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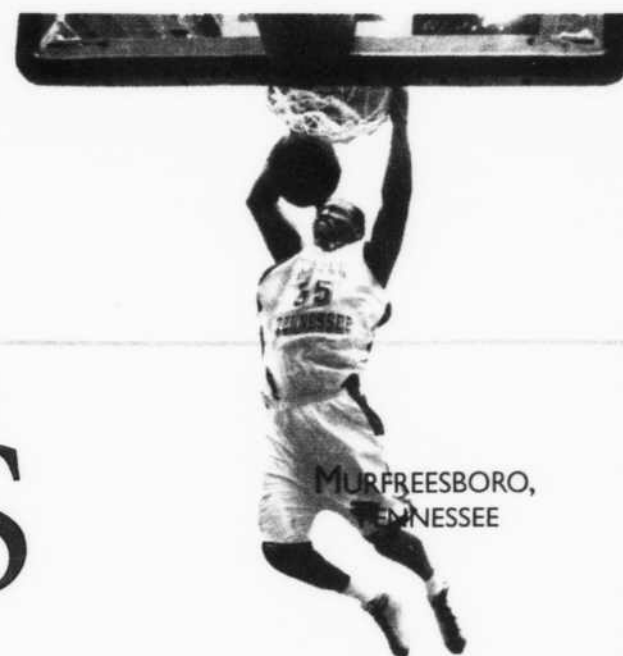
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### Disputed compact disc pricing



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Some of the world's largest record labels are under the gun for illegally pricing compact discs, cassettes and albums. MTSU may see money from the May 22 U.S. district court of Maine decision in the form of donations.

## Marketing tactic deemed illegal

By Nick Bolan  
Contributor

Five of the world's largest record labels and three of the most prominent music store chains may owe you money.

The U.S. District Court of Maine ruled that Capitol Records, Warner-Elektra-Atlantic, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Bertelsmann Music Group pay \$67.4 million in refunds.

Tower Records, Trans World

Entertainment and Musicland are also accused of an illegal form of marketing called "minimum advertised pricing." This term describes how these record labels allegedly paid music store chains to advertise and sell compact discs, cassettes and vinyl albums at set minimum prices.

This would amount to a violation of United States antitrust laws, which protect a competitive marketplace.

Anyone who bought a compact disc from a retail store during the period of Jan. 1, 1995 through Dec. 22, 2000 is eligi-

ble to claim as little as \$5 or as much as \$20 depending on how many people file a claim.

"If too many people claim, then it will all be donated to non-profit organizations," said MTSU recording industry professor Geoff Hull.

The total cash refund of \$67.4 million would be devoted to charity. In addition, more than \$75 million worth of pre-recorded music products that the

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## Former prof promoted in PR agency

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

Former assistant director of Public Relations for MTSU, Ronald Roberts was recently named executive vice president and chief operating officer for Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence, a public relations agency in Nashville.

The agency was formed in 1980 and has grown considerably since then. When it first started, the agency employed only five employees and maintained 16 clients. Now, it employs more than 60 people and manages more than 40 clients.

According to their Web site, Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence is the largest public relations agency in Tennessee as well as being among the top 10 in the South.

The agency has worked with notable clients including the Grand Ole Opry, Jack Daniels Distillery, the YWCA and Saturn Corporation.

"Personally, I have worked with Bridgestone/Firestone, the Nashville International Airport, Shoney's and Captain D's and the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce since I started working here 10 years ago," Roberts said.

Roberts attended MTSU for his undergraduate and graduate degrees earning a bachelor

of science in Mass Communication in 1984 and receiving his master of arts degree in education in 1991.

He worked at MTSU for four years, from 1988-92 and taught various classes such as media writing, introduction to mass communications, public relations principles and public relations communications while serving as assistant director of Public Relations.

He started working at Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence in 1992. His first job was as a television producer at the Nashville Network.

"I decided to go into public relations because I missed writing," Roberts said. "I was a broadcast journalism major at MTSU, and when I was contacted about the assistant director of Public Relations position, I was very interested in it."

The press release sent by Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence stated that Roberts would continue his day-to-day responsibilities for agency operations and continue to serve his clients despite the change in position.

"The most rewarding part of working for Dye, Van Mol and Lawrence is that when a client comes to me for advice for a promotion and I give them assistance that works and they

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## MTSU president issues safety statement

### Staff Reports

MTSU President Sidney McPhee issued a statement Friday regarding the recent robberies and assaults involving students, in which he outlined increased action by the administration.

"The university has a long-standing reputation of being a safe campus and we want to maintain that reputation," McPhee said in the e-mail, which was sent to students, faculty, staff and administration.

McPhee's e-mail highlighted ways the administration is currently dealing with the most recent incidents of criminal activity on campus. The letter says the university has conducted a lighting assessment of the campus and has made recommendations to improve lighting in specific areas.

"Our lighting contractor is in the process of repairing and replacing lights where needed," he said.



McPhee

Also on the list are increased patrols by Public Safety, including the use of plain-clothes officers.

McPhee also said Public Safety will team up with the Murfreesboro Police Department to provide greater coverage of the campus.

"I want this notice to be a reminder that any major university campus is like a large metropolitan area," McPhee said, "and you should always be aware of your surroundings at all times, especially late at night."

Two assaults have been reported on campus - one in

November and one in January. An attempted assault occurred in the Keathley University Center earlier this month. Two assaults occurred near campus earlier this month as well. Two attempted break-ins occurred at Deere Hall Feb. 6.

Two armed robberies have occurred on campus this month.

Police are still investigating all the incidents.

McPhee encourages those with information to contact Crime Stoppers at 893-7867 or MTSU Public Safety at 898-2424. ♦

## Al Gore Center to chronicle Gore Sr.

By Erich Heinlein  
Staff Reporter

When Tony Badger graduated from Middle Tennessee Teachers College in 1932, he probably did not realize that a whole library would be dedicated to one of his favorite politicians.

Badger, a professor of American history at Cambridge University in Great Britain, is using the Al Gore Research Center to write a biography on Al Gore Sr.

Gore donated materials from his congressional career to the school in the 1970s.

"This building was set up 10 years ago, specifically so a biography on Gore could be done," Michael Martin, Badger's full time research assistant, said. "Badger was the chosen one to do the biography."

MTSU raised \$100,000 to

build the center, and Badger collected an additional \$100,000 from Samuel Fleming of Nashville.

Badger has been working on this project since 1993 and has found Gore to be fascinating.

"It's been very interesting to see how a Southern politician moves from what I think of as old style, patronage politics to very heavily personal, non-ideological politics," Badger said.

"In fact, if it hadn't been for Lyndon Baines Johnson's ascension as vice president under John F. Kennedy, Gore would have had a serious shot at being the first Southerner to be nominated for the presidency," Badger



Gore Sr.

added.

Gore donated the majority of the research material in the Gore Center to the school.

"Most papers like this are usually kept at the flagship school," Martin said. "As a regional university, we are very lucky to have all of these papers."

Although the majority of the research is being conducted at the Gore research center, additional research is also being done at the John F. Kennedy Library, the Franklin Roosevelt Library and the Lyndon B. Johnson Library.

These libraries are being used to conclude the relationship between Gore and the three presidents.

Badger and his research assistant are also going through countless copies of newspapers and will conduct interviews with people who knew Gore soon.



Photo by Jenny Cordle | Chief Photographer

The Rev. Charles A. Woolery Sr. blames the biblical miseducation of the black man on Eurocentrism during his lecture Thursday night.

## Wooley discusses need for black men in church

By Mealand Ragland  
Staff Writer

The Rev. Charles A. Woolery, Sr. discussed the need for churches in black communities to be more vigilant in recruitment and retention of black males Thursday night.

Woolery, pastor of First Wesley United Methodist Church in Harvey, Ill., presented a lecture titled "How Afrocentric Thought can Empower the Black Community" before a small audience.

Topics included the significance of the black church, the "Matrix mentality" and the miseducation of the black man by the church.

Black churches were created out of a need for empowerment and self-awareness due to discrimination and racism,

Wesley said.

"The black church emerged from the period of slavery as the most stable and dominant institutional sphere in black communities," Woolery said, quoting author C. Eric Lincoln. At one time, church was the only place blacks could come together and become leaders.

"We have seen the power of the church," Woolery said. "It was visible during the civil rights movement, but once people like Andy Young and Jesse Jackson went into mainstream politics, the church seemed to lose its fire."

According to Woolery, black men today are living in a "Matrix reality." Derived from the movie, *The Matrix*, this type of reality occurs when one culture seeks to promote and

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## CDs: Trans World admits no wrongdoing

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defendants have agreed to donate to libraries, universities and other not-for-profit associations.

"We [MTSU] could certainly see some of that," Hull said.

"The Center for Popular Music has already contacted officials about compensation," Hull added.

Although this case was originally settled in September 2002, it has just recently garnered public attention.

Representatives for the defendants, such as John Sullivan, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Trans World Entertainment, admit no wrongdoing and say they are settling simply because the cost of ongoing litigation far surpasses that of a settle-

ment.

The settlement is no more than a little slap on the wrist, though, according to Hull.

"The defendants settled just to get it over and done with," Hull said.

The cash refund comes out of each company's profit margin and equals about 1 percent of total CD sales in 2001.

A fairness hearing will be held on May 22 in Maine to determine if the settlement is reasonable and adequate.

Labels and stores allegedly conspired to compete against large electronics stores such as Best Buy and Circuit City that sell CDs at less than wholesale prices in order to attract business.

All music chains sell in media, which, according to Hull, means that they have to sell their merchandise above

wholesale to make a profit.

Because this is a class action suit, everyone within the 43 states that brought the charges, including Tennessee, is entitled to reimbursement.

"It's a piece of cake to get compensation," Hull said.

Because the scope of this lawsuit is vast, there could be numerous people filing claims, though. Two million people signed up to be a part of the settlement group already.

"When news gets out, there will probably be millions of people wanting compensation," Hull added.

To find out how to file a claim and be a part of the settlement group, visit [www.music-cdsettlement.com](http://www.music-cdsettlement.com) or call (877) 347-4782. All claims must be filed by March 3, 2003, in order to receive compensation. ♦

## New hockey team set to begin practice in fall

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

Students will soon be able to strap on their ice skates and compete in collegiate ice hockey.

MTSU's new ice hockey club hopes to begin their games in late September or early October.

The club will hold an informational and registration meeting today at 4:30 p.m. in Jones Hall, Conference Room 109B.

"Anyone who has an interest in hockey and has a little bit of ice experience is welcome to come," said the club's faculty adviser, Vance Austin.

The club plans to compete in the American Collegiate Hockey Association, Division III in the fall semester.

The club will form two teams to play other college teams, including Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee. The teams, simply called the A team and B team, are open to anyone who is interested.

The A team will consist of more experienced players, perform on a higher level and will play about twice as many games as the B team.

Students who wish to be on

the A team will need to try out for positions, but the B team is open to all students.

It is hoped that as seniors graduate, students who have developed as players on the B team will move up to the A team.

"The B team is non-selective," Austin said. "It's a proving ground of sorts."

For years, the formation of an ice hockey club didn't seem viable; finding a place to practice was near impossible. Luckily, a local coach agreed to help.

Rick Sanzi has played semi-pro hockey and coached for years at the high school level as well as coaching travel teams in Davidson County.

Helping Sanzi coach the team will be volunteer assistant, goalie and skating power coaches.

The club has its origins in the inline hockey club, and those students have practiced and scrimmaged on the ice for about a month.

The students have been practicing at two different venues: Southern Ice in Franklin and the Centennial Sportsplex in Nashville, which is the home of

the Nashville Predators. Both centers have two ice rinks.

As a member of the ACHA, the home team rents the ice rink and pays the referee salaries for each game.

Two games are usually played, the first on Saturday and the second on Sunday.

The teams will usually switch roles later in the season, so each team usually plays for half of the games played every season.

"We're looking to be serious competitors," Austin commented.

"We could beat Vanderbilt and UT right now with the talent we have."

The club has to rent out the rinks for both practices and games, so they hope to raise about \$20,000 during the spring and summer to pay for ice time and travel expenses.

All players will be supplied with two Raiders ice hockey jerseys for home and away games, as well as hockey socks. Players must procure all other equipment.

The club also hopes to present MTSU President Sidney McPhee with a jersey sporting his own name. ♦

## Churches: Reverend cites historical examples

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propagate its own culture, according to Woolery.

In context, Woolery refers to a society based on Eurocentrism or white supremacy.

"The only way to detach yourself from 'the Matrix' is to know yourself and embrace the truth," Woolery said.

Later in the lecture, Woolery gave reasons why black men are absent in the church.

"If we are a reflection of what we see, we don't see many of us [black men] in the church, so why should we go?" Woolery asked.

On average, black women and children comprise 85 percent of the community's church.

Woolery placed part of the blame on the church itself. Publishers and artists, such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da

Vinci, have misrepresented biblical characters by giving them white features and light skin. This has also been done by movies, such as *The Ten Commandments* and the TV mini-series, *The Bible*, in which the casts were mainly white.

"How could a white Moses live among dark-skinned Egyptians? Why take a blond-haired, blue-eyed Jesus to black Egypt, which is located in Africa?" Woolery asked. "No one ever asks the question 'How do you know Jesus was white?'"

Woolery cited first century historian Flavius Josephus, geography and Revelations 1:14-15 to prove his beliefs.

Described by Adonijah L. Bakari as "an advocate of economic empowerment through the progressive church," Woolery has been in the ministry since the age of 16.

Prior to moving to a Chicago

suburb, he pastured a church in Des Moines, Iowa.

It was not until he moved to Illinois that Woolery realized the need for the church to be involved in its community.

"Once I began reading enlightened Afrocentric readers and thinkers, this became important to me," Woolery said. "No viable businesses in the area around my church are owned by blacks."

At the end of the lecture, Woolery offered solutions to churches recruiting and retaining black men, which include the following: deconstructing the lies and miseducation The Matrix teaches, rebuilding their communities and becoming a means of liberation.

"The church is not the building ... the bricks and mortar ... but the people who make it what it is," Woolery said. ♦

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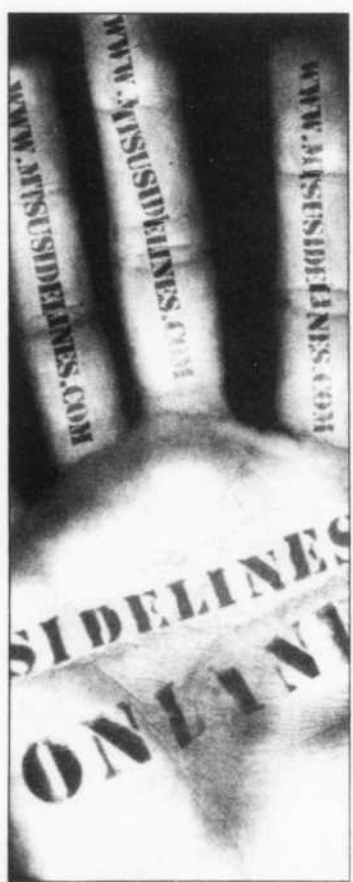
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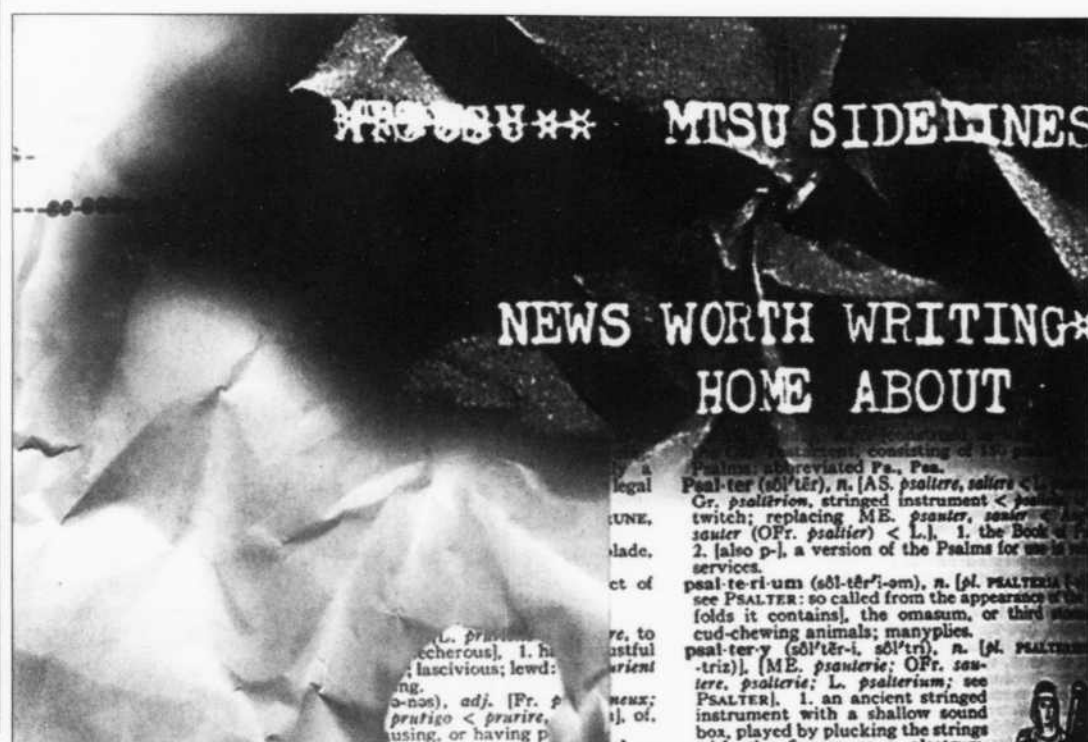
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From the Editorial Board

## President's memo first step to safety

In light of the recent eruption of campus crime, MTSU President Sidney McPhee released a rather encouraging memo to students and employees Friday afternoon, promising heightened safety and security measures.

His message follows two armed robberies, two on-campus assaults, one attempted on-campus assault, two off-campus assaults and two attempted forced entries into dormitory rooms, all occurring within the span of four months.

McPhee assured readers that Public Safety isn't sitting around playing Egyptian Ratscrew, haphazardly discussing what should be done in between mouthfuls of Cheetos. Instead, they're on the ball – they've increased the number of perusing patrol cars, instituted using plain-clothes officers, allied with the Murfreesboro Police force to provide more extensive coverage of the area and instructed the university's lighting contractor to repair lighting where necessary.

Directly publicizing, addressing and handling the problem is the first step to eradicating it. However, we hope the university's safety procedure isn't executed in the half-assed manner that most campus construction projects are. Stopping at these baby-step initiatives would only sell us short and prove, once and for all, that MTSU is content with mediocrity in all its endeavors.

As we've suggested before, it would be appropriate for Student Affairs to initiate a student coalition – a neighborhood watch, if you will. No matter how hip to the scene campus officials think they are, we guarantee that students see and hear more than is reported. Also, we've observed that campus lighting is more aesthetic than illuminating. As much as we appreciate mood lighting when we're making out with each other in front of Peck Hall, it becomes alarming when you can't see the gun-wielding psycho 20 feet in front of you.

The university's efforts to address these incidents are a good, solid start to making our campus a safer and more comfortable learning and living environment. McPhee's move is a step in helping us become the progressive institution we claim to be. ♦

## Internet no 'domestic device'



**American Bacon**  
Patrick Chinnery  
Staff Columnist

By installing a new requirement for low-income housing, our neighbor to the north has taken socialism to a new level.

I'm not talking about Canada – the offender is Kentucky. The requirement has nothing to do with location or price of a house – it mandates broadband Internet connections in new subsidized homes.

Kentucky Housing Corporation's Chief Executive Officer Lynn Luallen believes that high-speed Internet access is as important as running water and cheap electricity. By requiring the fast access, she literally deemed it an "inalienable right" of those who live in rent-con-

trolled housing.

"Over time, we think that [everyone] is going to have a computer and printer, just like you have a refrigerator and range," Luallen said to a *Wired News* reporter.

Someone needs to point out that just because most Americans have appliances does not make the rights to those domestic devices inalienable. Ask the average Ethiopian, Indian or Croat what he'd prefer – a new Maytag washer or three square meals a day. My money's on the edibles.

The concept of luxury as necessity is a dangerous idea native to America. Too often, people in this country cling to the belief that just because their neighbors have a product, everyone is entitled to one of the same. Never is it considered that the neighbor bought the thing after earning the money to do so.

This drive for broadband Internet access is a

perfect example. The most recent poll on the subject, as reported in a February 2002 Department of Commerce study, shows that 10.8 percent of the population subscribe to broadband services.

Roughly one person in 10 has the product, and now everyone is clamoring for it – and they want it cheap.

Subscription rates for broadband service typically range from \$30 to \$50, depending on where one lives. The same Commerce department study notes that "individuals in high-income households, for example, [have] higher subscription rates than individuals in lower income households." The market has already driven the prices lower for those with lower incomes.

Yet, Luallen also wants to provide those living in the newly wired homes with low-cost computer hardware and subsidized Internet service.

Government interfer-

ence, such as what Luallen prescribes, would only impede an already favorable market. Indeed, the Commerce report also affirms that the penetration rate of broadband service is faster than the rates of color televisions, cell phones and videocassette recorders. Interesting that low income families never received those products subsidized, yet they are commonplace today.

Even more telling is the fact that Internet use has shown a large percentage increase amongst those in the lowest income bracket, jumping almost 16 percentage points between October 1997 and September 2001. People are getting it on their own, and they don't need the government to do it for them.

Quoting again from the *Wired News* article, Luallen believes that the Internet is an essential opportunity for low-income families to "raise their educational level and therefore their

income level."

Why can't these people use the computers at the local library? Even Nashville's library system has locations throughout the metro area. It's the same or better in every other part of the country. Those looking to raise their station in life could also take day or evening classes at a local community college or trade school. There's a worthy subsidized program.

Subsidized housing is not meant to provide a life of luxury for its tenants. It's intended to provide a cheap, stable living environment for those who are struggling to get off the government's welfare list and support themselves. The burden of supporting these families should not be larger than it has to be for the rest of us. ♦

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## Disasters happen every day; let's pull ourselves together



**I'm Just a Girl**  
Wendy Caldwell  
Staff Columnist

While driving about town as I tend to do, I couldn't help but notice that the flags are still at half-staff.

Because I was only three years old when the Challenger disaster occurred, I guess I'm not familiar with the appropriate mourning period.

To be honest, I don't even remember how long flags flew at half-staff after Sept. 11, 2001, but I don't recall it being this long. I guess I could be mistaken, but it seems to me that it's time to move on with life.

Don't get me wrong – I'm definitely in favor of recognizing tragedies and honoring the victims.

Having said that, I must also add that people die in this country every day.

People die in every country every day.

Death is a part of life.

Why, then, will we cease the flow of our daily lives to mourn for people we never knew anything about because they happened to die in a fiery explosion while descend-

ing to Earth. I guess I just answered my own question.

It is a horrible tragedy, and I do feel for the victims and their families. However, if these same individuals died in a different way, I wouldn't know anything about it. And I wouldn't care.

It's time we started practicing what we preach – let's get on with our lives. What happened was horrible, but it's over. We've mourned the dead, and that's all we can do. Let's fly those flags as high as they'll go.

Unless, of course, you're mourning Queen Latifah's Academy Award nomination.

That's perfectly acceptable.

Besides, we need to start stockpiling bottled water and duct tape for the upcoming apocalypse.

It's time to make your weekly run to Home Depot to replenish your supply of flashlights, batteries and duct tape.

It's too bad we didn't think of this before. Duct tape: my anti-terrorist.

It seems as though if duct tape were actually effective in protecting against possible terrorist attacks, we would have heard about this sooner.

After all, it's the ideal

protection against weapons of mass destruction. It's cheap, too. How much does duct tape cost? I don't know, but I know it's not going to break anybody. The bottled water is a different story – it's highly overpriced.

With a little duct tape and a trash bag, you can fix a broken car window. Got a hole in the wall? Slap a little duct tape on it. What can't this stuff do?

Oh yeah – protect against crazy radical terrorists.

My point is quite simple: It's time for the United States to chill out.

We're not all going to die any time soon, and, if we do, hopefully the weapons of mass destruction will be quick and painless.

We can't keep dwelling on the past. Tragedies happen. People die. Equipment fails.

Rap stars get Oscar nominations.

Let's not forget that united is just an anagram of untied.

It's time to pull ourselves together. Preferably with duct tape. ♦

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

*Sidelines' occasional watch for mutton-heads.*



There once was a full airplane flight  
With two passengers who weren't quite right  
The staff said, "Sit down."  
But it was racist, they found  
And now there's a legal fight.

A judge has set a March trial date in one of the more ludicrous suits to come before a bench lately.

Two passengers of Southwest Airlines, Grace Fuller and her sister Louise Sawyer, were on a flight from Las Vegas to Kansas City when flight attendant Jennifer Cundiff spoke the words, "Eenie, meenie, minie, moe; pick a seat, we've gotta go."

This was interpreted by Fuller and Sawyer as a racist remark. Not because of the words that were actually said, but because of a word that apparently used to be in a version of the rhyme Fuller and Sawyer were familiar with.

According to the sisters, who are ages 48 and 46, respectively, the rhyme went "Eenie, meenie, minie, moe; catch a n— by the toe" when it was sung by white children of the pre-civil rights era. The free-loafing sisters claim that, not only was the mean, nasty rhyme directed at them, but when Cundiff said, "pick a seat, we've gotta go,"

she knowingly implied the racist version of the song.

Cundiff is 22 years old. She has sworn that she has never heard of that version of the rhyme.

We're inclined to agree with her. We've all heard it expressed as "...catch a tiger by his toe." The civil rights movement didn't bring everyone equality, but at least it effectively ended the common use of the n-word. The only time it's used now is in racial slurs and rap songs, not children's rhyming songs.

The judge dismissed the sisters' claims of physical and emotional distress while setting a hearing date. Good thing, too. What could have been physically taxing during this situation? The massive rush of blood to the head because you've realized you're taking waaaaay too much time to find a seat?

Sometimes people say racist things. Other times, people are too sensitive. These sisters are obviously the latter. ♦

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## Letter to the Editor February month full of meaning

To the Editor:

Wendy Caldwell once commented, "Everyone's ancestors were wronged." "Reparations have been paid [through] ... the Civil War," and "Now, many [Native Americans] are alcoholic gambling diabetics" ("Slavery was horrible; reparations are bad, too," Apr. 3, 2002). The list goes on and on – she displayed a lack of knowledge in areas she's not familiar with, nor can relate.

You'd think her writing would have matured since then, but her latest piece proves she's still in the same position as she was last year ("February meaningless month," Feb. 10). It's hard to say who's to blame, Caldwell or the copy editors who let the headline ride? Talk about not being culture-sensitive.

She said, "I'm glad February is the shortest month of the year. It's the month of meaningless holidays." I wonder would she have said the same if her ancestors were beat every day? Lynched and burned? Castrated and raped? Taken from their homes and told to leave their identities behind?

Well, my ancestors did go through that, and today all we have is a month to celebrate a lifetime of contributions and faithfulness to this country. How dare someone ridicule its value?

We're tired of the disrespect. Not just blacks, but all people of color.

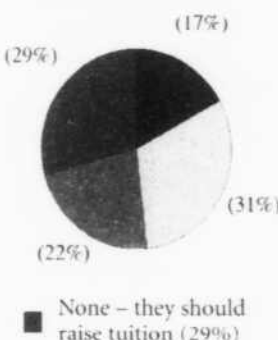
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## Sidelines online poll results

Last week, we asked readers, "What programs should MTSU cut?"

- ☒ The Placement Center (17%)
- ☐ Physical education and related programs (31%)
- ☒ Low-producing majors and minors (22%)
- ☒ None – they should raise tuition (29%)



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## Is VHS dead?

DVD booms while VHS falls behind

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

While most Americans consider the digital video disc player a common household device today, no one in the consumer electronics industry predicted the huge rate of consumer adoption.

Unfortunately, the videocassette recorder has been left in the DVD player's dust, as sales for this new technology rapidly increase each year.

Last December was a real turning-point for the DVD industry, according to Paul Fischer, recording industry professor at MTSU.

"After the Christmas season of 2002,

the DVD adoption rate has completely outstripped [the adoption rate of] the black and white TV," Fischer says. "It is the fastest consumer electronics medium in terms of its adoption by the American population."

Research from the DVD Entertainment Group, an industry association, revealed that the pace of adoption is 10 times faster than that of compact disc players and four times as fast as VCRs.

With many DVDs adding hours of extra features like cut scenes, commentary tracks and behind-the-scenes documentaries, Fischer says it is easy to see why sales are skyrocketing.

"They offer a lot of things in one compact package that people really

like," Fischer says.

A key feature of DVD players is the ability to search for particular scenes quickly using chapter menus.

"You don't have to advance tape back and forth like on a VCR," Fischer says.

Another reason why consumers have been so quick to adopt DVD technology is because prices for the players steadily reduced.

"You can buy a pretty basic DVD player for under \$100 now, and that's an important price point to a lot of people," Fischer says.

Since the inception of the format in spring of 1997, DEG reports that the DVD reached its critical milestone of 20 million units sold in just over four

years.

Many electronics retailers, like Best Buy and Circuit City, adjusted their inventories to match consumer trends.

According to DEG, in 2001, 83 percent of Best Buy's movie inventory was DVD and 17 percent was VHS.

In June of 2002, Circuit City announced that it would phase out sales of prerecorded VHS titles to make room for more DVD titles.

"Statistics show that there is a DVD player in about a third of American homes already," Fischer says. "And that number will increase to or exceed half of American homes within two more years."

The surface of a DVD disc is covered with a protective coating and is

read by a laser beam, which reduces wear on the disc through repeated usage. DVDs also allow for better resolution and better graphics than VHS tapes.

"It's not an intimidating technology," Fischer says. "You just plug it into your TV the same way you do a VCR."

However, Fischer predicts that there are a large number of people who will resist switching to DVD. Fischer admits that even he doesn't own a DVD player.

"Some of the resistance to change in consumer electronic technology isn't so much a fear of new technology as the fear of it's happening too fast,"

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## The Early Evening receives recognition

Local band performs at Ryman, Dancin' in the District

By Jennifer Bardoner  
Staff Writer

Although he may not be on *American Idol*, 20-year-old MTSU student Matt Sutphin and the other members of The Early Evening are getting their shot at the big time.

The band, which started several years ago in Indiana, will fly to California this May to meet with executives of a major record label, courtesy of Coca-Cola and the Mello-Yello Band Challenge.

Brothers and self-taught musicians, 25-year-old George Daeger and 20-year-old Dave Daeger have been writing and independently recording their own songs for six years. As a freshman in college and high school, the two brothers began swapping songs and performing wherever they could around their hometown in rural Indiana.

"When I was 14, I got my first recorder," Dave says. "I immediately started writing and recording my own songs. Then George started collaborating. It was mostly just for fun. We'd make friends come over and lis-

ten to us."

The two independently recorded their first full-length CD in 1998.

"We sold them to whoever we could," Dave says. "We played anywhere, but it's kind of hard to get into bars when you're 16."

In the summer of 2000, the two moved to Nashville in hopes of finding a band and their place in the music industry.

"We didn't want to move to New York, and we didn't want to move to L.A., so we moved to Nashville," George says. "We figured if we could make it here, then we could make it anywhere."

George had just completed a telecommunications degree at Ball State in Indiana, and Dave was ready to begin working toward a classical guitar major at Belmont, where he met Patrick Riddle, Jonathan Surratt and Sutphin, who now complete the band.

Although coming from different backgrounds with different musical preferences, they feel they come together to create a unique sound that even they

sometimes have trouble defining.

"We lived on a Christmas tree farm," George says of their home in Indiana, where their father, in addition to his teaching position at the local middle school and his cover band of 20-something years, also owned and operated the farm.

"That kind of natural feeling comes through in our music," Dave adds.

Sutphin describes it as "organic billy-rock."

Organic is a term that seems to come up quite frequently with the band. The very name of the band, which was a title song on Dave's first recording, almost screams it.

"It's a spirit and an energy that goes along with when the sun goes down," Dave says.

In keeping with that energy, the group says that most of their songs are upbeat.

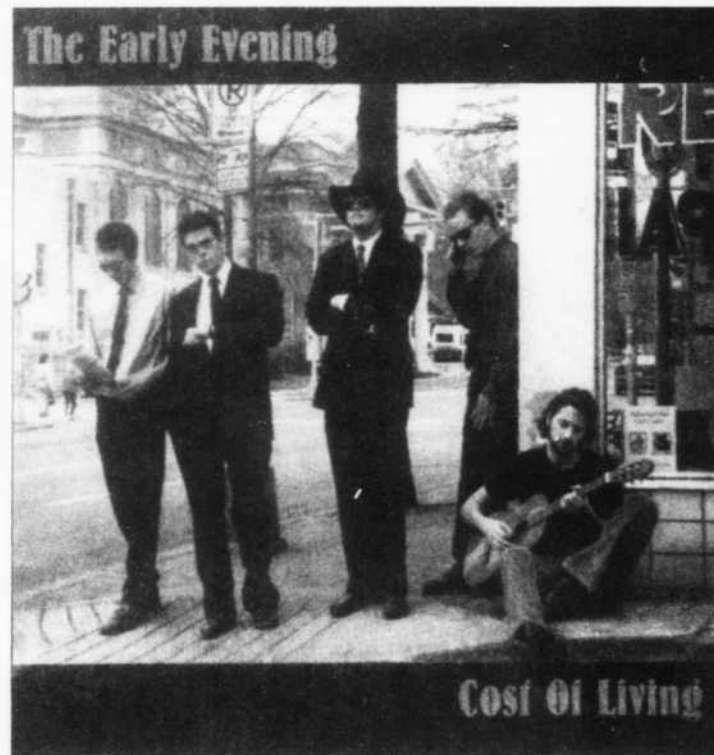
"We're not angstful, but we're not cheesy happy," George says.

"Not like the Monkees or anything," Sutphin cuts in. "We're very genuine," George concludes. "It's just a lot of poetry about living life."

But as such, the occasional weepy ballad is bound to be found lurking around the corners of happiness, and they claim they can slow it down and

"We're not angstful, but we're not cheesy happy."

— George Daeger,  
*The Early Evening*



(From left to right) Jonathan Surratt, Dave Daeger, Patrick Riddle, Matt Sutphin and George Daeger make up The Early Evening, a band with various musical styles.

swoon with the best of them. In fact, they believe this variety and their unique, honest style, along with good networking, are what's taken them the places that they've been, such as the Ryman Auditorium and Dancin' in the District.

"On a grassroots level, our variety is what keeps us going,"

George says. "Our niche is a broader spectrum, because we can write anything, any style."

"Everybody can find at least one song that they like," Matt adds.

And everybody must be, because not only have they been well-received at local shows, sometimes bringing in as many

as 150 people, they have also won several local contests.

The first, Belmont's Pop/Rock Showcase, got them an invite last April to open for Brad Paisley at the Ryman Auditorium.

The second, the first annual

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## Guitar festival brings talent

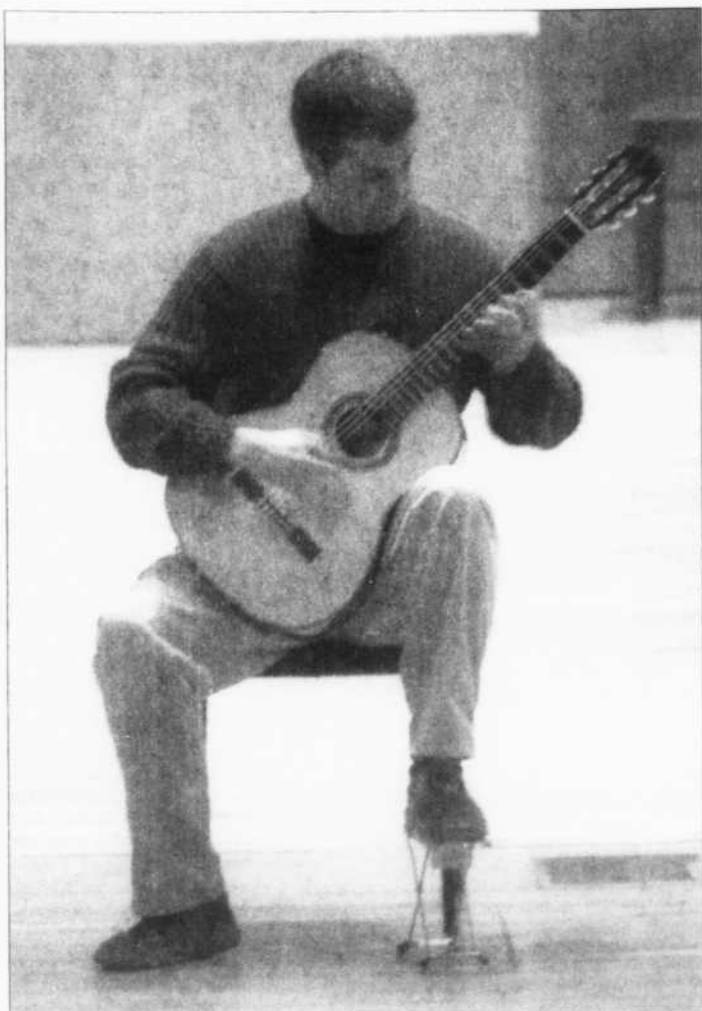


Photo by Aaron Eckermann | Staff Photographer

Luke Finney, MTSU student and master guitarist, performed at the Student Showcase Concert Feb. 9 on campus. He is one of five award-winning student guitarists.

## VHS: Statistics show DVDs are in one-third of American homes today

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Fischer says, "Sooner or later, consumers reach a saturation point."

Fischer explains that someone who has hundreds of recorded VHS tapes at home and has invested a lot of time and money into the VCR is going to be harder to persuade to replace everything they have with DVDs.

Similar technology trends have occurred in the music industry when consumers upgraded from vinyl records to eight-tracks to tapes and now to

CDs.

"The creation of the compact disc was just a huge boon to the recording industry because, for about 10 years, people of my generation, baby boomers, spent a lot of money replacing record collections with CDs," Fischer says.

"There's definitely a certain amount of planned obsolescence built into consumer electronics."

Even when homes with DVDs outnumber homes without them, Fischer sees an opportunity to provide service to homes without DVD tech-

nology.

"That creates opportunities for new business models, new services and entrepreneurial approaches to consumer electronics media," Fischer says.

Fischer said he believes that eventually VHS will become a niche market but will never be completely abandoned.

"Maybe those people will seem like eccentric collectors living in the past, but, hey, I've got two working Victrolas, and I don't have a problem with that," he says. ♦

## Band: One band member describes band's music as 'organic billy-rock'

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Mello-Yello Band Challenge held at last summer's Dancin' in the District, has gotten them an invite to meet with a yet undisclosed but reportedly major record company in L.A.

Although the group is undoubtedly excited about "meeting someone who could possibly feed our grandchildren," they believe the music is the most important thing and say they will stand firm.

"We want to get our music out," Dave says. "If a record deal is going to let us do what we do

and sell records, then that's great."

"But we don't want to sell our souls or anything," Sutphin adds.

"We're not changing anything, except maybe our shoes," George says fixedly.

For now, though, the group is content to focus on those things at hand, like trying to juggle school, practice and shows, which they still try to perform every few months.

"We're kind of always on tour in Nashville," Dave says. "It's more effective than spreading ourselves out during

school."

Their Web site, [www.theearlyevening.com](http://www.theearlyevening.com), contains a full list of their upcoming local "tour dates."

In addition, they are currently working on completing their latest CD, a double album of 30 songs, to be released sometime this year, and are anticipating a tour that will take them to Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and possibly Switzerland this summer.

With all this, it's no wonder these guys are usually smiling. It must be that early evening energy that they draw from. ♦

## Campus Events

### Feb. 17-22

The Keathley University Center Theater will be showing *The Ring*. Showtimes are at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and at 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are \$2 with a student ID. For more information, call 898-2551.

### Feb. 17

The Honors College Lecture Series, "Cultures and Customs," will present "Traditional Music and Sense of Place" by Charles Wolfe. The lecture will begin at 3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 109A. For more information, call 898-2152.

### Feb. 19

*Closeup with MTSU President Sidney McPhee* will appear on MTTV, Channel 10, at 8 p.m. Students and community can phone in questions for the president during the show. For information, contact 898-2105.

### Feb. 18

Haydn's 'Creation' Choral Concert will take place in the Wright Music Building's Music Hall at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 898-2493.

### Feb. 24

Spring 2003 Honors College Lecture Series, "Cultures and Customs," will present "An American in Paris" by Shelley Thomas in Peck Hall, Room 109A, at 3 p.m. It will be free and open to the public. For more information, call 898-2152.

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## Middle Tennessee drops final home game of the season against UALR

By Trey Porter  
Staff Writer

Junior guard Nick Zachery came off the bench to lead Arkansas-Little Rock (14-10, 5-5 SBC) past the Blue Raiders 74-58 Saturday night before a crowd of more than 4,000 at the Murphy Center.

For the Blue Raiders (13-12, 8-4 SBC), the game marked Senior Night as John Humphrey, Bryant Mitchell, Eric Parham, William Pippen and Demario Watson all played their last home game.

The Trojan bench combined for 36 points on the way to victory while breaking the Blue

Raiders' five-game winning streak.

"I thought this was the best effort we had as far as moving the ball around," said Arkansas-Little Rock head coach Porter Moser.

William Pippen opened the game with six points to give a 14-8 lead to the Blue Raiders. Pippen finished with 20 points for the night.



Pippen

The Trojans started to get things going behind an arsenal of shooters in their backcourt, notching seven three-pointers in the first 20 minutes of play. They shot 55.6 percent for the game from downtown.

By intermission, the Trojans shot their way out to a 39-35 lead.

The Blue's leading scorer, Tommy Gunn, did not start the second half because of foul trouble. Middle Tennessee came out and cut the Trojans lead to 42-43 off a Parham lay-up with 14:23 left to play. MT received a defensive stop, and Parham threw a no-look-pass to Pippen, who missed the dunk.

Enter Zachery, who proceeded to torch the Blue Raider defense with three consecutive bombs from downtown. The Blue never got closer than five the rest of the way.

Napoleon Rhodes nailed a perfect 4 for 4, giving him 15 points and five boards to lead the Blue in the paint.



Rhodes

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MT shoots over .500 during ASU match

By David Hunter  
Senior Staff Reporter

Watching Arkansas-State and Middle Tennessee shoot Thursday night was like seeing day and night.

After ASU started off the contest by shooting almost 60 percent in the first 10 minutes of the opening half, the Blue Raiders took control in the end and throughout the second half hit shots from all over the court.

"I thought the key to the game was how we ended the first half. In the last three minutes, we made some big shots," MT head coach Kermit Davis said.

During the second half, MT shot 57 percent from the field and 50 percent from three-point land. The Blue Raiders

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## Doubles matches prove fatal for MT

By Osby Martin  
Staff Writer

The 51st-ranked Blue Raiders (1-4) lost all three doubles matches to the 75th-ranked Furman Paladins (3-1) en route to a 4-3 loss Friday afternoon at the Racquet Club in Murfreesboro.

The visiting Paladins started the match strong in the doubles contests. At No. 3, FU's Chris Henderson/Allen Simmons defeated Brandon



Klemetz

Allan/Greg Pollack, 8-2. Andrew Rogers/Dasef Weems won a break point at 4-3 en route to an 8-6 win over Michael Staniak/Rishan Kuruppu at No. 2, clinching the doubles point for Furman.

At No. 1, MT's 10th-ranked duo of Daniel Klemetz/Kirk Jackson were on serve with James Cameron/Patrick Fillnow, but the visitors won break point in the final game for an 8-6 win.

The Blue Raiders evened the match at one, as third-ranked Klemetz quickly disposed of Fillnow, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 2. The

victory was Klemetz's first in singles since knee surgery.

FU's Henderson then finished off Pollack, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 3, but MT's Staniak knotted the match again with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Rogers at No. 4.

Jackson and Cameron played a great match at No. 1, with Cameron taking the first set before

Jackson responded and split sets with the visitor. Jackson seemed to have all the momentum, up to a break point at 4-1 in the third set, but Cameron came charging back to win the final five games of the match and take a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win, remaining unbeaten in singles and giving the Paladins a 3-2 lead.

The Blue Raiders tied the match again when Anant Sitaram took care of Simmons, 6-2, 7-5, at No. 5, but the Paladins were too much on this day, as Ryan McCarthy defeated Allan, 6-3, 7-5, at No. 6 giving the Paladins the win.

After a match in Oxford with Ole Miss, the Blue Raiders travel to Alabama Wednesday for a 2 p.m. match. ♦



Jackson

## Blue Raider track team peaking at right time

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee men's and women's track teams are burning a trail and leaving their opponents behind in the dust en route to March's Sun Belt Conference Indoor Championships.

In their final outing before the conference showdown in Jonesboro, Ark., MT destroyed the field at this weekend's Middle Tennessee Classic, held in the Murphy Center, capturing first place in 10 events. Competing against MT in the classic were representatives from Western Kentucky University, Tennessee State University, University of Southern Mississippi and Wallace State Community College.

For the Blue Raiders, Saturday's event was the final stepping stone before defending their conference title for the third year in a row. The MT men have won the SBC championships every year since leaving the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Lady Raiders themselves are two-time defending SBC champions, and were led Saturday by top sprinter Rosemary Okafor who picked up her third win in as many races in the 400-meter. The sophomore sprinter also finished as the top collegian in the 200 taking second place.

MT's Kim Freeman continued to improve in the long jump, as the senior beat her own personal best with a leap of 18 feet and 10.75 inches to win the event. Freeman also placed second in the triple jump, fin-

ishing as the top undergraduate in the event.

Rounding out the day for the Lady Raiders, sophomore Rolanda Howard picked up her first win in the 55m hurdles to edge out teammates LaToya Brown and Jerkita McClorin. Freshman Megan Byrd placed second in the weight throw resetting her own school record for the third time this season, and MT graduate assistant Tasha Jenkins took home top honors in the 200.

Jasper Demps won the 55m hurdles for the Blue Raiders with a time of 7.37 ahead of teammate Linnie Yarbrough who finished fourth in the event after taking a bad fall close to the finish line.

Victor Okorie put up his best time of year in the 400 to finish fourth, but the sophomore Nigerian native rebounded in the 200 to capture first place in the event. Junior TM Hicks, who transferred to MT from Wallace State, took top honors in the 400 with a time of 47.74 to record his best run of the season.

Wesley Dupar-Scott took advantage of junior Mardy Scales' absence in the 55 to win the event with a mark of 6.34. Senior D.J. Spann put up the best times in the 55 prelims but false started in the finals.

The SBC Championships are slated for March 1-2 and will mark the final time this season for an indoor team meet. Various MT tracksters will be competing in Iowa's Last Chance Invitational and the NCAA Championships on March 14-15. ♦

# If you build it, they will come

## Plans in store for future expansion of Blue Raiders' Reese Field

By Trey Porter  
Staff Writer

Great teams have great ballparks.

Storied ballparks are a huge part of baseball, past and present – the Yankees at Yankee Stadium, the Cubs at Wrigley Field and the Blue Raiders at Reese Field.

MTSU is home to one of the finest collegiate baseball facilities in the country. The 2,600-seat stadium was named in October 1982, but it was not officially dedicated until April 12, 1983, at a ceremony prior to a Blue Raider game against Vanderbilt University.

The dedication and ceremony was a well-deserved and appreciative tribute to the works of the late Reese Smith and family.

The story of Reese Field began in 1979 when Smith, a local alumnus, along with his two sons, both former players for the Blue Raider baseball squad, decided that work was needed on the existing field and stadium. The field was soon lighted.

Middle Tennessee continued its dedication to athletic excellence, when in 1989, Smith Field underwent dramatic renovations to increase seating capacity and to make the ballpark more fan friendly.

Many changes were made. A three-foot brick wall with blue netting hanging from dugout to dugout replaced the old chain-link fence. Moving two sets of aluminum bleachers up the wall made room for a section of chair-back theater seats directly behind home plate.

A spacious press box, a concession stand and handicapped seating are all amenities that the stadium has to offer. An 8-foot billboard fence covers the outfield wall, while the infield is encircled by wind screens.

Down the right field line sits two turfed hitting cages. The bullpen areas are also enclosed and turfed.

Reese Field is a completely grass surface. A computerized, underground sprinkler system helps maintain the grass.

With the addition of the Stephen B. Smith Clubhouse and the indoor training facility, things continue to get better everyday. Also, more recently, the chain-link fence was replaced with a brick and ornamental iron gate, giving the clubhouse direct access to the field.

The Blue Raider baseball program tags Reese Smith Field as the upcoming "Showplace of the South," citing that numerous baseball organizations bring their teams and fans to the field for their events.

More recently, Reese Smith underwent another renovation in the 2002 season. Each dugout was expanded and the visitors' dugout was equipped with restrooms.

The Blue Raiders' dominant charge into the Sun Belt Conference has raised ideas of yet another stadium expansion project. Still in its infancy, the plan calls for an expansion of seating, a new and larger press box with booths to accommodate radio and television as well as an improved concession and restroom area.

When the Blue Raiders are not home, the stadium does not sit empty. Reese Smith Field is host to a variety of other athletic events and outings, including Ohio Valley Conference Tournaments, Tennessee Junior College Tournaments, TSSAA State High School Tournaments and hosting the U.S. Olympic Baseball Team. The field also hosts the Fall Junior College Classic, showcasing many of the state's junior college teams.

Regardless of the details of the proposed renovations, one thing is for sure. Through the efforts of the Smith family as well as the university, and with the continued success of Blue Raider baseball, only good things can be in store down the road.

The Blue Raiders open the season Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. against Jacksonville State at Reese Smith Field. ♦

Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor



# Lady Raiders earn pair of wins over Lady Trojans, Lady Indians



File Photo

**MT sophomore Patrice Holmes helped the Lady Raiders but back-to-back wins together on the road this weekend in Arkansas. Holmes scored 35 points in the wins.**

**By Josh Beasley**  
Staff Writer

The Lady Raiders helped their cause last week with a pair of Sun Belt Conference wins against Arkansas State and the University of Arkansas Little Rock. The wins kept the Lady Raiders one game out of second place, with one week remaining in the SBC race.

The Lady Raiders (15-10, 8-4 SBC) dominated the boards Saturday night, keeping UALR (5-19, 0-11 SBC) from snatching a single offensive board in the first half allowing them no second chances.

"I thought we did a good job keeping them off the boards," head coach Stephany Smith said. "We did a great job early in the game, holding them to zero offensive rebounds in the first half."

The biggest question of the game was who was going to score first since there wasn't a single point scored until a

jumper by Penttila at the 15:55 mark.

MT held the Lady Trojans to just nine offensive rebounds while the Lady Raiders snatched 29 defensive boards. Overall, the Lady Raiders grabbed 29 boards and crashed the boards for 49 total, which is a season high for Middle Tennessee.

Senior guard Paula Penttila scored in the double digits for the second straight game as she recorded 17 points while shooting 6 of 6 from the charity stripe. Patrice Holmes followed Penttila with 13 points and nine boards and snagged four steals, which leaves her just needing 10 steals to become the all-time leader for steals in a season.

After playing three straight contests, the Lady Raiders pulled ahead and never surrendered the lead to UALR.

The win puts pressure on SBC East foe Florida International who is one game ahead of Middle Tennessee for second place. The Lady Raiders

will try to take over second place when they host FIU at the Murphy Center on Feb. 22.

After last week the Lady Raiders have now won five of their last six contests leading into the final week of SBC play.

With 1:55 left to play against ASU, Penttila drove the lane to hit a layup and gave the Lady Raiders a lead that would eventually result into a victory in the Convocation Center last Thursday night.

Arkansas State was forced to foul in the final minute. Patrice Holmes was 8 of 9 from the charity stripe, which sealed the deal in the final minute for the Lady Raiders. She finished with a team-high 22 points.

"Knocking down the free throws at the end of the game was huge," Smith said. "It was a game clincher."

The Lady Raiders host the Panthers of FIU Saturday at the Glass House. Tip-off and Senior Day activities are set for 2 p.m. ♦



**By David Lawrence**  
Staff Columnist

This edition of Total Nonstop Action starts off with a 10-bell salute to the recently deceased Curt 'Mr. Perfect' Henning. Regrettably, I've only seen Henning a few times on Pay-Per-View, but even while he was losing to men who weren't fit to lace his boots, he still managed to look perfect while doing it.

As of this broadcast, 'Bullet' Bob Armstrong will no longer act as the TNA commissioner. His replacement is none other than the former manager of the original Four Horsemen, J.J. Dillon.

Vince Russo, having a personal beef with the old man, sent the Harris Twins in to beat the older man up, but Dillon was saved when former Extreme Championship Wrestling champ The Sandman rushed out and beat both the Harris brothers bloody with his Singapore cane.

The Sandman then challenged Raven to fight in a falls count anywhere match for the main event. Considering his workout regime includes drinking entire six-packs of beer and smoking cigarettes, the Sandman looked to be in surprisingly good shape.

The match was a fast and brutal one. Low-Ki interfered by tossing The Sandman off of a balcony and through a table.

The Sandman and fellow ECW alumnus Steve Corino were tied up in the ring ropes by

Sports Entertainment Xtreme, but both men when he rushed out and made the save with the Sandman's own Singapore cane. A.J. Styles then came and knocked the champion out with a chair, setting up a Jarrett/Styles match next week.

Due to the screwy finish last week, the World Tag Team titles have been suspended. America's Most Wanted, the Rock 'N' Roll Express, the Harris Brothers and the Disciples of the New Church faced off in a mini tournament to decide who would get the belts next week.

A.M.W. defeated the Express, with James Storm pinning Ricky Morton using Mr. Perfect's own finisher the Perfectplex, and the Harris's defeated the Disciples after Low-Ki interfered. Both remaining teams will face off next week, with the winner getting the tag team titles.

X-title champion Sonny Siaki became the ex-X-champ when he lost his match against Kid Kash. The match only lasted seven minutes and both of the valets, Desire for Siaki and Trinity for Kash, entered the ring midway through the match. Desire and Siaki each took some brutal bumps, and Trinity just keeps getting better and better.

The Truth, Jorge Estrada, and Tenacious Z took on Mike Sanders, The Gift, and B.G. James. Z, the one-legged man, continues to amaze me.

The man only has one leg, and he's out there doing drop-kicks and moonsaults on guys

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nearly twice as the size as him. It was a fun match, which saw 'The Truth' Ron Killings pin Sanders.

Steve Corino challenged Low-Ki to a match. Corino blew the roof off the place as he fought Low-Ki, but sadly, the match ended in a disqualification when Ki attacked the referee.

An eight man elimination match, which is a Royal Rumble-type match, was held to decide the No. 1 contender for the X-title. Featuring Jerry Lynn, Joel & Jose Maximo, Shark Boy, David Young, Tony Malaluke, Jimmy Rave and Paul London, the match went above and beyond expectations.

Lynn won after a grueling fifteen minutes, which brought Konnan out.

Konnan and the S.A.T.s, Joel and Jose Maximo, attacked Lynn and the rest of the X-division, claiming that the point of the entire division is nothing more than a whitewashed version of the Luchadore style.

Konnan made it clear that he wants nothing to do with Russo or S.E.X., and that all he wants to do is show the people what a real Luchadore can do.

A very nice feud, and I'm glad that they are keeping this separate from the 'Wrestlers versus Sports Entertainers' feud.

As always, if you want to see this show live, then head on down to the Tennessee State Fairgrounds in Nashville. General admission is \$10 and ringside seats are \$15. ♦

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### 120 Career

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### 110 Help Wanted

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Hurry! Hurry! One bedroom for rent in a two bedroom apt. Rent before Dec. and pay only \$385, includes everything: water, phone, cable, and bedroom items. Lease ends July 31st. Call 308-9700.  
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### 155 House for rent

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Condo-3 bed/ 2 1/2 bath near I-24. 1,400 sq. ft. All appliances. Large master and kitchen, pantry, vaulted ceiling, laundry, garage, lawn care, pets. \$880. 615-423-6272.

### 160 House for sale

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### 165 Roommates

Roommate needed for small apt. \$255/month includes all utilities except phone and cable internet. Male or female. Small pets allowed. 896-3226.  
Looking for 2 female roommates for a nice 3 bed/2 bath house near campus. \$360 a month per person, all

util., cable and internet included. Call Ashley at 474-0002.  
Roommate needed for 3 bedroom apt. at SUH. Available at the end of fall semester. \$420/month includes washer/dryer, all bills (including cable.) I will pay you \$100 on move-in. Call 898-3588 or email jwh2q@mtsu.edu.  
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### 170 Subleasing

4 bedroom, 2 bath apartment. 1 or 2 male roommates needed at Sterling University Gables, poolside view. Furnished, free rent for February. 2 Excellent Roommates to live with. Lease ends in August. Call 494-3913 or 481-5600 as for Marcus Bell.  
One male and one female needed to sublease 2 bdrms in a 4 bdrm/4bath apartment @ Univ. Courtyards. Will pay 1/2 of 1st months rent and security. Call 347-3956 or 347-3954 ask for David or Sarah.  
Apt. for sublease at University Courtyard for summer. Last 2 weeks of May are discounted. June & July are \$339 a month. Includes all utilities, furnishings, private bedroom, share bath. Call Kelly @ 893-6354.  
Female needed to take over lease @ Univ. Courtyard. Private bed/bath. \$365 a month, reg. \$385.5

minutes from campus. Call Leigh (615) 482-3090.  
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Free 2 months rent, Free refrigerator and freezer w/lease agreement. \$370/month all utilities included.  
Sterling Gables (male) call 604-7400 or 289-0720 or go by Sterling and ask for 933C.  
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### 205 Other

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## Blue Raiders: Loss marks end of five-game winning streak

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John Humphrey only finished with seven points and two boards but kept the crowd energized with a couple of slam dunks.

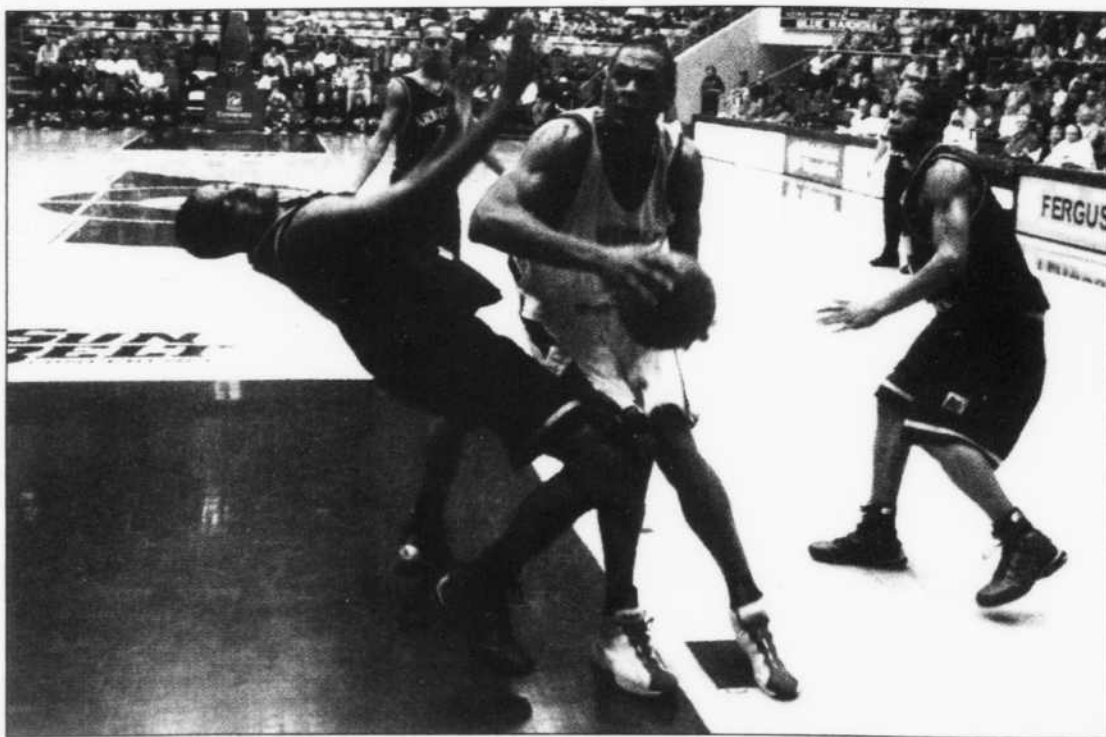
Kimmo Muurinen erupted for 11 points late in the second half to kill the Blue Raiders spirit, while Jibrahn Ike chipped in 14 for the Trojans.

"They were just better at it than we were tonight," head coach Kermit Davis said.

Davis went on to point out that rebounding and defense were the two crucial factors. The Trojans out-rebounded the Blue by 14.

Though the Blue defeated Arkansas State Thursday night 79-55, the loss Saturday was tough to take because of the significance of Senior Night and the emotion that surrounds it.

The Blue Raiders will be looking for a win as they go on the road to play Florida International on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. ♦



Photos by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor  
MT show power in the paint over the weekend, as junior Steve Jackson (above) works his way inside and senior John Humphrey slams a dunk.

## Arkansas State: MT holds defensive record in SBC

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completed the contest, shooting 51 percent from field goal range and 50 percent from long distance.

"The first 15 minutes of the second half was as good as we have been all year," Davis said.

On the other hand, ASU went ice-cold in the second half by only shooting 31 percent from the field. The Indians shot 25 percent from long distance and the foul line. The Indians finished the game shooting 38.6 percent from the field and 35.7 percent from the stripe.

"When you shoot 40 percent from the free-throw line and 30 percent for the game, things will go bad in a hurry," ASU head coach Dickey Nutt said.

The Blue Raiders came into the game leading the Sun Belt Conference by holding opponents to only 39.5 percent shooting from the field. MT also led the Sun Belt Conference by only allowing opponents to score 63.8 points-per-game.

Senior forward William Pippen led MT with 19 points

and 10 rebounds after only scoring four points in the first half. It was Pippen's fifth career double-double.

"I felt like I had a frustrating first half," Pippen said. "My team was playing well without me - I am proud of that. I just wanted to come out in the second half, assert myself and help this team make a run."

Pippen scored 12 straight points in a four-minute time span for the Blue Raiders, including two three-point shots.

The Blue Raiders shot over 50 percent in eight games this season. MT is 7-1 in those games.

Tommy Gunn also had a huge night, shooting the ball for 16 points. John Humphrey and Napoleon Rhodes added 10 points apiece for the Blue Raiders. ♦

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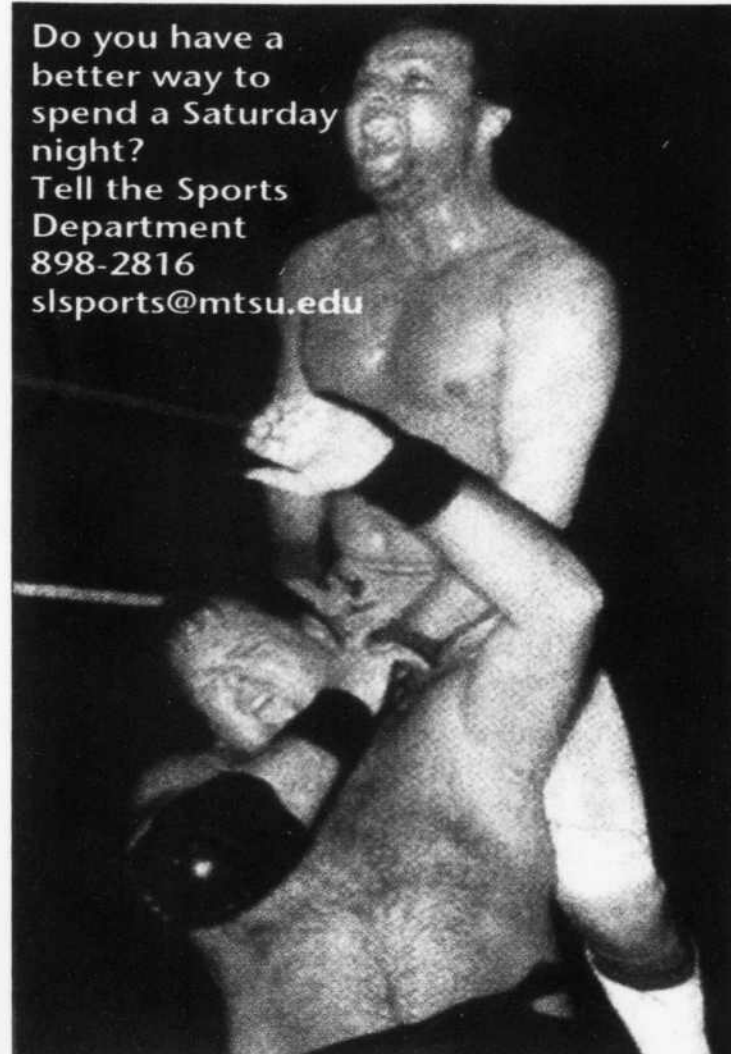
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how long  
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who  
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