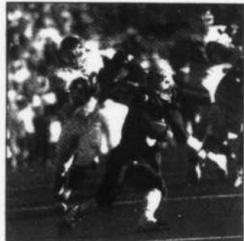


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Grant may enable MTSU to build new observatory

By Amber Bryant
Staff Writer

The U.S. House of Representatives has approved a \$340,000 grant to build a new space observatory on MTSU's campus.

The U.S. Senate and President Bush must first approve the financial support before planning can begin, but university officials are hopeful that the necessary resources will become available.

"It's not a sure thing yet," said Robert Carlton, chair of the physics and astronomy department.

If approved, the building process could take at least a year.

The initial money for the

observatory comes from a part of NASA's \$14 billion budget specifically allotted to improve science education nationwide.

The final cost of the project is unknown, but MTSU is trying to raise an additional \$100,000 to cover any additional costs.

Congressman Bart Gordon also is doing his best to support the observatory by trying to convince the federal government to subsidize its development.

"I'm attempting to get additional funds if needed," Gordon said.

Faculty and staff alike are excited about the new observatory, which promises to attract the general public as well as students.

"You can think of an observatory as a laboratory for astronomy," said Eric Klumpe, assistant professor of physics and astronomy.

The university currently has an observatory outside the Recreation Center that was built in 1986 as a 75th anniversary monument. At the time, the area around the east side of campus was farmland.

Since that time, the center of campus has moved eastward with the construction of numerous buildings, such as the John Bragg, Mass Communication and Business and Aerospace buildings.

"We are using [the old observatory] very little because the lights [around the Recreation Center] are so intense it's virtu-

ally useless," Carlton said.

The former observatory will most likely be demolished, but the dome roof may be salvaged to reuse on the new one.

The site for the new one hasn't been decided yet, but a few areas have been discussed. One possible location is in front of the Alumni Center, between Kirksey Old Main and Rutledge Hall.

The observatory will be available for anyone to use on public nights held once a month. It also will be available for private use with permission from the physics and astronomy department.

"This will be an attraction for the whole community," Gordon said. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff

Assistant professor Eric Klumpe aligns a telescope at Friday night's Star Party, where he and other astronomy enthusiasts star gazed in front of Wiser Patten Science Hall. Space fans may get a chance to become better acquainted with the stars if a new observatory is built.

Library's book collection relatively small

By Victoria Cumbow
Staff Writer

MTSU's newly named James E. Walker Library has been open a little more than three years, but it still lacks size and selection, according to some administrators.

"When compared with other Tennessee Board of Regents schools, our library is smaller," said Donald Craig, dean of the library. "Schools such as Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University and Tennessee Tech University have approximately 87 books per student, while we have about 40 per student."

Within its 250,000 square feet, the library houses only 650,000 books, including books and periodicals - a small number in comparison to schools of similar size, Craig said.

"The library has a strong collection in a number of areas, but we need more money to increase the other areas, such as our magazine collection," said Bill Black, head of administrative services for the library.

Right now, the library has partnerships with other university and college libraries both regionally and nationally to share resources, such as TSU, APSU and TTU. The library conducts comparisons on a regular basis with these libraries.

"Each year, we chart where we stand relative to the other TBR schools," Craig said.

The areas in which MTSU lacks, the other libraries are stronger in, thus generating better access for the students at MTSU, Black said.

"We need additional resources and money for what

we're buying," Black said. "It's called 'collection development.' We really need additional titles."

Black is most concerned with the magazine collection. Libraries are required to pay more for a subscription than the newsstand price.

When a single person buys a subscription, that person reads the magazine, but when a university library purchases a subscription, 20,000 people read it. Therefore the subscription price is higher.

"Because we don't have enough money, when we purchase a new title we have to eliminate an old one," Craig said.

He said it's difficult to tell whether students use the library more for the periodicals or for books.

"It depends on the topic of the assignment. We think about quality as well. We look at the amount of resources in terms of better scholarly choices."

Students also are divided on the library's usefulness.

"I've been to the library once," said freshman Heather Plunk, a business administration major. "I've never had to use it for resources or information. If I had to, I'm not sure I would even know how."

"I use the library on a regular basis," said undecided sophomore Brian Hannah. "I prefer to use the BAS computer lab though."

"I work in the library, therefore, I'm there a lot," said junior Alice Fleener, a mass communication major. "As far as usage goes, I haven't been required to use the library for an assignment."

"I've always used the

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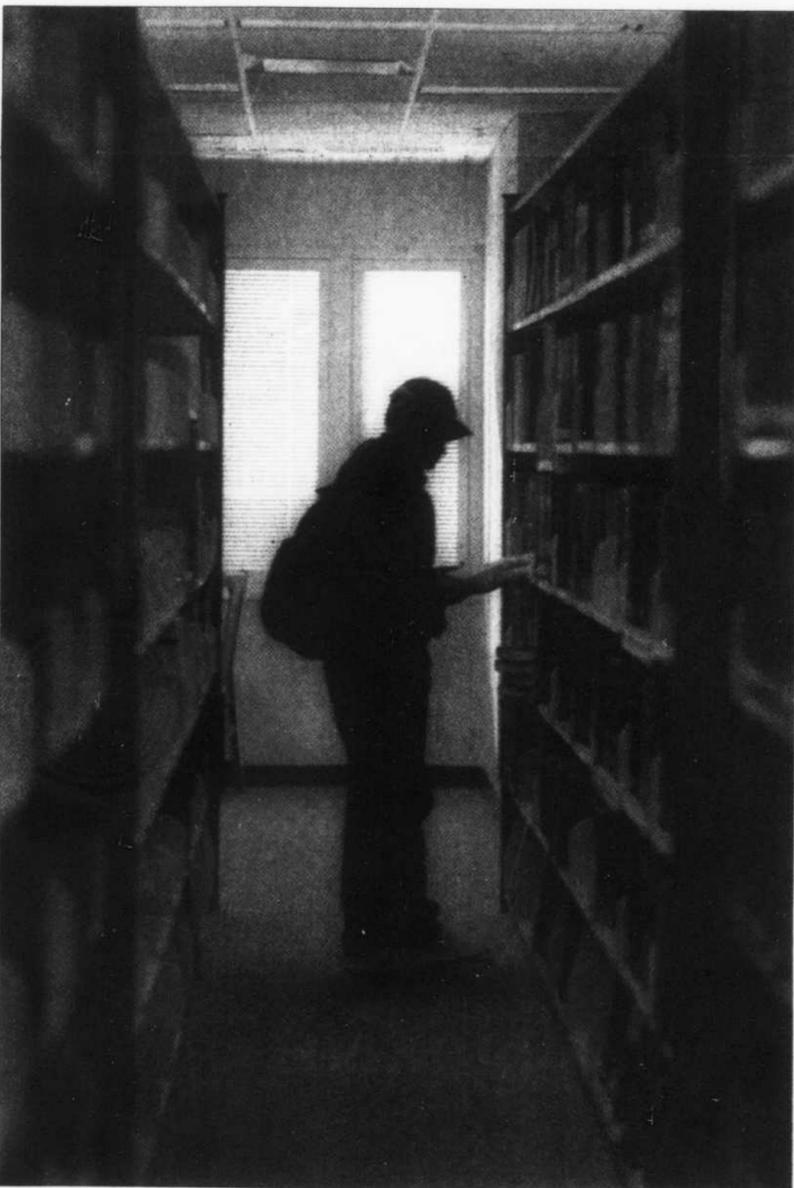


Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

The James E. Walker Library houses 650,000 books - a small number compared to other Tennessee Board of Regents schools, according to some university officials.

Committee to begin research tomorrow

Staff Reports

The committee established to investigate Student Government Association President John Marshall will meet tomorrow to lay out a schedule to begin the investigation.

The committee, appointed by Bill 7-01-F of the 64th Congress of the SGA, elected Sen. Jason Stoneback, senior, as its chair during their first meeting last week.

"We have an extensive list of people to interview, and we are beginning to compile evidence," Stoneback said. "We plan to conduct a thorough and complete investigation in a timely manner."

The committee compiled a list of students, faculty and staff to interview during the investigation. The list includes Marshall, Election Commissioner Daryn Thornbury, Speaker of the Senate Susan Wilson, Vice President for Administration and Public Affairs Jamie Burns, Cee Cee Thornbury, Dean Gene Fitch, Dean David Hays, Sarah Elder, Laura McGregory and Lisa Barkley. The Investigative Committee also reserves the right to interview additional sources as well.

The committee entertained a motion by Sen. Jason Searles, chair of SGA's Internal Affairs Committee, to allow members of Internal Affairs to attend all meetings. The Investigative Committee denied his motion because three of the Investigative Committee's five members are also on the Internal Affairs Committee.

In addition to Stoneback, the four other Investigative Committee members are: R. Colin Fly, senior, Mass Communication; Josh L. Graham, junior, Liberal Arts; Chris M. Montaque, master's studies, graduate studies; Jenny H. Rowan, sophomore, undeclared.

The committee was formed at a special session Wednesday, when a bill calling for investigation of Marshall based on failure to submit a budget in accordance with the SGA constitution, failure to follow university purchasing guidelines and failure to uphold his oath of office was approved. ♦

Housing security under question

Surprise evaluation catches desk assistants off guard

By Latrice Williams
Contributor

A surprise check of residence hall desk employees last week turned up lax security and has resulted in some student workers being placed on probation.

Area coordinators and resident directors went around to desks Wednesday in the residence halls and conducted surprise security checks. A number of problems were found, according to housing officials, who did not comment more

specifically. "Housing has conducted 'secret shopping' security reviews, and the problems are not unique to one individual or building," said Deb Sells, director of Housing and Residential Life.

A large number of the desk staff was apparently caught off guard. Only resident assistants were placed on probation, however.

"Each area coordinator decides how they will utilize information about the students placed on probation," Sells said. "Each residential director has a different approach." A supervisor gathers additional surveys if other information is needed, she added.

Resident assistants and desk assistants are student workers. Area coordinators and resident directors are university staff

employees.

At least one disciplined student says it's an unfair response to heightened security concerns following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks - a responsibility the student workers haven't been trained for or even informed of.

"I disagree with this testing method because desk staff generally do not question an AC or

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CRIME LOG

Compiled By Scott Laming - Staff Writer

The following is a partial list of incidents responded to by the MTSU Police Department between Nov. 10 and Nov. 14. This log was compiled from actual police reports.

Saturday, Nov. 10, 1:55 a.m.

Early Saturday morning, Peter Henry Kertz of Toney, Ala., was arrested for driving on a revoked license and for possession of narcotics on East Main Street.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 1:40 a.m.

At the James Union Building, police were advised that a cinder block had been thrown into

the glass door of the first floor of the JUB between 10:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. Police are investigating the incident.

Monday, Nov. 12, 9:26 a.m.

Michael Espinola and David Patrick Barney both were charged with underage consumption. The driver of the vehicle, Espinola, also was charged with a DUI.

Monday, Nov. 12, 9:26 a.m.

Maintenance reported to Campus Police that a projector from the ceiling of the Business and Aerospace Building, Room S324, was stolen dur-

ing the night. Police are investigating the incident.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 8 a.m.

At the Business and Aerospace Building, a projector was taken from the ceiling of Room 316. According to Det. Darrell Collins of the MTSU police department, there is no suspect in the case. MTSU Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to an arrest.

Tuesday, Nov. 13, 5:02 p.m.

Murfreesboro police were advised by a complainant that a parking boot worth \$365 was missing, as well as the car it was attached to.

Campus Police know who the suspect is, but the suspect has not been contacted.

Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10:54 a.m.

At the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house, a report of vandalism was made to Campus Police after a student discovered that the antenna had been broken off of his 1996 Jeep Cherokee. The complainant also told police that his SAE tag had been taken and that a dead possum was found on the roof of his jeep. "It was probably a prank," Det. Collins said.

To contact MTSU Crime Stoppers, call 893-7867.

Library: Some departments require library assignments to boost usage

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library," said recording industry junior Brennon Hill. "Many of my papers require me to."

Black added that, although the library does have some deficiencies, it excels in electronic resources.

Students can access the Internet, CD-ROM programs and word processing programs from the library's 350 student-accessible computers.

The majority of those computers work properly, but because they were purchased more than three years ago, there's a concern that many of them will start having mechanical problems.

"Again, we need more money," Black said. "In order to use these resources electronically, we have to pay a fee to buy a

license. A portion of the student technology fee comes to us."

"The amount allocated to us from the technology access fee is about \$78,000 a year," Craig said. "That, combined with proposals, brings in roughly \$244,000 per year. The only funding we get is from the university."

Craig said administrators encourage CUSTOMS to tour the library, and "we always encourage faculty to give assignments that require the library."

The history department requires a library assignment in the lower-level history classes to boost library usage.

"We decided to create one library assignment in every lower-division history class based on research," said Robert Hunt, undergraduate director

of the history department. "Each class's assignment, however, varies dramatically."

Hunt said the more advanced a student's academic progress, the more he or she will use the library.

"The history department's assignments are to make sure students know how to use the resources housed in the library," he said.

Craig added that he doubts the students use the library to its full potential.

"I didn't when I was in college. It all depends on the assignment and the time and interest of the student."

The library opened in January 1999 and recently was named for former MTSU President James E. Walker. ♦



Photo by Matthew H. Starling | Photo Editor

The James E. Walker Library houses 350 computers students can use for Internet access, CD-ROM access, word processing and more. Administrators fear that, without proper funding, the computers will become obsolete.

Security: Many desk assistants have been placed on academic probation

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RD when they enter a residence hall, assuming that they are on housing-related business," said the disciplined student, who preferred her name not be used.

One result, the student said, is that some desk assistants are quitting.

"These actions have also created a great deal of hostility within the staff," the student said. "These security checks have continued at random since that night."

"A check by coordinators is done routinely throughout the year," said Sarah Sudak, associate dean of Housing and Residential Life.

She added that they observe and evaluate individuals on how they are performing within expectations, such as greeting visitors, watching security monitors and checking in guests. In addition, Sells said, the job duties for desk assistants include issuing keys, lobby information and calling RAs if there is a problem.

However, Sells said after last week's surprise check of desks, "It is clear we have failed at helping the people who work the desks to fully understand the importance of being attentive to their surroundings and to their security responsibilities," which she described as noticing if people are propping

doors open, sneaking in guests and carrying furniture out of the lobby.

"We depend, and our students depend, on knowing that the person working the front desk is paying attention to who comes in and (goes) out of the building," Sells said.

Sells said the staff has been given appropriate training — a point the disciplined student disputes.

"Desk assistants receive virtually no security training. These people are not paid enough nor are they properly trained to be security guards in addition to desk assistants," the student said.

The student noted that RAs

receive additional training and are generally responsible for security when on desk duty, adding however, that the system of having DAs call RAs if a problem arises is ineffective.

"Now (the housing office has) enacted new rules barring desk assistants from doing homework, watching TV, having guests, reading or excessively eating," the student said, leading some of the student workers, who make \$5.75 per hour, to quit "because they have taken this job merely because of the advantage of being allowed to do homework."

The student suggested that low-paid student workers are being held to a higher standard

following Sept. 11 although they received no further security guidelines beyond the new job rules, much less more training or pay.

"I do not feel that it is the role of the desk assistant to provide residence halls with security," the student said. "This is the responsibility of the university."

"Individuals are given centralized training specific to desk because each area has a different responsibility," Sells said.

She added, however, although problems have been consistent from year to year, it would help if security were fine-tuned each year. ♦

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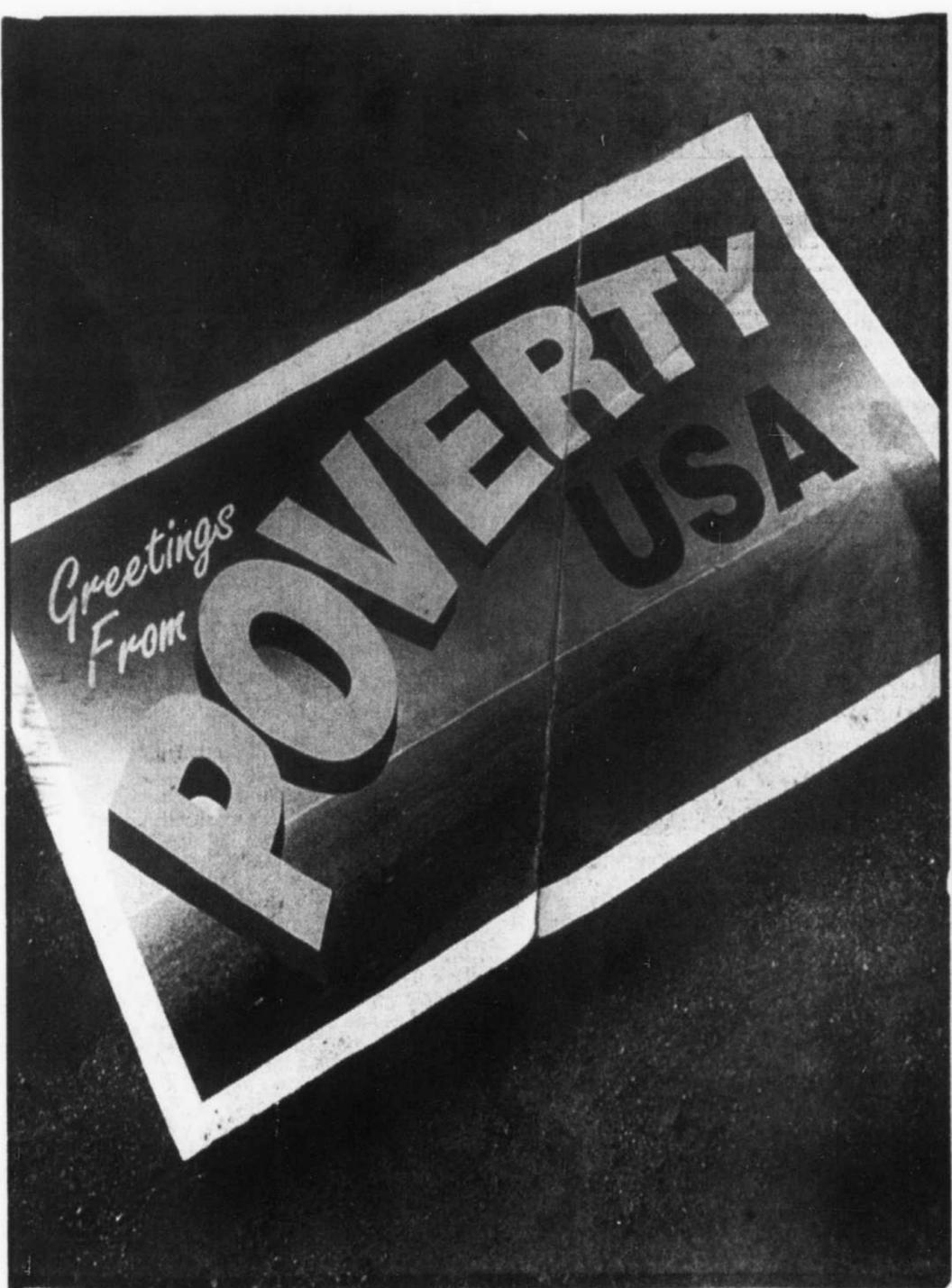
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Editorial

Housing should reassess expectations

If you live in a dorm, you may have noticed that your resident assistant is working more hours at the desk than she or he once did.

This is partially due to a recent 'security check' by housing to ensure that the dorms were secure in a post-Sept. 11 atmosphere. This has resulted in the resignation of several desk assistants.

According to one resident assistant, these 'security checks' consisted of placing a piece of paper in front of a security camera instructing the DA to page them at a number listed on the paper.

Many DAs either failed to see the paper or follow the instructions on it. Consequently, the resident assistants who were on desk duty at the time have been placed on probation until the end of the year.

In addition, all desk workers are not allowed to have the lobby television on unless there is someone else in the lobby watching it. They also are not allowed to do homework or study. They must focus all of their attention on the doors and security monitors.

First of all, placing a piece of paper in front of an antiquated security camera that transmits to an ancient monitor does not comprise a breach of security, no matter what housing officials would like to think. If you can read anything through one of those monitors, congratulations because you are one of the few people blessed with superhuman sight.

Second, security is not the primary duty of the desk assistant. Assistants paid hourly (those who are not RAs) make a whopping \$5.75 an hour. Most places in Murfreesboro offer better pay, but one of the appeals of the job is that they can get homework done while answering the phone and signing in guests. Housing has also utterly failed at training the desk assistants to be security guards.

If there's anything we have learned from Sept. 11, it is that we cannot try to cut corners on security. By paying the DAs such a low salary with virtually no training, we cannot expect them to function as security guards. Housing has unrealistic expectations of its staff and needs to rethink its approach to staffing. ♦

Fear not – media pendulum will swing again

The Right World View



I do believe that if I hear one more utterance of "the Communist News Network" I will go into a fit. Conservatives across this great nation bemoan the liberal media this and liberal media that.

The only thing my fellow right wingers have not blamed on the "liberal" media is the capturing of the *USS Pueblo* by the North Koreans in 1968, and that is suspect. Why is this? Are news reporters really that far from center or is it just they are not right enough for the aforementioned readers.

Once in our history, a case could be made for a liberal media, just as at one time it could be said we had a conservative media.

There is natural ebb and flow to politics and the prevailing themes in writing and journalism show this. Much like a pendulum, the outlook of the United States shifts from right to left back to left and then back to right. In our current environment, the

case for a liberal bias in the media is waning to say the least. It is hard to say that the media at-large is liberal, when one can tune into Fox News (quite right of center), MSNBC (slightly less right of center than Fox) or pick up a copy of the *Washington Times* or the *Wall Street Journal*.

These news outlets are not what one would call boutique operations. The people of this nation have a choice to which they turn to be informed. No longer must conservatives hunt to find the one bookstore in town that carries *National Review*. We have, in reality, almost reached the point of parity in the media and may be witnessing a shift to the right. Once the journalism professors trained in the late '60s and '70s start to retire, we can look (forward or fearfully depending on where you fall on the political spectrum) to media to become more conservative due to younger (Reagan '80s) publishers and writers taking over key positions in the news industry.

Let us for a moment remove ourselves from the current political climate. Presume that we live in a nation with a rampant liberal (read: bias toward conservative thought) media. Nowhere to be

found is a Buckley or a Safire, but only Reichs and Fords rule the plain of American editorial boards, which is far from where we are now. From this writer's point of view, it would not be all bad.

Yes, we would not be getting our message out to the droning mass, but the sheep that they are will be swayed by close to anything (and we can counter this with our paid ads at campaign time). People informed enough to recognize that there might be a bias one way or the other are intelligent enough to search for the truth from others outlets. The droning masses I speak of are truly at fault here.

Once upon a time in this land of ours, most major cities (Nashville included) had readership enough to support two, if not more, newspapers. These newspapers were usually split, one conservative, one liberal. But starting at the age of television, when people only absorbed their news in 30-second sound bits, this all changed (and if only liberal newspapers are left, what does this say about the reading habits of most conservatives?).

So, conservatives need only look closer to home for the reason behind the

shift in American news media before they lament about this almost omnipotent power "liberals" have over media.

Also, if the media were solely commanded by those of the right, where would we (speaking of conservatives) get our counterpoint? For as much as I blather on, people on the right are not always correct. I know it pains the heart of every conservative for one of their own to break ranks and admit it, but it is true. If it were not for the "liberal" media, we would not know that cutting back payments to women with dependent children, ala De Lay, was a bad idea. For every force in nature, there must be a controlling force, a break so to speak. And if you look at American politics, this holds true. The Republicans have the money, but the Democrats have the people. Without this counterbalance, this country would go spinning off to one extreme or the other. I personally thank the gods of journalism that the media is "controlled" by liberals every day. Because nothing fires my writing skill better than reading some asinine statement by the head of the women's studies program at Berkley. If the only per-

spective on events the day was my own, or one quite similar to it, my life would be very monotonous. My intellect would cease to be challenged and I would be surrounded by a bunch of yes-monkeys.

Lastly, conservatives whining about "liberal media" make fellow rightists look an awful lot like sore losers. We can't have it our way 100 percent of the time? Then we'll complain to anyone who will listen.

Think of it conversely. Do we, being conservatives, really listen to, or even respect, people that constantly harp on every little inequality in America with nothing else to say?

No, we discard them as one-issue people without a broader grasp on the world or, more simply put, crybabies.

So, those of you who feel the need to deplore the current state of the media's politics, be they real or fiction, stop. You are single-handedly making the rest of your brother and sister conservatives appear narrow minded and intellectually brutish. Remember, our time will come, and we will be able to look down our noses at liberals complaining of a conservative media and with a smile say "remember the days when we said that about ..." ♦

Angst rock had its time and place

Banging on My Drum



The following are lyrics from four of the most memorable rock hits of the 1990s:

"I'm so ugly / and that's OK cause so are you."

"I'm a creep / I'm a weirdo/what the hell am I doing here?"

"I am one of those melodramatic fools / neurotic to the bone, no doubt about it."

* "Despite all my rage / I am still just a rat in a cage."

The decade that more or less raised us musically has now drawn to a close, and the eulogy of its music

reads like a depressed high schooler's poetry collection. When Beck scored a top 10 hit with "Loser," rock journalists declared its chorus ("I'm a loser, baby / so why don't you kill me?") the unofficial anthem of the decade's music.

Indeed, the '90s are in danger of becoming known as "the time of great whining." Grunge music's flannel guerrillas led the revolution, and then their fearless leader blew his brains out with a shotgun before they had a chance to dictate new rules. The result was an ambiguous period characterized mainly by rainy parking lots, greasy hair and affected self-loathing. Suicide never looked so hip.

Of course, dark, dirty music was around long

before "Nevermind;" Leonard Cohen has carried the suicidal banner for four decades, and Iggy was carving himself up with shards of glass when Marilyn Manson was still a pup.

The '90s simply brought unabashed angst into every adolescent bedroom in the nation.

Blame the music industry for taking music best-suited for members of a tightly knit subculture and pimping it to the masses. Grunge and punk bands accustomed to playing in small, dirty clubs suddenly found themselves performing live at Madison Square Garden. In keeping with their underground ethics, they proclaimed their rise to fame meaningless and superficial, as are all things in this cruel, hateful world.

Granted, they had a point. But when, at the age of 12, you learn that the world is a vampire, you find yourself wasting a lot of time staring down at your Chuck Taylors and wondering, "What does it all mean?"

I'm not ashamed of being nursed on the teat of angst-ridden punk rock, but I wish the cynicism and desolation that characterized Gen-Xers hadn't sculpted the views of the youth of the '90s. The question now: How will it affect our outlook on the next decade?

After Sept. 11, it's more or less agreed that life just seems more precious. We children of the '90s are awakening as though from a strange dream and realizing how much we actually love our lives. Underground bands are

rethinking their "no future" stance and finding that there is hope and beauty left in the world, after all. There seems to be a light at the end of the rock and roll tunnel.

Now the task is to bring optimism to the forefront. Hopefully, rock music will reflect the new wave of underground optimism in the years to come (though preferably not by way of Sum 41 or the abominable Staind). The music we choose to define the next decade will determine whether the world will see us as the self-absorbed nihilists and anti-social losers that our childhood heroes proclaimed themselves to be, or as an earnest, hopeful, compassionate generation capable of doing all the great things we always whined about. ♦

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Letters to the Editor

Do not pass judgment on patriotism

To the Editor:

I had to laugh for a brief moment when I read Angela White's article "Don't trust the government." What really made me cackle was the statement that "Civil liberties organizations from the ACLU to the NRA have feared such a backlash since the Sept. 11 attacks." This statement alone shows the lack of perception of a person who only wants to sensualize the argument; to make mad appeals to emotion without proper reason. The reason I say this is that I checked the NRA Web site. I found a particular article posted called "Americans reconsider gun ownership since attacks" that was originally published in the *Oregonian* Nov. 9 by Michael S. Brown. Brown writes, "it took roughly 40 years for the gun control movement to convince a large portion of the population that guns caused violence and were too dangerous for ordinary citizens to possess. It has taken less than one year for the tide to change." This statement doesn't seem to show any fear of a "backlash" to me.

White also seems to sensualize the argument by using the word blind to describe patriotism and makes a sweeping generalization by the polls that we need to "remove the wool from [our] eyes." Well, I am a former Marine and a Tennessee National Guardsman. Is my patriotism blind? I do not think White knows me nor anyone else well enough to call our patriotism blind.

I also want to point out that democracy rides the fence between independence and security. It is sort of like a teeter-totter. Democracy's open society is fragile if our government doesn't make measures to ensure national security. Should I point to Hitler's use of terror to help him gain power?

Our own history during times of war has always tried to play a strong hand in order to preserve what freedoms we take for granted. Do you think this government will forever have this newfound power? I think it will, like most angry people facing a crisis, settle down after the problem is taken care of.

I have a suggestion for White – take a chill pill. It is obvious your freedom of speech hasn't been taken away. Also, there seems to be considerable amount of wool in your own eyes when you tried to instill fear that organizations like the NRA fear some sort of "backlash." I think you only used their name to try and make some conservative appeal to hop on your liberal bandwagon.

Stephen D. Brace

Registration system must be updated

To the Editor:

I've said it before and I'll say it again: Our registration system is completely inadequate for the needs of the population here at MTSU. Like so many aspects of our campus framework, the powers that be have yet to realize that the campus is growing, and they are quite obviously unprepared.

For several days I have encountered overload errors while trying to perform the simple task of registering on WebMT. I know most of you might say "why not just use TRAM?" but I don't feel like wasting two hours navigating the clumsy phone tree narrated by that God-awful hokey voice.

The bottom line is that our campus tries to be technologically advanced in many ways but fails miserably in more ways. It is completely unacceptable that our registration system cannot carry the load online. Dropping a connection from someone who is in the middle of registering is a sign of a poorly managed system. Someone is not doing his or her job out there in MTSU Technology Land. Obviously they are not prepared for the fact that we have 20,000 students, and you'd have to be pretty damned oblivious not to see this kind of growth coming. Get it together, people; you're ruining MTSU's reputation – and there is not a lot left to ruin at this point.

Lucas Leverett

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1964 reincarnates Beatles

By Rebecca Parker
Staff Writer

From their Liverpool accents to their mop top wigs, left-handed bass playing, Beatle-like bows and perfect Beatle singing voices, the Ohio-based group 1964 The Tribute have their Beatles impersonations down.

The band 1964 played immediately following MTSU's pep rally Friday. They took the stage and awed the spectators with their close resemblance to The Beatles and even closer sound.

"For those of us who have never had the chance to see The Beatles, this was a wonderful opportunity," said Brian Seadorf, MTSU junior.

"I felt like I was actually watching them at the Cavern Club."

The high-energy music, quirky jokes made by the group members and urges for everyone to move up to the stage kept the audience singing, cheering and clapping.

The members of the band heightened the listener's enthusiasm by requesting crowd participation such as clapping on certain parts of "Eight Days a Week" and singing with them on "Yellow Submarine."

"We like to have fun. We have a diversity of people ranging from age 8-80 in our audience," said Mark Benson, road manager and John impersonator. "We appeal to every age group."

And have fun they did. They even went so far as to make eye contact with the audience in the front row and throw their 1964 The Tribute guitar picks at children and other spectators.

The band kept the listeners laughing with George's dance during a rendition of "Johnny Be Good."

"It's such an eye opener to be at a Beatles concert," Benson remarked. "For a lot of people, it brings back memories, and for others, it is the closest they get to come to actually seeing The Beatles. It's very easy to get caught up in the illusion."

"The resemblance is uncanny. It sent shivers down my spine."

"It was just like the boys. Never have I seen another group go to such detail, born again Beatles," Alister Taylor of Apple Corps Records said about 1964 on their Web site.

"We're lucky to have such a good chemistry of people, and that our vocal blend is so similar to theirs. Some of it is trying to emulate the sound, but most of it is rather natural. We're suited towards it," Benson said.

The band tried to get everyone involved in their performance and asked that the fans visit them at the merchandise table after the show. Here they were friendly, approaching some even before they were spoken to and signing pictures and shirts upon request.

"I couldn't believe how much they looked and sounded like The Beatles," said freshman Chris Miraldi. "Ringo even had the nose."

"We want to emulate the whole experience, right down to how they move and interact with each other," Benson said.

1964 has been emulating this experience to audiences for 18 years. "At first we thought it would be occasional, but after two years touring became full time," Benson said.

Members Benson (who portrays John), Gary Grimes (Paul), Jimmy Pou (George) and Greg George (Ringo) have had many opportunities to play at major concert venues, fairs, festivals, colleges, corporate events and conventions.

Some of these events include playing when the Berlin Wall was torn down and at a 50th birthday party for Mark Evans, AC/DC bassist. Among the most recent was playing in Liverpool England at a replica of the Cavern Club, where the Beatles were discovered.

"It's wonderful that the music this band created years ago is still with so many people. We had people in Germany singing along with every song. How many German songs can

you sing along with?" said Benson. "It's an amazing testament of how their music has infiltrated every pocket of the planet."

The band also has received numerous awards, including Best Major Concert Act and Best Contemporary Act from *Campus Activities* magazine, Contemporary Music Artists of the Year by the National Association for Campus Activities and Campus Entertainers of the Year by the Canadian Association for Campus Activities.

"The performance, professionalism and musicianship make the illusion complete. 1964 The Tribute creates magic," Dick Clark said on the "Fab Four's" Web site. ♦

Photos by Steve Cross | Staff

1964 The Tribute plays on the Knoll at the pep rally Nov. 16. They are a Beatles tribute band that performs different songs from the artists. The members are Mark Benson (portraying John), Gary Grimes (Paul), Jimmy Pou (George) and Greg George (Ringo).



Shakespeare's play tickles audience

By Terri Hutzler
Staff Writer

Last week Tucker Theatre was filled with laughter as the theater arts department performed William Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors*.

The Comedy of Errors is a tale about a merchant, Egeon, his wife, Emilia, their twin sons and their twin servants.

The family was separated by a shipwreck for 33 years.

Egeon, his son Antipholus of Syracuse (A.S.) and his servant Dromio of Syracuse (D.S.) remain together, while Emilia, Antipholus of Ephesus (A.E.) and Dromio of Ephesus (D.E.) are picked up by a fishing boat. A fisherman steals the two boys from their mother, and she becomes a nun in the town of Ephesus. A.E. and D.E. settle in Ephesus but do not know their mother is there.

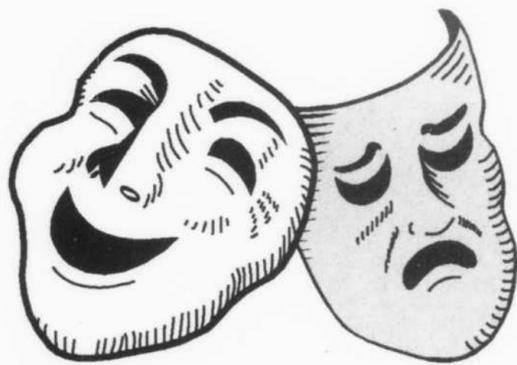
Egeon, A.S. and D.S. decide to search for their long-lost relatives. Egeon comes to the town of Ephesus looking for his son and his servant and is arrested and sentenced to death for entering enemy territory. He is given the day to try to raise his bond.

A.S. and D.S. enter Ephesus that same day on business. They are easily confused with A.E. and D.E. by the citizens of the town: Angelo the goldsmith, a female Courtesan, various merchants, Adriana, A.E.'s wife,

Luciana, Adriana's sister and Nell, Adriana's cook and fiancée to D.E. Soon the citizens become convinced that Antipholus and Dromio have gone mad because they get very angry and can move from place

the play understandable. Throughout the play, sound effects and music were combined with the use of zanies, who performed the actions characters were speaking about.

An active stage was used for



to place like magic.

Doctor Pinch, a psychiatrist, is brought to try to drive the evil out of the two. Egeon recognized A.E. and D.E. as his sons, but they do not recognize him. At the same time, Emilia appears from the convent with A.S. and D.S., who have taken refuge there. The family is reunited, and the duke pardons Egeon.

Although many people are turned off by Shakespeare because of the language, the cast did a wonderful job at making

the play, allowing actors to move through the audience as the play progressed. This kept the audience involved.

Before the play and during the intermission, the three zanies, played by Marty Spears, Ann Allan and Scott Cantrell, entertained the audience with magic tricks. Members of the audience were chosen to help in these tricks.

The production of *The Comedy of Errors* included a huge number of people. The cast alone included 23 people.

One cannot forget all the people behind the scenes who were involved in scenery, lighting, sound, costume, hair and makeup design.

Each cast member has a different way of getting into character before he or she goes on stage.

Josh Duncan, who played Antipholus of Syracuse, said he uses relaxation techniques to get into the mood of his character. "I like to zone out and run through selected soliloquies," Duncan said.

Eryn Gauen, who played Luciana, described her as her anti-type. Gauen said she is very one-dimensional, so to get into character she did a lot of bouncing and airheaded type things.

Cast members also explain they have likes and dislikes about the characters they play.

Will Warren, who played Antipholus of Ephesus, said he disliked the fact that his character beats his servant and cheats on his wife. However, he does like how he takes control of situations.

Kathryn Massari, who played Adriana, described her character as "graceful and classy, but also whiny."

"She gets upset if she doesn't get her way," Massari said.

The play was performed for five consecutive nights, beginning Tuesday and running through Saturday. ♦

Sorority offers help to student mothers

By Jonathan Chakales
Contributor

From child care to finding scholarships, Mu Omicron Mu is a sorority for MTSU student mothers that is dedicated to helping its members achieve academic success.

MTSU graduate Rosemary Lewis and Kris Phillips, a senior political science major, founded MOM last spring to assist student mothers with various needs, including information about scholarship opportunities, child care and almost anything else a mother and student may need help with.

"It helps student mothers connect with other student mothers to share information and ideas to help them get through school, kind of like a support system," Phillips explained.

Although it's among the newest sororities on campus, MOM's members plan to be very active on campus and throughout the community, said Phillips, who is now working to get the organization involved on other campuses throughout the country. She also plans to create more scholarships for members involved with MOM, she said.

Murfreesboro resident Lisa Sangalang, a senior English major and the mother of two, said she first attended a MOM meeting so she could communicate with other members

about MTSU and child-care facilities for their children.

"Becoming a member of MOM made me realize that I was not the only student mother out there with difficult decisions to make," said Sangalang.

"I looked at this new sorority as a way to meet friends who deal with some of the same problems as I do."

MOM sponsored its first meeting of the semester Oct. 4., and sorority co-founder Phillips, a mother of three, was elected president of the organization.

Phillips, who also is president of MTSU's Pinnacle, an honorarium for nontraditional learners, and an active member of the university's Older Wiser Learners, an adult student's group, said her main goals include beginning MOM scholarships and organizing a member support-call network.

MOM will sponsor a craft and bake sale Nov. 28-29 on the second floor of the Keathley University Center, just outside The Grill, to help raise money for the organization.

MOM membership is open to any MTSU student who is also a mother.

For more information about the group, including its meeting times and upcoming events, e-mail Phillips at muomicronmu@hotmail.com or visit the group's Web site at www.geocities.com/muomicronmu to fill out the membership form. ♦

Movie Review:



Pulp classic returns to campus this week

By Stephanie Saujon
Staff Writer

When *Pulp Fiction* was released into theaters in 1994, most viewers were already aware of the excessive violence, blatant drug use and extreme profanity in the film.

Many viewers also were aware that the film had nabbed the Palme d'Or grand prize at the Cannes Film Festival and that critics were calling it everything from a masterpiece to a piece of crap.

I'm sure that seven years later you have formed your own opinion of *Pulp Fiction*. Without a doubt it has become a cult classic and is now referred to as one of the best films of the '90s. After all, this is the same movie that skyrocketed the careers of Samuel L. Jackson and Uma Thurman, while digging John Travolta out of his B-movie grave. Seven Oscar nominations were given to *Pulp Fiction*. Writer-director Quentin

Tarantino won an Oscar for a Golden Globe for Best Screenplay and took the grand prize at the MTV Movie Awards in 1994.

Before *Pulp Fiction* not many people were familiar with Quentin Tarantino, though he had already directed the explosive film *Reservoir Dogs* and wrote the scripts for *Natural Born Killers* and *True Romance*. Since then he has gone on to release *Jackie Brown* and is preparing to shoot a new movie with Uma Thurman titled *Kill Bill*.

In case you have been living a sheltered life for the past seven years and have been unable to see *Pulp Fiction*, allow me to explain the plot to you. The movie revolves around several different story lines that are woven together by the characters who jump from story to story. There's Vincent and Jules (Travolta and Jackson), two gangsters responsible for retrieving a mysterious brief-

case for their boss, Marcellus Wallace (Ving Rhames). Thurman plays Mia, Wallace's coke-addicted wife who makes a terrible mistake when she can't keep her nose to herself. Then, in the tale of the Golden Watch, there's Bruce Willis, a tired boxer who can't keep up his end of a dangerous deal with Wallace and is forced to shed some blood when he retrieves a forgotten heirloom watch. Jimmy (Tarantino), an 818 ex-gangster with a dark garage, is not in the storing dead people business, and his wife Bonnie provides a possible explosive situation upon returning from her graveyard shift. On top of that, you've got Zed and the Gimp, Lance the smack dealer and his pierced girlfriend, Aunt Jenny and Uncle Conrad, a wax museum with a pulse and an adrenaline shot straight to the heart.

With supporting roles by Eric Stoltz, Christopher Walken, Tim Roth, Steve Buscemi,

Rosanna Arquette and Harvey Keitel, the film boasts an impressive cast that delivers top performances.

Though many people argue that the film glorifies violence and drug use, a seasoned film lover knows that this movie is really about redemption and honor.

There are even some religious undertones, especially when one starts wondering about the briefcase contents.

If you have seen this movie, go ahead and check it out again at the Keathley University Center Theater this week.

How often do you get the chance to see this film on the big screen? If you have not seen this movie, run to the KUC right now and buy your ticket.

It's only a \$2 setback to experience the wild ride that has had movie aficionados bowing down since 1994.

Show times are Monday through Wednesday at 7 and 9:30 p.m. ♦

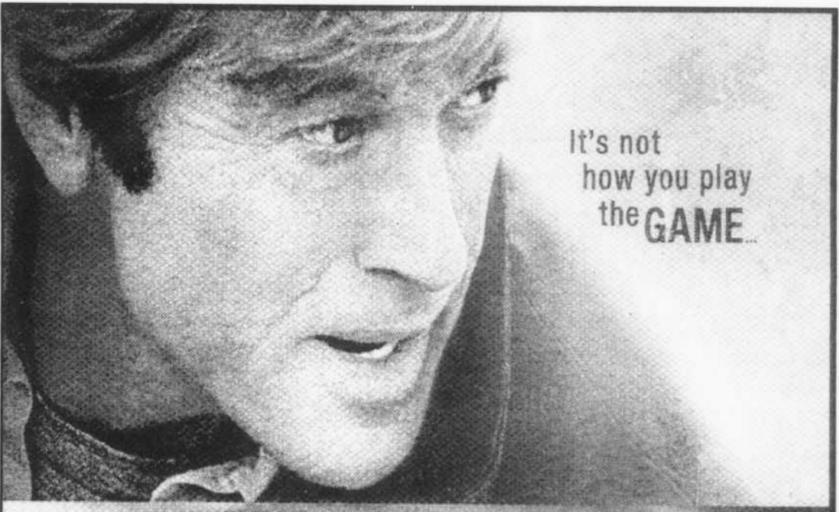
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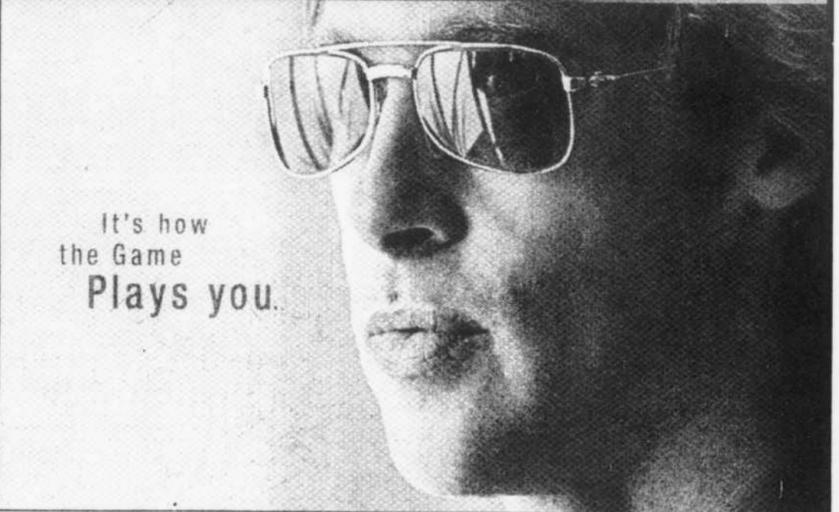
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Raiders close out season with 38-14 win

By Shane Marquardt
Staff Writer

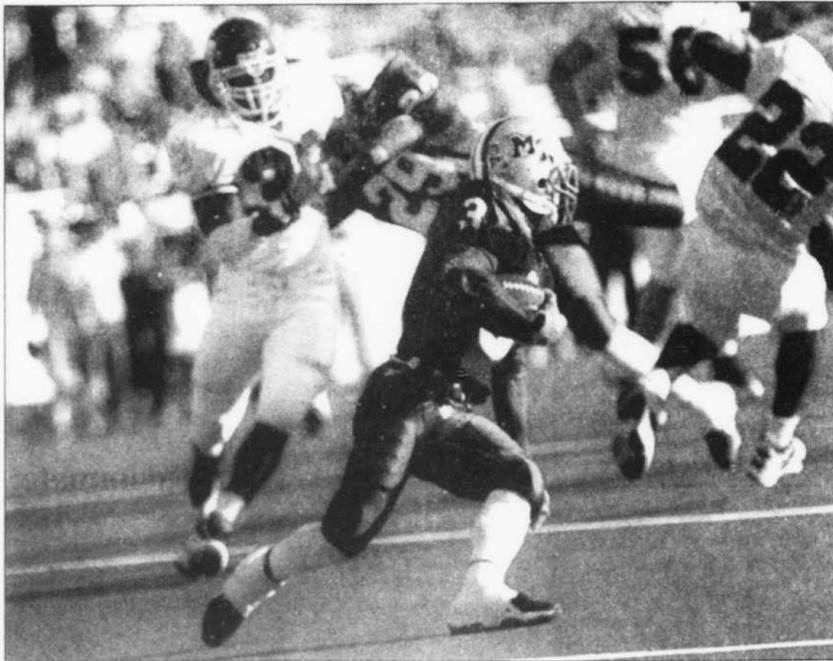
The Middle Tennessee football team and 16 seniors closed their season with a 38-14 victory at Floyd Stadium Saturday afternoon against the University of Connecticut.

"This team won because of work ethic, sense of urgency and believing in each other," MT head coach Andy McCollum said.

The game didn't look favorable for UConn from the start as MT set up its first score of the game with a 55-yard scamper by quarterback Wes Counts. Running back Dwone Hicks scored from 7 yards out with 13:59 left in the first quarter, his first of 4 rushing touchdowns.

The touchdowns from Hicks not only provided the bulk of the Blue Raider points but put the running back in the record books. His first two touchdowns came in the first quarter and helped him eclipse the 1,000 yard rushing mark for the second straight year. The touchdowns also gave Hicks the career MT touchdown record at 48. He also passed his own record of single season scoring with 148 points.

But it was Counts' running



Rod Higgins goes through the air to block a defender and clear the path for Johnson.

Photo by Kristy Dalrymple | Staff

that came as the shocker. He ran for 122 yards, while still maintaining his passing statistics, completing 12 of 14 passes for 188 yards.

"We just (had) a good block-

ing scheme and different running plays this week for the first time since I've been here," Counts said. "When you got Dwone Hicks and Reshard Lee, (Connecticut is) not going to let

(them) run the ball. So they're going to make me run the ball because they think I'm the slowest. Hopefully I proved them wrong today."

What may have shocked

UConn, a team with more than 100 attempted passes over the past two games, was that Counts ran for more yards than the Huskies accumulated through the air.

"That's pretty bad," Counts said.

If the Huskies passing statistics were "pretty bad," then the MT defense was just downright nasty. The MT defense held UConn to 220 total yards and had 7 sacks.

"We had to make plays, and when (the coaches) called on us to get pressure on the quarterback, we did what we had to do," said linebacker Scotty Brown, who led the MT attack with 2 sacks.

It was this kind of pressure that may have led UConn, typically a passing team, to resort to the running game. The strategy put them in the MT red zone often but netted few results.

"We came out here tonight, and we just took it personal and didn't give up the big touchdown," defensive lineman Tanaka Scott said. "They got in our red zone a couple times, and we forced them to make a play and get off the field, and they had to kick a field goal. We went out there with a lot of emotion on fourth and one and

fourth and goal for them not to score."

"We were sitting on the sidelines thinking, 'Why are (the Huskies) going to have an ego and prove that (they) are going to cram it when the best teams in the country haven't been able to run it against our defense,'" Counts said.

The Blue Raider seniors leave with a victory in their final home game, an 11-game winning streak in Floyd Stadium, an 8-3 season, but with questions lingering on whether their season has really come to an end.

"The coaches have talked about if we get this eighth win that we might have the possibility of going to the Music City Bowl," Hicks said. "And right now I'm just worried about Idaho beating North Texas because I would love to go to New Orleans."

"If we don't get the opportunity to go to the New Orleans Bowl, that's our fault," McCollum said. "I hope that somebody takes a look and gives us the opportunity to play one more."

"I think these kids deserve it. I would love to see this team play one more." ♦

Lady Raiders winning spirit prevails



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Forward Joanne Aluka tries to work her way around the defensive player to score.

MT looks for upset

By Randall Thomason
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team recognizes the opportunity that will be before them Tuesday when they play Georgia. Facing a traditional power like the Lady Bulldogs would be an intimidating challenge for many teams, but MT appears set to rise to the challenge.

The confident Lady Raiders head into Tuesday's game at Athens riding the momentum gained off a road win Friday over Tennessee State.

"We are very excited about the opportunity," sophomore guard Keisha McClinic said.

Junior guard Paula Pentilla concurs. "We know we have the talent to win the game. It is a great opportunity for our team," she said.

The Lady Raiders are confident, but they realize the challenge that awaits them when the game tips off tomorrow night.

"You're talking about a team with tremendous national recognition," head coach Stephany Smith said. "They have been to the Final Four more times than I can remember."

This game will be especially significant for Keisha McClinic, who is from Stockbridge, Ga.

"A lot of my family will be there," she said. "I'm really looking forward to playing in front of them."

Hard work has given the Lady Raiders tremendous belief in their abilities.

"We have been practicing really hard," Pentilla said. "That's where we gain confidence." Pentilla added that she would be surprised if the Lady Raiders approached the game with fear. "A win would do a lot



Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

Paula Pentilla looks for someone to pass the ball to.

for us," she said. "We will get more respect from everybody."

Look for the Lady Raiders to implement a pressure defensive style, especially on the perimeter against the Georgia guards. MT will try to get some easy baskets in transition and limit Georgia's looks at the basket. Game time is 6 p.m. CT. ♦

MT wins first regular season game

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team forced 33 turnovers to open the regular season with a 77-57 win over Tennessee State Friday.

Both teams shot poorly from the floor. MT shot 38 percent from the field while TSU shot 32 percent.

The teams combined for 61 turnovers.

TSU went nearly seven minutes without a basket in the first half. During the dry spell,

the Lady Raiders extended the lead to 15 points at 33-18 after two Eboni Kirby free throws.

The Lady Raiders held a 12-point halftime lead. MT scored the first 10 points of the second half, with Jamie Thomatis hitting a pair of baskets and Jessica McClure netting the other 6 points during the run.

Thomatis led all scorers with 16 points and 8 scorers in each half.

Kirby scored 10 points and went 6-of-6 from the foul line. Patrice Holmes added 10

points. Twelve of the 14 Lady Raiders who saw action scored. MT was 17-of-20 from the free-throw line.

LaRissa Thomas led TSU with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Tristin Johnson added 10 for the Tigers.

The Lady Raiders play at Georgia on Tuesday at 6 p.m. MT opens its home schedule Saturday against Cincinnati at 2 p.m. ♦

Lady Raiders lose in first round of Sun Belt Conference Tournament

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee volleyball team won the first game then lost the next three against New Orleans, knocking them out of the Sun Belt Conference tournament in Denver, Colo., in the first round.

In the first game, the Lady Raiders produced a season high .433 attack percentage. In games two through four the Lady Raiders made many errors and missed several of their assignments.

"We opened up game two with an error and that really hurt us," Lady Raider head

coach Lisa Kisse said. "Our errors in games two and three gave New Orleans hope, and they took the ball and ran with it."

Shakeitha Deckard led the Lady Raiders with 17 kills and 14 attacks which resulted in a .262 attack percentage. Erin Hillstrom had a double-double with 14 kills and 14 digs. Karisse Baker contributed 11 kills and 21 attacks with a .429 attack percentage.

The Lady Raiders fall to 9-22 for the season. MT will conclude its season when they travel to Tuscaloosa, Ala., to compete in the Alabama tournament Saturday. ♦

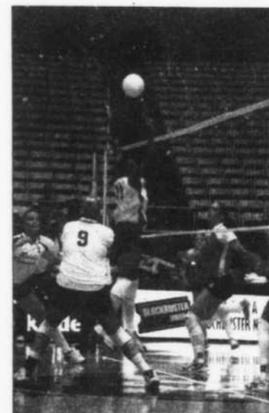


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MT lost to New Orleans.

FIU wins volleyball championship

Staff Reports

Florida International won the 2001 Sun Belt Conference Volleyball Tournament with a 3-1 win over Western Kentucky Saturday night in Denver, Colo.

WKU took a 19-14 lead in game one. The Golden Panthers responded by scoring 5 straight points to tie the match then took the lead at 21-20. FIU extended the lead to 25-21 then traded points with the Toppers to end the game.

FIU jumped out to a 9-3 lead in game two. The two teams

exchanged points to 13-7. The Lady Hilltoppers cut the lead to 13-10. FIU ran off 8 of the next 9 points to extend the lead to 21-11. WKU went on its own run, scoring 5 straight to cut the lead to 21-16. The Golden Panthers fought back and extended their lead to 9. WKU scored 7 straight to make the score 28-26.

The tournament's Most Outstanding Player Nirvana Kos stopped the WKU streak with a kill. Two plays later she blasted another ball to give FIU a 2-0 set lead.

The teams matched each other point for point to start game three. WKU took control and took the 30-19 win.

Game four was back-and-forth for the first 20 points. FIU went ahead 17-12. The Golden Panthers won the next 2 points to stretch the lead to 7.

Vanessa Gonzalez-Vinas slammed down the final kill of the match to give the Golden Panthers the title.

FIU will be making its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament, which starts Nov. 29. ♦

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Raiders open regular season with victory

By Erich Heinlein
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team opened up its season with a 115-59 win over Bryan College Saturday at Murphy Center.

The Blue Raiders went on a 7-2 run during the first 1:56 of the game. Two Iiro Tennngren free throws concluded the run.

MT used a 14-6 run at the 4:46 mark to increase its lead.

A highlight for the Blue Raiders was an alley-oop from Eric Parham to John Humphrey.

"I just wanted to get off to a strong start tonight, so I

thought I'd kick in a little excitement tonight and thought everybody would play hard," Humphrey said.

"In practice, we very seldom see (the alley oop), but in the very first practice somebody threw it to Humphrey and I asked, 'how in the world do you know he's going to catch it?' and he said, 'Because we tried at the rec center' and so they have a good feel for each other," Wiel said.

Just before the half the Blue Raiders went on a 26-12 run that included a tip in by Lee Nosse at the buzzer.

At times the Lions got close, getting as close as 4 in the first

half. At halftime the Blue Raiders led 62-37.

The second half was much the same for the Lions, as they were outscored 53-22, which featured a 23-5 run to closeout the game.

"In the last game we jumped out early and coach got on us a little bit in the second half, especially the starting five. He felt that we let up defensively, and we wanted to make sure that we didn't do it this game," Tennngren said.

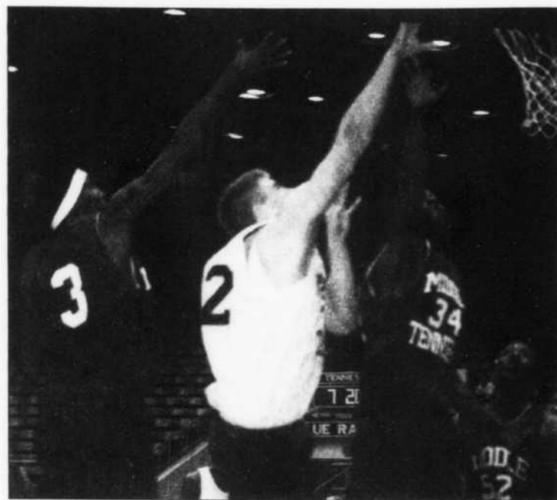
"I told them before the game that I recruit before and talent and I hope that I don't have to recruit effort," Wiel said.

Dee Wilkes led the Blue

Raiders scoring 19 points on 8-11 shooting. Tennngren scored 16 points and grabbed 7 rebounds. Tommy Gunn scored 13 points on 4-6 shooting from the field and 3-4 from the free-throw line. Humphrey scored 13 points, including a 6-7 effort from the field.

For the Lions, Jared Jones scored 22 points. The only other Lion to finish the game in double digits was Chris Travis, who contributed 11 points to the cause.

The next game for the Blue Raiders will be Wednesday against Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.



Iiro Tennngren goes up for the tip in during an exhibition. Photo by Amy Jones | Staff

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