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Should Sigma Alpha Epsilon
receive punishment for hazing?

MIDDLE TENNESSEE BASKETBALL

Blue Raiders fall to University of Arkansas- Little Rock

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Campus briefs

Miss Blue Raider, Miss MTSU crowned

Two juniors were crowned Miss MTSU and Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider Friday night.

Bethany Schenk, from the College of Business, was named Miss MTSU, and Sarah Hamner, from the College of Mass Communication, was named Miss Middle Tennessee Blue Raider.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sponsored the pageant, which awarded more than \$2,000. Twenty-three contestants entered the competition.

Illusionist to perform tomorrow on campus

André Kole will present his unique magic show tomorrow at 8 p.m. at the Tucker Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for regular admission.

The show is sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

For more information, contact 898-4380.

Flute Festival features guest Stephanie Jutt

The 2004 MTSU Flute Festival on Saturday will feature performances by renowned flutist Stephanie Jutt.

Jutt has received major grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and is a first prize winner of the International Concert Artist Guild Awards.

Jutt will perform at 4:30 p.m. with pianist Jim Douglass in the Music Hall of the Wright Music Building.

For more information about the Flute Festival, contact Tim Musselman at 898-2493.

Japan-U.S. program celebrates New Year

MTSU's Japan-U.S. Program will be celebrating the Japanese New Year Saturday at the Foundation Reception House.

The Japanese New Year, or shogatsu, lasts from Jan. 1 to Jan. 3, but the program delays the party to accommodate school schedules.

The festivities will include traditional Japanese dances, martial arts and Southeast Asian music.

The dinner is potluck and beverages will be provided.

The celebration starts at 5 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Kiyoshi Kawahito at 898-2229.

University president to host honors lecture

University President Sidney McPhee will speak Monday on "Tough Choices in Higher Education" as part of the spring Honors Lecture Series. McPhee's lecture, as well as the remaining lectures throughout the semester, will be free and open to the public.

The lecture will be held from 3 to 3:50 p.m. in the Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building, Room 106. ♦

15 in fraternity punished for hazing

Sigma Alpha Epsilon subjected to alumni investigation

By Kristin Hall
News Editor

Fifteen brothers from MTSU's Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity were found to be responsible for hazing allegations after an anonymous e-mail was sent to several SAE alumni.

The commission recommended expulsion from the fraternity for one brother and suspension for 14 others. The names of the brothers who received punishment will not be released. The brother recommended for expulsion has the right to a trial to determine whether the expulsion is finalized.

Thomas Dement, SAE province archon, received notice of the hazing allegations after an anonymous e-mail was sent to several MTSU departments, including *Sidelines*, last November.

Dement headed up the independent investigation by the 15-member

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alumni commission and has released the details of their findings.

"When the e-mail came out, I contacted our fraternity office in Evans, Ill., and an alumni commission was created immediately," Dement said.

"It's important for everyone to understand that the alumni and the national organization take these alle-

gations very seriously," Dement said. "Hazing is not tolerated and our main focus is to keep this from happening."

The commission found three incidents of hazing, which included requiring pledges to hold a 5-pound wooden paddle over their heads for a brief period and ordering them to do push-ups and sit-ups on two different occasions.

The e-mail alleged more serious offenses, such as the kidnapping of a pledge and jerking on a pledge's hair while he did push-ups, but Dement said the commission found no evidence of these incidents.

"Some of the stuff in the e-mail did not happen; some of it did," Dement said. "And we did find that some of the stuff was hazing, under our own fraternity's definition of hazing."

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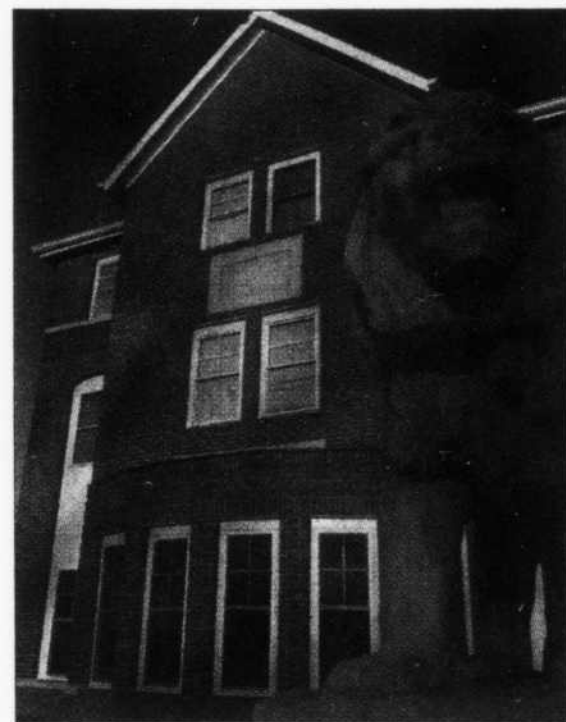


Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

Judicial Affairs is investigating allegations of hazing by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Celebrating a dream



Photo by Kristin Hall | News Editor

Amadi Sanders dances Monday morning to the music of the Village Church Choir on Jefferson Street in Nashville, during a celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. See the full story, "King remembered in Nashville," on page three.

Special events planned for 2004

Programming office prepares new schedule for spring

By Leah Massey
Staff Writer

Student Programming brought several big acts to campus last semester, including recording artists Chuck D and The Presidents of the United States of America, and now the staff is planning events for this semester.

Greg Feiling, interim assistant of student programming, explained that many things were still in the planning stages, but most preparation should be completed in a couple of weeks.

Movies for \$2 at the Keathley University Center Theater, have been planned through the end of February.

Lost In Translation will be showing this week, until Jan. 24. Next week, the KUC Theatre will be showing *American Splendor*.

Movies shown in February will include *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, *Love Actually*, *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* and *Matrix Revolutions*.

On March 3 at 7:30 p.m., the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will make an appearance at Tucker Theatre. The event is free.

The troupe has been touring continually for 25 years. Feiling was anticipating the crazy, exciting troupe's appearance on campus.

"It's really crazy, exciting stuff," he said.

Last semester's concert series on the Keathley University Center Knoll will continue this spring, but it is likely that the concerts will now be held on Thursdays, the same day as the disc jockeys on the Knoll, instead of Fridays.

"By February it will be stapled down," Feiling said.

Students interested in getting involved with Student Programming are invited to attend general interest meetings on Feb. 11 and 12 in KUC, Room 316 at 7 p.m.

More events will be announced soon. Student Programming will update its Web site, www.mtsu.edu/~specevent/, once the spring semester's event schedule is finalized. ♦

FILMS ON CAMPUS SPRING 2004

- Lost in Translation
- American Splendor
- Texas Chainsaw Massacre
- Love Actually
- Kill Bill: Vol. 1
- Matrix Revolutions

Visit

www.mtsu.edu/~specevent/
for event updates throughout
the semester.

Art department anticipates move to new Todd Building

By Stephanie Hill
Staff Writer

As renovation of the Todd Building continues, the art department is preparing for the awaited move in January 2005.

"The original anticipated move-in date to the Todd Building, formally the Todd Library, was fall of 2002," said Mark Price, art department chair, "and it has been moved back at least two times."

The department has occupied the Art Barn and the Art Annex since the late 1960s, and there have been at least three serious attempts to secure a new facility in the intervening years, according to Price.

The new space is going to have several large studio and lecture classrooms

along with more art history classrooms, one more large art education lab/studio as well as more classroom spaces for the department's new state-of-the-art kilns and clay wheels.

The building will also include larger rooms for introductory drawing and design courses. The new location will give the department more storage space and more support for a new art gallery and larger sculpture studio classrooms.

"We expect to have the bottom two floors of Todd up and running in January 2005," Price said, "and we hope that the third floor, which will house the graphic design, book arts and printmaking will be ready for occupancy approximately a year later than that."

Although the classroom number and sizes will increase, the department has no

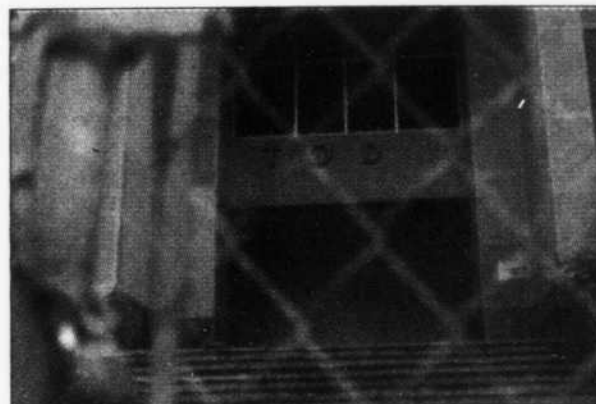


Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

The Todd Building, which once housed the university's library, is now under renovation. The art department, which resides across from the Livestock Center in an old barn, plans to move into the updated space in about a year.

immediate expectations of increasing the number of faculty within the department, due to the state's higher education funding situation.

"However, our enrollment has been rising, and we have added new sections

every semester due to over-demand for art courses, so when the budget improves we will seek permission to hire more permanent faculty members," Price said.

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STATE AND LOCAL

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

SIDELINES ♦ 3

Lottery ticket sales begin in Tennessee

By Melissa Coker
Staff Writer

Launching a full three weeks earlier than originally expected, the first instant win ticket in Tennessee's state lottery was cashed in on 12:30 a.m. Tuesday at Tellico Pride in Tellico Plains.

Its winning amount? Two dollars.

By the time the games went on sale, the lottery shipped a lot of tickets: 47 million to nearly 3,500 retail outlets from Memphis to Mountain City, says the state web site.

Gov. Phil Bredesen and state Sen. Steve Cohen met in Murfreesboro early Tuesday morning at Florence Station, an independent retail outlet. Along with sponsors of the lottery legislation, state Rep. Chris Newton, and Lottery President/CEO Rebecca Paul, the group met for an up-close look at first-day sales.

"Short term, this early startup will generate millions of extra dollars for

college scholarships," Bredesen said. "Long term, the lottery should be a stable source of scholarship funding for years to come."

Local radio stations were out and about late Monday night and into the first official game day. Taking a gamble with the biting cold air in hopes of winning over listeners, they offered free prizes such as concert, movie and lottery tickets (once the clock struck midnight). While 97.9 WSIX chose a Mapco in Brentwood near Cool Springs Galleria, 105.9 The Rock's place was the busy truck stop

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— Jeff Morrison
Minit Mart employee

Mapco on Highway 109 in Sumner County.

With a steady stream of customers, its first 105 visitors beginning at 12 a.m. were rewarded with a free scratch-off ticket.

Declaring that his last name is spelled "like the dead guy," 105.9 DJ Joe Elvis said: "I never thought I'd be 40 years old and hanging out in a Mapco parking lot at midnight."

Mapco District Manager Randy Wilson said that one man waiting in line to turn in his tickets had purchased approximately \$1,000 worth around 2 p.m.

And one group of people had driven to the location from as far away as Fairview, Tenn. The location even provided free chicken wings and soft drinks to those who waited.

Minit Mart employee Jeff Morrison of Lebanon attended a several-hours-long seminar on what to expect upon the lottery's launch, which according to what the regional manager reiterated several times was for tickets to "sell like hotcakes."

By the end of the meeting, "I was disappointed that I didn't get any hotcakes," Morrison says, "but we did heat things up pretty nicely Tuesday, selling about \$1,000 in tickets in our first two hours."

Whether tickets will sell like "hotcakes" remains to be seen, but on Tuesday morning Lottery President Rebecca Paul said initial ticket sales appeared strong statewide and that players were winning and redeeming prizes.

At the time of publication, first-day sales figures were not available. Paul added that major-prize winners will be announced soon. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Chief Photographer

E.J. Gliemi wins \$2 at the Shell station on Tennessee Boulevard.

King remembered in Nashville



(Above) Peace advocates participate in Monday's event on Jefferson Street in Nashville. (Inset) Bishop Joseph Warren Walker, III delivers the keynote speech at the convocation.

Thousands gather at TSU campus for convocation

By Jason Cox
State and Local News Editor

Marchers filled the streets of Nashville near Tennessee State University Monday to celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.

An estimated 12,000 people marched down Jefferson Street and other routes toward the TSU campus, and 7,000 stayed to hear featured speaker Bishop Joseph Warren Walker, III.

A striking feature of the march were members of the Pulse Leadership Team,

whose high school-age members were wearing signs bearing the names of "unsung heroes" in the civil rights movement, said Andy Cho of Nashville, who carried the name of John Doar. The teenagers were wearing t-shirts that read "I Am A Man" and "I Am A Woman," taking a cue from picket signs carried during the Memphis sanitation worker strike of 1968 that King took part in.

According to a University of Missouri-Kansas City biography of Doar, he worked for the Justice Department and was the lead prosecutor in the infamous

Mississippi Burning trial, when a jury handed down the first-ever conviction for the death of a civil rights worker in the state.

In addition, he helped to quell riots following the murder of Medgar Evers in 1963 and stood with James Meredith as he attempted to register as the first black student at the University of Mississippi in September of 1962.

King's words served as an appropriate opener for Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell,

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Despite fewer arrests, more SROs needed in Rutherford schools

By Juanita Thouin
Staff Writer

While the number of students attending public school in Rutherford County has gone from 22,000 to 28,500 in the past six years, the number of students arrested by public school resource officers has declined.

According to Maj. Bill Kennedy of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, during the school year 1998-99, SROs arrested 361 students. During the school year that ended in May of 2003, only 163 arrests were made.

Jim Mahanes, director of public information for Rutherford County schools, attributes the decline to a number of factors, including the use of SROs.

"SROs are a valuable commodity in schools," Mahane says.

Kennedy, who heads the School Resource Officer program for the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, agrees that SROs are an important part of the equation.

"Our goal is to stop it [illegal and unruly behavior] before it starts," Kennedy says.

However, he stresses that school policies such as zero-tolerance, the use of alternative schools and peer mediation, along with educational programs such as D.A.R.E. The rise of student clubs such as Students Against Violence Everywhere also play a role in deterring unacceptable behavior, he said.

"A majority of arrests come from young people coming forward [with information]," Kennedy says.

In 1995, Rutherford County enacted a zero-tolerance policy regarding possession of weapons, possession or use of illicit drugs while on school property and battery upon school personnel and students.

A violation of the zero-tolerance policy results in a student being automatically expelled from the school system for a period of 365 calendar days.

An expelled student can ask the superintendent to modify the expulsion so they can attend an alternative school. These schools are reserved for students in grades six through 12 who, for one reason or another, are not succeeding in a regular school setting.

According to Mahanes, alternative schools allow students who made only one mistake to right their wrong.

Once in the alternative school, students receive merit

Rutherford Co. Schools

1998-1999

- 371 students arrested
- 36 felonies
- 277 misdemeanors
- 48 drug arrests

2002-2003

- 186 students arrested
- 26 felonies
- 108 misdemeanors
- 52 drug arrests

points for good behavior. These merit points offer the potential to return to the regular school before their allotted time is up.

While alternative schools serve as a deterrent for criminal behavior, which, in addition to behaviors cited under the zero tolerance policy, can include disorderly conduct, fighting, verbal or written threats, theft and possession or influence of alcohol, they also serve as a deterrent for unruly behavior.

According to Melvin Daniels, assistant principal at Blackman High School, two to five percent of the students his school refers to an alternative school are remanded there due to continual disruptive or unruly behavior.

These are children who refuse to modify their behavior despite phone calls to parents, discussions with school administrators and in-school suspensions, Daniels said.

Mahanes said he's pleased with the reduction in arrests but wonders if the school system will be able to maintain those figures in the future. He said K-12 educators and administrators are seeing less and less respect for teachers.

"It's the sign of the times," Mahanes said, "(and it's) not just students. It's parents too," he adds.

He says that nowadays parents want to second-guess the teachers and administrators instead of supporting them in their efforts to discipline.

"Parents are teaching their kids there's a way out of everything," Mahanes says.

He says the school system is currently seeking additional SROs to help offset this increase in disrespect for authority.

Daniels agrees with the importance of SROs in the battle to keep criminal behavior and disrespect out of schools.

"Students look up to them," he says. "They become role models." ♦

UT president violated no laws, will not face criminal charges

By Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Former University of Tennessee President John Shumaker, who resigned amid questions about his spending, did not violate any laws and won't face criminal charges, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

"We cannot determine that Shumaker intentionally or knowingly violated any law relating to his employment,"

General Randy Nichols said in a letter to state Comptroller John Morgan.

Shumaker resigned Aug. 8 after an internal UT audit questioned his extravagant spending, personal travel and lavish purchases during his 14 months on the job.

"Dr. Shumaker is obviously very pleased that this investigation is over and that the facts show no wrongdoing," his attorney Wade Davies said Tuesday.

An Oct. 9 state comptroller's audit found Shumaker spent

almost \$500,000 on improvements to the UT presidential residence, more than \$165,000 for tailgate parties during football game weekends and more than \$34,000 on personal expenses, mostly on travel involving the UT airplane.

Shumaker reimbursed the university for the personal expenses. But the comptroller's audit suggested he altered his calendar to hide expenditures from investigators and "may have violated Tennessee statutes that require public officials to

cooperate with auditors and that prohibit tampering with ... official records." Those findings were referred to Nichols for more investigation.

"It is clear that Dr. Shumaker was less than forthcoming upon initial questioning particularly relating to personal travel," Nichols said in his letter dated Jan. 16. "However, it further appears that all of those matters were truthfully determined and restitution was made for inappropriate

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OPINIONS

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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From the Editorial Board

If we win the lottery ...

Lottery scratch-off tickets became available today, and we couldn't be happier. There's nothing like adding a gambling addiction to our various other vices and indulgences.

Everyone has thought at least once about what they would do with all that money if they won the lottery. Well, *Sidelines* has too, and we have some (mostly self-ish) ideas as to what we'd do with the money. Here's a few:

Valet parking for *Sidelines* employees, and all students if there's enough money left over. It would eliminate the problem of having to arrive 30 minutes early to get a parking spot and trudge to class through the wind/rain/snow/bitter cold.

One of our editors is presently suffering from a toothache and another just got braces, so dental and orthodontic coverage would be great. In fact, why not throw in the whole health care package? It might enable Health Services to offer more services, too.

With the shady actions of university employees (OK, one) as of late, modern surveillance equipment is a must. Wiretaps, phonetaps, those little cameras in the overhead sprinklers – all of these are essential for *Sidelines* to bring you the latest dirt.

And while we're at it, we need a news chopper, too. If there's enough money left over, we'll hire a pilot. Otherwise, the training provided by *Grand Theft Auto: Vice City* should suffice.

And how do the people of Murfreesboro know what weather to expect when they walk out of their doors? Granted, the local news weather maps show Nashville, but there's usually a one- or two-degree temperature difference, and doesn't mention sometimes it rains in Nashville, and doesn't mention here. That's why MTSU needs a meteorology department desperately. If we won the lottery, we'd be glad to endow the school with such a thing.

We'd get a satellite dish for the office, too, since Procurement Services can't seem to manage to get our cable fixed for the last four months. (By the way, if you're tired of us complaining about it, spread the good word to Procurement Services at 898-2944. Ask for Joe.)

And, finally, as much as we love you all, we'd move out of our JUB digs and open up in the old furniture store near the square on Main Street, next to *The Rutherford*. You can never have enough separation of state and media. ♦

From the Opinions Editor

Coke Web site offers legal song downloads

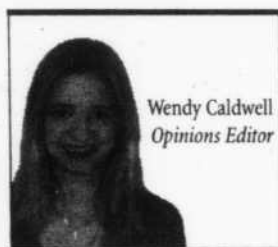
As if selling massive amounts of soft drinks weren't enough, Coca-Cola launched a new Web site yesterday in hopes of cornering another market: legal downloadable music.

The site, www.mycokemusic.com, offers individual songs as well as whole albums for users to download, at, of course, a small fee.

Back in the day, one could go to Napster or one of the various other sites (which I will not name to protect those pirates who can't afford to pay for downloading music, or who simply don't want to) and get all kinds of music for, well, nothing other than the slight risk of getting caught. Those were the days.

But, all good things must end, and I suppose illegal downloads weren't really good in the first place, but it did bring people together, sharing music and robbing record companies of revenue they'd normally receive from marketing an OK beat with a nice body or an angst-ridden artist who can't stop cussing.

Of course, once Napster got caught, other Web sites would follow, and in the great American spirit, someone would eventually



Wendy Caldwell
Opinions Editor

catch on that a profit could be made. And what's more American than Coke?

One of the perks of the Pre-Cocola Web site is pre-releases: users can download music up to six weeks before the release date.

While Coca-Cola and music aren't usually associated with one another (with the exception of Mello-Yello and the popular Donovan song made even more popular by a Gap commercial), caffeine and music can definitely be addictive, and both markets have the potential to make an ungodly amount of money.

For those still holding on to the days of free downloads, good luck. While those days may be numbered, it sure beats paying for music.

For those who have sworn off pirating for the new year, www.mycokemusic.com may be the answer to your prayers. That is, if your prayers involve a cheesy flash intro.

After all, 2004 is the year to pay for music. ♦

It's not Bush, it's the system

Many have likened Colin Powell's address to the U.N. Security Council in February 2003 to Adlai Stevenson's address to the Council in October 1962 and have used this parallel as a criticism of the Bush administration.

Stevenson presented the Council with a spy plane photo of a missile site in Cuba at the height of the Cuban missile crisis. Powell's satellite images of a bunker that was allegedly used to store chemical weapons, one with trucks next to the bunker and another with the trucks gone, proved nothing, as the administration admitted after the pictures had served their purpose.

Critics of the Bush administration rightly point out the "Stevenson moment" in 1962 proved an imminent threat to the

Human, All Too Human



Eric Blevins
Staff Columnist

United States, while Powell's moment proved nothing and was merely used as propaganda to build support for an invasion of Iraq.

The question these critics fail to raise is: "Why does history have a 'Stevenson moment' for the Americans, but no similar moment for the Russians?"

Why is there no moment in history when Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Premier at the time, revealed to the world that the United States had nuclear missiles in Turkey

aimed at the U.S.S.R.?

The reason this moment doesn't exist is because the world already knew of these missiles. It was a well-known fact that the United States had nuclear missiles right on the Russian border, but Americans don't see this as a fact that warrants shock for the rest of the world. It only warrants shock if one of our enemies does such a thing. That is why Russia and Cuba had to be secretive in such dealings.

This situation hadn't changed much in the past four decades. Everyone knows the United States can nuke Iraq or any other place on the planet if they so choose, but if Iraq or anyone else we don't like wants to build up any kind of an arsenal, they're branded a threat to life as we know it.

Radicals bad for America

I have to admit that Howard Dean has inspired this column.

Those of you who have read some of my past columns may be wondering why I'd say he's the inspiration for this piece. The answer is very simple: Out of all the Democrats seeking the Democratic nomination this year, Dean is the most radical left wing candidate, and currently he seems to be the most popular.

This seems to reinforce a view I hold that America is becoming more polarized as time goes by. Over the past couple of years, political viewpoints have grown further and further apart. The middle ground is disappearing, and the emergence of Dean as a Democratic contender is a perfect example of this.

Dean came out as the strongest voice of those against President Bush, and because his views are so drastically different from the president's, he became the poster child for the president's strongest dissenters. And to use one of the parlances of our time, I'm shocked and awed at the popularity of Howard Dean.

Why isn't a more moderate candidate like Wesley Clark or Joe Lieberman getting more support and attention? Lieberman was even betrayed by his former campaign partner Al Gore, who threw his support behind Dean.

Cosmo's Corner



Jeremy Coseo
Staff Columnist

The Iowa caucus was Monday, and Dean failed to win. Dean actually finished third, behind winner John Kerry and second-place John Edwards. This still doesn't distract from the endorsements and popularity Dean received before now. Maybe Dean won't get the nomination, or maybe he will, but the fact remains that his popularity validates the polarization theory.

America is losing touch with the concept of all things in moderation. This extreme side is bad for the country.

When a politician carries an extreme point of view, right or left, the vast majority of people are going to suffer, because when it comes down to it, the extremists don't represent the majority of Americans.

One of the biggest demographics that support Dean is my age bracket, the younger Americans, the ones who want change and want it now. With all due respect, I think most of them have their heads up their you-know-what. We don't need to move to the far ends of the political

standards; we need to move to the center.

That's the great about democracy; you can have totally different and radical views on subjects, but the solution always lies in the middle. When it's not in the middle, it becomes a perverted party dictatorship.

This is what I see us heading to, my beloved readers – rival political gangs fighting over the vast turf that is America. No middlemen, no mediators, just a bunch of people representing their donkey or elephant and killing all those that would attempt to bring peace between the two.

So if you're going to vote Democrat this year, I guess I should say my prayers and hope that Dean doesn't get the nomination. And even though I don't always agree with Bush, I think his campaign in 2000 came up with a great slogan: "A uniter, not a divider."

That's what we really need in our country, leaders who aren't out to please the extremist on either side, but leaders who'll try and reach the middle ground, where the greatness of democracy truly shines. ♦

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Letter to the Editor

Dean column doesn't inform readers

To the Editor:

"The kook left?" Is this how our mass comm professors are teaching their students to express their opinions ("Dean Needs Southern Votes," Jan. 14, Randall Thomason)? Not having made my decision between Clark and Dean, I read Thomason's column in hopes of furthering my education regarding my decision come the primaries. Thomason's column did little to further my education in this regard. My comments are directed not so much at what Thomason has to say about Dean, but more at how he says it.

Thomason seems to have a misunderstanding about what constitutes a liberal. What causes him to have such distaste for the ideals of liberalism? Which of the concepts held dear to most liberals strikes fear in Thomason's apparently rabidly conservative,itty bitty heart? Is it the concern that I have for my fellow woman and her circumstances? Thomason needs to revisit both his style of writing and his misunderstanding about those of us in the "kook left."

Laura Knudson
Senior
English major

Bush lacks priorities in funding for Mars

The Daily Free Press
staff
Boston University

(U-WIRE) BOSTON – President George W. Bush's announcement last week that he plans to allocate \$12 billion to put humans back on the moon and eventually onto Mars is facing tremendous amounts of criticism – and the critics are right.

Sending a human to Mars is a grand national goal of huge importance that harkens back to the days of former President John F. Kennedy.

But Bush's plan neither gives such a grand mission nearly enough funding nor is correctly timed – during an age on Earth when there are scores of epidemics and giant problems, Bush should've channeled the nation's energy toward solving more pressing problems.

While he has the right idea of bringing up the idea of eventually going to Mars and stirring up what will inevitably be a controversial debate, he did so at the wrong time.

During the Cold War, Americans took pride in space exploration and focused great energy on it, leading to some of the greatest science ever.

Now, Bush should push similar energy into a national goal that will help more immediate issues – health care, the AIDS epidemic, social security or cancer. Especially in tough economic times, every extra American penny should focus on problems that seriously threaten the future of the human race. And past American successes in space can be a great model.

When Kennedy set the space program in motion

Cuba and the Gulf War in Iraq, coupled with severe economic sanctions had crippling effects on both countries.

Americans need to realize that while they may see countries like Cuba and Iraq as a threat to their way of life, a threat which has never remotely been realized, Cubans and Iraqis and the people of many other countries know firsthand what the United States is capable of.

For a more detailed discussion of this topic, please see Noam Chomsky's *Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest For Global Dominance* (especially chapter four). ♦

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in the 1960s, inspired and properly funded scientists took it from there, meeting his goals and more.

If Bush were to put forth such a national mission in another area, Americans would no doubt be equal to the task.

The idea of going to Mars should not be tossed aside, but it must be addressed at the right time and with proper funding.

Kennedy challenged the nation when he demanded an American step on the moon before the end of the 1960s. Space is something that fascinates everyone and is guaranteed to make headlines.

But Bush is playing off that fact and using Mars purely for political reasons, while not making the a proper financial commitment – \$12 billion was not enough money to finish The Big Dig, and it certainly will not be enough to fund human exploration of Mars.

Bush is not taking his new "national goal" seriously because he is not making a serious commitment to it.

By not even attempting to bring up the idea in the proper fashion, his plan seems like little more than a grand political ploy. But by calling it the new "national goal" and inadequately funding it, he has set it up to fail.

Bush needs to be honest with America about how much going to Mars will cost. Especially in a time of economic crisis, honesty would've been the best policy.

Bush is mistaken if he believes his dreams of landing on Mars will provide him with an easy landing into the White House in 2004. ♦

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Planning imperative in last semester of college

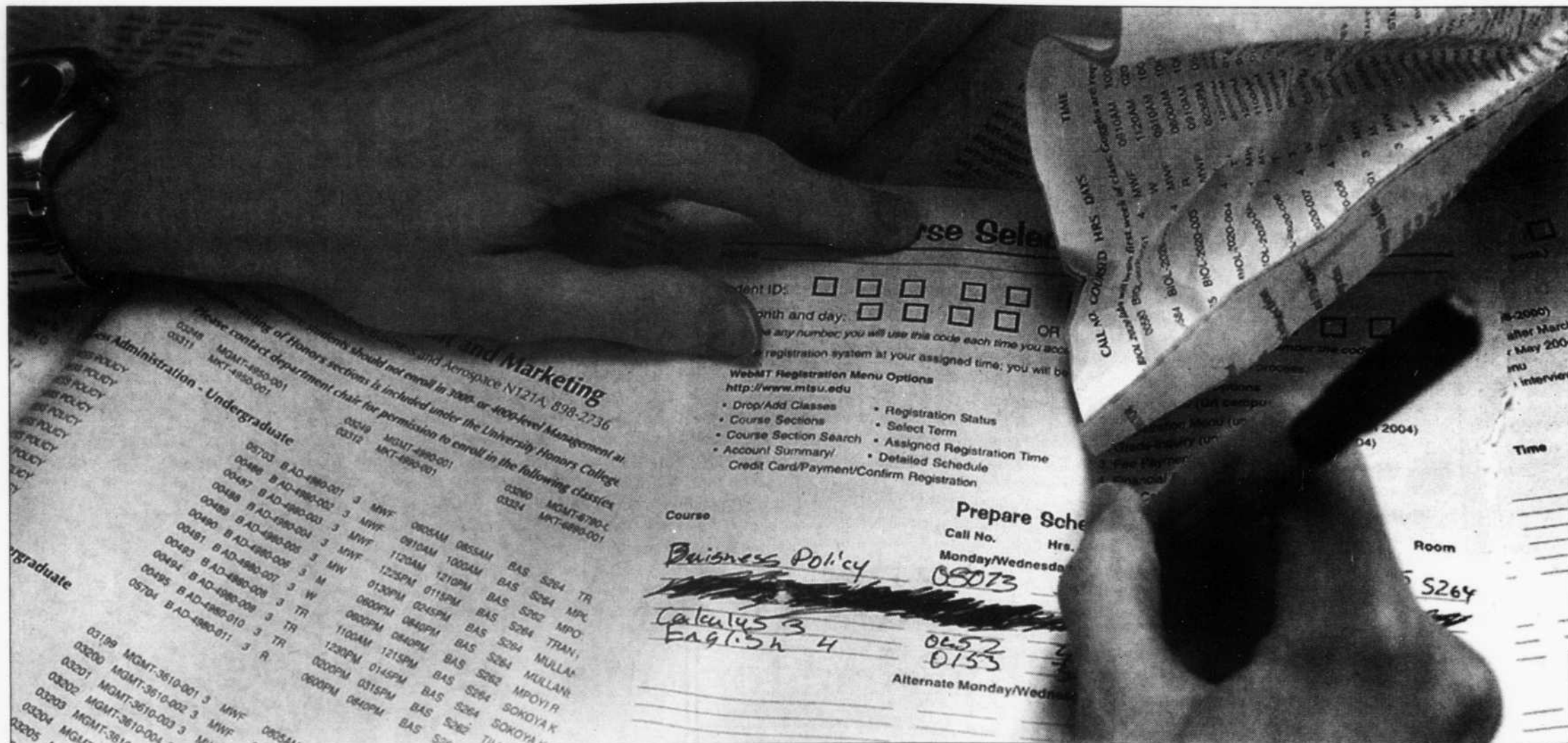


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Intention to Graduate forms and field tests are important for future graduates to remember in order to graduate on time.

Requirements vague to some

By Laura Taylor
Staff Writer

For many MTSU students, this spring will be the last semester of their college careers. They will graduate and move on to the next stages in their lives on May 15.

That is, if they take all the right classes, remember to fill out all the paperwork on time, take their required field tests and keep their fingers crossed.

Stokes Swann, a business major, had planned to graduate this spring before he realized he will be short some credit hours.

"At first I was bummed

because I can't graduate in May," he says, "but it's okay because I'm having fun and I don't think that I want to graduate yet."

There are many details that students must take care of during their final semesters in preparation for educational emancipation.

Students should prepare themselves for graduation throughout their college careers. In other words, it would be wise not to put off the most difficult classes until last.

Students should try to acquire a few extra hours so that they have some leeway during

their final semester.

Recent graduate Allison Livingston knows how important it is to keep up with graduation requirements.

"I could have graduated in summer of 2003," she says, "but I overlooked a couple of classes that I needed and had to graduate in December."

"It was a little disappointing, but I only had to take three classes in the fall, which was really nice."

At the beginning of their senior years, students should see their advisors to make sure that all of the necessary courses have been completed.

Currently, 132 hours and a minimum GPA of 2.0 are required to graduate.

It is important for students to speak with their advisors to determine exactly what classes they need to take during their senior year.

Another way for students to find out what courses they lack is to get on PipelineMT from the MTSU Web site and look up their degree audit on WebMT. It will list all of the courses they still need for graduation.

Gretchen Eleming, an academic advisor for the College of Business, puts a lot of emphasis on the degree audit.

As long as students consult their degree audit each semester, they will have no problems with graduating on time,

Eleming says.

Once they are ready to graduate, students must get an Intention to Graduate form from the office of their major. The form must be filled out and turned in at Cope Administration Building room 102 before or during the first month of the semester that they plan to graduate.

"The most common mistake that students make is when they do not turn in their Intention to Graduate," Interim Director of Records Theresa Thomas says.

This form is important because it is what lets the staff know who is planning to graduate, Thomas adds.

They use these forms to make the list of names called at graduation and to make sure

that all of the information being put on the diplomas is correct, she says.

After turning in the Intention to Graduate form, students should be aware of any field tests that are required by their major.

Most majors do require some type of testing and it usually occurs towards the end of the semester.

"The college of your major will e-mail you and let you know when your field test is," Livingston says. "You also need to check your MTSU mailbox throughout the semester because graduation information is sent to you at that address." ♦

Debate over Atkins diet continues

What you need to know before cutting your carbohydrates

By DeAnna Withrow
Staff Writer

The Atkins diet is nothing new to most people. It made its first debut in the early 1970s and has since been reborn several times.

Yet, the recent addition of Atkins-friendly meals to fast food menus like those of Subway suggests that we are in the wake of a new weight-loss revolution.

As the number of Atkins-followers rise, so does the tension among health experts, praising and criticizing the popular diet.

From the beginning, the Atkins diet has posed serious threats to the efforts of mainstream dietitians and health professionals who desperately seek to encourage the habits of healthy lifestyles. Among those habits are a well-balanced diet and plenty of exercise.

Janet Colson, registered dietitian and MTSU human science professor, advises that the Atkins diet is dangerously unbalanced and deters followers from making the lifestyle changes necessary to maintain optimal health.

"A person on a 2,000 calorie diet should get around 300 grams of carbohydrates a day," she says. "During the first 14 days of the Dr. Atkins diet, that number is restricted to 20 grams a day."

There's no debate as to whether or not a person will lose weight following such a regime. The body will naturally burn fat when there is an insufficient amount of carbs in the diet, Colson says.

The concern is with everything else



that is happening to the body, she points out.

Malnutrition is the most certain side effect. Following the Atkins diet, some food groups such as fruit, grains and dairy, with the exception of cheese, are practically eliminated, if not entirely.

Dr. Robert Atkins, the founder of the diet, admitted that anyone on the diet should take dietary supplements to compensate for such nutritional deficiencies.

"Aside from feeling tired," Colson explains, "anyone on the Atkins diet and not taking supplements is highly

likely to be constipated."

Also, when a person goes off the diet, there is a greater risk of overeating.

"Anytime the body is deprived of necessary foods, there is a strong need to make up for what has been lost," Colson says.

Experts are concerned about other risks as well. They warn that diets high in meat and protein, like the Atkins diet, have the potential to overload the kidneys.

Atkins spokesmen do not recommend the diet for people with kidney problems. They do insist, however, that the diet is "great for long-term weight loss," despite the fact that they have yet to conduct any studies on long-term side effects.

According to Colson, the diet can cause acid levels in the body to reach unnatural heights.

"We are not certain of how this can affect the body over time," she says, "but we know it has the potential to be harmful."

The Journal of American College of Nutrition reports that a long-term use of the diet is likely to increase risk of both cardiovascular disease and cancer.

Atkins supporters claim that cholesterol levels drop significantly while on the Atkins diet though the American Heart Association, in an advisory warning on high-protein diets said, "an improvement in blood cholesterol levels would be due to weight loss, not the change in composition."

Colson further warns that anytime a person diets and doesn't exercise, there is a loss in body fat and muscle.

Consequently, when the person goes off the diet, the muscle that was lost is replaced with fat. So, for someone who "yo-yo diets," or frequently diets for a while and stops for a while, they are essentially worse off than had they remained the same.

Colson recommends diets that focus on eating sensibly and exercising. The Weight-Watchers diet is one of these, she says. It is also available long-term.

For Colson and other professionals in her field, the rise in demand for Atkins products is an alarming indication of how inclined society has become to reach out for immediate gratification. ♦

Organization saves valuable time, space

I've recently figured out that organization is extremely important to us as students, especially when living on your own. In past times, I'd just stick papers or bills in a pile, hoping they'd organize themselves. Then, last semester, I decided I needed a desk to work on bills and homework. I then upgraded to a tray to keep the base of the pile from slipping off the desk. After a few close calls with paying bills late, enough was enough. My mission was to become an efficient homework-doing, bill-paying, highly organized individual.

The journey to becoming more orderly was a larger fiasco than I initially realized; getting organized would take lots of ... organization. This could be due to my anal retentiveness. I have been known to label everything and then color-code the labels.

Either way, I started with my school work by looking through my books, taking out crinkled pieces of paper and sorting them by date – and if the date wasn't available, by the number of creases.

Along with keeping up with school work, I've bought a half dry erase, half cork board to hang above the desk with bill due dates clearly listed and bills neatly tacked to the board.

After a couple months of my new-found desk lifestyle, I've become what some people might consider mental. My need for a clutter-free home has overcome my usual procrastination and lack of motivation. What's worse is my boyfriend has become addicted to it too.

With two people living in only 500 square feet of space, every little object that makes it through the front door sets off the clutter alarm, causing a total redesign of the entire space-saving layout of furniture, book shelves, media storage and wall hangings. It's similar to the ancient analogy of the pebble being dropped into the pond, causing the ripple that affects everything. It's no joke to find us staying up for late-night organizing frenzies during the weekend.

We initially started with the kitchen. We brought in metal canisters to keep sugar, tea and other kitchen necessities. The kitchen "annex" is our two rolling baker's carts, keeping pots, pans and other kitchen knickknacks off of the floor.

The almost viral-like organization bug then spread into the closet. We bought hanging canvas shelves for clothing, followed by a number of giant plastic tubs for other storage. We neatly stored our seasonal clothing under the bed.

After reading through a number of home design books and having a couple of mental breakdowns, we've finally achieved the organization utopia we always wanted. We've definitely found that organization can be very beneficial when it comes to finding homework in a cinch or paying bills on time. Getting dressed is even easier compared to digging through scattered heaps of clothing and then having to smell-check each piece.

The moral: No matter if you're reading this in a cramped dorm room or a luxury town home, it's easy and fairly cheap to become organized. It truly cuts down on time wasted looking for misplaced items. Just don't forget where you placed all your things when you're done. And remember, organization can be a blessing or a curse; finding a happy medium is the key. ♦

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On the Rocks

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Television programming exploits gay stereotypes

By Adam Carpenter
Contributor

A TV sitcom family eats dinner and exchanges pleasantries. A daughter smiles while talking with her parents about her frustrating day at work. Her father grins warmly and recollects with her other father about what it was like when they were her age.

While this image may shake the existing expectations of a sitcom family, ABC hopes that television audiences are ready for a new sort of sitcom family with their show *It's All Relative*. The show features Phillip and Simon, a gay couple who are parents to a college-aged daughter.

Though *It's All Relative* may be considered bold for having a gay couple as main characters of the show, a string of shows have recently featured gay or lesbian characters.

Bravo offers a dating show reminiscent of *The Bachelor* called *Boy Meets Boy*, pitching a gay man, James, who must

select a partner from a group of strangers. As a twist, Bravo had straight men masquerade as gay men.

Another venture into gay television for Bravo was *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*, which has become quite a hit for the network.

A group of gay men, otherwise known as "The Fab 5" and whose forte includes style, taste, and class, help a straight man transform his wardrobe.

"The media finds niche markets," explains media professor, Claire Bratten. "There have been increasing numbers of gay/lesbian incidental characters [in shows over the years]."

Bratten speculates that homosexuals are attractive to networks because advertisers perceive them as a high-income audience.

"They are seen as two-income households without children," Bratten clarifies, "this leaves them with a lot of disposable income."

But what are the ramifications of this sudden jump to gay

programming?

"Whenever a show features a GLBT [gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender] on TV, I feel good," says Andrew Cline, president of MTSU's Lambda Association, which provides social support to the campus' gay and lesbian population. "It's nice to see a different view."

However Cline notes that he is not completely satisfied with the way that gays are portrayed on television. Cline says that a lot of times shows play off of stereotypes.

Cline argues that the average gay individual is not being portrayed on television.

"I think that they overact on *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*," he says. "It just makes everyone [in a mainstream audience] more comfortable. I'm afraid that all of this programming focuses on characters being gay – not on their personalities – not on their talents. They're just 'that gay guy.'"

"The media has the responsibility to be ethical and not stereotype or demonize,"

Bratten says. "You have to make sure that you offset stereotypical characters [with more serious ones]."

"A lot of people are in the closet, but they don't want to come out just to become stereotyped," Cline says.

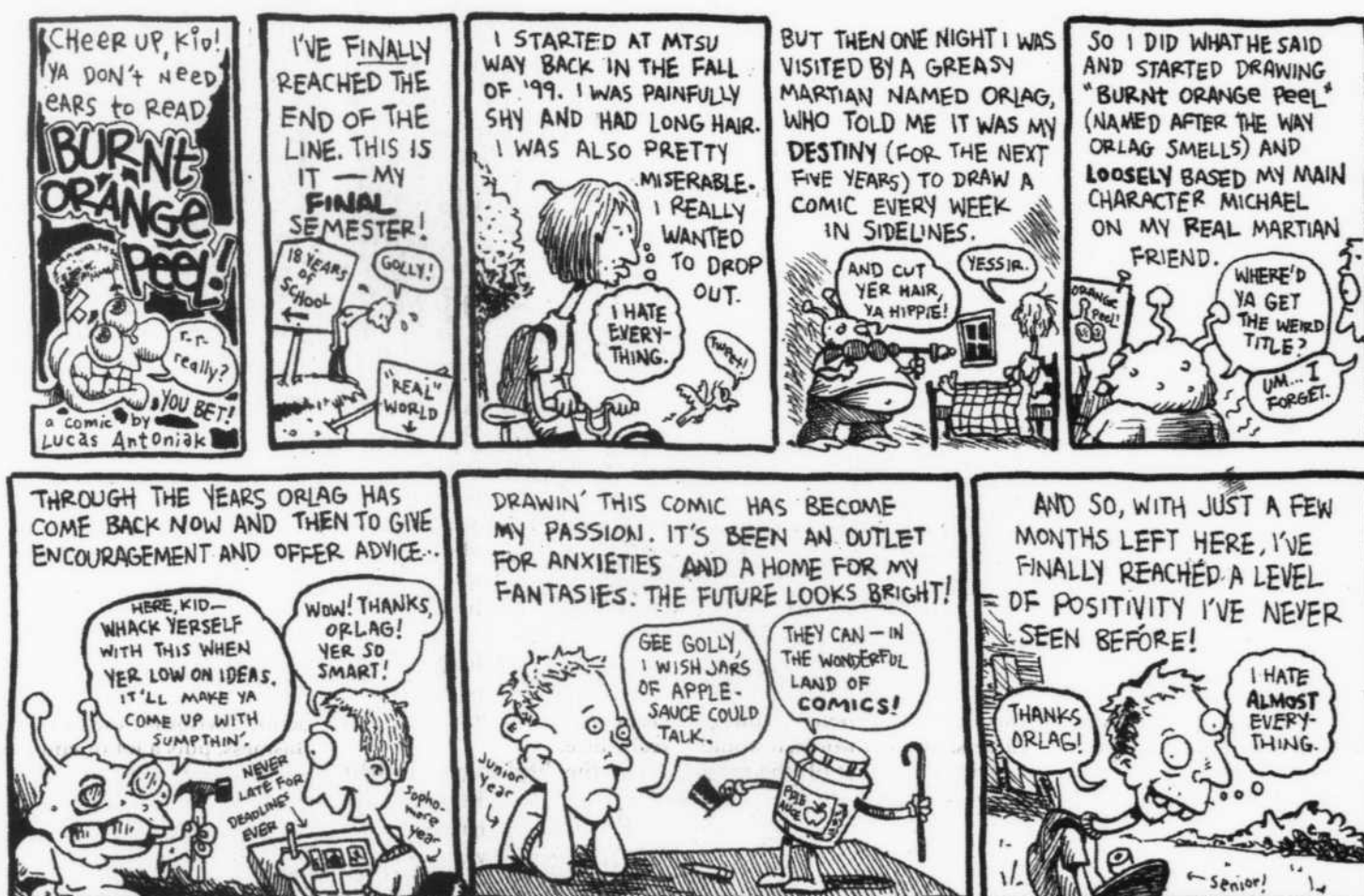
This could lead to further problems as the gay community tries to establish equal rights for gay citizens.

"If gay and lesbian people want rights, then they're going to have to come out first," Cline reasons.

Still, there is hope that shows like *It's All Relative* will help get past stereotypes and pave the way for more serious dramatic roles for gay characters.

"I think it will definitely grow over the years," Cline predicts, who says that he hopes these sorts of roles will help ease the flamboyant stereotypes that some characters can portray.

"There is only so much gay you can take," Cline says. ♦



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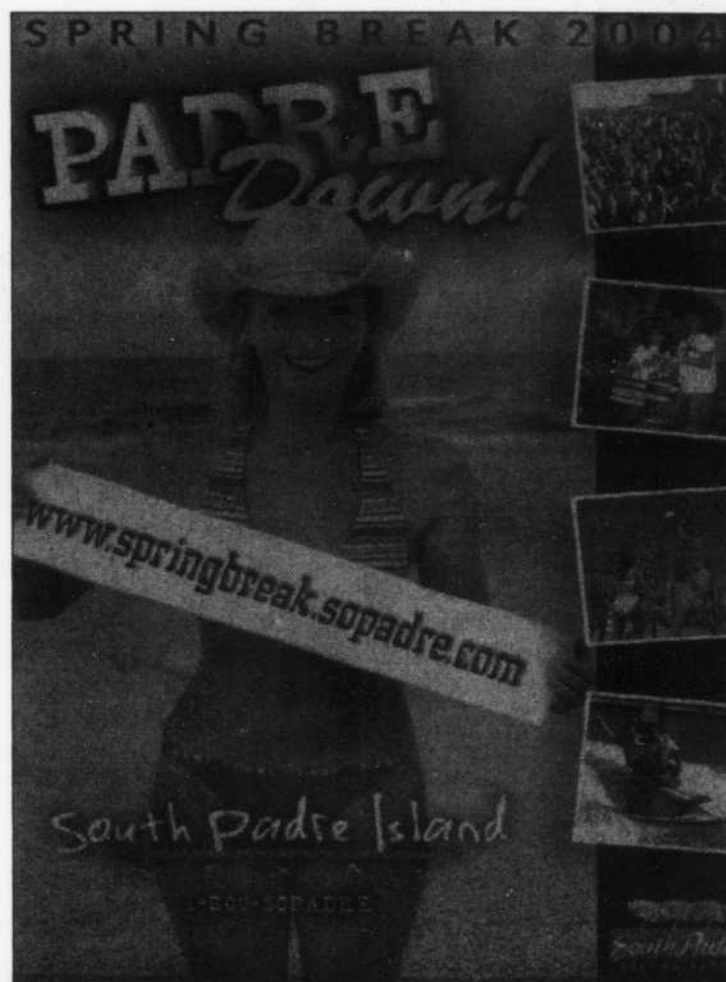
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Collins hired for defensive coordinator job

By Colby Sledge
Assistant Sports Editor

Middle Tennessee announced the hiring of Mike Collins as defensive coordinator Tuesday in hopes of improving last season's defensive performance.

Steve Davis, MT's defensive coordinator for the past three seasons, was fired after the Blue Raiders finished seventh out of eight schools in total defense in the Sun Belt Conference last season. MT's pass defense ranked last in the SBC, allowing 254.4 yards per game.

Collins was a member of the strength and conditioning staff for the 2003 co-national champion Louisiana State University Tigers last season. He previously worked at the University of Louisiana-

Monroe from 1999-2002, serving as defensive coordinator for an Indians defense that consistently ranked in the top 50 nationally in total defense.

Collins took over as interim head coach of the Indians for the last nine games in 2002 and was hired as the permanent head coach on Nov. 20, 2002, three days before ULM's last game of the season against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Collins resigned from ULM in the spring of 2003, however, amid charges of driving under the influence after he drove his truck into a house in

Monroe, La., last April. He was later cleared of those charges after providing evidence that he suffers from sleep apnea and fell asleep at the wheel due to sleep deprivation.

Although Collins' hiring was not announced until Tuesday, the LSU sports information department said Collins had left two weeks' prior to the announcement. MT Media Relations confirmed Collins interviewed for the position two weeks ago and began working at MT over the weekend.

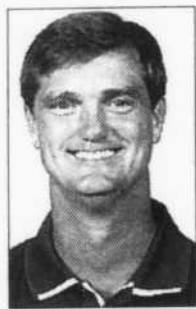
Collins also interviewed for the same position at Louisiana Tech University and was one of four finalists for the job when he accepted MT's offer.

Collins and MT head coach Andy McCollum left for recruiting early Tuesday morning and could not be reached for comment.

McCollum did, however, release a statement praising Collins and his work.

"I have known Mike for a long time and really respect the type of coach he has become," McCollum said in a press release on www.goblueraiders.com. "I am excited about the enthusiasm, knowledge and experience he brings to our program. He is a great fit for the whole staff, and Middle Tennessee fans should get excited about him running our defense."

The announcement of Collins' hiring comes less than a week after MT offensive line coach Ronnie Vinkalrek resigned to become the offensive line coach at Southern Methodist University. The athletic department has not yet interviewed any candidates for the position. ♦



Collins

MT men victorious over ASU

By David Hunter
Senior Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team opened Sun Belt Conference play with a 92-86 overtime victory over Arkansas State University at Murphy Center Thursday night. Bryan Smithson nailed a jumper with 34 seconds remaining in the extra session to put the Blue Raiders ahead for good, 88-86. Smithson and Mike Dean then added two free throws each to seal the win.

"Coach [Davis] was calling in the play from the sidelines. We got mixed up, and we went to the wrong side," Smithson said about the go-ahead shot. "We tried to set it up again, and we went to the wrong side again. The clock was winding down, so we had to get a shot off at least. I called for a ball screen, their defender backed off, and I took the open look. Luckily, it went in."

After two Dean free throws put MT ahead 79-76, the Indians' Dewarick Spencer received the inbound pass and nailed a 35-foot three-pointer as time ran out to send the game into overtime.

ASU head coach Dickey Nutt thought the game was over and went to shake MT head coach Kermit Davis' hand. Nutt soon realized, however, that an extra five minutes was needed.

"In our last timeout, I told Dewarick that he would hit the shot to win the game," Nutt said. "When he hit that shot, I thought we went up by one. I failed to remember that last free throw that [MT] made because I was so consumed about making the inbound pass and trying to get to a shot up, so my apologies to him [Davis]. I went running down there to shake his hand, and he very nicely told me it was a tie game."

MT (9-5, 1-0 SBC) led 43-29 at halftime and had allowed only three ASU players to score

in the first half: Spencer, J.J. Montgomery and Kim Adams. The MT defense forced 12 turnovers while giving up one in the first half. The Blue Raiders had six turnovers for the entire game.

The Indians (11-4, 2-2) cut into the lead by shooting 62 percent in the second half.

ASU had four three-pointers in the last 15 seconds, including two by Tevoris Thompson while facing pressure by the MT defense.

"We tried everything. [ASU] just kept stepping back and making shots, so hats off to them," Davis said. On the other hand, I thought our team in the

first half played defensively about as good as we can guard. To go to overtime and come back was a nice gut check for our team. It showed a lot of character."

MT outscored the Indians 13-7 in overtime.

Dean led all scorers with 30 points, including seven three-pointers.

The last MT player to score 30 or more in a game was William Pippen, who had 32 against Florida International last season.

Tommy Gunn added 22, Alex Weekes came off the bench with 11 and Smithson had 10.

Montgomery led ASU with

24 points, Spencer added 22 and Thompson chipped in with 16 points.

The MT victory took place in front of 3,784 fans, the largest crowd of the season at the Glass House.

Afterward, Davis acknowledged that home court advantage played a key part in the victory.

"It was outstanding. Our numbers are going to continue to improve," Davis said. "I was really excited about the student turnout. That was big time. In the overtime, I thought the crowd had a lot to do with winning the game." ♦

Blue Raiders fall to UALR

By Jared Hastings
Staff Writer

Mike Dean's three-point attempt at the buzzer just short as the University of Arkansas-Little Rock defeated Middle Tennessee Saturday night 68-66.

After scoring a career-high 30 points in a win over Arkansas State on Thursday night, Dean's shooting carried over into the first half Saturday. Dean tallied 13 points in the first half, going a perfect four of four from the field, including three three-pointers. The three three-pointers gave the junior from Rome, Ga., 10 in his last two games.

UALR was led by 6-foot 10-inch forward Jamal Holden, who led his team with 19 points and five rebounds. Brandon Freeman added 15 points for the Trojans. Michael Cuffee had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead Middle Tennessee in both categories.

The Blue Raiders staked themselves to a seven-point lead with 12 minutes left in the first half on two Mike Dean free throws. After Darius Eason's missed jumper, Tommy Gunn connected and the lead was nine points with 10:44 remaining until halftime. The Trojans closed out the half on a 22-15 run, leaving Middle Tennessee with a two-point advantage at the break.

After Middle Tennessee spent much of the first period in control of the game, the second half was a struggle, featuring eight ties and five lead

changes as both teams turned up the defensive intensity.

Both teams struggled on the offensive end as the Trojans committed eight turnovers and Middle Tennessee was held without a three-point basket in the second half after connecting for six in the first.

"I thought our guys gave good effort defensively," Trojan coach Steve Shields said. "It wasn't a perfect defensive game by any stretch. It is just a great win for us in a very difficult place to play."

After Cuffee's layup cut the Trojan lead to one, UALR point guard Zack Graber made his only shot of the evening game. With the shot clock winding down, the junior hit a 25-footer from the left wing to extend the Trojan lead to four.

"We were down one and went zone," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "Then a guy who doesn't shoot the ball all night makes about a 25 footer at the buzzer. We competed; they just made one more play than we did tonight."

Bryan Smithson's layup attempt was off the mark, and Dean's desperation three point heave at the buzzer was short.

"It is real frustrating for everybody," senior guard Tommy Gunn said. "We expect to win every game. We expect to win every game we go in to. Tonight we just didn't execute defensively like we usually do." ♦



Dean



Smithson



Photo by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

MT point guard Bryan Smithson drives the ball around an ASU defender Thursday night.

Shooting percentage makes difference

By Jared Hastings
Staff Writer

Head coach Kermit Davis knew his Blue Raiders were lucky to escape with a win Thursday night at Murphy Center. Arkansas State University's Tevoris Thompson and Dewarick Spencer combined for 13 points in the final 22 seconds of regulation to force overtime in an eventual 92-86 Middle Tennessee victory.

"That was the dangdest shooting exhibition I've seen," Davis said after the game. "I've been a college coach for 22 years and I've never seen anything like that. We tried everything and they just kept stepping back and making shots. My hat's off to them."

Andre' King-Holland's three-pointer with 1:32 left in

the second half started the barrage of long-distance scoring for ASU. A Spencer three-pointer followed by back to back threes from Thompson set up the final play.

Two Mike Dean free throws made it a three-point game with two seconds remaining. Spencer caught a deep pass from Montgomery running up the right sideline. He pulled up from 35 feet and hit the bucket as the horn sounded.

On offensive statistics alone, a Blue Raider win seemed improbable if not impossible.

The Indians shot 61 percent from the field in regulation in comparison to MT's 37 percent.

ASU took 17 fewer shots than the Blue Raiders but made two more. Shooting-wise, the Indians were miles ahead.

Defensive pressure, however,

had the biggest impact on the outcome.

The Blue Raiders forced 12 first half turnovers in building a 14-point lead at the intermission.

For the game, Middle Tennessee forced 18 turnovers, including two crucial ones in overtime, while only committing six of their own.

Tommy Gunn had his most complete effort of the season and set the tone in the first half.

The senior from Syracuse, N.Y., scored 15 points while also pulling in five rebounds and three steals, which led to six points.

"We have to give credit to their guards. They were throwing up shots, and they were going in, and that kind of set the tone going into overtime," Gunn said. "We knew we were

going to have to buckle down and make some defensive stops if we wanted to come out with that win."

While the Blue Raiders were unable to shut down the conference's leading scoring duo of Dewarick Spencer and J.J. Montgomery, Kim Adams was the only other Indian to score in the first half, and ASU was held to just 29 points.

"I thought in the first half we really dug ourselves a hole," ASU head coach Dickey Nutt said. "They're a very athletic basketball team, and we knew coming into this game that we had to put a body on them or they were going to hammer us on the boards, which they did at times."

"But you have to give them credit for winning the game." ♦



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MT head coach Kermit Davis reacts to a foul charged to a Blue Raider at Saturday night's game against UALR.



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Scales leads MT at UK Invitational

By Brad Jameson
Staff Writer

Senior Mardy Scales of the Blue Raider men's track team placed first in the 60-meter dash Saturday at the University of Kentucky Invitational in Lexington, Ky.

The two-day invitational included several Southeastern Conference teams. The SEC Indoor Championships will take place hosted at UK's Nutter Fieldhouse next month.

Scales claimed the only top finish for MT at the meet. His winning performance in the 60-meter dash gave him his second straight 60-meter dash victory in Lexington. His time of 6.63 was one-hundredth of a second too slow for automatic qualification for the NCAA Championships in March, but his time will still most likely qualify him for the championships.

Scales also finished first in the preliminaries with a time of 6.68 seconds.

The men's A relay team was knocked out

of the 1600-meter relay when MT's Sean Waller and the University of South Carolina's sprinter tripped over each other, causing both runners to fall. MT's B relay team finished seventh in the race.

Waller finished the men's 400-meter run in 47.36 seconds, good enough for third place. Scales also placed third in the 200-meters with a time of 21.26 seconds.

Tim Hicks finished seventh in the men's 400-meter run, and Xavier Darden finished ninth in the 200-meter dash.

The women's 1600-meter B relay team finished third behind Clemson University and USC.

MT sophomore Linnie Yarbrough placed fourth in the men's 60-meter hurdles preliminaries with a time of 7.93 seconds, but dropped to sixth in the finals. Senior Garland Martin tied for sixth place in the event with a time of 8.04 seconds.

In the men's triple jump, sophomore Greg Jones took second place with a 14.93-

meter jump, providing the Blue Raiders' best Friday performance. J.J. Sturm finished fifth in the men's long jump with a distance of 7.16 meters.

Senior Letitia Eady finished eighth in the triple jump for the Lady Raiders, leaping a distance of 11.52 meters.

Freshman Nicole Marcus placed seventh in the women's 60-meter dash with a time of 7.67 seconds. Marcus also finished seventh in the preliminaries (7.59).

Marcus was also the Lady Raiders' top finisher in the women's 200-meter dash, placing 13th overall.

Junior Kishara George gave MT's best performance in the women's 400-meter run, finishing with a time of 56.89 seconds for 14th place.

Both the men's and women's teams return to Murfreesboro to compete in Saturday's Blue Raider Invitational followed by the Middle Tennessee Classic on Jan. 31. ♦

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UALR ends home win streak Lady Raiders lose two

By Brad Jameson
Staff Writer

The Blue Raider basketball team had not lost a game in Murfreesboro since Feb. 15, 2003. That's seven home games since the Blue Raiders suffered a loss at Murphy Center. The team had won 12 of its last 13 home games.

In fact, the last team to beat Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro was Sun Belt Conference rival University of Arkansas-Little Rock. The Trojans had won five of the teams' six meetings since MT joined the SBC, including the last three in a row. The last time MT defeated the Trojans was the middle of the 2001-2002 season.

Holding true to tradition, MT lost a close physical struggle to the Trojans 68-66 Saturday night.

The Blue Raiders came inches away from victory as junior guard Mike Dean's buzzer-beater three-pointer fell short with 0.8 seconds to go.

MT came into the contest with a 9-5 record (1-0 SBC). The Trojans were building off an 8-7 (2-1) record.

The Blue Raiders shot off to an early lead, pulling away 26-17 midway through the first half. However, the lead disappeared a few minutes later as UALR took a 33-32 lead after a 16-6 run.

Senior guard Marcus Robinson sank two free throws to give MT a 41-39 halftime lead.

The first half was very physical on both sides of the ball. UALR committed eight fouls in the first eight minutes of the game.

Dean, who had been on a hot streak lately, scoring 30 in the conference opener against Arkansas State University, quickly began scoring, racking up 13 points in the first 10 minutes on four for four shooting, including three three-pointers. However, Dean's production halted for the remainder of the half.

He faced foul trouble early in



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MT guard Tommy Gunn pulls up for three on Saturday.

the second half and was benched for almost the entire 20 minutes, keeping freshman guard Bryan Smithson in the game at point guard for 36 minutes.

Senior guard Tommy Gunn also had difficulty scoring, eventually adding 13 points to MT's score on three of 13 shooting. Gunn is averaging more than 17 points a game this season.

Also missing in the Blue Raiders' game was any sort of an inside presence. The Trojans dominated MT power forward Kyle Young, keeping him score-

less and with no rebounds.

Meanwhile, UALR's senior forward Jamal Holden scored a team-best 19 points and pulled down five rebounds, and junior forward Richard Hardman scored 12 points.

The loss to the Trojans ends MT's four-game homestand. The Blue Raiders now face two SBC road matches against the University of South Alabama and the University of New Orleans before returning home Jan. 29 for a home game against New Mexico State University. ♦

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MT at University of Arkansas-Little Rock

Middle Tennessee (10-5, 0-2 SBC) dropped its second Sun Belt Conference game in a row with a 68-54 loss to Arkansas-Little Rock (8-8, 1-2 SBC). It is the first ever win for the Lady Trojans over the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders were down by three (30-27) to start the second half but went on a 6-0 run to take the lead at the 15:21 mark. UALR came back to tie the game at 39 with 13:13 left and took the lead on a pair of free throws by Heather Morris to make it 41-39.

Middle Tennessee went on a six-minute drought of not scoring, and UALR used it to go on a 12-0 run. Ten of the Lady Trojan points came from junior guard Alicia Cash, who finished the game with 18 points.

Poor shooting plagued the Lady Raiders as the team shot 38.9 percent from the field and was 4-of-10 from three-point line. After shooting 8-of-9 from the free throw line in the first half, the Lady Raiders went to the line once in the second half; meanwhile, the Lady Trojans went to the charity strip 21 times and hit 15.

Freshman Krytle Horton ended the game with the fourth double-double of her career as she had 14 points and 10 rebounds. Tia Stovall had 12 points, and junior Patrice Holmes added 10. Senior Keisha McClinic scored 11 points, the fifth time this season she has scored in double figures.

The Lady Raiders return to the of the Murphy Center as the team takes on South Alabama Thursday at 7 p.m.

MT at Arkansas State University

Middle Tennessee (10-4, 0-1 SBC) fell 69-62 to Arkansas State (10-4, 2-0 SBC) Thursday at the Convocation Center in its opening Sun Belt Conference contest.

Middle Tennessee was trailing by one (31-30) at the half, but Arkansas State went on a 10-2 run to start the second half. The Lady Raiders began to chip away at the lead and pulled ahead 47-46 on a three-point basket by Patrice Holmes.

Senior Jennifer Justice pushed Middle Tennessee to a five point lead on a lay-up, but Arkansas State came back to answer on a three point bucket by Ali Carter. The Lady Indian's Rudy Sims came back down after a missed lay-up by Middle Tennessee to drain a huge three-point shot and ASU never relinquished the lead again.

In the final eight minutes of the game, Middle Tennessee could only score 11 points. The Lady Raiders had 22 turnovers in the game, with 14 of them coming in the first half.

Holmes led the Lady Raiders with 17 points including 5-of-12 from behind the three-point line. Sophomore Tia Stovall added 10 points and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the free throw line. Jennifer Justice ended the game with 11 points.

Middle Tennessee continues its road swing as the Lady Raiders travel to Arkansas-Little Rock. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m. Saturday. ♦

The MT women have seven home games left and the men have four.



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