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## SIDELINES IN BRIEF

### Smith not impressed

Despite earning her first regular season win, Lady Raider coach Stephany Smith was not impressed with her team's performance. Poor second half shooting and a collapse of their defense allowed the Bruins a close game. (see story, page 8)

### Tuck's Thanksgivn' Jam

RapBall Records will host "Tuck's Thanksgivn' Jam" Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. The free event features the acts Black Soulz, Guillotine, Tuck, F.O.D. (Faces of Death), Christy and Brandy and Sea-Sea. (see story, page 7)

### Mock Trial teams place

Two of MTSU's Mock Trial teams placed in the top 10 at the Regional Invitational Mock Trial Tournament this past weekend. Keith Slocum was honored as a top attorney while Adrian Holloway was honored as a top witness. Renee Chapman received an honorable mention as an attorney. (see story, page 3)

## MTSU IN BRIEF

### Fraternity seeks support

Sigma Rhomeo, Alpha Upsilon chapter, is in its second semester here at MTSU, having been established in March. Originally founded in 1936 as an auxiliary group of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, the organization became a separate fraternity in 1980. Sigma Rhomeo has informational meetings for prospective members at the beginning of every semester, but is currently seeking support as they continue to establish themselves as a fraternity. Those who have input or ideas can contact Justin Harris at 3654 or talk to any Sigma Rhomeo member.

### Fitness tour hits campus

The Jeep Collegiate Health and Fitness tour will be on campus today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the lawn between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building. The free event will include rock climbings, jousting, mountain bikes, baseball, soccer, football. Bouncy Boxing, interactive computer health and awareness games. Students can register to win a Dodge Neon or a Jeep at the event.

### Peck Scholarships to be presented

The English department's Richard C. and Virginia L. Peck Fund has awarded some 140 scholarships over the past twenty years, totaling \$162,000. Named Peck Scholars for the 1997-98 academic year are undergraduates Katrina Hale, Janet Patterson, Charles Goldthwaite and Mary Cummins. Graduate Peck Scholars are John Greer, Maria Clayton and Brian Ray. The \$1,000 awards will be presented to this year's Scholars in a ceremony to be held at the Alumni Center on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited.



**Know of something noteworthy happening on campus? Call the Sidelines news desk at 898-2336 or fax us at 904-8487. Information can also be mailed to box 42.**

## Financial aid subject of federal audit

□ Susan McMahan/staff

Federal and state auditors are investigating the financial aid department after questions arose about student loan applications.

The audit, which began early this month, covers the loan applications of only a small number of students, according to Doug Williams, director of news and public affairs.

Auditors have not said what they are looking for and Williams said they probably will not release their findings until the audit is complete.

"They haven't released any information," Williams said, "and I don't think it would be wise to speculate at this point."

Winston Wrenn, the former director of the financial aid office, retired from MTSU on Nov. 14.

Williams said he was unsure if Wrenn's replacement had been named.

A source inside the Cope Administration Building, where the financial aid office is located, said Wrenn is "directly involved" with the audit.

John Lynch of news and public affairs said he was not sure if Wrenn was involved.

"It's [Wrenn's] prerogative to talk about his employment here," Lynch said.

Wrenn, who had been working at MTSU since 1973 and obtained all his academic degrees here, was unavailable for comment and a person who answered the phone at his home said she could not answer questions about Wrenn's retirement from MTSU.

David Hutton, associate director of financial aid, confirmed an audit was taking place, but referred all questions to the news and public affairs office.

The news and CAB also said that auditors had locked up the filing cabinets in the financial aid office while investigating.

"Auditors typically like to secure all the records up to a point," Williams said, adding that he thought that MTSU's records had been secured.

There are two ways for a university to undergo an audit, according to Stephanie Babyak, a spokesperson for the public affairs

office for the U.S. Department of Education in Washington.

The first way is an audit conducted by an independent certified public accountant and the second is an audit conducted by the inspector general. Audits done using an independent CPA are done annually and are required by law.

Inspector general audits, like the audit going on at MTSU, can either be done routinely or if they feel it is "necessary," Babyak said.

The policy of the department of education is to neither confirm nor deny that an audit is taking place. Babyak said she could not discuss in general terms what happens when an audit is being conducted by her office.

"Not in this case no," she said.

Babyak said she can release details about an audit after they are completed and advised "Sidelines" to keep contacting her periodically.

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**Doug Williams,  
director of news and  
public affairs**

## Break!



A worker setting up the Jeep Collegiate Health and Fitness Challenge takes a break to play football Sunday afternoon. The free event runs Monday and Tuesday on the lawn between Peck Hall and Cope Administration Building.

Chad Gillis/staff

## Thieves target women's dorms

□ Lesli Bales/staff

Female residence halls have been targeted recently for crimes of opportunity. A thief is using the crucial minutes when residents are just down the hall in the bathroom or in the lobby checking in a male guest to enter unlocked doors and take whatever is laying around.

Although only 17 thefts have been reported to public safety from female dorms this semester, many more have occurred. For instance, of the 19 rooms on the third floor of Rutledge Hall, 13 have reported thefts to the resident assistant (RA), not all of which were reported to public safety.

Across campus at Cummings Hall, 17 of 33 rooms on the sixth floor have fallen victim to either theft or an attempted break-in.

In fact, there have been 194 larcenies—a category that includes any type of theft on campus—this semester alone.

In response to this crime spree, officers Jeff Kelsey and Kristen Hancock of MTSU Public Safety gave crime prevention seminars to several female residence halls last week.

Many of the thefts from female dorm rooms are happening in a similar fashion. Kelsey believes there may be more than one suspect.

The suspects have been going into the hall bathrooms under the guise of looking for a specific woman. When the resident in the shower answers that she is not that woman and gives her name, the suspects enter that resident's vacant room.

According to Kelsey, this qualifies as a crime of opportunity—the thief sees an easy way to take something

and does. Because most residents have not, in the past, locked their doors before leaving for a short period of time, dorm rooms have been an easy target.

Many rooms have nametags on the door. According to Area IV coordinator Kathy Locke, this is not mandatory, but many RAs and residents like having nametags in order to get to know their neighbors and to promote a feeling of community.

Whether the removal of the nametags could deter the crime spree is yet to be seen. According to Rutledge Hall's third floor RA, residents on the third floor removed their nametags earlier this month, but crime has continued.

The items most commonly taken are those usually found in wallets or purses: credit cards, ATM cards, checks, drivers licenses, social security cards and cash money. According to Kelsey, check cards—which can often be used without a PIN number or personal ID—are especially dangerous to have stolen.

The suspects using the shower tactic have not gone undetected. A female has been walking into unlocked rooms while people were still occupying them. According to residents who have been walked in on, the suspect quickly explains that she is looking for someone and has the wrong room. At the time, residents did not think anything of the incidents. However, at least three girls remember seeing a suspect.

Public safety is in the process of getting a composite sketch from residents' descriptions. Once the

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## Low bidding leaves money for proposed quadrangle

□ Bryan Brooks/staff

Over \$7.6 million was left over when the new library was underbid, and the school has already obtained permission from the state to use a little over \$3 million of that to update the library and is pursuing the rest.

Patti Miller, director of campus planning, said that the funds will be used to, "bring [the library] up to speed technologically where it needs to be."

The funding surplus was created when the school received, "an excellent deal and an excellent project," from Hardaway Construction Corp., according to Miller.

Miller said the \$3 million is to be spent on specialized library equipment and furnishings for the library. The school is requesting the Tennessee Board of Regents for the additional \$4.5 million.

The \$4.5 million would be used to

buy more computers for the new library, for planning of Todd library renovations, and for construction of the new quadrangle, Miller said.

The quadrangle lies between the new library and the Bragg Mass Communication and Business-Aerospace Buildings. Miller said they intend for the quadrangle to become an intricate part of campus.

Miller said the goal is to be able to keep all of the surplus funding. The question is to be decided through the Capital Budget Approval process which is where the governor and state legislature must approve it.

Miller also said a bell tower is being planned, possibly in the quadrangle. She said it is in very preliminary stages, and that she had heard the idea from President James Walker.

"The campus is looking for a symbolic element that would serve as the focal point to the campus," said Miller.

## SGA calls for presentation from mascot implementation task force

□ Jamie Evans/staff

Last Wednesday, opposition arose concerning a new bill proposed by Student Government Association Senator Stephen Flatt calling for the mascot implementation task force to present a detailed presentation to the SGA so that they can give some student feedback before the new mascot is officially changed next January.

"We just look foolish if we pass this bill," said Senator Michael Whitaker. "We have no power."

This bill was written in response to the campaign that is being launched to promote the new mascot and sports logo. The mascot task force is wanting to get as many students as possible to come to the MTSU basketball game against TSU on January 17, where Old Blue will enter history and the new mascot will be unveiled.

Flatt said he is worried because there is a growing amount of anxiety among the student population concerning what type of image the new mascot will project.

Flatt said he wants the SGA to be able to give an opinion on the new mascot since, according to Flatt, the SGA represents the feelings and ideas of the students.

Representative Gregg Atwood agreed with Whitaker by saying that it did not really matter if the SGA passed the bill or not because the mascot committee was not going to release the mascot anyway.

Other members were infuriated by the notion that the SGA had no power.

"The SGA was responsible, at least partially, for the removal of the parking manager," said Attorney General for the SGA Jeff Beaumont. He was referring to the former director of Parking Authority Charlotte Hunt who was taken out of office by the Finance and Administration office because of friction between her and the SGA.

"The SGA does have some limited power, just not on this issue," Whitaker said. "I think we should just

## SGA in Action

Three bills and one resolution were passed during the joint session of the SGA on Nov. 19:

### - HB-8-97F

The enacted bill asks Parking Authority to redesignate one parking place adjacent to each resident hall to a 15-minute, meter-regulated space.

### - HB-9-97F

The enacted bill states that Ground Services must repair the roads in front of Nicks Hall, and that the Construction Services Department must ensure that the road in front of Corlew and Cummings Hall be returned to its original quality.

### - SB-4-97F

The enacted bill states that the Mascot Implementation Task Force must present, before the end of the fall semester, a detailed presentation to both houses of the SGA discussing the new mascot change. The presentation is required to ease the dissent among the student population concerning the mascot.

### - SR-1-97F

The resolution states that the Parking Authority redefine the Traffic and Parking Regulations to state that ticketing will stop at 5:30 p.m. in Lots 19 and 23, and at 6:30 p.m. throughout the rest of campus, with the exception of yellow curbs, no parking zones, disabled spots and emergency lanes and reserved spaces.

accept reality."

The bill passed the house of representatives and the senate and now moves on to the approval of SGA

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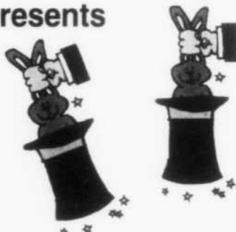
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**Nov. 25**  
 Looking for a great meal deal? Have **Thanksgiving dinner at the Presbyterian Student Fellowship** even before you head home for break! It's free, it's fun, it's fellowship. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the PSF House, 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. next to the BSU. Special Graffiti art show to follow. For questions, call the house at 893-1787.

**Universal Music & Video Distribution** will be giving away free promotional CDs, tapes, poster and stickers at their "Things to be Thankful For" booth at the KUC bookstore. Students are invited to visit and find out what the "Cherries" are all about.

**Dec. 2**  
 As part of Asia/Africa Awareness Day all students are invited to special activities and refreshments provided by the Geography Club from noon to 3 p.m. in the Rec Center.

**Dec. 4**  
 Golden Key National Honor Society will host a **Sophomore Recognition Reception, Christmas Party and Toy Drive** at 6 p.m. in the JUB Hazelwood Dining Room. Members are asked to bring one unwrapped toy to benefit Toys for Tots. For more information, contact Cosette Joyner-Watson at 904-0116.

**Dec. 5-6**

The **Music City Corriente Show and Roping** will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Registration is at 9 a.m. Dec. 5 with cattle judging at 11 a.m. Roping will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 7. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

**Dec. 10**  
 The **Beef Cattle Improvement Association Tested Bull Sale** will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center at 11 a.m. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

**Dec. 12**  
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**Dec. 12-14**  
 The **Seventeenth Annual Earth Treasures Jewelry, Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show and Sale** will be at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds Creative Arts Building from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission is \$2, students 12-18 is 50 cents and children under 12 will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult. More than 30 dealers will display jewelry, jewelry mountings and parts, cut stones, beads, minerals, decorator items of stone, fossils, lapidary supplies and

more to view and purchase. The show is presented by Middle Tennessee Gem and Mineral Society, Inc., a non profit educational organization. Proceeds are used for education and for area college and university scholarships.

**Dec. 13-14**  
 The **Tennessee Valley Ropers Association Finals** will be held beginning at 9 a.m. each day at the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

**Dec. 18-20**  
 An **Intercollegiate Horse Show** will be hosted by MTSU at the Tennessee Livestock Center. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

**Dec. 26-29**  
 The **Tennessee Quarter Horse Association Holiday Circuit Cattle Classes** will be held at the Tennessee Livestock Center. Team Penning will be held Dec. 26 at 5 p.m. and Dec. 27 at 9 a.m. Barrels and Poles will be held at Dec. 28 at 9 a.m. and Penning and Barrels and Poles will begin at 8 a.m. Dec. 29. For more information, contact the Livestock Center at 898-5575.

**Jan. 2**  
 Any students academically suspended at the end of the Fall 1997 term who have preregistered for classes will

have their schedules deleted from Spring 1998 term. Those who wish to appeal to attend the spring term must contact the Records Office by this date for an appeal application. Appeals received after 9 a.m. will not be accepted. The Records Office will close at 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 19 and reopen 8 a.m. January 2. If you have any questions, please call the Records Office at 898-2164.

### Continuing Activities

The **Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF)** invites you to investigate their exciting opportunities to grow spiritually and socially. Multiple discussion and discipleship groups as well as fun social activities are available Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for you to get plugged in. Check it out for yourself at 615 N. Tenn. Blvd. or call the house for more information at 893-1787.

The **Japan Center of Tennessee** is presenting a **mini exhibit of Japanese greeting cards** in the front lobby of the Cope Administration Building through January. The exhibit includes cards showing children in their best kimonos, the Japanese traditional attire for the New Year's holiday. There are also cards featuring Kabuki actors, as well as Mt. Fuji, Dancing girl (Maiko) and Kokeshi Dolls. Call extension 2229 for more information.

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# Two mock trial teams place in regional top 10

Lesli Bales/staff

The verdict is in. Two of MTSU's mock trial teams placed in the top ten at the Regional Invitational Mock Trial Tournament, held in the Keathley University Center on Friday and Saturday.

Twenty-eight teams from six different states competed in the tournament, the largest invitational in the nation. Of the five MTSU teams that competed, the team captained by Kim Gulden and Keith Slocum finished in fourth place with a record of 6-2. Meanwhile, the team captained by Larry Crismon and Rebekah Stephens finished 10th with a record of 5-3.

MTSU's Slocum was also one of seven students honored at a top attorney in the tournament. Renee Chapman was an honorable mention in the category. Meanwhile, MTSU's Adrian Holloway was one of seven students honored as a top witness in the trials.

"The tournament is a positive image builder for MTSU," said Mock Trial Society advisor John Vile. "We especially appreciate the support of local attorneys and others in the legal community."

Each year, the National Mock Trial Association sends out a case to all the mock trial teams. The case consists of information such as affidavits—statements given under oath by people who are going to testify at the trial—and exhibits such as autopsy and exhibit reports.

This year the teams argued a murder case. The tournament consisted of four rounds in which each team argued the prosecution's case twice and the defense's case twice. Trials followed regular procedure: pre-trial conference with the judge, opening statements, prosecution's argument, defense's argument and closing statements. Local attorneys and mock trial coaches acted as judges.

Teams from Rhodes College in Memphis—national champions for several years—finished first and second in the tournament. Furman University placed third followed by MTSU at fourth and Bellarmine College of Kentucky at fifth. MTSU ended the weekend with a mock trial alumni reunion supper Saturday evening. Over 12 alumni evening with this year's teams.

# Campaign kicks off

Shawn Whitsell/staff

MTSU faculty and staff gathered for the kick-off of this year's Employee Giving Campaign Thursday at the KUC Theatre.

The party was opened by the MTSU Pep Band, followed by a welcome from Rush Hicks, university chair and campaign coordinator. The speakers were university President James Walker; James Hughson, executive director of United Way of Rutherford County; and Bob Parks, representing local agencies and charities which benefit from the fund-raising campaign.

"In the past we have been very successful with our goals," said Walker. "MTSU is very committed to the United Way."

Hughson explained to university staff how to fill out the pledge forms.

"All the agencies have a need to receive and we have a need to give," said Bob Parks spoke on behalf of the local agencies and charities.

Parks encouraged people to "give to where you are felt," if they do not know what agencies to give to.

The event was brought to a close by the giving away of door prizes.

These included gifts from

Cracker Barrel and Chili's and tickets for the Dec. 18 MTSU basketball game.

Many of the faculty and staff attended the party and the kick-off was very informative and entertaining.

The party caught the attention of some students, who wandered in and out throughout.

Some students stood in the back and listened to the speakers.

United Way has been the only beneficiary of the campaign in the past, but this year the campaign will support Community Shares of Tennessee and Combined Health Appeal of Tennessee as well.

All institutions under the Tennessee Board of Regents will participate in the campaign, which will support organizations throughout the state.

Faculty and staff will contribute to the campaign by payroll deduction. The amount of deduction is decided by the contributor.

The campaign will end Nov. 26, hopefully reaching its goal for the year of \$35,000. Postings of the contributions can be seen all over campus.

For additional information, please contact Rush Hicks at 898-5468.

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composite sketch from page 1, a crime alert will be posted all over campus.

Residents who see someone suspicious should first contact the RA, Kelsey said. The RA will then contact public safety.

"If you walk in on someone in your room, shut the door and turn around. Do not confront the suspect," Kelsey said.

"The best thing you can do is be a good witness. Get a good description of the suspect including anything that stands out—a particular brand of clothing, jewelry, a certain haircut, etc. If you want to, you can follow them at a distance to see where they go, but definitely be careful."

With Thanksgiving break later this week, Kelsey suggests taking home valuable items, making sure the windows are locked and shutting the blinds—especially in first floor precautions.

Everyday precautions include locking the door

anytime you leave the room—even if you are only going down the hall to the bathroom—and not leaving valuables, purses or money visibly laying around in your room.

Kelsey emphasized locking the door even when you are in your dorm room. Earlier this year, a man with a gun walked into a man's dorm room while he was sitting at the computer, resulting in an armed robbery.

It is also a good idea to have the serial number and make and model of all expensive or hard-to-replace items in your room. Public safety can assist through the Operation ID program. Public safety will engrave items with a student code and give the student an information sheet where they can record the make and model of their belongings, which the student keeps in case a theft occurs. This is typically done at the beginning of the semester, but you can contact public safety anytime for more information.

## SGA:

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President Ryan Durham, a committee was formed to investigate the pending impeachment of freshman Senator Michael Hilliard.

Hilliard is in the process of being impeached because he has not attended one SGA session since he was elected, which violates the attendance policy in the SGA constitution. He now must defend himself in front of the house of representatives.

Speaker of the Senate Brian Lewis said that he received an e-mail message from Hilliard two days after the matter had been turned over

to the house, requesting since from office. However, because the house had control of the investigation, it was out of the authority of Lewis to grant the resignation.

Speaker of the House Jason Reid, who is presiding over the investigation, said that it was too late for Hilliard to resign because, until now, he has had no contact with the SGA.

"Mr. Hilliard has been notified several times this semester about what was coming up," Reid said.

Hilliard was not present to defend himself, even though he was requested to be there.

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## Editorials

### Take the names off of the dorm doors

Name tags on the doors of residence halls have been a major contributor aiding thieves in recent larceny epidemic in the female residence halls. Are these name tags necessary? They are intended to help residents meet one another, but are they achieving that purpose? How many people have made friends because they saw a name tag on a door, knocked and said hello? The answer is very few, if any at all. Still, many residents make friends in their residence halls without the use of name tags.

It would do no harm to our social well-being to get rid of the name tags. One of the floors in Rutledge Hall has already done away with their name tags, which is good, but too little too late. This far into the semester, the culprits have probably already learned who lives where, especially since 13 out of 19 rooms on this floor of Rutledge have already been burglarized this semester. If these tags would have never been there, it would have been more difficult for these burglars to have taken place.

People should be more cautious and less naive, because we are living in a very diverse society, which makes it difficult to know who is and who is not trustworthy.

### Got a gripe? Let us hear about it.



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### Correction and apology

In the Thursday, Nov. 20 edition of "Sidelines," an editorial cartoon was run that showed members of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity hazing a pledge. We would like to apologize for the depiction of this particular fraternity in a negative light. Editorial cartoons are meant to be entertaining, thought-provoking and interesting to college students. This particular cartoon was meant to poke fun at what has seemed to be a concern and problem on campuses nationwide. However, it was not meant to be done so at the expense of the SAE fraternity on our campus. We apologize.



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## MTSU's chicken-horse update number 2

□ Philip Crabtree/ special to "Sidelines"

Last week, delegates from the Mascot Committee came to the joint session of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the SGA. As a member of the SGA and one that was in attendance, I left the meeting with a sore jaw after having received from the MTSU administration the biggest slap in the face ever.

Since concern over our mascot change is swelling, members of SGA arranged for the committee to come to the joint session in order to enlighten us on some of the details of the change. Thinking that the committee might actually listen to what we had to say before throwing it to the side many of us were anxious to attend. Boy, were we surprised!

Slap #1. The committee showed up and gave a brief (I cannot stress that word enough) presentation. They told us briefly that was going to happen over the next two months prior to the mascot change on January 17 at the MTSU-TSU home basketball game. They left quickly thereafter. Not only were they intent on throwing away student suggestions in regard to the mascot change, but they did not give us the respect of at least listening to the way we felt about the whole thing. SLAP!

Slap #2. The committee also showed the design for the logo that will be used for the "special occasion," while they denied at least the SGA of seeing what the sketch for the actual mascot will look like. Instead, the committee thinks that we students are indeed fools. They expected us to sell out our constituents—the student body—for free T-shirts displaying the logo to be used for that night if we would help them gain student support for the new mascot. I am happy to say that the vast majority of your elected officials did not agree to help. SLAP!

All this committee said was show up on Jan. 17 to see the mascot. Trust us, they said. You will like it.

Why should we be expected to support something blindly? It's just like parking lots and garages. Trust us. We are building them. We have not been deaf to this little song and dance before. What happens when you find out that we don't like the "Fairy Horse"?

There were people in that meeting that hate this mascot change as much as I do, but they are of the opinion that we can do nothing to stop it. They may be correct if we are small-minded and only think about what can be done in the short-run of things.

We have the challenge of thinking bigger than this, however. While the administration has the ability to make changes, we have the power to overturn such changes if we care about something passionately enough.

I'll tell you what mascot we might like. Many people have been wondering what my think-I-know-everything self would suggest for an alternative to the "Chicken-Horse." Well, I have been talking to people everywhere I go to get some ideas, and we have come up with a winner. Not only is it fierce, but it is also relevant. Here it is.

Imagine game day at our new stadium. It's another measly turn out for the 10,000 fans, but something is different. Bagpipe music fills the air,

snare drums begin tapping out a cadence, and bass drums keep the beat as a Scottish drum and pipe corps marches onto the field. From the northern endzone, there appears a white horse, but he's not just any horse. He carries the Blue Raider on his back. I'm not talking about Gen. Forrest. I'm talking about the new Blue Raider who reminds so many Middle Tennesseans of their own history. The new Blue Raider emerges from a cloud of smoke. He wears his hair long, his sword is big and his face is painted blue. As the Blue Raider urges his horse to a gallop, he draws his sword, charges down the field and decapitates the head of an effigy of our opponent. At the moment that the head leaves the body, the ROTC fires their cannon, the crowd stands cheering on their feet and the Band of Blue plays our fight song. They have not only found a new sense of pride for MTSU, but they have a new sense of pride in their mascot. The Blue Raider, a Celtic warrior, who will vanquish all of his opponents just as Braveheart did in the movie "Braveheart." All of this happens shortly before TSU wets their pants.

At the next home game, my prediction is that the stadium will be filled, because we have to have a certain attitude about sports. We have to have superstars who in turn have grand entrances. We have to hype up MTSU athletics in the same way that something like professional wrestling fills every arena to capacity. If we adopt the flying horse, we adopt Adrian Adonis, the sissy of pro wrestling. But if we adopt the Celtic warrior, we will be the Rowdy Roddy Piper as we kick Tiger Rutt, Governor butt, Commodore butt or anyone else's butt who wants to come down to Murfreesboro.

This also creates fabulous marketing and merchandising opportunities. UT is famous for their volunteer orange that stands out across their campus and in the football stadium. We have the same opportunity to have our apparel stand out in the form of an MTSU plaid created to go along with the school colors and the Celtic warrior theme. Everywhere we go, people will recognize us by the plaid of our clan, MTSU.

It is also fortunate that we host a highland festival on our campus every year. This could be incorporated into our homecoming week of festivities, and all the alumni, students, families and participants of the games would be around to buy up the plaid merchandise, thereby providing the university more revenue.

How fortunate it is that ska music is hot right now. To kick off this wonderful mascot, we can hire the Mighty Mighty Bostones for a concert in which they wear our plaid.

As you can see, the possibilities are virtually limitless. On the other hand, a flying horse named Lightning that has nothing remotely to do with the image of a Blue Raider is indeed lacking.

Sure, the committee says that the logo for the flying horse looks tough, but they would not show it to us. They also said that there will be a costume for someone to dress up like the mascot. I don't know about the sideline else, but if I look out on the sidelines and see some student dressed like a

horse and wearing wings on his back, I will die laughing as that student dies for embarrassment. Maybe a freshman will be a good candidate for the mascot, but that's only if it's not considered hazing.

Any artist can alter an image. Any artist can sketch a bunny rabbit, and it still makes a scrumptious stew or fur coat. That is what's being done with a horse with the addition of wings. It doesn't matter how fierce an artist makes it look, because the nature of the creature is still pathetic and built on fiction.

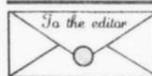
This committee does not want our input. They do not care about what students have to say in the way that they are represented to the outside world. If they did, they would have asked for our input when this process started. They did not. The only time that they come to the students is when they need free labor. They will not allow us the respect of asking for our help when selecting a new mascot, but they sure do expect us to help them promote something that we don't want.

I am urging you to call Dr. Walker's office to tell him how you feel about being treated with a complete lack of regard. If you cannot reach him at the office, call him at home. Or, better yet, get together with 500 of your closest friends and pay him a visit at home. Then, call the Tennessee Board of Regents along with SGA Board Ryan Durham before TBR meets again. If you are in the Nashville area, set up an appointment with Governor Sundquist. He likes to make changes within the TBR system.

What I am saying is, let's do something. We are a university, by God, so let's get out there and make a little noise. The reason why administrative people do what they do to us is because we let them. It is time that we took control of our school and our destinies again. This is a call to arms. Let's picket the Cope Building and have vigils outside of the president's house. If we will not be listened to on our turf, let's take it to their turf. MTSU, let's go on strike!

It is my opinion that if we cannot have adequate representation in regards to the mascot that we should not accept it. Instead, we should adopt this Celtic warrior, this Blue Raider, to represent us. The most impressive and long lasting changes are those initiated by the oppressed. This great country we live in was not founded by people in power. It was founded by the men and women who were sick and tired of some distant power that would not listen to them either. We, in turn, will not be heard until we have our revolution of common sense.

The battle cry has been sounded. What are you going to do? You can either sit around on your butt, complain about everything and then, when you've graduated and get calls from MTSU Foundation for donations to the MTSU Foundation, you can tell them, "No," because you're upset that you can do something right now. You can take action so that you can graduate with pride, have a great experience here, and be honored to give to the university that cared about you.



## From the Mailbox

### Disabled student is 'not proud' of university for mistreatment

To the editor:

In just a few short weeks I'll graduate for this university. I am very proud of myself for having accomplished this goal especially since I am also disabled. However, I am NOT proud of this university because of the treatment I have received from various offices, departments, administration and faculty within the last four years. It is because of the way I've been treated that has prompted me to write this letter. I hope that by notifying the "non-disabled" population here at MTSU some changes will take place. That is what I want to leave here when I graduate, changes for the better.

The most recent problem took place on Nov. 18 and 19. My roommate went to the Todd Library to do some research. She was told at the "help desk" on the second floor that the librarians and student workers would not help her get magazines off the shelves that she needed. (My roommate is in a wheelchair and so am I.) Furthermore, my roommate

was instructed to go to the Disabled Student Services office and get one of Mr. John Harris' student workers to come back and help her in the library. I was shocked!

Why was I shocked? Because I have never experienced such a blatant act of rudeness in all my life! The exact same thing happened to me on Nov. 19. The student worker gave me the same speech my roommate got and I was told that it was "library policy" not to assist disabled students. Upon hearing this, I went straight to Don Craig, who is the library's director. Of course, he was in a meeting so I made an appointment to see him on Nov. 20. He referred me back to Mr. Harris.

Okay, here's a question: When a disabled student has a problem with the library or a housing problem, why are we always sent back to John Harris' office? I feel as though once a help member or an administrator hears me say "I'm a disabled student," they immediately stop listening to what I'm saying and, like a broken record, say "you'll have to talk with John Harris." Folks, I'm here to tell

you that John Harris DOES NOT care about the students he's supposed to help. All he wants is the attention he gets from people that "admire" him for being visually impaired and hiding down a job.

In the last four years, I've requested to be put in a private room due to my personal care needs. John has "promised" me a private room for these reasons and has never fulfilled his promises. I know for a fact that there are disabled students on campus who have private rooms. He offers through his office note takers for students requesting them. Well, this semester, Mr. Harris has only provided me with two note takers and I'm taking seven classes.

There are disabled students living on campus who do not have the proper attendant care they need. Many of these students are quadriplegics and can't get themselves in and out of bed. So, they look to Mr. Harris to help find a reliable attendant. I have never heard any positive feedback from any

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# Please exclude Christianity from any other religious incorporation

□ Ryan Werner/editor

This past Thursday, "Sidelines" published this semester's third and last edition of its supplemental section called "Post Modern". As editor, I was fully aware of the content of "Post Modern" before it went to print. However, in hindsight, I feel it is necessary to make further comment on the lead story and a new campus organization of a similar nature.

"Post Modern" featured a story on local Wiccans. The story mentioned that despite the diversity of members, their commonality is in their worship, celebration and performing magick, "through timely rituals that coincide with the phases of the Sun and Moon, three-dimensional symbols of the God and Goddess." The story also mentioned that Witches or Wiccans have been practicing their rituals for centuries and that they have no evil intentions in their practice.

The same day the "Post Modern" came out, I became aware of a new student organization, the MTSU Student Pagan Organization. The organization had their first meeting this past Monday in Keathley University Center. A close friend of mine attended the meeting in order to find out what the organization was about and to obtain some literature about them. (I must note that my friend was not in attendance to support the pagan organization and its further development, but simply to obtain information.)

As a student, an American citizen and a believer in the gospel of Jesus Christ I am fully aware of the freedom of religious expression that we all

have. I am also aware of the right for student organizations to gather on the MTSU campus. As a Christian in America and at MTSU, I cherish and value these freedoms as much as my life itself. I also respect the rights of those whose beliefs are different than mine. Christians, Wiccans, Muslims, Buddhists or any other religious groups have the basic rights of expression and assembly.

My conflict and disagreement with both the "Post Modern" story and the literature I obtained from the Student Pagan Organization is not their existence or their rights as communities, but the idea or even the insinuation that a person can be a part of either Wicca or any other pagan organization and be a Christian at the same time. It is not possible.

The "Post Modern" story made three brief and, most would say, very objective references to Christians. Although none of them are direct references to Christians being Wiccans, they take on the attitude that Wiccans are not biased toward Christians and even include them in their beliefs or philosophies. The first reference was by the story's primary source, a Wiccan named LadyHawk. She mentioned that, "her children are exposed to both their Wiccan and Christian backgrounds without bias." The second is a reference by LadyHawk to the "Christian sentiment, 'The Lord helps those who help themselves.'" The third is when the author mentions that a store in Nashville, Magical Journey, that is run by Wiccans who, "represent many other philosophies including Christianity with their merchandise."

In the informational brochure handed out at the Student Pagan Organization meeting, the question, "Can one be both Christian and Pagan?" is addressed. The brochure reads, "There are many brands of Christianism, some more similar to the aspects of paganism than others." The end of the section reads, "Many people might find it difficult to reconcile the two paths; others see a successful integration possible."

Efforts by Wiccans to include Christians and Christian beliefs into their circle seem sincere. In fact, nowhere did either the story or the brochure portray Christians in a negative light. My purpose in this column is not to promote harsh, Wiccan-bashing dialogue, but merely to define the separation between being a Christian and Wiccan/pagan and to denounce, as the student pagan organization brochure claims, the "successful integration" of Christianity and paganism.

Being a Christian means a person has acknowledged that there is one God, that He lived incarnate as Jesus Christ (the Son of God,) that he lived a perfect life here on Earth and that he died on a cross for the sins of the entire world. He also rose from the dead three days later, He ascended to heaven and He is returning someday for all those who have trusted in Him. All of these points are found in the Bible, the inherent and infallible Word of God. By believing in Christ, trusting Him and His existence, studying the Bible, communicating through prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit and striving to show the world the love of Christ, He has promised us eternal life with Him in heaven.

Philosophically, there's nothing else to it. There are no points of integration. In the Bible, the book of John, chapter 14, verse 6 Christ said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." One of the ten commandments specifically says, "You shall have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3)." As Christians, we are commanded to accept the points mentioned as the only truth, "and the truth will set you free (John 8:32)."

To Wiccans, pagans, or other religious groups, Christianity is not a religion where various parts of its teachings can be pulled out and used as anyone pleases. Rather, it is a lifestyle. It is an all or none commitment to live for Jesus Christ only. It is not mystical or magical, but a very real relationship.

Wiccans, pagans and any others, I respect your every right to assemble and to worship as you please. I ask only that you not include a very separate faith in Christ into your assembly unless it is to worship Him as it is intended for Him to be worshipped. Him and only Him. I kindly ask of you, please respect that.

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Students on the attendants John Harris sends to hem. Often, the attendants show up late or, in many instances, they don't show up at all. I know of one guy who missed two days worth of classes because his attendant never showed up! There are also problems with the attendants getting paid on time for their services. Mr. Harris' comment on these things is usually "You're in college now and you should be mature enough to hire your own attendants and make sure they get paid." I strongly disagree. We have enough to deal with just by getting to class and doing the work expected to successfully pass the courses. It is NOT our job to have employment forms for attendants. (The W-9 form for example.) Attendant assistance is a service Mr. Harris' office provides. Since the service is provided, then someone must take the time to interview a possible attendant to make sure he/she is reliable.

Test taking is also a service provided by Mr. Harris' office. But even that service can be a nightmare in trying to obtain for a disabled student. The problems usually come from the professors and not Mr. Harris' office directly. Many of my own professors have "forgotten" to send my test to Mr. Harris' office and it's happened to my roommate as well. But this semester, it seems that any disabled student wanting to use this service has to go through a bunch of "nosy" questions from the Disabled Students office. Out of frustration, I simply told all my professors that I will take my tests in the classroom like everyone else.

Mr. Harris' office and the Todd Library are not the only areas that I've had problems

with here at MTSU. There have been some unpleasant encounters with the "Raider Express." There have been numerous times when the bus driver forgot to let me off at my stop. This occurs even after I've told the driver where I need to go. I've also fallen out of my wheelchair because the driver had not put the lift all the way down on the pavement.

Outside of John Harris' office, the only other office that has given me and my roommate the most trouble is the housing office. I recently had to be taken to the emergency room for a second degree burn on my left foot. I received this burn due to scalding hot water in my shower. I've reported the problem to my RA and maintenance offices. When I didn't get their help, I went to Debra Sells back in the summer of 1997. She sent another maintenance guy to my room and he did a "temperature check" and found the temperature to be 140 degrees and he said that was NORMAL! That was six weeks before I got burned. After notifying a counselor in the KUC, Debra Sells was immediately called. This time, maintenance put an "anti-scalding" device on my shower head. Now, my question is why didn't she put it on there when I complained back in the summer? I told her about my paralysis and she said I had hot water on my feet. But I feel to get hurt before she took action.

I hope that I have been able to bring awareness to the non-disabled community about some of the problems disabled students encounter. Perhaps I can leave this awareness behind as my legacy and hope changes will come.

Sincerely,  
Angie Bray

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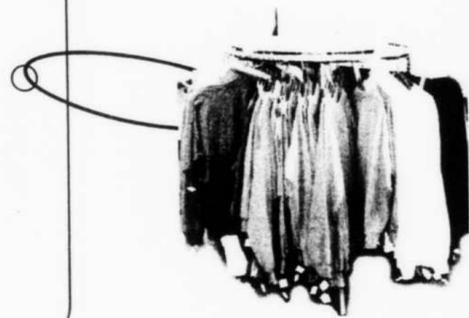
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## Fifty cent findings



□ Chad Gillis/staff

For many decades now, colleges across the United States have been filled with mentally capable but financially challenged individuals. The one common friend amongst this mass is the thrift store.

Fortunately Murfreesboro is full of these recycled-apparel centers.

Not only do thrift stores supply

monetarily crippled persons with a vast amount of shopping power, but they also offer original threads in a time of mass produced fashion.

What person at this university would have thought in junior high an entire wardrobe could be bought for less than a Benjamin Franklin?

### Clothing

For starters, try the Outreach Thrift Store, located at 810 N.W. Broad Street just next to the Carmike cinemas.

Never have I left this gold mine with less than 3 articles. It is simply overpacked with potential clothing. From shoes, to belts, to hard-back books, to partially used mouthwash, all can be found in one quick stop.

The Treasure Chest, on Lytle Street just off the square, has a catchy phrase posted throughout the grounds—ALL CLOTHES \$1.00.

Mark Jones and Edward Gannon buy 1400-pound bails of clothing from the Salvation Army and sort through them out for shopper convenience.

The Treasure Chest has kept its head above water for almost three years now and plans to renovate the adjacent rental property into a clothing free for all. The idea is to take those 1400-pound bulk bails, cut the strap and let buyers dig in.

### Furniture

If furniture is your forte check out the Salvation Army Thrift Store in the Food Lion shopping Center on Mercury Blvd.

This is THE place to find goods you can refurbish such as lamps, tables, chest of drawers, couches, bed frames, mirrors, vacuum cleaners, bowling balls and stuffed animals for your dog to chew on.

All that is need to revamp tables and chairs is a can of spray paint and several hours of mind-numbing labor.

The Salvation Army Thrift Store also offers a selection of clothing, books and household appliances.

### Shoes

For the feet, Marti and Liz Shoes, on the square and in Jefferson Plaza, offers the utmost in laces, and zippers.

Go into this place with 50 bucks and you are all but guaranteed to walk out newly soled. Both locations offer a wide selection of dress shoes, boots, and sporting shoes, but the cream of the crop seems to be on the square, maybe the Jefferson Plaza store is a diversion.

### Etc.

Also on the map is the West Mission store on Front Street. The front door sign reads: "by appointment only."

Thrift stores provide an excellent opportunity to turn 10 bucks into two days of warm winter wear, but they also give the chance to give back.

With the holiday seasons coming up, it might be a good time to renovate that closet and restock it for the spring semester.

Most area thrift stores are open general business hours, and some even offer a pick-up service if you are donating large furniture, appliances or a great sum of clothing.

Whether you donate or divulge, thrift stores are a worthy vendors in a time of insane pricing in the name-brand community.



# RapBall Records offers free Thanksgiving jam

□ Chad Gillis/staff

RapBall Records will host "Tuck's Thanksgivn' Jam" Wednesday in the James Union building's Tennessee Room. The line-up includes Black Souz, Guillotine, Tuck, F.O.D. (Faces of Death), Christy & Brandy and Sea-Sea.

"I want everybody to come out," said Therman Tucker, event organizer. "If it's a successful event, it will become yearly."

Black Souz is a reality rap group from Louisiana consisting of Sean Breaux and Jerome Booker, both senior recording industry majors.

The Guillotine line-up includes reality rappers Sylenthius Figgins, Corey Teague and Scott Dirkson.

"Tuck's Thanksgivn' Jam"

will bring variety to the Tennessee Room, according to Tuck. "We have a lot of different styles of music. You get a little East Coast, a little Midwest, a little Southeast."

The Memphis duo Christy and Brandy Taylor, both juniors at MTSU, bring a gospel and rhythm and blues flavor to the Middle Tennessee concert.

Sea-Sea, Semetruiis Gospel, is a Chattanooga-based gospel artist with a touch of rhythm and blues.

Tucker, a senior recording industry major also known as Tuck, describes his music as "ghetto gospel." The Flint, Mich. native also owns and manages RapBall Records, which currently produces Tuck and Ill Syptons.

Tucker came to MTSU via Michigan State to play

football. After two seasons with the Blue Raiders, Therman decided that the studio was more important than the grid iron and devoted his full attention to music.

Now working on his third album, Tuck has two CDs under his belt: "Tryin' 2 Maintain" and "Why?" Both self-distributed releases are available throughout the southeast and midwest.

The show starts at 7 p.m. with a dance party from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Emcee for the after party is Nashville's DJ-W-WIZ.

The evening is free and open to the public. "We want it to be a violence-free party," said Tuck. "As it grows we can get bigger artists and hopefully it will still be free. Come early, I don't want anyone to get turned away."



RapBall Records Owner Therman Tucker hosts holiday concert.

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## Same old jerky gimmick



□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

With a continuation in this direction, it won't be long before Mercury Records turns Ratchet Records into another of the forgotten companies of old.

The first Jerky Boys release was funny. I'll admit that I, like many others I might add, laughed at the thought of such gullible fools.

However, by the time the second album was released the concept

seemed old. The gimmick had truly been tapped out and one would only think that after the failed flop they called a motion picture, the entire project would have been shelved for good as a 'been there, done that, it's in the past.'

Much to my dismay, yet another of the now asinine albums, "Jerky Boys 4," has found its way to the shelves of record stores.

Like a bad sitcom, the album is obviously predictable and undoubtedly doesn't come close to breaking any new ground.

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Any student who attends at least 13 games will be entered into the drawing. Nightly prizes will also be given away at the games.

### ESPN

The Blue Raider basketball team will host Murray State over the Christmas break in a game that will be nationally televised on ESPN.

The game is set for January 3 at the Murphy Center with an 11:30 a.m. tipoff. The women will play immediately following. The two games are the first Ohio Valley Conference games of the season for either team.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

Team Budweiser will take on Kappa Alpha for the men's A flag football championship.

The game will be played tonight at 10 p.m. across from the Rec Center at the intramural fields.

Tonight's winner will have an opportunity to represent MTSU in New Orleans for the Nike National Flag Football Championship over Christmas break.

### VOLLEYBALL

The Lady Raider volleyball team ended their season with a loss to Tennessee Tech at the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Tech defeated the Lady Raiders in the first round Friday night in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

### FOOTBALL RECORD

Jonathan Quinn's 266 passing yards in Saturday's 30-20 loss to Tennessee Tech was enough to give him the all-time single season record for the Blue Raiders.

Quinn finished the season with 2,209 yards, 84 more than Kelly Holcomb's previous record in 1994. Holcomb, who now plays with the Indianapolis Colts, played in 11 games compared to Quinn's 10.

The senior quarterback also moved into second on the all-time career passing yard list. Quinn has 4,864 yards in three seasons since transferring from Tulane. Quinn passed 1965 graduate Teddy Morris, who finished his Raider career with 4,799.

However, both are well behind leader Holcomb, who finished with a staggering 7,064.

### GAME TICKETS ON SALE

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### NEXT ISSUE

The next issue hits the stands Thursday, Dec 4. It will be the final issue of the semester. Beginning next semester, the "Sidelines" sports department will run a performance of the week each Thursday, highlighting the top Blue Raider performer.



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# Expected wins pose questions

## Lady Raiders' slow finish causes Smith to ask questions after Belmont win

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Despite earning her first regular season win as head coach of the Lady Raiders basketball team, Stephany Smith wasn't at all impressed with her team's performance.

"We've got a long way to go," Smith said. "We really do. We're not doing the simple things."

The Lady Raiders defeated Belmont 65-60 in a nonconference game at the Nashville Arena. It was Belmont's first home game as an NCAA Division I program.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders led by as many as 18 points before the Bruins made a run of their own in trimming the lead to two with just over two minutes.

Poor second half shooting--the Lady Raiders shot just 32 percent in the second half--and a collapse of their swarming defense of previous games allowed the Bruins to close the gap.

"We broke down all over the place defensively," Smith said. "Their point guard caused some problems for

us because she was extremely quick and we didn't do a good job containing her."

Sheika Taylor finished the game with six assists for the Bruins while Jessica Matson came off the bench to lead all scorers with 15 points.

Blessed with an athletic team full of speed, the Lady Raiders are used to outrunning their opponents. However, Natalie Sneed, Carlita Elder and Cortney Neeley all had trouble pushing the ball up the floor for what they were hoping would be fast-break baskets.

"They're used to turning up the heat," Smith said. "Well, they tried to turn up the heat on somebody who is just as quick as they are."

The Lady Raiders were also out-hustled under the rim as the Bruins grabbed 43 rebounds as a team, nine more than the Lady Raiders.

"Defense is usually what stabilizes us and gets us going," Smith said. "Because that wasn't going so well, our offense was sloppy."

"We didn't do anything specific and we didn't do anything the way we planned in practice. We should have done a better job containing and that is probably my fault for not working on that more in practice."

For the Lady Raiders, Jonelda

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## Wiel cites lack of ball control as big problem

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

If the Blue Raider basketball team plans to make a strong showing in the Ohio Valley Conference, they had better begin to handle the ball better.

The Raiders committed 13 turnovers in their 58-38 win over Belmont at the Nashville Arena last Thursday.

"We got a lot of scoring opportunities," Raiders head coach Randy Wiel said, "but I wasn't thrilled at all with our ball handling."

"Belmont is not a pressing team and we had seven, eight unforced turnovers."

Despite winning the game with relative ease, the Raiders were never quite able to put the Bruins, who were playing their first home game as a Division I program, away until a 12-0 run to start the second half.

Mantia Callender led all scorers with 12 points. The senior center from London, England, also grabbed three defensive rebounds for the Raiders.

"He's our inside presence," Wiel said. "He takes a load off of [Lee] Nosse. When Nosse comes in the game is already settled down."

As for the turnovers, point guard Richard Duncan got off to a slow start in forcing some of his passes early on. Duncan had four in the first half, however, his replacement at the point, K.J. Harden, didn't fare much better. Harden had seven turnovers in the game.

"I think Richard bounced back and really led the team in the second half," Wiel said. "There were some passes that were ill advised. We tried to go too fast and create some things that were not there."

While the Raider offense struggled, the defensive game plan was successful. The Raiders wanted to put full-court pressure on the Bruins' guards and force them into hastily throwing the ball around.

The plan worked as Belmont committed 19 turnovers of their own. However, the story of the game was the low shooting percentage. The Bruins shot just 33 percent in the first half and fell even lower in the second, connecting on just 29 percent.

"I wanted to pressure them on

and off," Wiel said, "and force some turnovers."

The Bruins' most successful player against the Raiders was Tyrus Doss, who was just four of 12 shooting from the floor. Doss ended the game with 10 points while Dougie Webb led the Bruins with 11.

"Belmont is a very dangerous team to play against," Wiel said. "They are very sound and they do what they do very good."

"They won't beat themselves, you have to beat them."

With the Belmont win under their belt, the Raiders travel to Chattanooga tonight to take on the Mocs. Last year when the two teams met, the Raiders pulled out a hard fought 83-73 win.

The Mocs eventually made the 64-team tournament and nearly knocked off Duke University.

"We are not as athletic as we were last year," Wiel said, "so we cannot afford to give the ball to the team."

This season, the Mocs are 3-0 under first-year head coach Henry Dickerson after a 56-53 win over Presbyterian. The committed just 12 turnovers as opposed to 17 by the Blue Hoses.

"We need to do a better job of handling the ball," Wiel said. "We will play against some teams who really get after it."

Wiel's comment was directed at their upcoming trip December 13 when they take on the top-ranked Kansas Jayhawks.

The Raiders' opening road trip will also take them to Greensboro, NC to take on North Carolina A&T and a game against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville.

Unfortunately, the Blue Raiders won't be playing on the floor of the Murphy Center until December 18 when they host Carson-Newman.

Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. in what will be the latest home opener in the Raiders history.

The team will have a total of five consecutive home games over the Christmas break beginning with Carson-Newman.

However, the highlight will Saturday, Jan. 3 when they host Murray State in nationally televised game on ESPN.

In order to make the game available to ESPN, the game is scheduled to begin at 11:30 C.S. T.



Chad Gillis/staff

Mantia Callender (41) proves to be the most effective offensive threat this season.

## Donnelly shoulders load for disappointing season

□ Keith Ryan Cartwright/staff

Going into the season, everyone expected the Blue Raider football team was in for a long, grueling time.

Everyone except head coach Boots Donnelly.

That just may be the reason Donnelly was more than disappointed after the Raiders lost their final game of the season 30-20 to Tennessee Tech in an Ohio Valley Conference game played in Cookeville.

"Our players never took to us as a staff," Donnelly said, "to do what we asked them to do. It's not their fault."

"We just didn't handle the season as well as we should have."

Just as the entire season was, Saturday's game was an emotional roller coaster for the Raiders, who came out and took an early 3-0 lead on their first possession of the game with a Keegan Ray 36-yard field goal.

Defensively in the first half, the Raiders intercepted Tech twice and shut its offensive in giving the Raiders consistently good field position.

"The defense gave us so many opportunities to put points on the board," Donnelly said.

Instead the offense struggled its way to 13-3 lead at the half with tailbacks Lebrian McGill and Kelverick Green combining for just 28 yards on the ground. The Raiders finished with 98 rushing yards.

"They shut us down offensively," Donnelly said. "We could do absolutely nothing with the running game."

Conversely, the Raiders allowed Tech to rack up 380 yards rushing, due in large part to two big breaks.

Jerome Tillman broke through for an 87-yard gain, the fourth longest rush from scrimmage in Tech history. Brant Billen broke another one later for 71 yards as Tech scored 27 unanswered points to take a 30-13 lead.

"It's kinda been like that all year long," Donnelly said. "We've given up big plays and we've had opportunities to make big plays for ourselves and we weren't able to

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## Prepping for winter sports

### Stay Fit

Jennie Treadway



off disease, there is nothing to say that a hat and pair of gloves can't help. The key to staying warm outside, especially during exercise, is simple: layers, layers, layers.

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The face is very sensitive to cold temperatures and should be protected in the coldest of weather. The nose and ears, along with the hands, are more susceptible to frostbite than the rest of the body, so be sure to protect them. Prevent your lips from drying out and cracking by applying a lip balm before going outside.

Wearing reflective material is essential when exercising outside. Since the days are shorter and occasionally gloomier, it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians. If

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Shawn Sidwell/Staff

Kelverick Green (2) will be called on a lot more next year at tailback.

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make them."

In the end the Raider defense gave up 503 yards of offense, 357 rushing and 146 passing. Billen finished with 154 yards rushing on 17 carries and Tillman added 138.

"Defensively, we never improved from day one," Donnelly said.

The loss drops the Raiders' final record to 4-6 and 2-5 in the OVC.

After starting the season 0-3, the Raiders picked up two decisive wins round out their home schedule and

put them in a position to have a winning record. The Raiders outscored their opponents 114-16 in weeks eight and nine to even their record at 4-4.

Two disappointing losses later sends the players and coaching staff into the offseason wondering what went wrong.

"We're not this bad," Donnelly said. "We've got to do a lot better job of coaching this football team."

"My job is to motivate my players, to put them in a position to win and to teach them how to win. I accept that responsibility and believe enough that I can teach people to win."

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led the way with 12 points followed by Teneyke Burrell's 10. Courtney Neeley contributed eight points and eight assists.

However after coming off the bench, freshman Kelly Chastain's two three-pointers in the last four minutes of the first half helped give the Lady Raiders a 37-25 halftime lead.

"That's a situation where we should have taken control of the game," said Smith. The team came out to start the second half with a 12-point lead. "We didn't stay hungry enough."

Instead, the Lady Raiders committed seven fouls and as a result, the Bruins cut the lead by 11 during that one span.

Conversely, the Lady Raiders were just six of 13 at the line themselves down the stretch.

"To be quite honest," Smith said, "we did play about like we had practiced for the last week. It's obvious to me and to our players that we need to wake up."

The Lady Raiders had better wake up soon. Tuesday night they travel to Cincinnati to take on the Lady Bearcats. They then host Montevallo Saturday before heading out to Las Vegas for the UNLV tournament.

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**Qualified Applicants should be:**

- Must work 20 hours per week.
- Must have own transportation.
- Must be able to dress for success.
- Must have excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Must have effective organizational and time management skills.

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- Graphic Designers
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- Staff Writers

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- Applications available in JUB 306.
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