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Sigma Nu returns to MT

Two years after hazing allegations and the loss of its charter, the Theta Iota chapter is back

By ALEX MOORMAN
Assistant News Editor

Sigma Nu regained its charter last Saturday after losing it almost two years ago because of hazing allegations.

In December of 2007, the National Fraternity took Sigma Nu's charter on the grounds that the allegations were considered true. The university, however, planned to side with the fraternity in submitting an appeal to the national organization and support the Theta Iota chapter

in its efforts to regain their charter.

A banquet in celebration of their charter being reinstated was held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro on Saturday. The members, current and alumni, were all in attendance along with the Regent of Sigma Nu, Joe Gilman; Gene Fitch, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life; Danny Kelley, associate dean of Student Life; Byron Lightly, Greek Life Coordinator; and Carrie Youell previous Greek Life Coordinator.

"We are extremely excited to have

our charter back," said Brandon McNary, president of Sigma Nu. "Some of our guys have been waiting since fall of 2006 to get initiated, and it was good to finally see that happen."

After losing their charter, Sigma Nu was not allowed to induct any new member or hold functions for the fraternity.

Bob Glenn, former vice president for Student Affairs and vice provost for enrollment management, stated in a January 2007 press release that he felt the punishment was too

harsh. He said he was disappointed in the fact that the alumni and national members were supposed to be in partnership with the administration to decide the severity of the punishment given to the Theta Iota chapter.

"We have worked very hard to get Sigma Nu back on top," McNary said. "The past is behind us, and the future is what we need to focus on. Getting the charter back was the easy part, and now we have to work

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Photo Illustration by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor
Jared Bowers, freshman, watches television while his roommate Patrick Wilson, freshman, studies on his laptop computer in their dormitory in Beasley Hall.

Dormitories vs. rental spaces



Students look for cheap housing solutions on and off MTSU's campus

By EMMA EGLI
Staff Writer

For many incoming college students, the decision to live in a dorm or in an off-campus apartment is a significant one, because students must consider location, social interaction and, most importantly, price.

"When we talk to incoming first year students, we tell them that they never get their first year of college back again," said Sarah Sudak, executive director of Housing and Residential Life. "So it's important that they know what options they have before they decide where they want to live."

Unlike most college campuses, MTSU does not require first year students to live in a residential hall on campus. Students can pick from several dormitories, on-campus apartments, town homes or houses off campus.

"We think everyone should have the opportunity to live on campus," Sudak said. "However, we also want them to be able to choose what they think is best for them as opposed to being told where they have to live."

One of the most important details that students consider when deciding where to live is the price. Rates for dorms vary from \$1,530 to \$1,938 per semester for shared rooms.

On-campus apartments like Scarlett Commons are about \$2,661 per semester. A typical apartment or house off campus can range from \$275-\$400 a month depending on the location and number of rooms in the residence.

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Sophomores Asha Allen, Ricketta Johnson and Tamekia Hatter hang out with each other in Cyber Cafe.

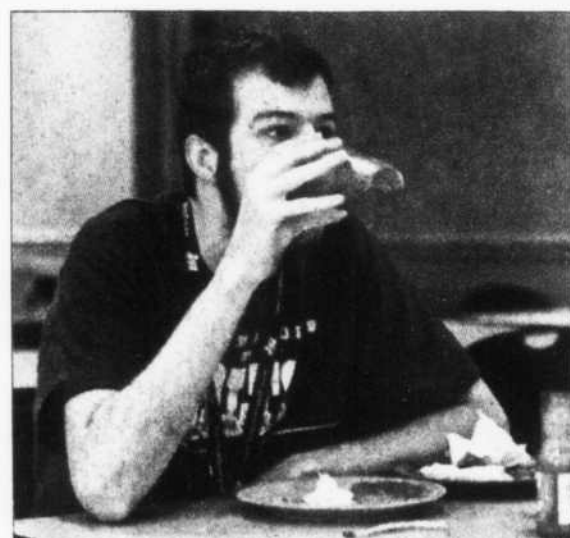


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Andrew James, freshman, eats at McCaillie.



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Arsenio Jones, freshman, checks his e-mail.

'Evacuation' show a success

Student designers flaunt their work for a cause

By FAITH FRANKLIN
Assistant News Editor

"Disastrous" fashion helped raise nearly a thousand dollars for Habitat for Humanity during Friday evening's "Evacuation"-themed fashion show.

The show began with sounds of wind, rain and alarms mimicking the show's theme. The evacuation concept was based on natural disasters, such as hurricanes, avalanches, tornadoes and volcanoes.

The fashion promotion class, which is a part of MTSU's textile merchandise and design program, banked

around \$800 through ticket sales for the event. All the proceeds went directly to Habitat.

"Since we were donating the proceeds of the show to Habitat, we decided to base our theme on them," said Delana McGregor, a junior fashion and merchandising major and head coordinator of the fashion show.

The class chose Habitat for Humanity to receive the ticket proceeds because of the work the organization does with people who have lost their homes due to natural disasters.

"The show was a fun thing to do a Friday night that's not

that expensive," said Chloe Robinson, junior child development and family studies major. "Also, the money is going to a good cause."

Family members and students attended in support of the models and staff.

Gracie Spires, a junior fashion and merchandising major, came to support some of her classmates whose designs were featured in the show.

"I wanted to see all of the designs," Spires said. "I will also be in the class next semester, and I wanted to know what to expect."

Several students came up with original designs for the show. Five students were recognized at the end of the show for their designs.

Emilie Dalton and Katie Flowers received honorable mention, while Margaret May received third, Abby Kelly received second and Ali Hendrix, senior fashion merchandising major, won first place for her design.

Hendrix's design was a black, floor-length dress. She said that she was surprised and excited that her design won first place.

"I researched a lot [of information about] evacuation and disasters," Hendrix said. "I wanted [the dress] to have a flowing, dramatic effect. That's where I got my inspiration for fabric, and then the rest was just for drama."

The fashion show is held every semester and is a great way for people to learn about the program, McGregor said.

"Not a lot of people know about the textile merchandise and design program," Robinson said. "It's a really good program, and it's one more thing for you to get involved."

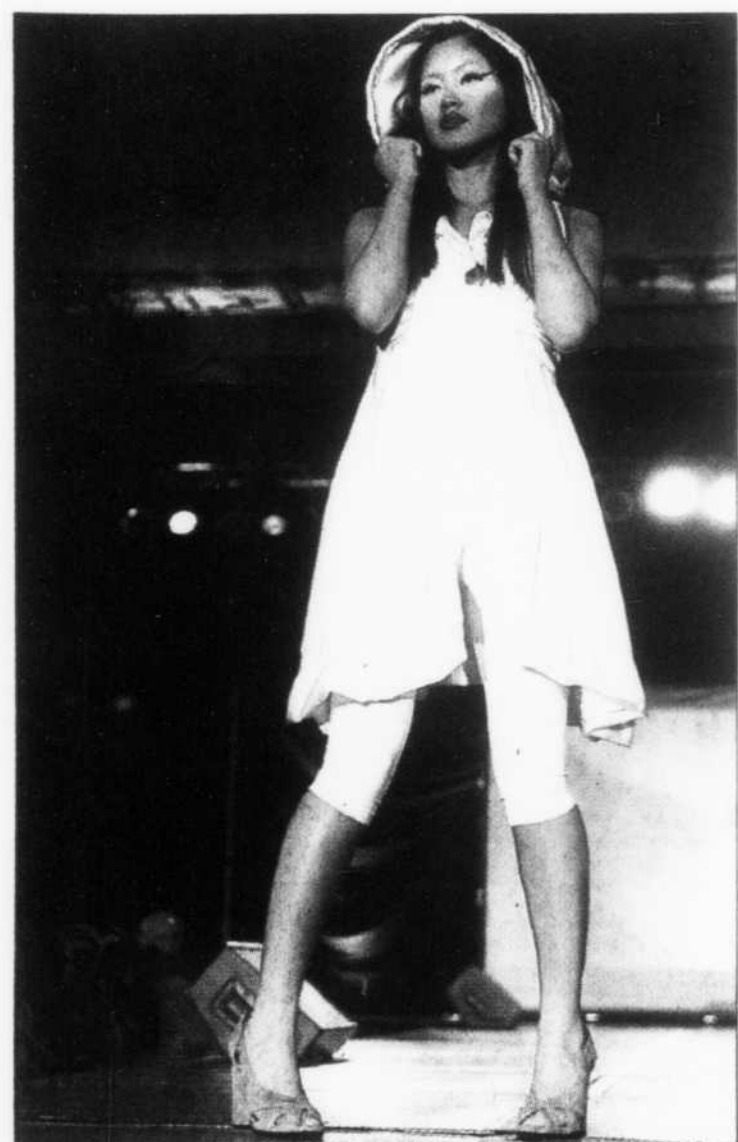


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Students pose for the Fall 2008 Fashion Show, 'Evacuation'

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Students vote on increase in activity fee

STAFF REPORT

Students will be able to vote for or against a proposed \$20 student activity fee increase Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The polls will open on Pipeline at midnight on Nov. 18 and will close at midnight on Nov. 20. Results for

the poll will be verified and posted by 9 a.m. on Nov. 21.

"We haven't seen or heard much excitement over the proposed fee increase lately," said Gene Fitch, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of Student Life. "Our biggest concern is that students might have forgot-

ten about it with the end of the semester approaching."

"The last time there was a proposal for an increase a few years ago, people were talking about it all the time," Finch said. "We have put numerous advertisements in the paper to remind students to use their vote."

If students vote in favor of an activity fee increase, the increase would take place during the fall semester of next year. The student activity fee which is currently \$20 would be raised to \$40.

"If students vote against the increase, I do think it will

be brought up again in the future," Finch said. "It definitely wouldn't be as soon as the spring semester. If other legislation is out there, it wouldn't be a good thing to have another referendum for an activity fee increase on the same ballot."

Students are encouraged to

log onto Pipeline when polls open to voice their opinion and make their vote count.

"We just want students to be well informed and educated on the matter and to just get out there and vote," Finch said. "How you vote is your own business, but at least get out and do it."

Tenn. in red; a blue faculty begins budget discussion

By BYRON WILKES
Community News Editor

The office of the president is holding two open forums Tuesday and Wednesday for students, faculty and administrators to voice any questions or concerns they have for MTSU in terms of the upcoming budget cuts.

The forums will take place Nov. 18, 3 to 4 p.m. and Nov. 19, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the State Farm Room (Room 102) of the Business and Aerospace Building.

"The forums are designed to provide an ongoing, updated view of where we are as an institution," said President Sidney McPhee. "We're using a variety of communication instruments like e-mail to address the budget issues we're facing."

Tenn.'s budget cuts amount to about \$800 million, though the figure is tentative and may actually be higher before the end of the fiscal year, according to Gov. Phil Bredesen.

"This is [the students, faculty and staff]'s opportunity to voice concern about the

budget issues," McPhee said. "We'll be using the open forum to let [everyone] hear me face-to-face, and to discuss general details in the decision-making process."

A t t e n - dance at the forums is urged, as more participation will enhance the university administration's ability to make better-informed decisions in the upcoming months.

"We want to know what people see as priorities," McPhee said. "I would be surprised [if turnout was not large], due to the level of concern and seriousness about the [budget] situation."

MTSU will see a setback in their budget as an effect of Tenn.'s broader budget cuts.

"There's no question about it, there are going to be tough times," McPhee said. "There is a lot of anxiety on campus, and rightly so, in anticipating that next semester is going to

be rougher."

According to McPhee, no decisions have been made yet concerning which programs or departments will be cut first, if at all, and one of the purposes of the open forums is to get a general feeling of which programs attract the strongest interest in the campus population.

"We'll also be trying to answer the question of how to continue to make progress at the university," McPhee said. "Our progress will be slowed, but we're speculating that in the future it will get better."

McPhee has also started up the process of setting up how they will decide where to cut funding first on campus.

"We've got some very tough decisions coming up, and you have to make these strategic choices all without fully stopping progress," McPhee said. "We've set up a series of committees to take into account ideas and recommendations from across the board."



Sidney McPhee

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Brandon McNary holds Sigma Nu's charter high in jubilation.

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harder to become the fraternity we want to be."

Joe Gilman is the Regent of Sigma Nu and attended the banquet as the keynote speaker. The Regent is the highest position in all of Sigma Nu. He serves a two-year term.

Awards were handed out to members of Sigma Nu, including Athlete of the Year, Mitch Eakin; New Member of the Year, Cody Lannom; and Brother of the Year, Blake Jenkins.

"They are really lucky, because they had some boys right before rush that stuck around until just recently and that really helped the chapter," said Fitch.

While the members of Sigma Nu were excited about

the reinstating of their charter, the growth of their chapter and reputation was their main focus for the future.

"Everything we do has consequences, whether they are positive or negative. I have full faith that we will continue to improve and never be complacent," McNary said.

Along with the food and festivities, Bob Glenn officially gave Sigma Nu back their charter and left them with one very important goal to reach for.

"I challenge you to get the very best education you can by fully developing your talents and abilities both in the class room and in campus activities," Glenn said. "Achieve honorable goals both as individuals and as a group in an effort to bring further honor the MTSU, to Sigma Nu and to you as an individual."

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Murphy Center crowd marvels at CMA award winners
Lady Antebellum and Jason Aldean



Photos by Alex Treneff, staff photographer

Lady Antebellum (comprised of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood and Jason Aldean performed to a crowd of about 3,300 Thursday.

By LAURA RAINES
Staff Writer

The lights of the Murphy Center dim and the anticipation of the crowd of about 3,300 is tangible. Recent Country Music Award winner Lady Antebellum walks on stage, and the crowd erupts into cheers and screams. The energy continues through the band's performance and carries on when Jason Aldean takes the stage.

"People stand and begin singing along with Wednesday night's winner of the CMA's New Artist of the Year.

"[Lady Antebellum] winning the award last night will really push the show to new heights tonight," says Rich Kershaw, director of Student Programming. "We are really excited about it in any case."

Lady Antebellum, comprised of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, gives a great live performance and work off the crowd's palpable energy, sending shout-outs to MTSU and Belmont.

The three sing their hit songs, "Love Don't Live Here" and "Lookin' for a Good Time," which receives the loudest response from the crowd. They also mix in a little AC/DC in the middle of "Lookin' for a Good Time," which sets the crowd

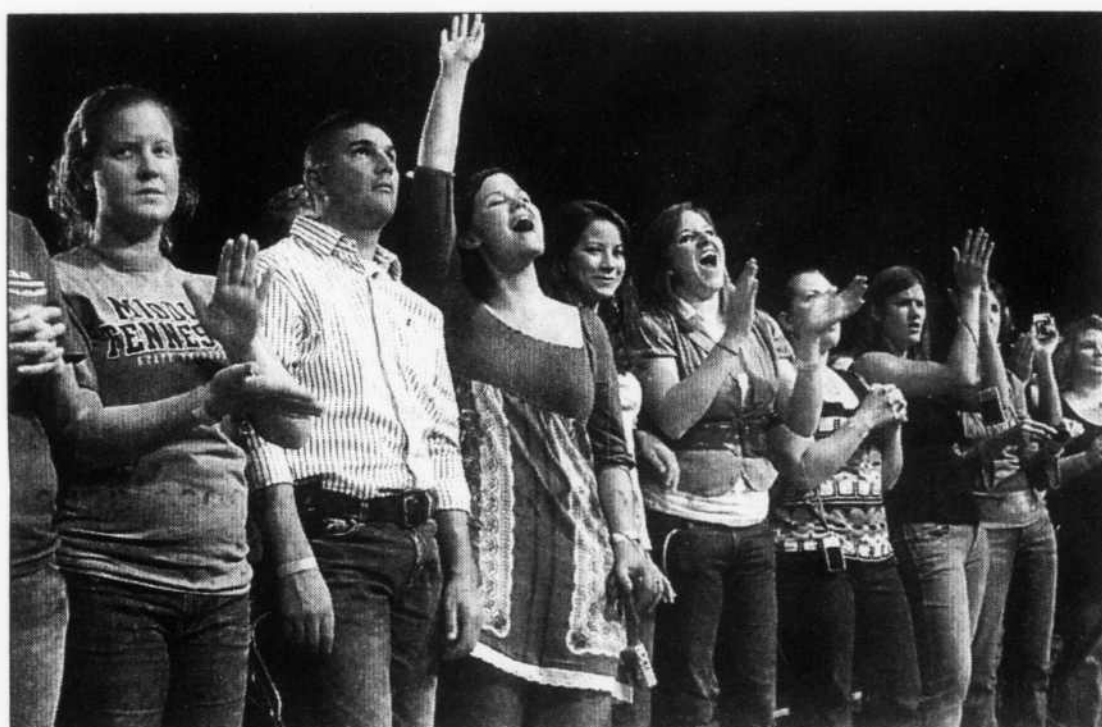


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Fans cheer as Lady Antebellum performs at Murphy Center the day after the group won the CMA's New Artist of the Year award.

off on another wild screaming frenzy.

When Lady Antebellum finally leaves the stage to the tune of a standing ovation from the ever-growing crowd, concessions open and lines grow long as people grab snacks before the next act.

Before 31-year-old CMA nominee of New Artist of the Year and 2006 winner of Top New Male Vocalist Jason Aldean takes the stage, people are lined up and waiting on the Murphy Center track for autographs from Lady Antebellum, who does not arrive for the signing until well af-

ter Aldean had finished his set.

When Aldean journeys to the middle of the stage and the photography barrier is released to the crowd, people push toward the platform and reach out for the star, who spends almost five minutes high-fiving those close enough.

He performs all his hits, including the well-known song "Amarillo Sky." Fans sing along with every word and remain on their feet for the entire set. At the end of his performance, the crowd screams so long and loud that

Aldean and his band come back onstage for an encore and play three more songs.

"You guys have been great," Aldean says just before he leaves the stage for the final time. "To hell with anyone who says I'm not country."

With his final words, Aldean vacates the stage to the second standing ovation of the night. The lights above the crowd that has been standing up for the better part of four hours come back on, and people slowly make their way up the stairs. But they do not go out the door. "We are still waiting for

Lady Antebellum," fan Rachel Scales says. "We have been standing here since the end of their set."

As more people come up from the Aldean show, the lines grow longer and cheers erupt when the group finally arrives to greet the fans. The three musicians sit behind a table with swag for sale while signing autographs and shaking hands as fans move slowly through the lines.

"I came just to see Lady Antebellum," fan Brian Rhodes says. "I will wait as long as it takes to get them to sign my poster."

Those waiting in line since before the Aldean show are lucky. The lines curl around inside the Murphy Center as far as the eye can see after his final exit. Dedication is definitely the name of the game for those who plan to endure the two-hour wait at the back of the line.

Spirits are still high at 10:45, when most people who decide not to wait finally start to leave. These dedicated few who stay finally get their reward of meeting Lady Antebellum.

If you did not get a chance to go to the show Thursday night, you are in luck because Jason Aldean and Lady Antebellum are on the Web at myspace.com/jasonaldean and ladyantebellum.music-citynetworks.com.

New Bond film takes top box office slot

Quantum of Solace earns \$70 million during debut weekend

By KATY COIL
Assistant Features Editor

After proving his Bond credentials in *Casino Royale*, Daniel Craig is back for more action as legendary agent 007 in *Quantum of Solace*. And this time, he's out for revenge.

The new movie is not really a sequel to *Casino Royale* but more of a continuation. Still, you don't need to have seen *Casino Royale* in order to understand the action-packed plot of the new Bond flick.

Based on a short story by the original Bond author, Ian Fleming, the movie has Judi Dench reprising her role as M, as well as Jeffrey Wright back as Felix Leiter, Gian-

carlo Giannini as Mathis, and Jesper Christensen as Mr. White. It also introduces a new opening song called "Another Way To Die," written by Jack White and performed by White and Alicia Keys.

The movie begins right after the ending of *Casino Royale*. Bond is involved in a car chase through the Italian countryside and a marble quarry while delivering Mr. White to a secret room where White is to be interrogated about an organization.

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James Bond (Daniel Craig) and Camille (Olga Kurylenko) walk across the desert Dominic Greene (Mathieu Amalric) created in Bolivia after escaping from one of the villain's traps.

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11/18 - Bonnie Bishop @ 6, Dale Dodson, Troy Jones, Charlie Pate @ 7, Shotgun Party, Tony Youngblood, C.A.N., Victoria George, Tom Schraeder, Human Voice @ 8 - The Basement - FREE

11/18 - The Sunlit Ether, Resurrect the Morning - The Muse @ 7

11/19 - I Am Terrified (Gotee), Guard Your Steps, All the Day Holiday, Blessed is He, Have You Heard - Rockettown @ 7 - \$8

11/19 - Pop Vulture feat. Melissa Mathes, Tough Cats - The Basement @ 9 - \$5

11/19 - Brave New Whore, Sympathetic Scarecrow, Monotone Sickness - The Muse @ 7

11/20 - Afton Wolfe feat. Warren Pash, Plastic Rulers, Stephen Belin, Minor Keys

11/20 - Sonic Boom Six, Chase Long Beach, Eight Jade Horses - The Muse @ 7

11/21 - The Lavaman - Wall Street @ 9

11/21 - University Diversity, Stick No Bills, Danny Berrios and the Bedtime Stories, Greg Bates, Future, The Nova Ray - Rockettown @ 7 - \$5/pre-order, \$7/door

11/21 - Ricky Young feat. Keegan Dewitt, Korean is Asian - The Basement @ 9 - \$7

11/21 - Childhood T.V. Stars, Meridian Yak, Hello Spencer, Josh McKensy - The Muse @ 7

11/22 - Screaming Names - The Boro @ 8

11/22 - SOS - Graffiti Bar @ 10

11/22 Centro Matic Glossary - Wall Street @ 9 - \$7

11/22 - Quinton Marcel Album Release Party feat. DJ Don Juan - Rockettown @ 7 - \$10/door, \$15/door after 8:30, \$20/VIP

11/22 - Wednesday's Fix, 5th Seal, The Sediment, Anthem for a Massacre, S.O.M.A. - The Muse @ 7 - \$5

11/23 - Misplaced My Zombiel, North Ampton, Elevens Up, The Candy Cigarettes Lottery, Pollix Rubin - The Muse @ 7

Other

11/18 - Shihan the Poet - Business and Aerospace State Farm Room @ 7 - FREE

Compiled By Katy Coil

OPINIONS



Why the sign?

The student pictured at left raised eyebrows on Election Day for wearing this get-up. Now he's speaking out.

IF VOTING
MADE A
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IT ILLEGAL

Photo by Alex Blackwelder,
photography editor

Student Kevin Cox, sophomore business major, adorned a mask and sign on Election Day to stand outside the Keathley University Center. The attention-grabbing sign caused countless students to stop and talk politics with Cox on their way to classes.

Our government is a living organism. It grows and feeds on itself in an attempt to grow larger. Government can only grow larger at the expense of the personal liberties of those which it governs. We have many examples of this, with income tax and the Patriot Act being some of the best examples.

Another important thing that has come with this growth is the increased involvement in corporation by government and vice versa.

Dick Cheney ran one of the world's largest oil companies, Halliburton, before becoming the vice president.

Henry Paulson, our current secretary of the treasury, left his position as the CEO of Goldman Sachs to take his cabinet position. This blurring of the lines between government and corporations has given a select few a tremendous amount of money and power. It would come as no surprise that those people at the top of both the corporate and political worlds are reluctant to give up this power. They have been using their money, power, and influence to shape this election.

The treatment of Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich and especially Ron Paul is a prime example of this system. These men all spoke of the corruption in Washington, placing real blame and not glad-handing any. These men were given zero funding from large corporations, unlike the two major party candidates (Google a list of both Obama's and McCain's top ten contributors you see many of the same names; Goldman Sachs, Citigroup Inc., UBS, JP Morgan and others). They were also minimized regardless of their campaign successes. Ron Paul raised more money on one day than any candidate ever had up to that point but it received no attention. At the same time, every movement of the establishment candidates was covered intensely. These men were also laughed off the stage at many debates by their fellow elected officials and left out of other debates.

Those that are currently in power, as anyone would, like power and do not want to lose it. So what has been created is a system in which only those who are vetted and pass through both spheres of influence are able to make it to the general election. This serves a double purpose; it enables the power to switch back and forth but never separate from the original source, and also it calms the masses when the power changes hands because the falsely believed change is coming. Just ask a Bush supporter back in 2000 why they cast their vote.

Ignorance is the means by which those with power keep those without power from realizing it. This is an old strategy going all the way back to laws preventing slaves from reading. Stop watching corporate media sources, begin to think for yourself, and please see through the false left/right paradigm. Namaste.

— Kevin Cox, sophomore

Obama
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Making media matter

With all the bickering in news these days, what's the point?

A major goal of conscientious professionals is the improvement of their particular field by pioneering ideas, forging paths and leaving their workplace an improved place when they move on. Personally, I would like to start thinking now, while I am still a novice at this thing called journalism, figuring out how to improve my chosen profession.

I am, and have been for some time, tremendously interested in our many media outlets and what they each bring to our collective cultural experience. I often think about the ways in which we, the "public," dictate the media buffet we each consume. Of course, while we are dictating to the media outlets what they will show us, they are tweaking our desires to fit their agendas.

This idea that what we reflect is reflected back at us leads to an inevitable, oftentimes confusing, hall of mirrors.

There is one seemingly universal agreement about the media: it has problems. Big, big problems.

That seems to be where the discussion ends. A great big, fat, "I hate the media because it sucks!" with no ideas or details about the deep-seated hate and why it exists.

While consumers of media have their own set of responsibilities, it is very important

that "the media" always be in tune with their role in the public trust as the "Fourth Estate," and work toward fulfilling their responsibilities.

I have a rather long wish list for the direction I would hope the media would go in and I offer up a few of those ideas here.

First, I really think the mindreading commentators are silly.

A typical exchange on many television news and commentary shows goes something like this:

Host asks guest what he thinks.

Guest says, "So, this is what I think."

Host asks next guest, "So, what do you think he meant by that?"

I think this is an old technique from old ideas of hosts not showing their opinions, but we no longer have hosts who try to conceal their thoughts, so the technique is just silliness and is such a waste of precious airtime. So much time is spent by the participants acting as crystal-ball-reading fortune tellers from a circus sideshow. I would much prefer the time be spent in an exchange of ideas.

There seems to be a tendency for pundits to vilify people, and in some cases, entire causes. This unnecessarily paints the pundit into a corner. It is far more productive to discuss specific ideas than to dismiss people as be-



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Katie Fowler

ing evil for views they hold or actions they have taken. While there truly are evil people in the world, calling every other person evil only lessens the effectiveness of that argument when it may, in fact, be true, and leads to a "boy who cried wolf" effect. If a pundit is seen as someone who vilifies everyone they disagree with, they lose credibility. The same thing happens when a pundit glorifies a particular public figure at every turn because it comes across as hero worship and leads to the pundit looking foolish when the "hero" falls short.

It is healthier, and wiser, for pundits to discuss specific ideas.

It is terrible that hours are devoted each day to the same topics. These "news channels" are so disgusting to me, quotations added because it is much truer to call them commentary channels. As far as I can tell, we do not have any news channels. We have news hours penciled into the overall schedules, but for the most part we have wall-to-

wall commentary coverage. Getting back to my intended point, it is a tremendous disservice to society that a scant number of possible topics are discussed each day by our more popular media outlets. It is not often that any of them seem to stray from the talking points of the day, and that is a shame. There are so many pressing issues to cover and discussing any one of them to the exclusion of the rest is not helping our society progress and may be harming many people who have very real problems that are not being discussed.

I enjoy heated discussion, but it seems things are going too far on a daily basis. There is ugliness on display every day in all of the media outlets. From blogs to the major news channels, there seems to be a drive to prove how snide and vicious people can be. Keith Olbermann's "World's Worst" segment, Rachel Maddow's constant sarcasm and Bill O'Reilly's "Pinheads and Patriots" segment all come to mind. Nasty comments left on blogs and newspaper Web sites serve no purpose either.

Perhaps this nastiness only proves that it is far easier to be a jerk on a daily basis than it is to be thoughtful and reasonable.

Finally, I have talked with people about their opinion of "the media" and, almost

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Season this dish!
Terrance Adams

Let me start by applauding President-elect Barack Obama and the entire United States on the landslide electoral victory in the election. Obama won the election by over 200 electoral votes. Winning key states like Florida, Ohio and Iowa was momentous in his triumph. Obama also gained popular votes with minorities, women, first-time voters and almost every other demographic there is—excluding whites, men, and evangelical Christians.

I am so proud of the American people because we have finally reached a point in our history where we can see a black man be elected president of the United States of America. This is a huge statement to the entire

world. This is a statement that rekindles the fire that fuels the expectations of neighboring countries and American citizens alike.

This is an impressive achievement for America but not the savior of African America. Many seem to assume that this election does a lot for the black community, but it means nothing at all if the black race doesn't change as a whole. Don't misinterpret these words, because with the majority of the media characterizing blacks as drug dealers, gangsters, rappers or athletes—in addition to much of this actually surrounding many black communities—it is so refreshing to see a black man holding the highest achievable office available in the U.S.A. He has become a role model for black children all over the world.

Being an admirer of black history and my entire race, I have so much admiration for Obama. It takes a strong man to stand up as the minority of a country with the

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desire to create change that will hopefully, and prayerfully, fix the perils and detriments of this nation.

We have had many times of turbulence, trials and tribulations that have faced the different races among this nation, but especially the black race. I think that the outcome of the election should bring out a sense of triumph to all American people. But there is no doubt that this election has been one to bring out the best and the worst in citizens all over the nation.

It is a shame that there are still so many ignorant people in the world. Even before President-elect Obama won the presidency there were spurts of hate spreading through the nation. Though most were unrelated acts, it is never okay to see hate refueling itself in America, because this creates a divided nation. And as everyone knows, "United we stand, divided we fall." It is okay to have different views about topics, but it is not okay to put racial depictions of candidates on inanimate objects or animals, and do things such as hang them from trees, stab them or shoot them to death.

Talk show hosts such as Rush Limbaugh, who claimed that Obama's winning of democratic party nominee was due to Affirmative Action, did not help either. He went on to say, "Nobody [in the Democratic Party] had the guts to say no to a black guy." Ignorance like this is what keeps the U.S. down and recreates the feelings of the oppressors versus the oppressed and racism, especially when people like Limbaugh influence more than 21 million people per week.

D.L. Hughley said that this election shattered his views of

what he thought this nation was. But it did not shatter my views of what I know this nation is, which is a nation that still has issue with race, and which will not succeed until hidden supremacy is exposed and removed. Things such as the research of the realities for, and outcomes of, children in public schools (especially minorities), city planning and the addition of equal history of other races into American history books must be adopted, along with other procedures and plans to aid in working toward a more unified nation.

I heard some people voice their anguish about the fact that some blacks voted for Obama because he is black. Let me put this scene into perspective for everyone and point out that some people voted for John McCain just because Barack Obama is black. I also want you to think about all the things that have been done to African-Americans throughout our country's history just because they were black. Americans were separated from families. Americans were property. Americans were hung. Americans were brutalized by police. Americans were burned to death. Americans were shot to death. Americans were test guinea pigs for Syphilis. Americans were not considered Americans.

All because they were black.

I am not saying that it is right to vote for someone because of such a superficial reason, but I am saying that one should look at the whole picture before making rash remarks. And right now the whole American picture is that my president is black and so is yours.

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without exception, they expressed disgust that commentary shows are not more clearly labeled as such and set apart from the actual news. I am not certain what the solution would be to this problem, but a simple self-

regulation of some type of pre-show disclaimer seems in order. Something along the lines of, "This is commentary, and therefore cannot be taken as fact" would suffice.

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SPORTS



Photo courtesy of MT Athletic Communications
MT wide receiver Patrick Honeycutt (17) fights for yards against the WKU defense. Honeycutt finished with 43 receiving yards.

Titans extend win streak to 10, tame Jags 24-14

By MARK LONG
AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jack Del Rio was pumping his fist and screaming kudos to his players as the Jacksonville Jaguars jogged toward the locker room with a 14-3 lead.

It was a premature celebration, especially against the league's only unbeaten team.

Behind, ahead. Home, away. Run, pass. Backups, starters. No matter the situation, the Tennessee Titans keep finding ways to win — and staying undefeated.

Kerry Collins threw three Touchdown passes, Albert Haynesworth dominated defensively again and the Titans improved to 10-0 with a 24-14 victory over the Jaguars on Sunday.

Tennessee overcame a 14-3 halftime deficit, got solid play from third-string

They were 1-of-12 on third down.

"That makes it even worse," said Jaguars cornerback Drayton Florence, who was beaten on the 56-yarder.

Collins finished 13-of-23 for 230 yards. Gage caught four passes for 147 yards.

Rookie Chris Johnson ran for 64 yards, not nearly the factor he was when these teams met in the season opener. Collins was the difference in the rematch.

"It's tough for defenses to stop us," Gage said. "A lot of people say we can't do this. We can win and we like to prove them wrong."

Collins found Brandon Jones on a slant route near the goal line to cap the first TD drive. Jones stepped into the end zone for a 13-yard score, flipped the ball to a referee and then dropped to his knees and put both hands behind his helmet —

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ALBERT HAYNESWORTH
TITANS DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Blue Raiders top Hilltoppers

By CASEY BOWMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee Blue Raider football team kept its bowl hopes alive on Saturday after they handily defeated the Hilltoppers of Western Kentucky, 21-10.

Senior quarterback Joe Craddock led the offense yet again for MT, connecting on 19-of-29 pass attempts for 212 yards in the air and also two touchdown passes with no interceptions.

MT (4-6, 2-3 Sun Belt) took the lead on its second offensive possession of the game when Craddock connected with freshman wide-out Malcolm Beyah for a nine-yard touchdown pass.

This was Beyah's first touchdown reception since securing a 16-yard touchdown grab against Louisville on Oct. 18. He now leads the Blue Raiders with six touchdown receptions on the season.

Craddock got some help from another freshman receiver on Saturday as well. Converted quarterback Sancho McDonald hauled in a 33-yard pass late in the game


to give MT a 21-3 lead in the fourth quarter and put it out of reach for the Hilltoppers. McDonald finished the game with four receptions for 56 yards and that touchdown.

Earlier in the week, MT Head Coach Rick Stockstill said he felt sorry for running back Phillip Tanner because the situation that the offensive line was put in this year has made it hard to get production from the junior tailback.

"I feel sorry for Phillip Tanner," Stockstill said at Tuesday's press conference. "You watch the passion and effort and conviction he runs with, and it is inspiring. Next year, he will run behind a much better offensive line than he is this year."

Stockstill shouldn't feel sorry for Tanner this week.


Tanner put up a season-high 92 yards on the ground against WKU, including a picturesque 29-yard touchdown run late in the first half to put MT up 14-3 heading into the locker room. Tanner might not be having a 1000-yard season, but he has been very clutch for MT near the



Top Performers


OFFENSE

RB Phillip Tanner #21 Jr.
27 rushes, 92 yards, 1 TD




DEFENSE

LB Danny Carmichael #44 Jr.
9 tackles (1.5 for loss), 1 sack



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P David DeFatta #37 r-Jr.
6 punts, 46.7 yard average, 2 inside 20



goal line as he now has eight rushing touchdowns on the year.

As a team, the Blue Raiders were able to eclipse 100-yard rushing mark, going for 101 total yards on the ground. It

was only the fourth time in 10 games in which the Blue Raiders have rushed for more than 100 yards in a contest. Combined with the passing

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MT improves to 2-0, defeats Houston Baptist

By TONY STINNETT
MT Athletic Communications

Middle Tennessee bolted out of the gate and cruised to a 2-0 start with an 80-63 win against Houston Baptist at Murphy Center Sunday afternoon.

Desmond "Boogie" Yates led the Blue Raiders in scoring with a game-high 19 points. Nigel Johnson contributed another outstanding performance with 17 points on 6-of-8 shooting, and Calvin O'Neil posted his second straight double-figure performance with 10 points and, he

tied for game-high rebounding honors with seven.

"I think [O'Neil] has a lot more confidence," MT Head Coach Kermit Davis said after the game. "We saw it in practice the last few days. He has just kept getting better. He gives us good minutes."

Senior guard Kevin Kanaskie had another rock-solid performance. He narrowly missed a second straight double-double and was within an eyelash of a triple double. Kanaskie finished with nine points, seven rebounds and dished out nine assists against

just two turnovers. He went over the 900-point mark with 904 for his career. Eric Allen added eight points and freshman Demario Williams contributed six.

"They have good players," HBU Head Coach Ron Cottrell said. "We were able to hold Kanaskie to just nine points. Yates is a very solid player. I think our zone looked good at times. The zone was causing them problems, but the fact was we couldn't rebound out of the zone."

The Blue Raiders never

trailed and essentially put the game away with outstanding toughness exhibited in board work that produced numerous successful second-shot opportunities. Middle Tennessee won the rebounding battle 48-30 and collected 14 offensive rebounds, led by O'Neil's five.

"I think [the impressive rebounding is a result of] better commitment by our players," Davis said. "We had 14 offensive rebounds, but the negative is that Desmond Yates

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cornerback Chris Carr and extended its franchise-record winning streak in the regular season to 13.

"It's great," Haynesworth said. "People keep counting us out and we like proving the world wrong, I guess."

The Titans swept the season series against AFC South rival Jacksonville for the third time in seven years and won their seventh consecutive regular-season road game. This one may have been more impressive than any of the others.

After dropping third-down passes and committing costly penalties in the first half, the Titans regrouped at halftime and handed Del Rio the second-worst collapse of his six-year coaching career.

"It's very frustrating," Jaguars safety Gerald Sensabaugh said. "We pretty much shut them out in the whole first half, came in and felt like we had a lot of momentum going our way and then went back out and gave up a few big plays. That sums it up pretty much. That was horrible."

The Jaguars (4-6) lost for the fourth time in six games, fell six games behind the Titans and probably ended any chance they had of returning to the postseason.

"We wanted to knock Jacksonville out of contention and out of the playoffs, and we did that," Haynesworth said.

Collins, Haynesworth and Carr deserve much of the credit.

Collins directed consecutive touchdown drives to open the third quarter, turning an 11-point deficit into a three-point lead.

He sealed the victory with a perfect 38-yard TD pass to Justin Gage with 3:57 remaining. Collins and Gage also hooked up for a 56-yard score in the third period — the only third-down conversion for the Titans.

making it look like he was getting arrested.

Not quite. He did get flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct, a 15-yard penalty assessed on the kickoff. No worries, though. Tennessee's defense stiffened again.

The Titans, who sacked David Garrard seven times in the opener and held the Jaguars to a season-low 33 yards rushing, clamped down in the second half.

Garrard and Maurice Jones-Drew had little room and Jacksonville had little chance of staying out front.

Haynesworth, who had two sacks in the opener, was in the backfield on just about every play and finished with seven tackles, a sack and a forced fumble.

Carr was nearly as good off the bench, getting on the field because starter Nick Harper (ankle) backup Eric King re-broke the arm he injured last year and missed most of the game.

Garrard tried to pick on Carr, but it backfired. Carr knocked down three passes and had a late interception, a floater Garrard called "a gift he didn't play."

"He didn't play like a third corner," Garrard added. "We tried to (pick on him). Whenever you've got guys out, you have to do that because they would be starting if they were that good."

Garrard finished 13-of-30 for 135 yards with the interception and the second-worst passer rating (43.1) in 39 career starts. He was sacked four times, three in the second half.

"They were definitely turning their dials up a little bit and we didn't match it," Garrard said. "That's unfortunate because we had a perfect opportunity. We have to do a lot better than that, especially when the game's on the line."

Lady Raiders dominate in season opener

By TIFFANY GIBSON
Campus News Editor

In the first half of the season opener, the Lady Raiders totaled 15 steals and forced 26 turnovers by Lafayette College during the pre-season Women's National Invitation Tournament. The Lady Raiders won 85-47.

Junior forward Alysha Clark got into foul trouble early on, collecting two fouls in the first half. However, Clark scored 27 points and tied with sophomore forward Emily Queen for a team-leading eight rebounds.

With 8:23 left to go in the first half, MT Head Coach Rick Insell subbed in sophomore guard Anne Marie Lanning for Clark, who spent the rest of the half on the bench.

"I think Anne Marie Lanning came off the bench and gave us a big time spot," In-

sell said. "She did the same thing the other night in the exhibition."

Insell also said he was impressed with Queen and junior guard Chelsia Lymon for stepping up when Clark found herself in foul trouble.

"Emily kind of stepped up and made two or three shots and got a lot of boards, so I was real happy with the way they came on when Alysha went out," Insell said. "Alysha Clark is a great player, but Emily Queen and Anne Marie Lanning are too, and what can you say about Chelsia."

"I think Chelsia is one of the top three point guards in the country, and I think a lot of other people are going to see that before the year is over with."

Overall, Lanning scored 16 points, 12 of which came from 3-pointers. Lymon also had 16 points with four assists and five steals.

"We worked really hard both last week and this week on keeping the ball on one side and pressuring, because we knew if we frustrated them they couldn't come to offense," Lymon said. "We wore them down simply because we got in our style of play."

Jackie Pickel, junior guard, started the night out slow, shooting 0-4 from the field and 0-3 from the 3 point line. Despite this slow start, Pickel came out in the second half and began hitting consistent threes, scoring a total of 11 and leading the team with six steals.

Insell also subbed in freshman guard Tina Stewart and junior guard Dana Garrett, who both played 10 minutes.

"I was not happy with Tina one time during an exchange with her and Anne Marie," Insell said. "She kind of threw it out there in the open, and she knows better than that."

"It didn't hurt us tonight, but in a big game that will hurt you."

As far as minutes, Insell said that Stewart and Garrett could play 30 minutes one night depending on if he feels they are ready or not.

Looking ahead to the game against Oklahoma on Monday, Lymon said that the team would have to change up some things.

"We have the Paris twins coming in," Lymon said. "I bet you we are going to have a lot of guards getting rebounds that game, because the post players are going to have a lot of work to do."

Insell said that even though Oklahoma has size advantage, his team would not be intimidated.

"They may beat us but they won't eat us, and I really don't know they're going to beat us to be honest," Insell said. "We are going to

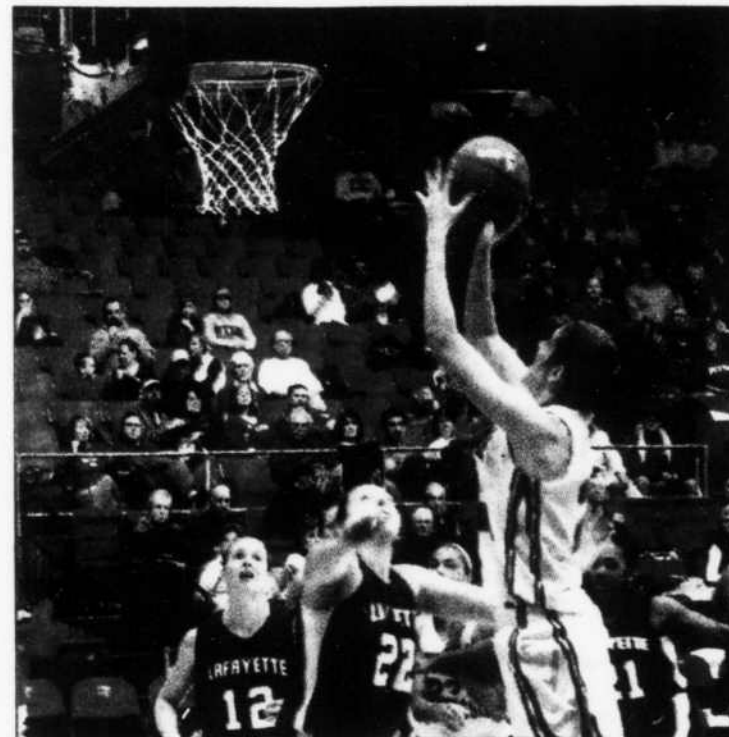


Photo by Jay Bailey, staff photographer
MT forward Brandi Brown (with ball) finished with four points.

Oklahoma, and we are going to win.

"We are not going to be a sacrificial lamb for anybody,"

Insell said. "Middle Tennessee State University has one of the best programs in the country, and we're proud of it."



Photo by Alex Blackwelder, photography editor
Nigel Johnson (11) goes for a layup against Trevecca on Nov. 14.

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still doesn't have one in two games. That's impossible for a guy who's 6-7, 220, and who runs and jumps like he does."

MT led 19-11 after Gordon Watt's jumper pulled the Huskies (0-2) within eight with 10:57 remaining in the first half. That's when the Blue Raiders flexed their muscles and turned up the defensive intensity. It triggered a 13-2 run over a span of 3:28 that stretched the lead to 32-13 with 7:29 remaining. The Blue Raiders stretched the lead to as much as 23 before halftime.

Yates provided six points during the key run, including two monster dunks, and Johnson added five points

during the stretch.

Davis called the first half one of the best the Blue Raiders have played during his tenure.

"The first half was fun," Davis said. "We played with great energy, shared the ball, really hit the boards, but we didn't have that in the second half. It just kind of left us but we will take the win and continue to work on improving some areas. There were a lot of positives to come out of the game."

Middle Tennessee stretched its lead to as much as 27 in the second half and never allowed Houston Baptist to climb closer than 18 until the final shot closed the final margin to 17.

The Blue Raiders return to action when they play host to No. 13 Tennessee Friday at 7:30 p.m.

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attack, MT put up 313 total offensive yards.

While the offense showed some signs of progression, it was the defense that carried most of the weight on Saturday.

The WKU offense puttered for most of the game as MT held the Hilltoppers to just 68 rushing yards and 213 passing yards.

Sacks were aplenty for the game. MT totaled five sacks on the contest and sophomore cornerback Rod Issac came up with his first interception of the season.

Isaac also showed the style of play that every coach desires from his players. One play after an MT turnover, WKU quarterback David Wolke connected with wide receiver Wenquel Graves on what seemed to be a for sure touchdown. However, Isaac hustled back into the play and caught Graves at the 5-yard

line. Three plays later, the MT defense held their positioning, and WKU was forced to settle with a field goal.

Defensive lineman Chris McCoy also had a stellar performance for MT. The red-shirt junior had two tackles for loss, one-and-a-half sacks, and a forced fumble that MT was able to pick up.

Linebackers Danny Carmichael and Ivon Hickmon continued their impressive play on Saturday as well. Hickmon led the team with 10 tackles, while Carmichael followed right behind him with nine of his own. Carmichael also tallied a sack on the first play of the game.

Winners of two in a row, the Blue Raiders will be back in Murfreesboro this Saturday for their final home game of the season as they battle the Mean Green of North Texas.

In addition to it being "Senior Day," Saturday has also been tabbed as "Salute to Veterans" at Floyd Stadium.

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