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Interest in SGA proceedings ebbs, Glenn says

By Matt Anderson
Campus News Editor

Of four officer races in the Student Government Association, only one is contested.

There is only one candidate for election commissioner, executive vice president and vice president of administration and public affairs.

Two candidates are running for president, Paul Bryant Fulcher and Blake Pearson.

There were originally two candidates for election commissioner, Apryl Clark and Jon Harper, but Harper dropped out late last week.

Harper said he wanted an appointed position.

The current vice president for administration and public affairs, Candice Haynes, said it was unlikely that there would be a debate, because there are so few candidates.

In the 2004 elections, the campus television station, MTTV, held a debate prior to the elections.

SGA officials have said they were pleased with senator candidate turnout.

Often there is little rhyme or reason behind turnout in stu-

What do MTSU students
think about the SGA?
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dent government elections, according to Robert Glenn, vice president of student affairs and vice provost for enrollment.

The work the SGA does is generally confined to the type of students who step up and participate on campus, Glenn said.

"That's not a large percentage of the student body," Glenn said. "Most students want to go to college like they go to an ATM. They want to go and put their money in the slot, take out what they need and leave."

In the 2004 elections, Matt Chapman won the most votes for president but was disqualified because his Web site launched before the official start of the campaign. Jon Stewart was named SGA president as a result.

The situation likely affected this year's turnout, Glenn said.

"It's certainly got to have some impact," Glenn said.

"You've got to assume that people were paying attention." ♦

Flippin says students have a voice in Senate

By Courtney Gundry
Staff Writer

Meagan Flippin is the unopposed candidate for vice president of public administration and affairs. She is a 19-year-old sophomore double-majoring in political science and public relations. Her minors are Spanish and leadership studies.

Flippin is a Pan-Hellenic delegate for Alpha Delta Pi, secretary of Raider Republicans, a member of the Up 'Til Dawn Committee and Student Life Committee, a Phi Eta Sigma, a Blue Belle and is in her second year as an SGA senator. She also worked with the AIDS Quilt Committee and Homecoming Committee, and helped with projects such as the Hearts in Bloom.



Flippin

As an SGA senator, Flippin wrote legislation to pave and light the field in front of the Keathley University Center, making it safer for students at night. She also organized service projects for the Senate to participate in.

Flippin feels that being an SGA senator has given her valuable administration skills. "I have learned more about legislative processes and more about the structure of government," Flippin said.

"I have also learned how important it is that students have a voice to express their

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More competition needed, Kennedy says

By Courtney Gundry
Staff Writer

Clay Kennedy is the unopposed candidate for Student Government Association executive vice president. He is a 23-year-old senior majoring in geological science. His minors are biology and chemistry.

Kennedy is a member and former president of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is the chairman of the Greek Life Board, a member of the Raider Republicans and an SGA senator at large.

He said he feels he is "familiar with policy procedures and knows how to run the meetings." He gave the State of Fraternity Address in front of



Kennedy

600 Sigma Nu brothers and alumni. He feels that experiences such as this have made him "comfortable being up in front of a lot of people and working under pressure."

The job of the executive vice president is to be a liaison between SGA president and the senators, conduct the senate meetings and to assist the president.

Kennedy's goal is to keep the meetings professional and in the correct order. The president and vice president have to work

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Is the campus diverse?

Whites account for more than 80 percent of the student body

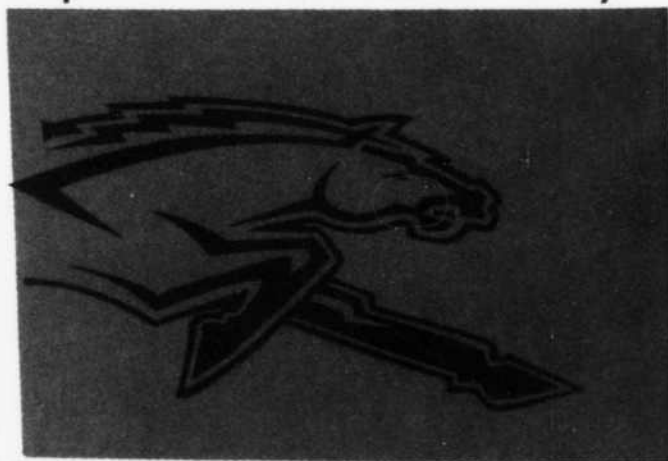
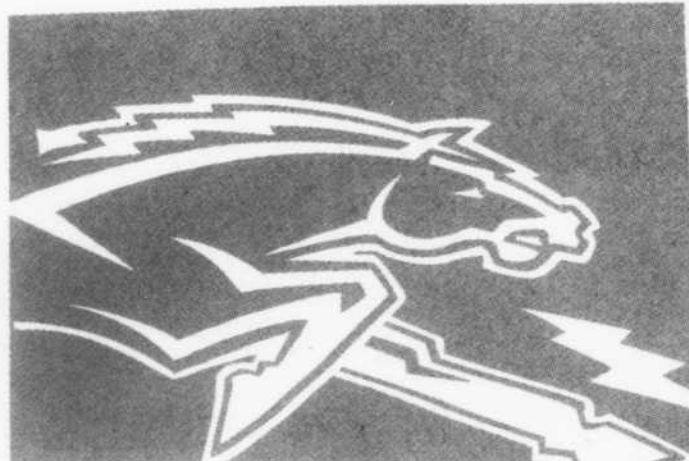


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"I think what most universities want, and I think MTSU is no different, is to be representative of our community," Ralph Metcalf said. "It's when we're not representative of them that we have issues of concern."

Percentage of minorities increasing, but work still needed, students say

By Casey Phillips
Staff Writer

Although the ethnic diversity of the students and faculty of MTSU has been improving for the past several years, administrators and students say more work is needed.

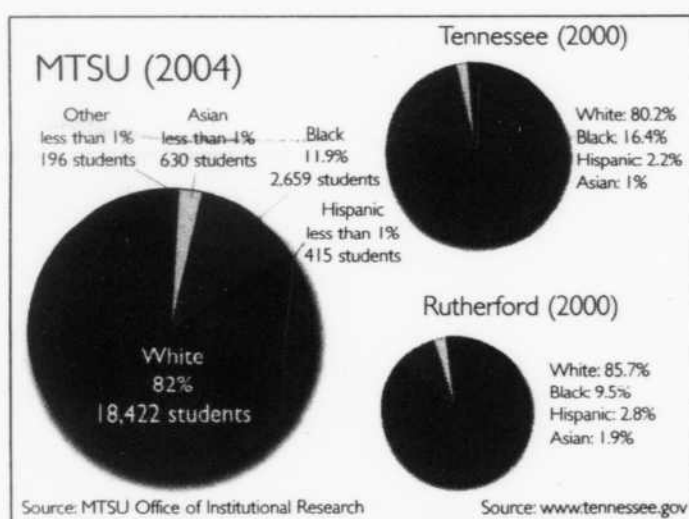
Statistics from the Office of Institutional Research show that since 1995, the percentage of minorities among the student body has increased by 3.5 percent.

Although this growth is seen as positive by administrators and students alike, both groups agree that further increases are necessary to a desired level of diversity.

"I think what most universities want, and I think MTSU is no different, is to be representative of our community," said Ralph Metcalf, director of multicultural affairs. "It's when we're not representative of them that we have issues of concern."

Although the percentage of most minorities has increased in the last several years, the university administration has been somewhat restricted in their outreach to non-black minorities because of the lingering requirements of the Geier Consent Decree of 2001, MTSU President Sidney

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Because of the Geier Consent Decree of 2001, the university has focused more on recruiting blacks.

Growth may cause costly school expansion

By David S.T. Driver
Staff Writer

Population growth in Rutherford County is causing the need to build more schools over the next 10 years and the price tag is \$510 million, a school official said.

During a Rutherford Neighborhood Alliance meeting at the Patterson Community Center, Jeff Sandvig, the school system finance director, revealed to concerned citizens the changes the school system must face.

Sandvig projects the cost of expansion at \$510 million.

Sandvig based the \$510 million estimate on the 4.8 percent average growth rate in enrollment expected over the next 10 years.

Last year, the school system's enrollment increased by 1,651 students, the highest ever increase. Each Rutherford County school has an enrollment of 850 to 1,000 students.

The county has currently funded additions to both Smyrna and LaVergne High Schools and three new schools:

LaVergne Lake Elementary, Stewarts Creek Elementary and Stewarts Creek Middle School.

Sandvig said the boom in enrollment since 1995 has made the current school buildings inadequate to facilitate the continued growth.

From 1995 to 1998, enrollment grew at rates from 4.1 percent to 5.1 percent. Enrollment slowed under 3 percent growth from 1999-2001, but it has soared since 2001, ranging from 4.2 percent growth to 5.6 percent in the current school year 2004-05.

Rutherford Neighborhood Alliance (RNA) members raised their eyebrows quickly when they heard Sandvig's projection of \$510 million. They immediately wanted to know how much the county will pay and how much the state and federal government will pay.

Sandvig told the group that, while the population in Rutherford County has expanded, the county has become wealthier per capita, which will make more funds from the state

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Author discusses African mysticism and neuroscience

By Kim Peer
Staff Writer

Dr. E. Bruce Bynum presented an African-American History Month lecture, "Mysticism and Neuroscience," a mixture of history, archaeology, genetics, psychology and religion, Wednesday night.

Bynum, director of the Behavioral Medicine Clinic at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, discussed his book, *The African Unconscious*, in the free and open lecture.

Bynum began his "push to think about things differently

than before" with an introduction to the origins of modern science regarding ancient African thought and spirituality. Strong connections between the body and mind, he continued, are apparent in everyone, "regardless of race."

He explained and then rebuked the proposition that the African soul or psyche is rooted in what is considered primitive understanding of the neurosciences by telling how human beings had begun harnessing it 120,000 to 180,000 years ago when racial diversity

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Do you think it's important to vote in the SGA elections?



"No. It doesn't affect me. I'm sure it does, but I never really see it."

Chalekan Lucas
Sophomore
Journalism



"I think it's very important. The people we elect represent us and make decisions that affect the student body."

Alexis Williams
Freshman
Recording Industry



"Sure, voting says you want to be involved."

Robert Vay
Senior
Aerospace



"I think it's very important to be active and do our part to vote. If you have anything to say, you should vote for someone who thinks like you."

Michael Woods
Junior
Recording Industry

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Flippin: Wants to see more students involved

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opinions and hopes for changes," Flippin said.

The role of the vice president of public administration and affairs is to plan SGA events such as the annual SGA banquet and road rallies for football games, to run promotions at athletic events and to communicate with media outlets.

"I am organized and I have had a lot of experience in the public relations area," Flippin

said.

"The position is basically a PR position for SGA, and I would work hard to promote the SGA and to get the students more involved. I also want the campus to be more aware of what is going on with SGA," she said.

She said she feels that her high school leadership positions gave her experience in administration and strengthened her organizational, interpersonal and communication skills. ♦

Kennedy: Stronger voice needed for change

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hand in hand.

He said he is outgoing and open-minded, and likes to hear others positions on issues. He said he feels that he works well with other people under pressure and on the front line. These qualities equip him with the necessary means of doing the job well.

It's easy to just sit back and complain instead of speaking out or doing something, Kennedy said. He said he wants students to realize that "there is a voice and a way to get things

done, and that's SGA."

Kennedy said, although being the only candidate for executive vice president ensures him the office, he would rather have some competition. The lack of candidates shows a lack of student involvement, an issue that all of the candidates hope to improve, he said.

"Things will only change when SGA has a stronger voice with the rest of the students. Students need to realize that they can have a voice if they express their opinions to their senators." ♦

Diversity: Deemed 'basic responsibility' by Glenn

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McPhee said.

"Our focus has been primarily on blacks because we are still under a federal court mandate to work toward that goal," McPhee said. "The federal courts determined through [the original Geier court case of 1968] that the university had worked toward two kinds of higher education, and we are required to work towards increasing African American enrollment."

Despite the gains towards meeting the decree's five year requirements, McPhee is quick to point out that now is not the time for the university to rest on its laurels.

"We won the Geier Spirit of Excellence Award for 2003-2004 for making great gains towards meeting these standards, but I don't want to get too excited and conclude that 'oh gosh we've arrived and now we can get back to business as usual,'" McPhee said. "We have until June 30 of 2006 to meet the Geier standards. We need to do more, but at least we're making progress."

Robert Glenn, vice president of student affairs and vice provost for enrollment management said that although the focus has been on black enrollment, other minorities groups have not been forgotten in the recruitment process.

"We're trying to increase our recruitment of other minority students," Glenn said.

"We're trying to do what we can to make the campus a welcoming place to all the people that come here to look at us," he said.

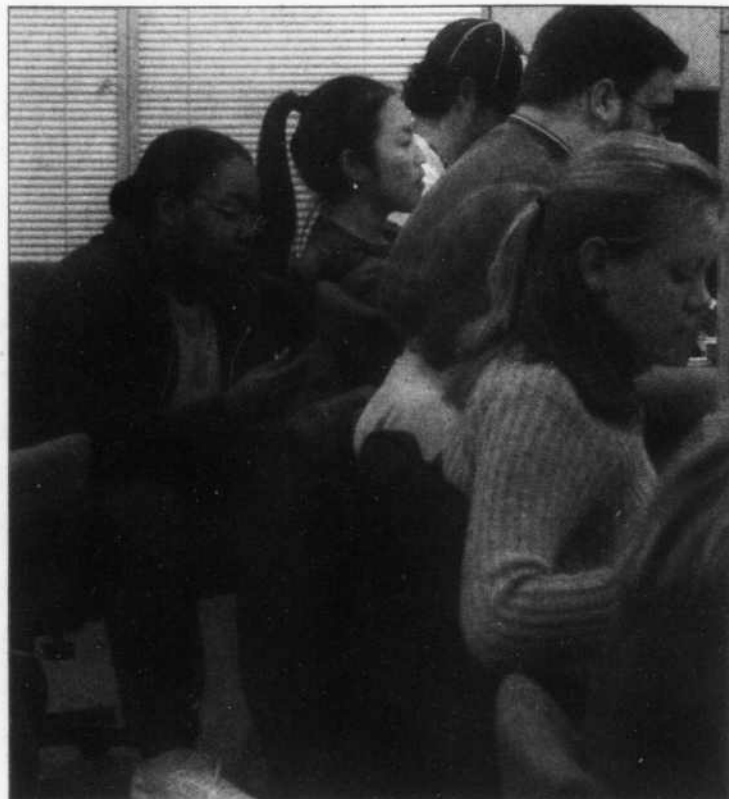


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Administrators and students are concerned about the lack of interaction between racial groups on campus.

Despite the growing percentage of minorities on MTSU's campus, there is a mounting concern that students are isolating themselves rather than taking advantage of the growing diversity.

"We don't do a really good job in purposefully finding ways to bring people together," Metcalf said. "We miss a lot of opportunities to learn when we don't come together."

McPhee said he sees the lack of interaction between students as one of his personal concerns.

"I hope that a lot of the activities by student groups get around to other students," McPhee said. "I would like to

see greater participation in these activities by other groups. We're really looking to try and find ways to get the administration to support these kinds of activities."

The problem of limited interaction has not gone unnoticed by the student associations either, although it is attributed more to habit than to a conscious attempt toward isolation.

"There's not too much interaction between the groups," Dennis Clark, president of the African American Student Association said.

"I don't think that this is because we are reluctant to doing so, I think it's just that

we're used to doing things in-house within our own organizations, within our own culture."

Clark said that responsibility for maintaining cultural exchange must lie not only with the students but with the administration as well.

"The university needs to realize that if we're going to be true to what we mean by multicultural, we need to work towards that, not just say it," Clark said. "It's not about color any more, it's all about culture. It's about celebrating our differences and being able to come together and unify those differences towards one common goal."

Despite this concern, administrators also recognize that, in order to attend any event, students need the time.

"It's a difficult problem to solve," Glenn said. "We have the same problem trying to get students to attend any event in general. Our students have so much going on in their lives now that we're having trouble getting students to attend events that would've been packed a few years ago."

Glenn said that despite the problems that the university is facing, MTSU needs to recognize its role as a forum and work towards bringing students together in the classroom as well as outside it.

"Diversity in terms of ethnic and cultural is a basic responsibility of higher education," Glenn said. "We should be the marketplace for ideas; we should also be the marketplace for cultures and people. We should do what we can to make ourselves a melting-pot of people." ♦

Lecture: Bynum pairs science, mysticism

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didn't exist.

Bynum generated an image of unity by using the phrase "as above, as below; so within, so without" to describe how small the world, universe and humanity are.

Egyptian medicine is the oldest known medicinal practice, along with primitive methods used by ancient Africans like black magic and the dark sciences. According to Bynum, the Egyptians also discovered the general theory of "dynamic unconscious."

Psychology today, based on the studies of Sigmund Freud and Karl Jung, among others, is more of a study of human behavior and we now seem to stray away from death psychology because of the controversy, Bynum said.

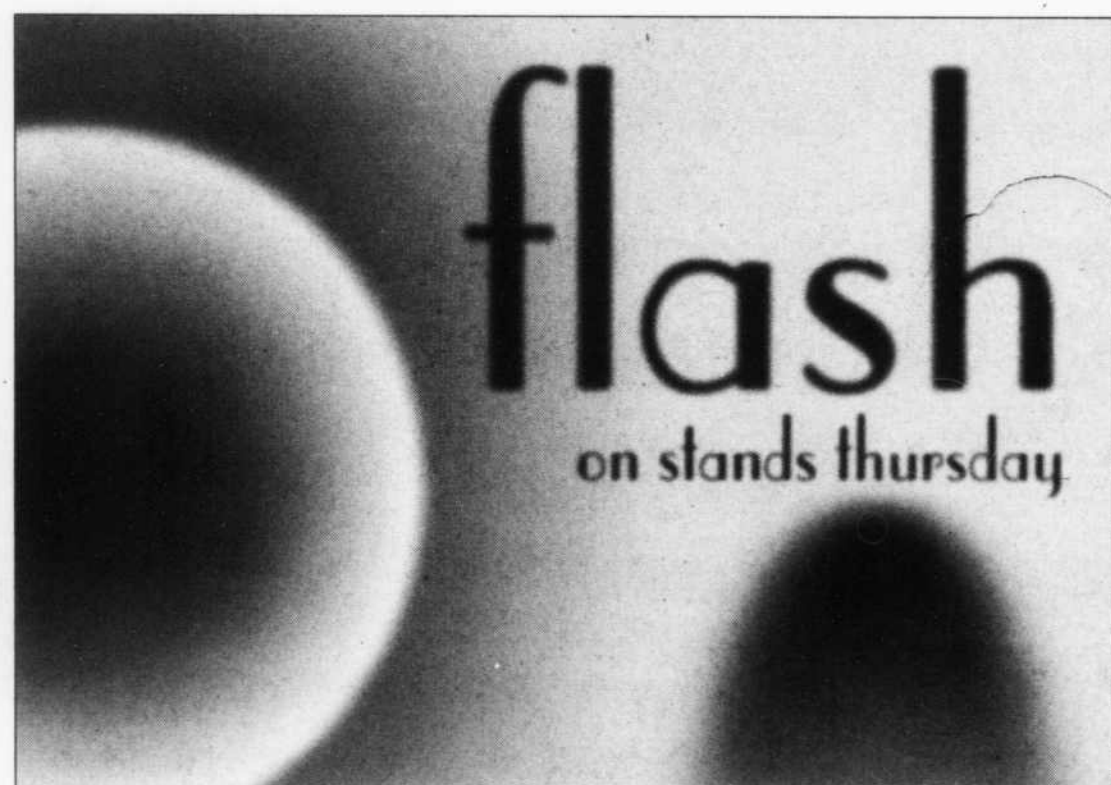
Students, especially those

considering the field of medicine and psychology, were encouraged to explore through study the "quite real that we just don't understand yet."

"Mysticism should be studied as a science rather than a religion," Bynum said. Psychology today tends to get stuck with traditional views that are "safe," he said.

Based on his studies, Bynum concluded that maybe we are a little "blacker" than we originally believed and that everyone evolved from the African "primordial unconscious and culture" — the primordial rhythm that rules us all.

Bynum is a practicing psychiatrist and therapist, and is the author of an array of published works, including *The Family Unconscious*, *Transcending Psychoneurotic Disturbances*, *Darkness Matters* and two volumes of poetry. ♦



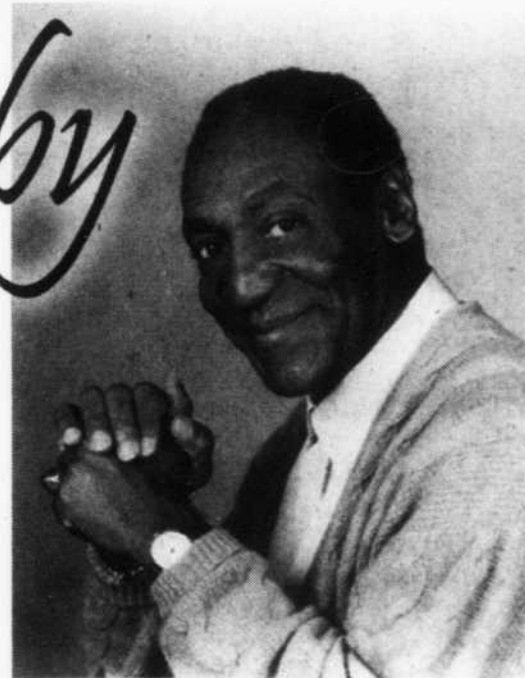
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and federal governments less likely.

"If you are growing in numbers and wealth, Sandvig said, 'it goes against you.'

The state uses a statistical index factoring in enrollment growth along with other factors like county wealth. Sandvig said wealth is one of many factors lowering their index number so the county must fund a greater percentage of the costs.

This estimate creates the county projection of costs at \$510 million.

The state funds costs based on the past year's enrollment so this year the state did not factor in the 1,651 more students enrolled in the county.

"When you grow," Sandvig said, "you are not funded at 100 percent."

The county receives citizen funds only through property

taxes. The RNA is currently conducting a petition for an adequate facilities tax to help create more county funds.

The RNA is a forum for citizens to discuss county politics. Friday's forum included RNA members, teachers, businessmen, and ordinary citizens.

Sandvig said he could not address how the county will deal with the costs but approached them with the figures the county will face in the next ten years.

"The county debt is already about \$300 million (that's a ballpark number)," said Steve Schrader, president of the RNA, "so we are looking at almost a billion dollars debt in the end."

The RNA is a citizen action group which meets periodically and people interested in participating can get information at www.rnalliance.org. ♦

Tennessee considering 'Right to hunt' legislation

By John Gouras
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Navy Crockett have never seen it coming.

Some lawmakers are saying Tennessee's hunting and fishing heritage will go the way of the coonskin cap if it isn't protected from animal rights activists, so they are proposing a constitutional amendment making the tradition a basic right.

Tennessee could join 21 states that have either looked at it or are considering the idea. So far, it has passed in six states, according to the Humane Society of the United States.

Critics say the amendments unfairly give a special interest group protection in the constitution, but supporters say they are needed as the number of hunters around the nation declines.

Sen. Doug Jackson said hunters are increasingly becoming a minority interest, and need basic protections from the "will of the majority" — especially as activists pitch anti-hunting laws.

"There are very organized, very well-funded efforts to take away the right of citizens to hunt, fish and trap," the Dickson Democrat said. "I think it's time we place in our constitution a guarantee for the citizen that they will be able to continue in that heritage."

The amendment is the first effort of the newly formed Sportsmen's Caucus, which Jackson says is growing.

The proposed amendment would read, in part, "The people have a right to hunt, fish and harvest game, subject to such regulations and restrictions as proscribed by this constitutional and general law."

In some states, the measures have failed on criticism that they are superfluous and just bog down constitutions with unneeded language. Others say such amendments could make it hard for state authorities to regulate hunting, and some landowners have worried it might give hunters the right to

use property.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency says it is fully behind Jackson's idea — but wants to go through the language to make sure it doesn't backfire.

Allen Gebhardt, TWRA assistant director, said there has been some concern in places that have passed the amendment that anti-hunters could use it to expand the definition of hunting to include chasing game away from hunters.

Gebhardt said state lawyers will make sure the amendment can't be misconstrued, and then they plan on endorsing it.

"It sounds, from our standpoint, like a wonderful idea," he said.

Jackson said he expects the measure to get a lot of support as it starts to move through the Legislature.

"I hope that we can get an unanimous vote in the House and Senate," he said.

Jackson said Tennessee, even as a "frontier" state, isn't safe from anti-hunting pressures. He pointed to recent efforts to restrict hunting even in places like Alaska, the focus of a recent campaign to ban the use of bait in bear hunts.

He said groups like the Humane Society won't stop there, but will try to stop all hunting.

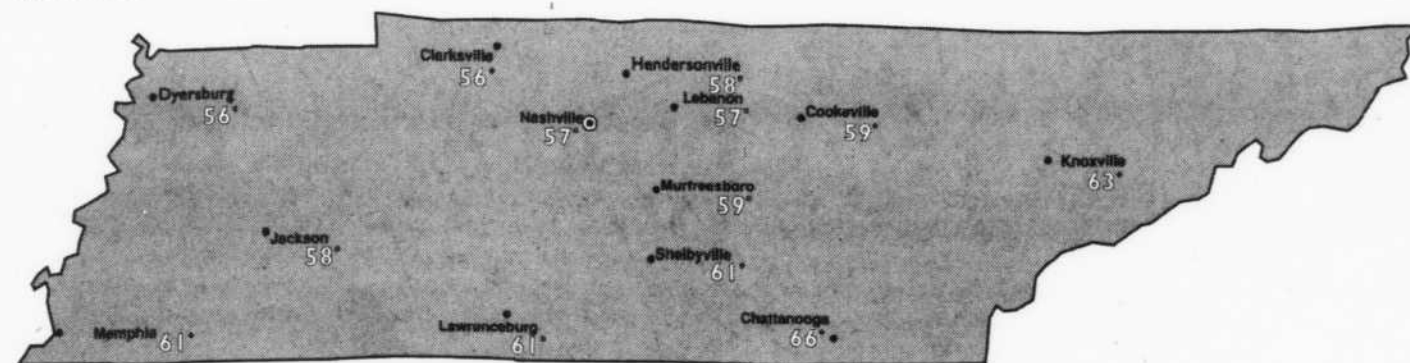
"They have pooled together a massive amount of money, and they have pledged to hunt, and they have pledged to hunt within this generation, to put an end to hunting in the United States of America, as well as fishing, as well as trapping," Jackson said. "Well, that's wrong."

The Humane Society said it isn't trying to stop all hunting, instead focusing on such things as hunts for penned animals or the use of hunting hounds. The group doesn't actively oppose the right-to-hunt laws, either.

"We certainly don't like hunting, but we are pragmatic and strategic where we put our resources," said Humane Society spokeswoman Heidi Prescott, based in Washington. ♦

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Thompson's death marks the passing of a literary era

By John Rogers
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a rare moment of nostalgia, Hunter S. Thompson once reflected on the 1960s, the era that had formed him as a writer, as a time when "we were riding the crest of a high and beautiful wave."

Looking back at the era's passing, he added with no small measure of disappointment: "You can almost see the high-water mark — the place where the wave finally broke and rolled back."

Thompson's suicide Sunday at age 67 now gives those words from his 1971 classic, "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," a special poignancy. Because the style of writing he invented — "gonzo journalism" — surely reached its peak with its creator and isn't likely to be duplicated in quite that way ever again.

Thompson was often linked with Tom Wolfe as part of a triad of literary titans who invented a reporting style in the 1960s that came to be known as the New Journalism. But Talese, for his part, never saw it that way, saying Monday that Thompson was an original.

While all three writers took an eye for description and detail to new heights, only Thompson immersed himself so thoroughly — and often so outrageously — into his stories, Talese told The Associated Press.

"I will miss him as a man who was amusing while he was also insightful," the author of "Honor Thy Father" said by phone from his New York City apartment. "He was amusing and also maybe wretchedly out of step with the current morality. At this time of political cor-

rectness, he was never politically correct, and that is what I'll miss the most about him."

Indeed, Thompson never seemed to care whom he offended, especially if they were politicians.

He once suggested former President Bush should be brutally stomped by voters. He called former Vice President Hubert Humphrey "a hopelessly dishonest old hack," the late Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine to a "vicious 200-pound river rat" and frequently dismissed former President Clinton as a white-trash hillbilly.

In one of his more recent books, "Kingdom of Fear," he described the members of the current Bush administration: "They are the racists and hate mongers among us — they are the Ku Klux Klan." And those were his more polite terms for them.

"He had more to say about what was wrong with America than George W. Bush can ever tell us about what is right," an admiring fellow writer, Norman Mailer, said in a statement released Monday.

Thompson also had a penchant for taking a story assignment and turning it on its head, outraging editors in the process, although they would often forgive him later when he responded with something much better than what they had originally envisioned.

"Every editor that I know, myself included, was willing to accept a certain prima donna journalism in the demands he would make to cover a particular story," recalled Paul Krassner, editor of the leftist magazine The Realist. "They were willing to risk all of his irresponsible behavior in order

to share his talent with their readers."

Thompson's purported fights with Rolling Stone editor Jann Wenner were rumored to hinge on expense accounts for stories that never materialized.

"Today is a very sad day for Rolling Stone. Hunter is a part of our DNA," Wenner said Monday in a statement. "I feel I've lost a brother in arms. He lived longer than any of us expected already. He gave us so much, his was a great life, full of energy and magic and righteousness."

Dispatched to Las Vegas to cover a desert off-road race, for example, Thompson decided instead to seek out the American dream in that gambler's paradise. The result was the book "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."

He sought out the American dream, by his account, by staying awake for days on end, constantly intoxicated on a near-lethal combination of alcohol and drugs and describing almost everyone he encountered during his visit in the most brutal of terms.

"We had two bags of grass, 75 pellets of mescaline, five sheets of high-powered blotter acid, a salt shaker half full of cocaine and a whole galaxy of multicolored uppers, downers, screamers, laughers," he wrote.

Whether he actually prepared for his assignments with that kind of indulgence, Talese said he didn't know.

"You never know what these people do," the author said. "They know what is entertaining about their material, and sometimes what is not true about their life becomes part of their persona."

What is known is that authorities who raided

Thompson's rural Colorado home in 1990 found LSD, cocaine, marijuana and LSD-mixte there. He beat the charges, however, when the search was ruled illegal.

His home was often described as a "heavily fortified compound," although Thompson, who would sometimes take high-powered firearms into his backyard for target practice, acknowledged in a 2003 interview that that was an exaggeration.

"I think the only fortification might be my reputation," he told Salon magazine. "If people believe they're going to be shot, they might stay away."

Although Thompson admitted to a lifelong fascination with guns, many who knew him said they never imagined he would shoot himself.

"I'm stunned," said Krassner, who was nearly speechless for several minutes after hearing the news. "It's hard to believe I'm referring to him in the past tense."

Thompson had begun to jokingly refer to himself in recent years as "an elderly dope fiend living out in the wilderness," and several acquaintances said his health had begun to deteriorate.

San Francisco Chronicle Editor Phil Bronstein, who visited Thompson and his wife, Anita, in Colorado last summer, told the Chronicle that Thompson was recovering from spinal surgery and a broken leg but didn't seem depressed.

"He was excited about what was going on in the world as he always was," Bronstein said. "He seemed, as always, bizarre and interesting and fascinating and was a remarkably charming and friendly host." ♦

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The Amy Spain Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$500, will be awarded this spring to a graduating senior planning on attending law school this fall. Amy Spain was an alumnus of Middle Tennessee State University and an active Alpha Delta Pi from 1982-1986. Upon completion of her undergraduate degree, she went on to graduate with honors from the University of Memphis, Cecil C. Humphrey's School of Law. Amy obtained a position as an Assistant States Attorney in Memphis. She held this position until a tragic automobile accident ended her exceptional life.

To continue Amy's legacy, some of her friends and family have established this scholarship. The memorial fund will be used to further the education of an MTSU Greek female who plans to attend Law School. Candidates must demonstrate the leadership, dedication, commitment, and integrity which characterized and described Amy.

If you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please obtain an application from Jennifer Lane in the Associate Vice President and Dean of Student Life Office, the Keathly University Center Room 212. Deadline for applications is March 16, 2005.

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From the Editorial Board Diverse yet segregated won't enrich students

Walking across campus, we can see MTSU isn't the cultural melting pot it aims to be, despite a 3.5 percent increase in minority students since 1995 ("Percentage of minorities increasing, but work still needed, students say," page 1).

However, we're not sure a more diverse campus would have the desired effect on the student body. Be it a conscious effort or an unconscious tendency, our campus is more segregated than it ought to be.

The whole purpose of increasing diversity in a student population is to expose the students to other cultures and enrich their lives. We don't see this happening on campus on a large scale.

While it's obvious that we should aim at becoming a much more diverse campus, we feel it's equally obvious that students make an effort at benefiting from what diversity we already have.

The university should offer more multicultural events, and not just during the month of February. We should be committed to expanding our cultural horizons more than one month out of the year.

The Middle Tennessee Performing Arts Company attends the Black College Dance Exchange every year; this is just one of the ways some organizations are setting examples for the rest of us.

It's time everyone on campus stepped up and led by example. Attend an event you want to go to but haven't because you're afraid you'll feel out of place. If that's asking too much, bring a friend along.

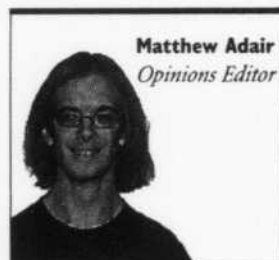
The next time you eat at the Keathley University Center Grille, sit down by someone you don't know and just talk. Going to college isn't just about what you learn inside the classroom — you can learn a great deal during your off hours.

While we believe increasing our minority population is essential to becoming a more culturally diverse student body, we also believe that we have many cultures and backgrounds already represented on campus that are taken for granted.

Until we, as students, commit to enriching our lives by embracing differences in others, our diversity will only be overpowered by our old habits of flocking toward the familiar. ◆

From the Opinions Editor Tension over Taiwan creates dangerous global situation

Amid the controversy revolving around North Korea's departure from talks about its nuclear weapons programs, talks between the United States and the major powers of western Asia have raised another, potentially volatile issue: Taiwan.



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Representatives from the United States and Japan issued a statement from Washington, D.C. on Saturday that maintaining the peace and stability of the Taiwanese Strait is part of their "common strategic objectives" within the region.

"The Chinese government responded by issuing a statement stating, 'Taiwan is an inseparable part of China and the matter is related to China's national sovereignty, territorial integrity and state security.' In other words: keep your hands off that island.

Taiwan and China have been at odds with one another over their mutual status since the government of the Republic of China moved to Taiwan in 1949. Recently, however, China has been brandishing its military power at its island neighbor as a way of intimidating the Taiwanese and discouraging formal talks of the island declaring its independence from the mainland.

The United States must be cautious, however, in upholding its promise of support to Taiwan. The spirit behind the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which states the intention of the United States to defend Taiwan from attack, is a noble one. Then-president Jimmy Carter could never have anticipated the current war on terrorism and the massive military deployments it entails, which could limit the amount of support we can provide in the event conflict breaks out across the Taiwanese Strait.

The people of Taiwan deserve the right to determine their own future as a nation. The United States and its allies must move cautiously to protect that country from a potential Chinese invasion by diffusing the situation diplomatically and halting the military build-up in the region.

Otherwise, this dangerous situation could explode in everyone's faces. ◆

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Companies, don't filter my phone

Cellular phone companies around the world are coming under great pressure to monitor the content of information accessed through cellular phones and are now aiming to cut the amount of porn viewed and transmitted through this technology.

Several major cellular phone service providers worldwide have shown growing concern over this issue and have begun enacting measures to prevent viewing of this content, particularly by those under the age of 18. This has become a global concern. While the German and Australian governments have already started putting measures in place, France and the United States are also looking at possible ways of content monitoring.

This is absolutely outrageous. By trying to limit content availability to cellular phone users, these governments are limited the access of information to millions of subscribers that are paying to have these services.

First, the age of a subscriber cannot truly be well monitored. This would ultimately result in the lack of access to information for

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adults and children seeping through unmonitored cracks. Adults have a right to view pornography at their leisure and should not be barred from doing so when paying for a service. The content viewing of children should be monitored, yes, but by whom? Is it the responsibility of the government to decide what the nation's children can and cannot view?

As we've seen in the past, placing content limiting programs on computers to filter the content viewed by children also inhibits them from looking at other content, as these filters are by no means perfect. Would such content restriction not have the same affect on cell phones?

Secondly, content filtering and monitoring of content transmitted

through cell phones will, undoubtedly, have an effect on the market. Why sign up for Internet access features on your phone that will be filtered and problematic, when you can just go home and view what you want without censoring?

When it comes to monitoring the content of media that children view, isn't that something parents should be dictating? Parents should be taking an active role in monitoring the content of television shows, Internet viewing, films and other forms of media. Government should not be the nation's parent, making decisions on what is and is not acceptable for the nation's youth. Each family has its own standards for this, and it should be families, not governmental entities, making these decisions.

If your child has a cell phone, as a parent, you should monitor and limit usage and content as you see fit. Relying on the government to parent one's children reflects a lack of involvement in the lives of our children. Why should we live in a society where the government does parenting for us? If parents took a more active role in this way, limit-

ing content on multimedia devices wouldn't be necessary, and thus the censoring of content bleeding over to paying adults would not occur.

Certainly there should be barriers in place that parents of children 18 years of age and under should be able to access, but this should be an option as opposed to a standard. If you want your child's access to the Internet on a cellular phone to be limited, then access the service for that device. If not, don't.

When our government steps in to be the moral authority for the country, one governing can result because only negativity can never account for the concerns of millions of parents. If you are paying for a service, you should be able to reap the full benefits of that service without barriers. And if you have cellular phone-carrying children, you should be responsible enough to set limits and monitor usage. It's that simple. Legislation not required. ◆

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Who wants revolution?

When power is left in the hands of the wealthy for a long enough time, it cannot help but to take on a tinge of corruption and untruth. This is because, as it has been said, absolute power corrupts absolutely. We live in an age where wars can be fought in their entirety without a question as to why. An age in which discrimination is as rampant as ever, only now, your sexual orientation provides a new cause for hate.

It's a time when those in control provide "interpretations" of the U.S. Constitution as to fit in their political agenda. As these and the countless other wrongs seem to multiply exponentially, what can be done to combat this rise of injustice in our government? The answer, my friends, is revolution.

This country was founded on a revolution. Uprising is in our heritage, as well as our nature, so to not only be frightened of change but scared to initiate it, is lunacy. Thomas Jefferson, author of our Declaration of Independence, saw the need for an insurgency if the situation was dire enough to require it. He once said, "I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing." Such advice, and from a founding father, cannot be ignored. If a democracy, which claims its power lies in the people, begins to disregard the opinions of its citizens and instead act on the agendas of those in power, change must be initiated.

Look at the world around you; does anything seem terribly unjust? Perhaps the war in Iraq, with its vague reasoning and innocent casualties, contains a hue of corruptness. Maybe the slow drift into a freakishly Orwellian society makes you cringe. Our "fictional" separation of church and state weighs heavily on me; everyday decisions that shouldn't be made with morality and religion in mind are derived entire-

Skeptical Overtones



Brandon Bouchillon
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ly from those principles alone.

There is injustice everywhere. The media is flooded with lies, and most of the time those very lies are passed down from our nations' leaders. So much hypocrisy would call for, no demand, a change. When the situation is grim, maybe only the most extreme kind of reform can take hold and truly have an impact. The possibility of such a transformation can be summed up into one word: revolution.

Do something about the crumbling world, whatever it takes to get heads turned and progress made. The wrong path is only so long, and we've been going down it for quite sometime. Makes you wonder just when the path abruptly ends; swallowed up by the accumulation of our country's mistakes. Do something, anything, just make sure the term revolutionary applies. Too long have we, the citizens, taken orders and been sullied by political corruption; so let's change it. In whatever way and with the means you deem necessary, revolt. We've put it off entirely too long and the country we love cannot stand with the shackles of injustice much longer. ◆

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Letters to the Editor

Thompson's death a loss to humanity

To the Editor:

A legend has passed. The greatest journalist of the preceding (and to a large extent, our) generation died of a self-inflicted gun shot wound on Sunday night. Hunter S. Thompson portrayed himself, or as he would prefer Raoul Duke, as a drug addled half crazed drunk full of invective for those who represented those in power.

In reality, Mr. Thompson's writing was filled with unparalleled scathing attacks of those in charge, "the swine." At the same time he reflected the common man's idea of the times. His writings reflected the interests, the ideas, and the feelings of those around him. Yes, he took those ideas to their absurd extreme, yet within each writing, there is a common kernel of the common man in each article. Aside from his covering the political world (Fear and Loathing on the Campaign Trail '72), he wrote about sports and numerous other mundane topics (ESPN's page 2). While he injected his famous persona into each of these, he managed to reflect and share the ideas of all of us.

In his own words, "There he goes. One of God's own prototypes. Some kind of high powered mutant never even considered for mass production. Too weird to live, and too rare to die."

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Sleep apnea poses risk to millions

Sleep disorders can be fatal, and you might have one.

There are over 84 different sleep disorders, and some of them can "shorten your lifespan."

In other words, they can kill you.

Even if they don't kill you, your life is still different than those of the people you live and work with. Because our perceptions shape our view of the universe and a sleep disorder can severely alter our perceptions, you cease to live in the same world as everyone else.

Of these 84 disorders, there is one that everyone should be aware of: sleep apnea.

Sleep apnea is a condition where the individual stops breathing while they are asleep. Their air passages collapse, their senses of self-preservation kick in and then they wake up.

Now, because of the nature of sleep, which I am told our best scientists are still trying to figure out, the individual will fall back asleep and not remember having been awakened. This interruption of sleep does not happen just once. In fact, in the mild cases, it can happen as many as 10 times per hour. Some of the more severe cases have recorded as many "arousals" as 100 times each hour.

Because of the mild presentation of the symptoms, which can be hard to notice, many people are simply unaware of the fact that they might have this disorder. The only way to truly diagnose sleep apnea is to participate in a sleep study.

During this rather difficult procedure, several diodes are glued to the patient's face, chest, head and legs. These diodes allow a sleep technician to monitor the patient's facial twitches, brainwave patterns, leg movements and respiratory activity. After being hooked into the contraption, the patient must then achieve some form of sleep so that any possible apnea can be observed. The cost of a sleep study is more than \$1,200, but is covered under most insurance policies.

The symptoms of apnea can be subtle, but the red flags are very easy to spot. Excessive sweating or urination while sleeping, excessive movements during sleep, waking with a dry mouth or a sore throat or a headache and loud snoring are the most obvious and easiest to look for. A sign of more severe apnea, and also the one least associated with it, is drowsiness during the day.

The reported cases of sleep apnea total about 12 million Americans, or 4.41 percent of the population. But, because of the mildness of the symptoms, there is a projected number of undiagnosed cases that is very significant. As many as 10 million Americans may have apnea and not realize it. That's 3.68 percent, bringing the grand total of apnea sufferers to about 8 percent.

Scientists still don't understand exactly why humans need to sleep, but they understand that it is a necessity. Loss of sleep and fragmented sleep, often associated with sleep apnea, can lead to a significant deterioration of dexterity and concentration. It can cause aggressiveness, irritability, panic attacks and depression. Because of the strain on the heart, untreated apnea can eventually cause a heart attack or a stroke. As an added bonus, the sleep interruptions can cause a decline in insulin levels, which can lead to a disrupted metabolism, weight gain and type II diabetes.

Do not let yourself become a statistic. Get checked out if you think that you have any of these symptoms. There are sleep specialists available in Murfreesboro, who can be reached through the Middle Tennessee Medical Center at 396-4100. ◆

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UP 'TIL DAWN

Students raise money to benefit children's research hospital



Kelly Higdon shows off hand-made jewelry, frames, scarves and chocolate to fellow fund-raiser Carolyn Crawford.

Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer

By Sara McManamy
Staff Writer

This week, the Up 'til Dawn program will give the MTSU community a good excuse to stay up all night.

The Up 'til Dawn finale event will be held Friday from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at the Campus Recreation Center.

It will feature games, live musical performances, a slide show and more.

There will even be a surprise celebrity guest.

The event is to celebrate the community's nearly year-long effort to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., which offers free treatment to children suffering from life-

threatening illnesses.

"Up 'til Dawn' is representative of the parents who stay up until dawn with these children," says Jackie Victory, director of student organizations and community service.

It costs nearly \$1 million per day to operate SJCH, and Up 'til Dawn funds a part of that money.

Up 'til Dawn is a fund-raising program specific to college campuses.

Six years ago, MTSU was the second school in the nation to have an Up 'til Dawn program.

There are now over 150 schools involved across the nation.

To participate in the finale event, students must be a part of a six-member team.

These teams can be from sororities, fraternities, clubs or even just a group of friends.

Each team is responsible for raising the required \$750 registration fee.

Although recruitment for Up 'til Dawn began last October, it's still not too late to register.

"If a team shows up at the door with the registration fee, that's fine," Victory says.

Students who are not a member of a team can still attend part of the event.

Admission will be \$5 to attend from 7 p.m. to midnight.

From midnight to 7 a.m., only registered teams will be allowed to stay.

All registration and admission fees collected will count

toward MTSU's \$100,000 donation goal, but other donations count as well.

"Anyone can donate. We're asking the whole community to give even just a little so we can help these children," says Chris Roach, executive director of Up 'til Dawn.

"Every little bit helps. If 30,000 students gave a dollar, that's a lot of money," says Tara Garrison, recruitment director for Up 'til Dawn.

Donations can be sent to Campus Box 39 or dropped in the donations box in the Keathley University Center outside the Grill.

For more information, call 904-8270 or go to KUC, Room 326S. ♦

"Every little bit HELPS.

If 30,000 students gave a dollar, that's a LOT of money."

— Tara Garrison

Up 'til Dawn recruitment director

Hofstetter scores again with 'Another Round'

I always wonder what people around me are thinking after I laugh out loud in the library. After the giggling ceases I look around somewhat bashfully, wondering if they even noticed, hoping that, if they did, it may have brought a slice of enjoyment into their life, providing a nice, brief distraction from their work.

It's very similar to when I fart in the library.

I had this experience, the laughing, that is, a few times as I put off doing homework by reading "Student Body Shots: Another Round" by Steve Hofstetter.

Steve Hofstetter is best-known for his column "Observational Humor" at CollegeHumor.com. Like its predecessor "Student Body Shots," this book takes an unabashed look into college life, leaving no stone unturned about the college experience.

This book is good because it's easy to relate to. As you read this (and you should, because it's funny), you'd think that Steve Hofstetter had hung out with you and your friends for a week or two.

But, as he explains, while the size and location of colleges may differ, the daily grind of college life is similar everywhere, and anyone who has been to college can relate to the experiences of everyone else who has.

Like Hofstetter writes, "Other schools are really just your school with different names on the buildings."

Along with its accessibility,

Raging Brilliance



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Staff Columnist

this book is also good because it's easy to read. The style is quick and quippy, making it perfect for those with short attention spans, or for opening to a random page when you're on the toilet.

It's full of short observations on topics such as the first week of school, bars, registration, dating, laundry and being broke.

Here are a few of my favorites:

"Unless you slept in that dirty T-shirt and pajama pants, you're not allowed to wear them to class. It's just as easy to open the closet as it is to open the hamper."

"I wonder if my professors get as excited about me being out sick as I get when it happens to them."

"If everyone in America worked as hard all the time as most students do during finals week, we'd have had flying cars before the Civil War."

"Student Body Shots: Another Round" is worth the money. It's good for plenty of laughs and quite a few "so it's not just me" moments, and will make for a good coffee table book or sit nicely on the back of your toilet. ♦

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ABOUT CollegeHumor.com

"Two high school friends from Baltimore, Md., went to college. Although they were physically distant, they noticed that many elements of college life remain the same."

So begins the "story" of www.CollegeHumor.com, a Web site devoted to providing college students with distractions and "worthwhile junk," according to the Web site.

The site was created in 1999 by Josh Abramson and Ricky Van Veen as an outlet for forwards and other "crap" that circulates among college campuses.

The site is still growing rapidly, and it is updated nearly every day with new posts, photos and e-mails for the reading and viewing pleasure of college students worldwide.

The site lists its goal as the establishment of "a place for people across the world to go for a laugh."

The site also offers a weekly e-mail newsletter outlining new content on the site.

To check out the Web site, go to www.collegehumor.com. ♦



AD search on pace with Tennessee, miles ahead of TSU

By Mark Emery
Staff Writer

MTSU rates well compared to other Tennessee universities in the amount of time expected to find a new athletic director.

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville hired a new athletic director in 2003 after Doug Dickey retired. *The Tennessean* reported on March 14, 2001, that Dickey was planning on retiring in June 2002. This did not occur, as Dickey did not retire until June 2003.

UT officials had plenty of time to prepare the process of finding a new athletic director. They did not begin the process until Feb. 6, 2003. In a press release, then-President John W. Shumaker announced

a search committee had been formed.

"Because athletics touches so many programs, it is important that we hear from students, the faculty, alumni, trustees and the administration," Shumaker said then in the press release. "All of these groups are represented on the executive committee of the Athletic Board."

The one difference was how UT set up the committee. Like MTSU, UT had a search advisory committee, which was run by the Executive Committee of the university's Athletics Board. They also set



McPhee

up an eight-member subcommittee that handled the day-to-day tasks.

UT officials' next step was to hire an outside search firm. They hired Heidrick and Struggles International, Inc. on Feb. 24, 2003, according to an article in *The Tennessean*. After close to 10 weeks, Shumaker announced on May 10, 2003, that UT had chosen a new athletic director.

MT has handled this situation in a reasonable amount of time, considering the school has not had the time to prepare like UT did. Boots Donnelly's resignation was announced on Jan. 12. In less than two weeks, MTSU President Sidney McPhee announced the forming of the search committee that will help him with the process.

The MTSU Foundation also wasted

no time in hiring Baker, Parker and Associates on Jan. 25. Baker-Parker also worked with MTSU before Donnelly was hired in 2002.

"By mid-March, I will have a meeting with Baker-Parker with a preliminary review of the list of candidates," McPhee said in the committee meeting last week. "Shortly after the review, we hope to have the list narrowed down to four to six candidates."

McPhee stated in the meeting that he hoped to have the whole process completed by early April. If this happens, the process will be done in about three months.

On the other end of the spectrum is Tennessee State University's most recent AD search. TSU President James Hefner fired former athletic director James Smith

in May 2001, and on June 12, 2001, *The Tennessean* reported that Hefner would retain the services of an independent search firm.

The search committee was not formed until Sept. 12, 2001, however, three months after Smith was fired. The search firm hired by the university did not have a list of the final candidates until Feb. 2002, nine months after Smith was fired.

The names of the finalists were released on March 23, 2002, and the hiring of new athletic director Teresa Phillips was not announced until May 1, 2002.

Phillips served as interim AD on three separate occasions before becoming the permanent athletic director. ♦

Patrice Holmes, pickpocket extraordinaire

Titans cuts unpopular but justified

Sports commentary



Cody Gibson
Staff Columnist

Just like the seasons, football teams must change, too.

In the ever-changing NFL, a team can be in contention one season and be gone from playoff talk the next. We are fortunate to be Titans fans and actually have a consistent playoff team.

With this being said, we must move into the future. It had to come sometime, but as reported in Sunday's *Tennessean*, the Titans are releasing some of the most recognizable players.

But it's time. I give credit to general manager Floyd Reese for making these bold moves before the Titans turn into the Oakland Raiders: old, overpaid and slow. Also keep in mind the Titans already are 27 million over the league salary cap.

Look over this list: Samari Rolle, Fred Miller, Derrick Mason, Kevin Carter and Robert Holcombe. You wouldn't mind having these guys three or four years ago, but age and injuries have turned these once good, maybe even great, players into average players.

Mason is the only player whose contract I wish the Titans had made a huge push to restructure. Rolle would have been on that list, but his recent offseason troubles have made his release much easier for Titans administration.

Miller and Carter are simply old. Linemen are never good old, except for the Titans' own Bruce Matthews.

Holcombe is very expendable because the fullback position is dying. The Titans continue to use more two tight-end sets while utilizing Troy Fleming as a fullback/halfback "tweener." Holcombe is a luxury the Titans cannot afford.

But all of these releases pale in

See Titans, 8



Photo by Rachelle Morvant | Chief Photographer

MT's Patrice Holmes displays some of her latest loot – although she eventually returned the keys and wallet. Holmes is ninth in the nation in steals.

Senior one of top 10 steals leaders in nation

By Katy Hamlett
Staff Writer

Webster's Dictionary defines steal as "(1) to take (another's property) without permission or right, esp. secretly (2) to take or get by sly means."

But no matter how Patrice Holmes defines stealing, lately the verb has been defining her game.

Holmes, MT's 5-foot-9-inch guard, is currently ranked ninth in the nation for steals with an average of 3.6 swipes per game.

The senior from South Carolina recently sat down with *Sidelines* and broke down her nationally recognized defensive strategy.

"I just want to make sure that I'm in the right spot at the right time," Holmes explained. "I just try to read the defense eyes to make sure that I can get a steal."

Being able to read and predict the next offensive move is one of Holmes' most prominent talents, MT head coach Stephen Smith said.

"Probably the biggest thing about Patrice and her

game is her intelligence in basketball," Smith explained.

Holmes isn't as knowledgeable, however, about her opponents' reactions after she commits a steal.

"I really don't know how they react," Holmes laughed. "Once I steal it, I'm gone, trying to get a basket."

But before making the NCAA rankings and inspiring the confused faces of her pickpocket victims, Holmes received stealing advice and basketball inspiration from both small town and big time role models.

"I love the game of basketball – it's part of my life. My dad instilled that in me," Holmes explained. "When I was little, that's all we did was play basketball together. And Michael Jordan has always been my favorite player. He brings effort everyday."

After gaining a love for the game from her father and determination from Jordan, Holmes came to MT to let Smith fine tune her skills.

"Patrice sought out approval a lot. She wanted to make certain that she was doing things correctly," Smith explained. "She has grown a lot as a vocal leader. In the past, she just lead by example, and that's still her best leadership quality – her actions not her words."

By her junior year, Holmes was a little more secure in her ability. Holmes' defensive contributions had a dramatic impact on the team's strategies.

"We're a very athletic team, and defense is a front-

runner for our team," Smith said. "Our best offense comes off transitions baskets. I think it's a strength of ours. We put a lot of emphasis in on a daily basis to give us easy opportunities and easy baskets."

Holmes' contributions to team tactics, her steals and athletic ability have generated a lot of buzz around the MT women's basketball program.

"She brings us way more than just steals," Smith said. "She has been a marquee player for us her entire career, there are so many different facets of her game that she is exemplary in and [she's] by far the best player that has ever played in this program."

Although Holmes' NCAA ranking isn't the first time the two-time SBC Tournament Outstanding Player has stepped in the national spotlight, she's still humble about her attention.

"It feels great that I'm being noticed," Holmes said. "But also, it's really not about me. It's more of a team effort. When my teammates put pressure on the other team, it makes it really easy for me to get the steal."

Holmes and the Lady Raiders will play the last two games of the regular season this week at Murphy Center. There's no hitting, bottle throwing or drinking allowed. But stealing is always fair game at the Glass House when Holmes takes the floor. ♦

Blue Raiders travel to Alabama, Vandy next year

By Jon Leffew
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Interim Athletic Director Diane Turnham announced Middle Tennessee's 2005 football schedule yesterday.

"It's a great schedule, but a very challenging one," Turnham told MT Media Relations. "We begin the season and end the season in the state of Alabama and in between we have what I believe to be one of the top home schedules in school history. There should be some exciting football at Floyd Stadium this year."

The Blue Raiders will open the season against the Alabama Crimson Tide on Sept. 3.

The following week, the Blue Raiders will play host to the four-time Sun Belt Conference champions, North Texas.

The Mean Green have won 25 straight SBC games and return two different running backs who have led the NCAA in rushing.

On Sept. 17, Akron will come to Murfreesboro in hopes of avenging a loss at the hands of the Blue Raiders last year.

The following week, the Blue Raiders will travel to Temple to take on the Owls before returning to Tennessee the next week to take on in-state rival Vanderbilt.

MT has won the last two matchups with the Commodores: 37-28 in 2001 and 21-20 in 2002.

On Oct. 8, the Blue Raiders will continue SBC play, taking on the Florida Atlantic Owls. Last year, the Owls defeated the Blue Raiders at Floyd Stadium by the score of 27-20.

Two weeks later, MT will celebrate homecoming against Louisiana-Lafayette before traveling to Florida International for a non-conference game the following week.

The Ragin' Cajuns defeated MT last year, 27-20, and the two teams have gone into overtime in two of their six contests.

Arkansas State and Louisiana-Monroe

2005 Football Schedule

Sept. 3	at Alabama
Sept. 10	North Texas
Sept. 17	Akron
Sept. 24	at Temple
Oct. 1	at Vanderbilt
Oct. 8	at Florida Atlantic
Oct. 22	Louisiana-Lafayette
Oct. 29	at Florida International
Nov. 5	Arkansas State
Nov. 12	Louisiana-Monroe
Nov. 19	at Troy

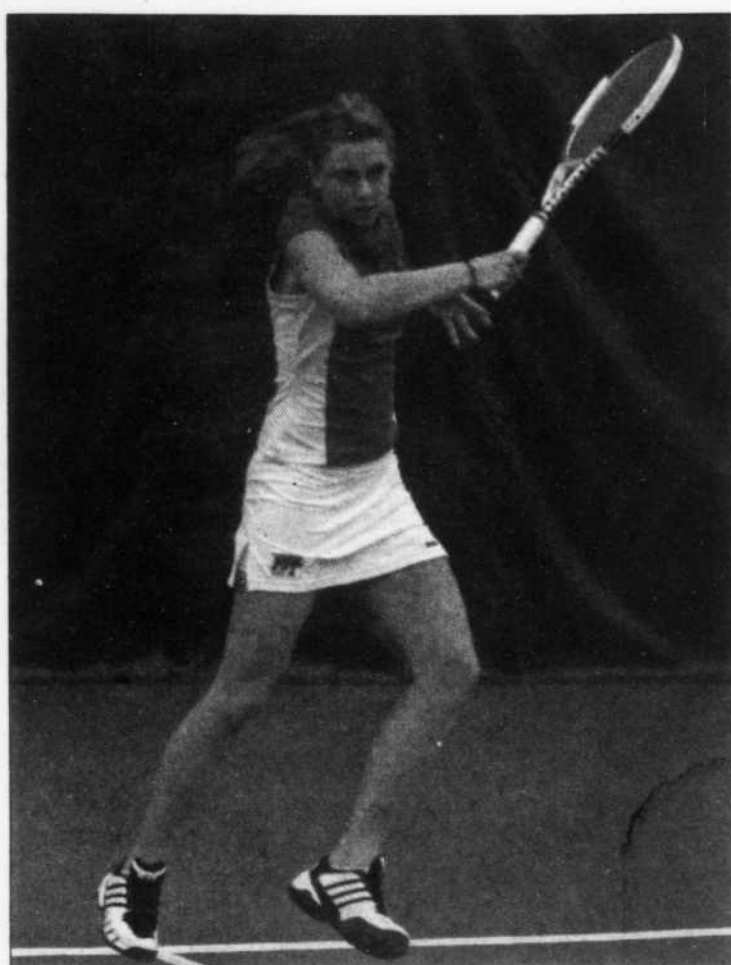
will come to Floyd Stadium on Nov. 5 and Nov. 12, respectively, before the Blue Raiders close out the season against Troy for the second straight season on Nov. 19.

Game times will be announced at a later date. ♦



File Photo

MT quarterback Clint Marks will face Alabama Sept. 3.



Sluggish start dooms Lady Raiders

By Casey Brown
Staff Writer

A sluggish start and a tough opponent are usually a recipe for disaster.

Middle Tennessee found that combination as the Lady Raiders fell to 58th-ranked Ole Miss 6-1 on Sunday at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro.

"It was good to get a win on the road," Ole Miss head coach Mark Beyers told Ole Miss Media Relations.

"This team had just gone 4-3 with 32nd ranked New Mexico, so this was a solid win."

The match was a rocky one for the Lady Raiders from the outset as the Rebels took an early lead by claiming the doubles point.

The 39th-ranked team of Chloe Carlotti and Virginia Tomatis utilized a strong net game to defeat MT's Jennifer Klaschka and

Ann-Kristin Siljestrom 8-3 at No. 1. Ilona Somers and Mimi Renaudin of UM also defeated Emily Vest and Ana Maria Cibils 8-4 at No. 2.

The Lady Raiders did claim one of the doubles contests, as Claudia Szabo and Jacqui Williams were victorious 8-4 over Carlin Cochran and Nika Koukhartchouk at No. 3.

"It was a tough day for us," MT coach Neil Stapp said. "You have to hand it to Ole Miss; they were ready to play and jumped on us in the doubles."

Things didn't get much better for the Lady Raiders in singles. Klaschka fell 6-0, 6-2 to a talented Carlotti, ranked 32nd in the nation. At No. 3, Szabo fought a spirited battle but eventually succumbed to Somers 6-3, 6-2.

Further down the lineup, things unfolded in similar fashion. Williams had no answer for Renaudin, falling 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5, while Vest could not hold off Preethi Subramanian, who won 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6.

"I didn't like the matchups. They [UM] had the right player on the right player," Stapp said.

"They had three lefties in the lineup, which kind of threw us off," Stapp added.

One bright spot for the Lady Raiders was the play of Siljestrom. The current Sun Belt Player of the Week notched her first win against a ranked opponent, defeating 117th-ranked Koukhartchouk 7-6, 1-6, 10-6 at No. 4.

Since joining the team in January, the freshman is still undefeated in six matches, dropping only one set along the way.

"Ann-Kristin just keeps rolling," Stapp told MT Media Relations. "I am really proud at how she has stepped up her game as I have moved her up in the lineup."

The sluggish play of the Lady Raiders could be attributed to influenza. Much of the team has suffered with the bug in the last few days, with Cibils being forced to withdraw from her match at No. 2 on Sunday.

There is no rest for the weary, however, as MT travels to Vanderbilt this week to take on the 6th-ranked Commodores.

"It doesn't get any easier for us with Vanderbilt on Tuesday," Stapp said. "We've got to be ready to roll." ♦

Photo by Jay Richardson | Photo Editor

MT freshman Ann-Kristin Siljestrom notched her first career victory against a ranked opponent Sunday.



Sports Briefs

News from around Middle Tennessee



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Horton named to All-Academic team

Middle Tennessee sophomore forward Krystle Horton has been named to the 2005 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District IV Second Team.

The announcement came Thursday by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

"This is a very nice honor, especially since I am just a sophomore," Horton told MT Media Relations. "Education has always come first for me, with basketball second. I am always striving to be a student-athlete."

Because she was named to the Second Team, Horton will not enter the pool of candidates for

Academic All-America honors announced in March.

The Murfreesboro native owns a 3.83 grade point average and is majoring in elementary education. On the court, Horton is third in scoring this season for the Lady Raiders with 11.2 points per game. She was a First Team Preseason All-Sun Belt selection this season.

Criner Promoted to Defensive Coordinator

MT head football coach Andy McCollum announced the promotion of Mark Criner to defensive coordinator Feb. 17. Criner, who coached the Blue Raider secondary in 2004, replaces Bradley Dale Peveto, who left to take a position at Louisiana State.

"This was an easy decision," McCollum told MT Media Relations. "Mark has a great coaching

background and is extremely knowledgeable. He is a great teacher and has an unbelievable attitude and enthusiasm. This will be a great fit for Middle Tennessee and this program."

A 12-year coaching veteran, Criner is a 1990 graduate of Coache State with a degree in physical education.

"I appreciate the opportunity coach McCollum has given me with this promotion," Criner told MT Media Relations. "I am excited about taking over a unit that returns 10 starters and nearly all of the backups. We will have a lot of competition, and that's the kind of thing that will make us a better unit overall. We will basically use the same philosophy and terminology as we did a year ago."

Rugby teams lose over weekend

The Lady Moose lost 20-0 to the University of Tennessee last weekend, and the men's team lost as well to Clemson on Saturday.

Hockey team travels to Illinois

The Blue Raider hockey team heads to Springfield, Ill., to participate in the Central Conference Midwest Tournament Championship this weekend.

Last season, the Blue Raiders finished second in the tournament to Wright State in a nine-player shootout. This season the Blue Raiders finished the regular season 33-1-1 but did not qualify for the American Collegiate Hockey Association national tournament.

As a result, the conference championships will be the final tournament of the season for Middle Tennessee. ♦

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