotels and weekend schedule, call 898-2454 or visit <http://www.mtsu.edu/~nsfp>.

Oakland Museum hosts storytelling

Oakland Historic House will host a special presentation of stories with Barbara Marthal in honor of Black History Month.

Her stories will focus on the lives of antebellum women of color both free and slave.

The event will take place Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. in Maney Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Oaklands House was built around 1818 on the property of James Maney and his wife, Sallie Hardy Murfree. Sallie inherited the property from her father, LT. Col. Hardy Murfree, for whom Murfreesboro is named. As the Maney family prospered, the original two-room brick house expanded and eventually became the spacious mansion on a 1,500-acre plantation it is today.

Oaklands Historic House Museum is located at 900 North Maney Ave. in Murfreesboro, which is a nationally registered landmark that reflects a time of prosperity in the Old South, as well as the hardships suffered during the Civil War.

For more information please call 893-0022.

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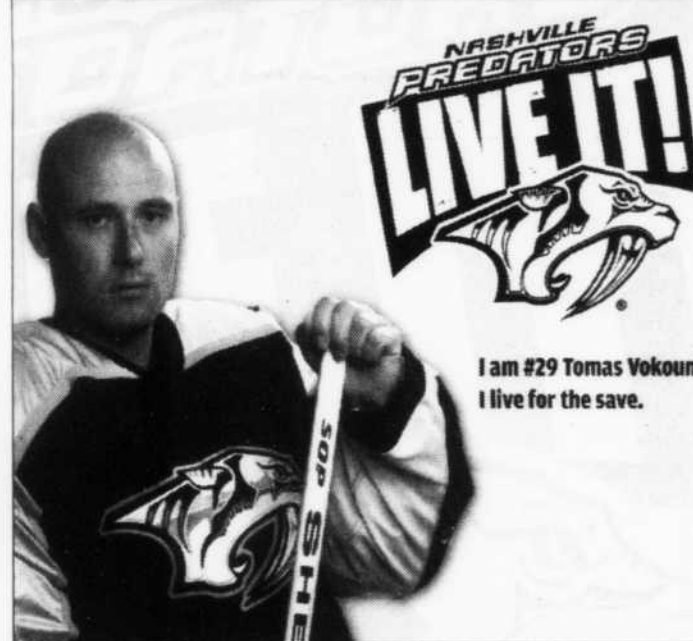
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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

Vehicle pollution bad, reliable busing good

We have all seen the cars on campus with the exhaust pipes that blow blue smoke. We have all seen the rainbows from vehicle fluids on the asphalt when it is raining. There is no denying that even the newest, nicest cars on campus still dirty up our precious ozone.

The campus has made efforts toward being environmentally friendly, there is no doubt about that. We do have a bus system with no set schedule. We do have the option of walking or biking, which can be very annoying when poor drainage causes the campus to flood. It also becomes inconvenient in the winter months. Can you honestly expect someone to walk or bike in 20-degree weather?

Now we have a dilemma. How do we cut down on pollution and parking problems all at once?

If we had a reliable bus system, with a set schedule that could be posted around campus, we might get around easier. Many students do not use the bus system because of one key issue – inconvenience. There are no schedules posted. There are no specific times that the buses make their rounds. There is no guarantee that the bus will get you to your class on time.

We can remember taking the bus in elementary school. When the bus comes rumbling up the block, you run outside, get on right in front of your house and it drops you off directly in front of the school building.

Why can't it be like that at MTSU? There should be another bus system that has a route involving apartment complexes within a reasonable radius around campus.

Additionally, the parking fee should be voluntary. Students should have to apply and pay for a parking pass. This will discourage those who are not commuters from driving.

As for the inconvenience – our society has made driving individual vehicles the most convenient form of transportation. Think about it – we even put our garages in the front of our houses. Students drive to and park on campus because we have made it more convenient. We would rather waste gas driving around campus looking for a parking spot for 20 minutes than wait an indeterminate amount of time for a bus that may or may not come.

Letter to the Editor

People who deserve aid not "stealing"

To the Editor:

After reading Matthew Hurtt's most recent column ["Socialist rule allows 'legal plunder,'" Feb. 15.] in which he suggests that social programs which help anyone he deems unworthy of help, are outright theft, I have some questions for him: Who pays for his education? Is it someone in his family with a lot of money? Because that would explain a lot. Is it a grant? A non-government scholarship? If so, is he better than me because someone besides the government gives him money? Is that still considered stealing?

Or are we to believe that he is paying his own tuition himself? If he does pay it alone, is it from money he earned or from money he inherited? If he truly believes that I am a thief – I get government grants to pay for my education – then he is something much, much worse.

He is what he hates. He is the one who believes he is owed something. Hurtt actually has the nerve to suggest that the Constitution be changed, so it can benefit him. He is the one who refuses to look past his own experiences and try to imagine what it might be like for someone who doesn't have the benefits he has.

I have no doubt that there is some abuse of social programs in this country, and we should certainly be doing something to curb this, but calling the programs themselves theft is unnecessary and hurtful to the people on this campus who receive government assistance and are working hard to better themselves through an education.

In Hurtt's perfect world, around half of the student body of MTSU would be forced to stop attending school here.

He is the minority on this campus, and he is the minority in this country. He is the one who stays up worrying about social programs taking his money, in order to build new homeless shelters, to provide women with adequate health care and vaccinations, to provide public transport in poor neighborhoods, to re-build homes in New Orleans – I know, I know they were all shooting at the helicopters, and spending their money on liquor, right? – to help send people like me to college.

Hurtt is the one who is filled with distrust for his fellow man, and he is the one who will forever be miserable because of it.

Michael O'Flin
Junior, Sociology

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"And Friends"

Frank Hasenmueller

Smoking substitute maligns medicine

If you have friends trying to wean themselves off of their addiction to cigarettes, you might want to think twice before shaking their hands. They – and the drug companies they buy from – might be passing their addiction along to you.

This is the concern being raised by non-smokers everywhere as the popular British cigarette replacement Nicogel begins its release here in the United States.

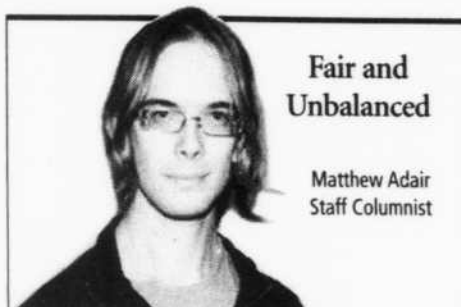
Nicogel is, as the name would suggest, a gel or lotion carrying nicotine that is rubbed onto the skin, where it is absorbed directly into the bloodstream, satisfying a smoker's craving for the drug. Taking a single dose, one milliliter, of the gel instead of lighting up a cigarette should be enough for just about anyone who smokes, according to its makers, Blue Whale Worldwide, Inc.

The company also claims that their product is the end-all answer to the problem of second-hand smoke. After all, if people used Nicogel instead of puffing away on a cigarette, people wouldn't have to breathe in tar and other lung-clogging irritants that leave the rest of us coughing our way through Peck Hall.

However, the gel brings with it a new host of problems. Blue Whale Worldwide claims that Nicogel is rapidly absorbed through the skin, leaving no residue.

However, no one outside of bloggers and advertising Web sites have been able to corroborate this claim, leaving one to wonder if the manufacturers aren't patting us all on the head and telling us not to worry about the potential side-effects of their product.

In fact, their own marketing Web site suggests that you wash your hands after applying Nicogel – just in case.



Fair and
Unbalanced

Matthew Adair
Staff Columnist

It goes without saying that I don't want to be addicted to a substance against my will, and neither do most people. Yet, if it turns out that the reassurances that you can't pass the nicotine in Nicogel along by touch are bunk, this is exactly what users will be doing every time any part of their skin that has come in contact with the gel, comes into contact with your own skin.

Without thought to this and seemingly without independent examination of the effects of Nicogel, companies such as Walgreens march gleefully onwards as they stock it on their shelves.

Worst of all, though, is that Nicogel, despite whatever benefits it has, is only a substitute for cigarettes. It contains the same amount of nicotine, providing the exact same effect. Unlike nicotine patches or gum, which have different dosage levels intended to slowly break the user's addiction, Nicogel users will remain dependent as ever on nicotine – only their method of getting it will change.

Essentially, Blue Whale Worldwide is selling a product meant to keep smokers addicted to a substance that provides no clear benefits. While there has been some research that suggests that smoking can delay the onset of diseases such as

Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, none of these have been consistently proven by scientists.

Unlike alcohol, which in small amounts improves the health of one's heart, or even marijuana, which research has shown to be useful as a pain reliever, nicotine's only use is to satisfy the cravings it causes.

Medicine's purpose is to cure what ails us, and to allow us to make right in the body what is wrong.

Without many of the medicines we have discovered or developed over the centuries, we would be all but helpless against disease and injury. Medical technology has not only extended our lives, but made those extra years worth living by keeping us in better physical condition for longer.

What Blue Whale Worldwide has developed in creating Nicogel is a corruption of medicine, turning its back on a long tradition of healing the body and instead riding along in the wagon of the snake oil salesman who sold poison as cure-alls over a hundred years ago.

Nicogel may make the air a little clearer, but the other possibilities it raises – creating a painless method for introducing a toxic substance to the body, as well as for passing it along to everyone else you meet – make any benefits it may have worthless.

If we are truly concerned about the health of smokers, as well as those affected by second-hand smoke, we should demand a better solution than Nicogel, one who's ultimate goal is to eventually end the addiction, once and for all.

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Partisan politics promote indecision

On Feb. 17, the Republicans put down a bill that in essence cuts off President George W. Bush's access to government funding to send another 21,500 troops to Iraq. The bill was six votes shy of passing, according to FoxNews.com.

This is the second time this winter that such a bill has been voted on by the Senate.

The interesting part about this second time around is that seven more Republicans took the side of the Democrats, as opposed to the first time, in which only two Republicans voted for the bill to pass.

The issue is not whether or not the Republicans and Bush are right. Nor is the issue whether the Democrats are right and we should end the war right now. The real issue here is that while our Congress is being an indecisive little girl, more and more of the troops they are debating about are dying.

The Democrats are getting angry and some of the Republicans have the air of indecision surrounding their heads. The president is requesting \$93 billion dollars to aid the military personnel already in Iraq and this is making Congressmen on both sides a little more than uneasy.

Rep. John Murtha (D-Penn.) stated in an interview broad-



A Rough Trick
Named Jim

Christin Pepple
Staff Columnist

casted on the internet that he intends to propose more legislation that prevents Bush from being allowed to keep troops in Iraq for more time than they are supposed to be and stop the new surge of money and troops into Iraq.

Well, isn't this charming? We have even more legislation mucking up the airways of communication between the Democratic and Republican parties that prevent any real decisions from being made.

Murtha's proposal is admirable because the money he wishes to keep from Bush's hands would go to the military personnel already in Iraq, thus equipping them better.

It would also deter \$93 billion dollars and 21,500 troops from leaving the United States, but one must also look at the side of what the money and troops would go to.

Maybe more money and more troops would put the final touches on ending this war.

The Republicans argue that if

we pull out now, the Iraqi people and the military still in Iraq would be in chaos and more people will die.

The Democrats' rebuttal is that no matter what we do, people are going to die anyway.

This means while our representatives argue and bicker, the people they are trying to save, on both sides, are dying.

Our country, our money, our armed forces, our government and our citizens are gridlocked over a festering black hole that is going to leave a bad taste in everyone's mouth 20 years from now. Some day, when all of the information is available and everything clear in retrospect, the people who were in charge are going to look back in memory and see that while they battled with words, pens and really expensive suits, people died as a result of their indecision.

No, the problem with our government is not that Bush is a conservative dictator or that the Democrats are crazy liberal fiends who want to cause a revolution. The problem is that we are so indecisive as a whole that as a result, precious time, money and most importantly of all, lives are being thrown down the toilet.

Abraham Lincoln once addressed the Hall of Representatives in a speech and

paraphrased the words of Jesus from the New Testament in the first few sentences:

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Our government is headed down a side street into total and extreme division with the Iraq war smack dab in the center.

Our political parties don't work together anymore. They scheme and slander each other and manufacture more evil than good for the product of the fruits of their labors.

Our government must reach a decision soon about the Iraq war. Whatever it takes, meditation, negotiation, pajama parties, they have to cast off their own slew of personal issues and work with people they despise and who despise them so that our military and the Iraqi people can benefit from it, because a civil war is brewing.

A civil war between political parties with 'civil' being the operative word is in the works.

Our government has to stop it and unite before more people die, Iraq becomes the next Vietnam, and the United States is thrown into anarchy.

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FEATURES

Unhealthy eating habits form in college Students fall into trap of greasy goodness

By Laura Roberts

Contributing Writer

With Spring Break quickly approaching, one thing is on most MTSU students' minds: looking good in a swimsuit. Who doesn't want to look great as they stroll nearly nude down the beach during the first week of March? Many students struggle with maintaining a healthy weight. There are five common mistakes that college students make and they are easily avoidable.

All of those times you run out the door and grab a bag of Fritos for the road, you are falling prey to the first major mistake.

It is called unhealthy snacking and many college students all over campus are susceptible to the habit.

"Twice a week I have a four-hour class from 12:40 to 5 p.m.," says junior fashion merchandise major Meredith Miller. "I grab a bag of cookies and chips to munch on during the class. I know it's not healthy, but I don't have time to grab a real meal."

Think it's harmless? Want to guess how many calories are in one three ounce bag of Mini Chips Ahoy? 450. And that two-ounce bag of Doritos? Another 450 calories.

It adds up quick.

While college schedules may not permit you to sit down and have three balanced meals a day, you can choose to snack healthily. Companies like Nabisco make this a little easier by offering 100 calorie packs of favorite items like Doritos, Oreos and Chips Ahoy cookies. Rather than spending your cash on vending machines on campus, dart into the food venues located in the James Union Building or John Bragg Mass Communications building. There, you have more options like yogurt, fruit or granola bars.

You're trying to look for something to do, and someone's like, 'Let's go get hamburgers. Let's go get ice cream.' Eating has become a form of recreation, rather than just simply eating [because you're hungry]."

—Jennifer Lucks

Almost all college students can relate to the next major problem: you are up studying into the wee hours of the night. You want take a study break, and lo and behold, end up at Steak-n-Shake. Or you get out of a party at two in the morning and where do you go? Krystal's, of course. Eating at night is fun and relaxing, but before you start smiling, let's go over some numbers.

800: the number of calories consumed from one Krystal's double bacon cheese burger. Or how about 892? That's the calorie count in a Steak-n-Shake mint chocolate shake.

At 3 a.m., the next thing you're going to be doing is sleeping and therefore not using up any of that excess energy.

So how do you stop the nocturnal munching? Decide for yourself what time at night you will stop eating and actually stop.

"I try not to make it a habit to eat past nine o'clock," says Chad Hanna, a senior health and human performance major. "I'm usually just going to be going to bed and don't need the energy anyways."

Whether it's 9, 10 or 11 p.m., decide at what point you'll stop eating for the night and stick to it.

In college, students associate eating with activity.

"You're trying to look for something to do, and someone's like, 'Let's go get hamburgers. Let's go get ice cream.'"

Eating has become a form of recreation, rather than just simply eating [because you're hungry]," says Jennifer Lucks, a junior majoring in entrepreneurship.

You get your friends together and you eat, sometimes a few times a day in addition to meals. It's fun. It's enjoyable.

It's adding pounds to your body and inches to your waistline.

While eating with friends is fun, try to come up with alternative ways to socialize. Whether you decide to head down to the Rec Center for a little one-on-one basketball

or grab a friend to gab with as you walk around the square downtown, don't make eating the only social thing you do with your crew.



Photo illustration by Brian Risse | Staff Photographer

Burgers, fries and pizza are three staples in a college student's diet. As tempting as the oozing grease, melty cheese and over abundance of salt may be, succumbing to the calorie-filled goodness will likely land you in the realm of the Freshman 15.

As a college student, you are surrounded by food that disguises itself as healthy. Stroll into McCallie's Dining Hall and you will see potatoes, stir fry with veggies and salads. Go over to the Keathley University Center and there's chicken sandwiches and sushi.

Look again, though. Those hash brown potatoes come with 270 calories for every three ounces. That serving of stir fry has 410 calories. Your BLT pasta salad? A whopping 917 calories. As far as the KUC goes, that Chick-fil-A chicken sandwich contains 410 calories, while a Green River Roll from Sushi Sushi has 490.

With the recommended daily calorie intake at 1,200 to 2,000, just eating one of the aforementioned items does not leave many options for later hours.

What is a college student to do? Choose wisely.

Get vegetables 'as is.' Leave dressings, croutons and bacon off your salads

whenever possible and always know that no matter what vegetable it is, if the word 'fried' comes before it, it is not going to be kind to your waist.

All the meals offered at McCallie's have their nutritional value posted. Every place in the KUC either has a brochure covering their nutrition or a sheet posted concerning the matter. There are healthy alternatives; you just have to look for them.

Lastly, the new energy drink craze has college students under its spell. Everyone knows that drinking enormous portions of alcohol will add pounds in no time at all, but nobody stops to think about the consequences of consuming energy drinks. Students turn to them like prayers in a time of need and unknowingly put away hundreds of calories in one night all for the sake of studying.

Here's the low-down: Mountain Dew's Amp Energy? For a 16-ounce

can you're getting 220 calories. Red Bull's 250-milliliter has 110 calories, while Sobe's No Fear 16-ounce can contains 260 calories.

If you have to stay up and you have got to have your energy drinks, then that is all there is to it. Next time, though, opt for the sugar-free alternatives offered by most energy drink suppliers — they work just as well.

"I drink the sugar-free Red Bull all the time," says Haley Griffith, a senior majoring in elementary education. "It has 10 calories per can, so I could drink 11 of those before I would equal one regular Red Bull as far as calories are concerned. It's an easy decision for me to pick the sugar-free kind."

By avoiding these five food traps with a little self-discipline, you can pull off that beach body in time for spring break. More importantly though, you can establish better eating habits that will help contribute to a healthier lifestyle. ♦

News fragments abound under YouTube's reign

By B.C. Bouchillon

Staff Writer

Just a flurry of key-strokes into the search box on YouTube's Web site and anything you could ever hope to find materializes.

Concise, mostly humorous video clips available for worldwide access abound under YouTube's reign. From presidential blunders to music, YouTube has everything in between.

Users film whatever they can conceive and post the finished products online. Clips are ranked by popularity, with the most watched videos receiving some million-odd views a day.

"It's absolutely perfect for killing time. At work, school, wherever. Just think of the most obscure pop culture reference you can and type it in," says MTSU alumni Sam Alford. "You'll be amazed at what you find."

YouTube is a free internet publishing-house and has become the ends and the means to find an audience for anything.

Google recently bought YouTube for an astounding \$1.65 billion.

"Our community has played a vital role in changing the way that people consume media, creating a new clip culture," Chad Hurley, CEO and Co-Founder of YouTube, says in a Google press release. "By joining forces with Google, we can benefit from its global reach and technology leadership to deliver a more comprehensive entertainment experience for our users and to create new opportunities for our partners."

YouTube's database is chock-full of blooper clips reminiscent



Photo illustration by Chris Barstad | Photography Editor

Senior Seth Dana and junior Rachel Green turn to faux-news anchor Stephen Colbert for political commentary and humor. The expanding YouTube regime has ushered in a new wave of fragmented news; rather than tuning into an hour-long broadcast, students point and click to hear what they want to hear.

of "The Daily Show."

Quick, punchy videos shrink-wrap content into their most basic form, usually for laughs. Whatever the original context, it's liberally reduced, content essentially designed for the attention deficit disorder generation.

Many of the videos are politically-themed, such as blooper shots of esteemed politicians putting their feet in their

mouths. When former Sen. Bill Allen (R-Va.) made his "macaca" comment directed at a Middle-Eastern filmmaker, his words spread rapidly through YouTube and he ultimately lost the recent election.

Full newscasts are often bogged down with irrelevant information so the technologically-savvy instead turn to YouTube. They point and click their way to infor-

mation, ultimately filtering what news they receive.

Faux news anchors like Jon Stewart, and more recently, Stephen Colbert, utilized this political humor before YouTube was a twinkle in a technophile's eye. Both "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" present side-stitch newscasts that are often insightful, but doubtfully the best place to receive unbi-

ased information.

Much like diligent YouTube editors, "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" cut and edit their clips. They shrink and reduce, until the news boils down to a handful of 15 second takes, cropped from the context of recent political speeches.

Here, it seems, YouTube has tapped into a new popular demand for fragmentation.

"Almost every college student I know gets their news from either 'The Daily Show' or 'The Colbert Report.' One or both and that's it," says junior aviation student Ben Anders. "I mean, it's obviously funny, and I love seeing [President George W.] Bush act ridiculous, but his politics, frankly, are what worry me."

What's more, splinter groups have discovered quasi-illegal ways to use YouTube. Mexican drug-traffickers post videos of their slain "enemies," somber shots of the dead bodies of rival gang members. Some videos offer rewards for video proof of similar murders. One particular clip shows a member of the Gulf Cartel handcuffed, lying on the ground and begging for his life.

"I think YouTube has some problems with monitoring content. Pornography has gotten on their Brazilian server a few times," says Nick Malloy, 25, of Murfreesboro. "They need to control their system, and it's so big, that might be hard."

Microsoft just released a beta version of its send-up of Youtube, which is called "SoapBox." The service offers all the same features, but the sheer volume of content online should double quickly.

This internet boom of self-publishing has ushered in a new breed of creativity. YouTube offers a plethora of content.

YouTube is a First Amendment advocate, especially now under Google's wing. However, the length of their clips do manage to reflect our ever-shortening attention spans and the hyperactivity present when people are given hyper options. We want to be entertained. ♦

SPORTS

Lady Raiders survive scare from FIU

Thursday, Feb. 15
Florida International 59
Middle Tennessee 66

Next Game at Troy State,
 Feb. 22

By Cody Gibson

Staff Writer

As the final buzzer sounded Thursday night, it was pretty evident that the Lady Raiders were not satisfied with their 66-59 win over Florida International.

This was their 21st straight win on the season, and clinched the conference outright. Middle Tennessee (24-3, 16-0 Sun Belt) is the first team to win 16 straight games, since Louisiana Tech did in 2001.

Yet, coach Rick Insell said this victory was not one of the team's best.

"We just didn't take care of the basketball," Insell said. "Chrissy Givens had six turnovers, Amber Holt, Johnna Abney, Krystle Horton, Latoya Barclay and Brandi Brown each

had three. Everyone got into the act on turnovers."

The total amount of turnovers for the Lady Raiders was 21, but Middle Tennessee did force 28, which led to the narrow victory.

Chrissy Givens paced the Lady Raiders with 17 points and had 9 rebounds. Givens played all 40 minutes in the victory. Krystle Horton also had 9 rebounds and contributed 12 points as well.

Horton believed her team struggled offensively and said the team needed to execute better.

"Coach told us that we weren't executing. We've got to execute, set our screens and get our picks right and look for the open man. That's pretty much it."

This is the closest a team has been to beating the Lady Raiders since their victory over Georgia in November.

Coach Insell explained that the team needed to be more aggressive from the outside.

Insell thinks taking more shots will help remedy the problem offensively.

"I was frustrated that we didn't take about 10 more [shots]. We had good looks. I'm satisfied with our 3-point shooting. You'll hit one, then you'll miss four, then you'll hit six, so you've got to keep taking them."

The shooting-struggles arose

in the second half as Middle Tennessee shot under, 39 percent and shot only seven three-pointers well below their season average.

Yet, defensively Middle Tennessee again proved why they are the number 17 ranked team in the country.

The Lady Raiders only allowed 23 points in the first half and were able to hang on by allowing 36 in the second.

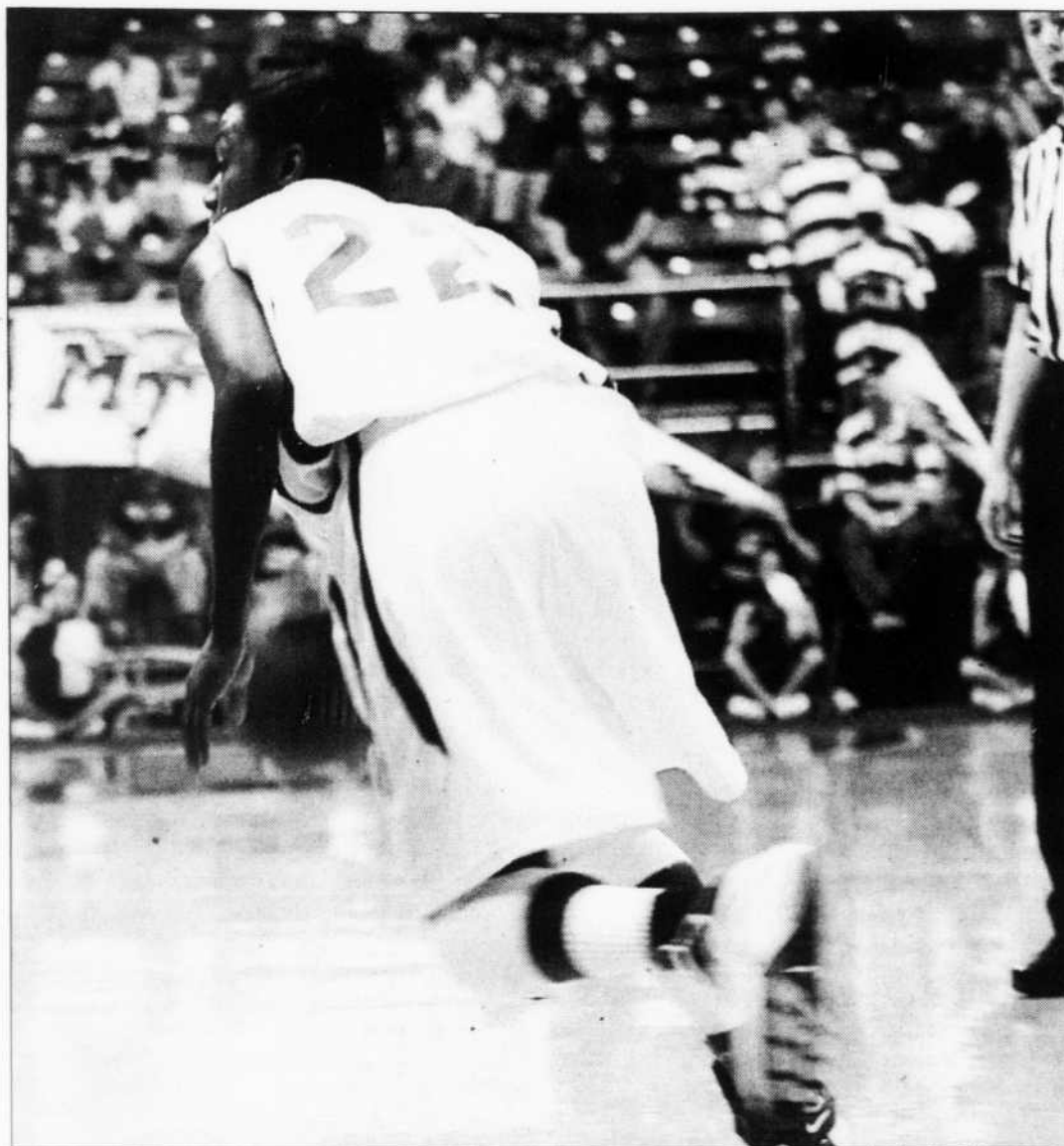
Scoring points off the turnovers was the key to the victory as Middle Tennessee had 26 and Florida International had 18.

The Lady Raiders set a new single-season record with their 24th win against FIU. The previous record was set by the 1982-83 who finished the season with 26 wins.

The win over FIU this weekend was 44th win at the helm for head coach Rick Insell and that in the most in school history by a coach, since 1988-89.

This upcoming week marks the final in the regular season. The Lady Raiders will travel to Troy, Ala. to take on the Lady Trojans.

Then, they will host Florida Atlantic for the final home game of the regular season Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. ♦



Chrissy Givens makes her way down the court against FIU on Thursday. MT defeated FIU 66-59.

Basketball team drops fourth straight

By Wesley Mize

Staff Writer

Florida International handed Middle Tennessee men's basketball team its fourth straight defeat in a dramatic fashion Thursday night in Murfreesboro.

Golden Panther's forward Alex Galindo knocked down a 3-pointer with nine seconds remaining to give FIU a 69-67 victory inside the Murphy Center.

"I was encouraged by our effort and enthusiasm and I thought we played harder than we had the past couple of games," said Blue Raider head coach Kermit Davis. "Florida International was simply more physical for 40 minutes. Galindo just made a great shot off a very good jump in the end."

MT jumped out to a 16-9 lead early in the first half but the lead would not last long.

The Golden Panthers (10-15, 5-10) ripped off a 10-2 run to take the lead at 19-18. FIU would extend the lead to 10 by halftime.

The Blue Raiders (12-15, 7-9) started the second half on an 8-0 run, and were able to re-take the lead at the 15-minute mark.

FIU answered back by taking the lead and not relinquishing it until the last minute of the game.

Kyle Young was able to draw a charge with 44 seconds remaining and Middle only down by one point.

Kevin Kanaskie was fouled on the following possession with MT in the bonus with only 37 seconds left in the contest.

Kanaskie made both free

throws to give Middle a 67-66 advantage. FIU called a timeout with 30 seconds remaining to set up a play.

Kanaskie nearly stole the inbound pass but was whistled for the foul instead. The Golden Panthers took the ball out at half court and set up their game-winning play.

FIU point guard Michael James drove down the lane to draw the defense's attention. Instead of shooting, he found Galindo open on the outside for the game-winning basket.

"Galindo started on the block with James driving to the basket," said FIU head coach Sergio Rouco. "We had a wing player set a screen for Alex and he was able to shoot and get an open look."

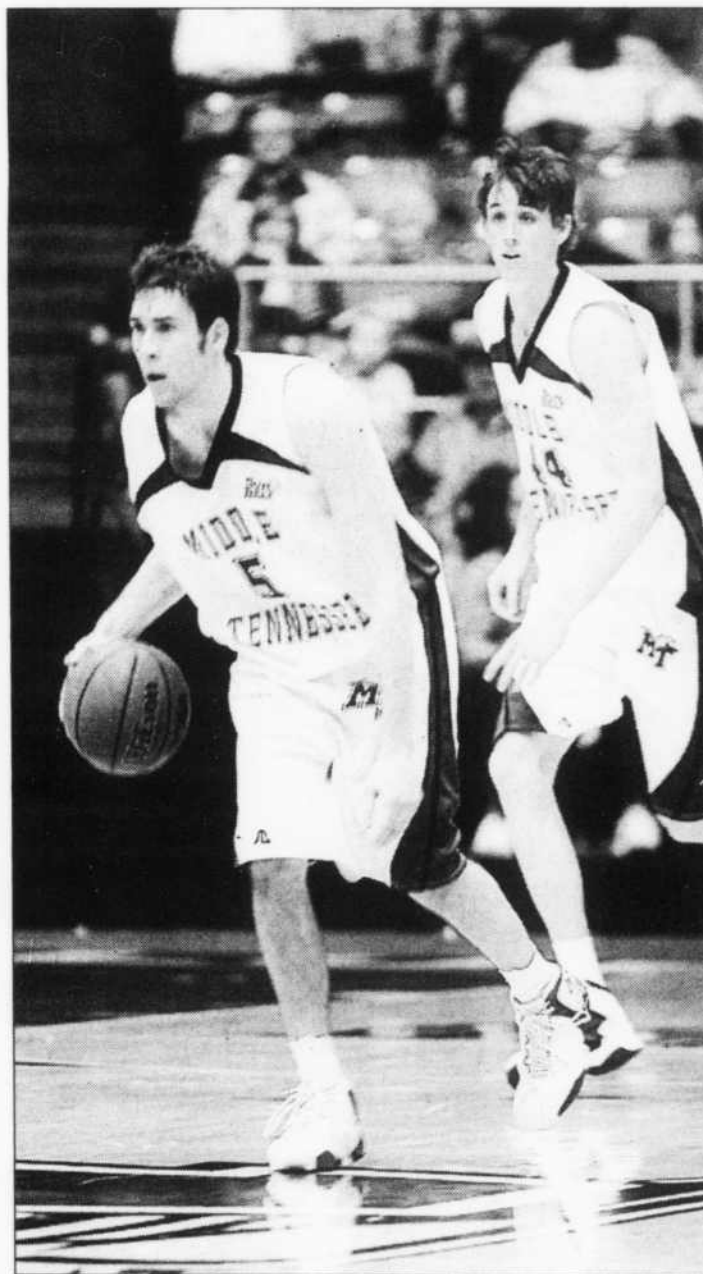
The Blue Raiders shot 49 percent for the game, four percent better than FIU, but the Golden Panthers were able to connect on 10 3-point baskets compared to only six for MT.

Desmond Yates led Middle with 21 points while Kanaskie added 16. Galindo led the Golden Panthers with 20 points.

The loss drops MT to fourth in the Sun Belt eastern division and ninth in the overall conference standings.

The top eight teams in the overall standings host a first round game in the upcoming conference tournament.

The Blue Raiders will travel to Troy on Feb. 22 and then home for the regular season finale with Florida Atlantic on Feb. 24. Tip-off is at 7 p.m. ♦



Kevin Kanaskie and Kyle Young move in to score on FIU. MT fell to FIU 69-67.



I am Sportacus

J. Owen Shipley
 Staff Columnist

Lady Raiders show signs of weakness in FIU game

Thursday night at the Murphy Center, the dominant Lady Raiders came within a few possessions of ending their coveted 21-game winning streak.

I might as well tell the truth. The reason I went to the game was not because I planned to cover it. When I found out that the writer who was supposed to be handling the recap wasn't even there, I didn't offer my services. I'd had a long day and to be honest, all I wanted was to sit inches from the court and watch some college hoops.

No taking notes, no flipping through press packets and no Googling player's names for embarrassing facts.

So that's what I did. I watched the game. I took maybe three notes. Still, I knew once the shootout in the second half started that I had to write something about what happened. Well, what almost happened.

How the Lady Raiders nearly lose after 16 straight conference wins? How could a lowly team like FIU — with a measly 9-6 conference record — topple the darlings of the Sun Belt? Well, for starters, they are actually a pretty "damn" good team.

After the game, MT Coach Rick Insell wasted no time giving all the credit to FIU. "Told you they had a good team didn't I," he said with a smirk as he opened the post-game press conference.

Regardless of how good the Panthers may be, MT's inconsistency and sloppy play obviously bothered the veteran coach. And he spread the blame around evenly. "Chrissy [Givens] had six turnovers, Amber [Holt] had three points. Everybody got in the action tonight."

When the game started with an 11-2 run by the Lady Raiders, it looked like the game was going to be a blow-out, but the Golden Panthers responded with a seven point run of their own. That was how the entire game went. Both teams scored scoring runs all night. In such a streaky game, MT should have held an advantage with all their talent but FIU, caused MT to make uncommon mistakes including

21 turnovers.

In the second half, FIU racked up four more points in the paint, seven more second chance points, and eight more points from their bench than MT. They shot 26 percent better from the field and had No. 5 Iva Ciglar not committed 14 turnovers, they would have won that statistical battle was well. If FIU hadn't dug themselves into such a hole in the first half, or had the game been longer, FIU could have easily upset the Lady Raiders.

Another reason for the drop off in second half production was MT's three point shooting. After starting the game 5-5 on threes, they went on to make only one of their next 14 shots from long range; including a combined 0-5 from Orr, Holt and Givens.

Insell wasn't concerned. "We had good looks. I think they ought to take more [shots]. I'd like to shoot 19-25 a night because it opens it up for Krystle [Horton]."

After watching a 21-point lead dwindle to a six point advantage, the Raiders started to look a little worried but Insell's strategy paid off. Horton rose to the occasion and had a career night with 12 points, 9 rebounds, and six assists. Her 10 points in the second half accounted for more than a third of MT's second half production.

Asked if she had focused on any particular part of her game that night, Horton was as humble as possible giving all the credit to her coach. "I always go out and focus on rebounding a little more. That's what coach wants and that's what leads to points."

Perhaps the winning streak is causing some complacency. Perhaps FIU really is that good. No matter what the reasons for the scare were, however, one thing was clear as I walked away from the Murphy Center on Thursday. MT is going to need to work on some fundamentals if they hope to go very far in March.

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Baseball team beats JSU in opener

Friday, Feb. 16
Jacksonville State 1
Middle Tennessee 12

Next Game at Samford,
 Feb. 20-21

By Clarence Plank

Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee baseball team opened the season with a 12-1 victory over Jacksonville State on Friday.

The Blue Raiders got 13 hits behind the arm of Matt Scott as he allowed only two hits in six innings.

Middle Tennessee scored four times in the fifth inning and added five more in the eighth to win the first game of a three-game series with the Gamecocks.

JSU touched Scott for two doubles in the top of the first to give JSU its only run on the game.

Scott (1-0) found his groove, retiring 14 of the last 15 batters he faced. JSU's Jake Ball walked in the second and erased the lead man with a 6-4-3 doubleplay.

MT's Shay Horseman got the call in the seventh for two scoreless innings, with Brad Robinson closing the door in the ninth.

JSU's Donovan Hand (0-1) allowed three runs before silencing the Raiders for three innings. MT lit Hand up for four runs in the fifth inning, with two hits and walks. Dillon Heath hit a two-run double to put the Raiders up.

Wayne Kendrick finished the game with four hits and three runs. Heath had three hits and three RBIs. Matt Ray went 2-for-3 as a leadoff hitter with three runs scored and a walk.

Ray walked in the fifth and Kendrick sin-

gled to left. Adam Warren walked to load the bases. Heath doubled scoring two runs and later Warren scored on a wild pitch. Doug Birkofer hit a sacrifice fly to score the final run of the fifth 7-1.

Birkofer played in the eighth, Rawley Bishop hit a two-run homer 9-1. A JSU error put Zach Barrett on base, and Alex Watson singled. Ray loaded the bases for the Blue Raiders after getting hit by a pitch.

Kendrick's single scored a run. Warren scored Watson on a sacrifice fly and Heath's single moved the final run across the plate.

Saturday's game was canceled and moved to Sunday as a doubleheader due inclement weather. For further information, check the Thursday edition of the Sidelines.

Middle Tennessee heads to Birmingham, Ala., to face Samford University on Feb. 20-21. ♦

INDOOR SOCCER**MONDAY MEN'S A LEAGUE 6-11 p.m.**

TEAM NAME	WINS	LOSSES	TIE
Internationale	0	0	1
Hall of Famers	0	0	1
Team 1 1	0	0	0
Azzurri****	0	1	0
Grown Men****	0	1	0
Make It Rain	1	0	0
Ninja Turtles	0	1	0
Easy C	1	0	0
Top Gunz****	0	1	0
Don Thava Team	1	0	0
The Gunners	0	1	0
Deuce's Wild	0	1	0

TUESDAY IFC 6-11 p.m.

PIKE (A)	0	1	0
BETA(A)****	0	1	0
K A	1	0	0
ATO	1	0	0
Pi Kappa Phi	0	0	0
SAE (A)	1	0	0
Sigma Pi	1	0	0
TKE	0	0	0
PIKE (B)	1	0	0
BETA (B)	1	0	0
SAE (B)	0	1	0
Sig Ep****	0	1	0

WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S 7-10 p.m.

A D Pi	1	0	0
A O Pi	1	0	0
ZETA	0	0	0

Kappa Delta	1	0	0
Free Agents	0	0	0
Were Not Greek	1	0	0
A X O	0	1	0
Chi Omega**	-	-	-

THURSDAY CO-REC B 6-7 p.m.

Red Wings	0	1	0
Felder 1st & Friends	0	1	0
NE SouthCentral United	1	0	0
Effin All-Stars	1	0	0

THURSDAY CO-REC A 8-11 p.m.

Blue Crew	1	0	0
Sumamerica F C	0	1	1
Off Constantly	0	1	0
Penguins	1	0	0
Showtime @ the Apollo	1	0	0
Who Cares	0	1	0
Hot Pockets	0	1	0
Azzurri	1	0	0

SUNDAY MEN'S B 6-10 p.m.

Saint Mina	1	0	0
Nu Nemisis	0	1	0
Your Mom	0	1	0
AHP	1	0	0
Blue Crew	1	0	0
BTS	0	1	0
Shiny Pennies	0	1	0
Felder 1st Floor	1	0	0
1st Floor Felder	0	1	0
Sons of Thunder	1	0	0

5 on 5 BASKETBALL**MONDAY MEN'S B 8, 9 p.m.**

Free Agent	0	2
Warriors	1	1
Valsalva	1	1
Kappa Sig	2	0
The Revolution	0	2
Freak Nasties	2	0
Tha Show	2	0
MT Bob	0	2

MONDAY MEN'S A 9, 10 p.m.

Rec Ballers	2	0
Team 1****	1	1
HARD****	0	2
Da Bears****	0	2
Got Goodie****	1	1
UnderWater		
Basket Weavers	1	1
The Kings****	1	1
IM All-Stars	1	1

TUESDAY MEN'S B 8 p.m.

We Fly High	0	2
Big Blue Wrecking Crew	2	0
Crunkards****	0	2
No Doubt	2	0
Nu Boyz	2	0
MP All-Stars	0	2

TUESDAY SORORITY 9 p.m.

A D Pi	2	0
A O Pi	2	0
A X O	1	1
X O	0	2
ZETA	0	2
Kappa Delta	1	1

TUESDAY MEN'S B 10 p.m.

Pacers	2	0
Legends	1	1
Warrior Face****	0	2
The Pretty Kittens	1	1
RawDogz	2	0
Ricky Bobby	0	2

WEDNESDAY IFC B 8 p.m.

*(based on wk 2 rush week - Teams who defaulted received nothing)

PIKE (B)	2	0
BETA (B)	1	1

WEDNESDAY IFC A 9, 10p.m.

*(based on wk 2 rush week - Teams who defaulted received nothing)

PIKE (A)	1	1
K A (A)	2	0
BETA (A)	2	0
SAE (A)	0	1
Sig Ep	1	1
Angry Apes	2	0
Sigma Chi	0	1
Sigma Pi	1	0
ATO	2	0
Pi Kappa Phi	1	0
TKE	0	1

THURSDAY WOMEN'S OPEN 7, 8

Area II	1	1
Lady Lyons	0	2
Angela's Team****	0	1
Lady Devils	2	0
Front Desk	1	1
Lady Ballas****	1	1
Lady Hoopaz	2	0
High School Alum	0	1

THURSDAY MEN'S B 8, 9pm

Make It Rain**	1	-
Effin All-Stars	2	0
PrimeTime	2	0
Air Ballers	0	2
A-L-L-S-T-A-R-Z	2	0
The Core	0	2
Spike's Team	1	1
ARMY ROTC	0	2
Vandalay Industries**	1	0
The Grovers	1	1

THURSDAY MEN'S A 10 p.m.

Trifecta	1	1
Desperate Housewives	0	2
Old School****	1	1
Project Exposure****	1	1
RUF	0	2
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Women's tennis team falls to Vandy, Sufi only winner in singles games

Middle Tennessee women's tennis team loses to Vanderbilt 6-1, for the fourth straight loss to ranked teams.

The Blue Raiders (2-4) lost five of the six singles matches to No. 25 ranked Vandy on Friday.

Liberty Sveke and Courtney Uley beat Pooja Kommireddi and Stephanie Parkison, 8-1. Take Bertrand and Catherine Newman defeat Marlene Chemin and Ann-Kristen Siljestrom, 8-5.

Amanda Taylor and Amanda Fish beat Hala Sufi and Claudia Szabo in a tiebreaker, 7-0.

Sufi was the only Blue Raider to win a singles match. Uley beat Parkison, 6-1, 6-1. Newman beat Chemin, 6-0, 6-2. Taylor defeated Siljestrom, 6-1, 6-2. Sveke beat Kommireddi, 6-3, 6-0. Caroline Ferrell beat Szabo, 6-1, 7-5. Sufi defeated Bertrand, 6-4, 6-3. ♦

No. 25 Vanderbilt 6, MT 1**SINGLES**

1. Hala Sufi (MT) def. Taka Bertrand (VU), 6-4, 6-3
 2. Amanda Taylor (VU) def. Ann-Kristin Siljestrom (MT), 6-1, 6-2
 3. Catherine Newman (VU) def. Marlene Chemin(MT), 6-0, 6-2
 4. Courtney Uley (VU) def. Stephanie Parkison (MT), 6-1, 6-1
 5. Liberty Sveke (VU) def. Pooja Kommireddi (MT), 6-3, 6-0
 6. Caroline Ferrell (VU) def. Claudia Szabo (MT), 6-1, 7-5
- Order of Finish: 4,3,2*,5,1,6

DOUBLES

1. Taylor-Amanda Fish def. Szabo-Sufi, 8-7 (0)
 2. Bertrand-Newman def. Chemin-Siljestrom, 8-5
 3. Sveke-Uley def. Kommireddi-Parkison, 8-1
- Order of Finish: 3,2*,1

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