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## Campus Briefs

### Academic Support Center opening

MTSU's Academic Support Center will be hosting an official opening gathering on Jan. 28 from 1-3 p.m. in Peck Hall, Room 102. The center helps to achieve one of the university academic master plan's major goals: a student-oriented environment with a focus on academic advising and retaining and serving the students.

No formal program will be held, but light refreshments will be served with a walk-through tour of the facility.

Laurie Witherow is the Academic Support Center's director.

For further information, contact associate Vice President for Academic Support Services Debra Sells at 898-5342, or Carla Hatfield at 898-2339.

### MTSU Martial Arts Club wants students

The MTSU Martial Arts Club invites all students, faculty, staff and alumni to join them on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Recreation Center's Aerobic Room from 8:30-11:30 p.m. for activities in martial arts training. The club trains in multiple styles and includes boxing and self-defense. All experience levels are welcome. For more information, visit their Web site at [www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac](http://www.mtsu.edu/~mtsumac).

### Art Barn exhibits first ever 3-D artwork

The Art Barn gallery will be exhibiting for the first time the works of 3-D installation artists combining audio, video and projected imagery in the "x 3" exhibit. The exhibit will be available for viewing from Feb. 3 through Feb. 21. Sponsored by the Department of Art, it will feature the works of Donna Stack of Murfreesboro, Barry Jones of Cochran, Ga, and Chad Curtis of Claremont, Ca.

The gallery is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information on this upcoming exhibit, contact the Art Barn Gallery at 898-5653.

### Late debate champion honored with trophy

In honor of Gary Buchanan, a highly successful MTSU debate participant in the 70s who passed away in January 2002, the Brooks-Buchanan Traveling Sweepstakes Trophy is set to be unveiled to celebrate both this outstanding debate team participant and the relationship between coach and student.

Buchanan's coach was James Brooks, currently the President of Watkins College of Art & Design, who served as director of Debate during the 70s and early 80s.

The trophy will be unveiled on Jan. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the MTSU Foundation House. For more information on the current debate team and its activities, contact Greg Simerly at 898-5607. ♦

## School closing brings winter fun



Photo by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor

Students take advantage of Thursday's snow storm to release some tension and a few snow balls between Corlew Hall and the Business and Aerospace Building.

## Snow closes university

By Callie Elizabeth Butler  
Assistant News Editor

MTSU closed Thursday due to inclement weather and marked one of the few times in the university's history that snow has caused the university to shut down.

"This is the largest, as I understand, accumulation in about seven to 10 years," said university President Sidney McPhee.

In making the decision to close the university, a number of factors are considered. In addition to examining the conditions within Rutherford County, surrounding areas are also taken into consideration, such as Davidson County. Also, the Murfreesboro emergency management team and the Tennessee Highway Patrol are consulted, as well as various weather information sources.

"What we try to assess is the major conditions of the interstates and the major streets that our students and our employees travel on,"

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## Middle, high school students misinformed by textbooks

By Christopher M. Brown  
Contributor

A distinguished scientist told MTSU students, faculty and guests Thursday morning that there is a high frequency of factual errors that infest many of our middle and high school science books.

David J. Wilson, a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science, was asked last April in a TAS meeting if he would participate in accuracy verification reviews of K-12 science textbooks by the Tennessee Department of Education.

Wilson and 36 other participating scientists, including MTSU professors Gore Ervin, Paul Lee, Kim Sadler, Cindi Smith-Walters, Nicole Welch and Linda Wilson, volunteered their time and energy to correct the textbooks in the hopes that it would improve the quality of science education.

"Error-riddled books are a real pain in the neck to teachers and students alike," David Wilson said.

In a little over four months, Wilson and his colleagues reviewed over 44 books and sets of modules. The reviewers were on strict instructions to only focus on scientific, technical errors.

The Tennessee Department of Education wanted an

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## "It's obviously crap"

— David J. Wilson

Commenting on textbook with many errors

### Science books focus of review

Compiled by Nikki Bow

• Linda Ronstadt is labeled as a silicon crystal in one textbook.

• One obvious error is made twice in one textbook:

"The heat of reaction is the amount of heat that is absorbed by the reacting system during the course of the reaction — unfortunately the heat of reaction defined in the text (twice) is the amount of energy released or absorbed." The two are exact opposites.

• A diagram illustrating surface ocean currents moving in the same direction as the prevailing winds shows the arrows depicting the currents drawn incorrectly.

• Safety requirements in one text state that the students are to be at least 30 meters away from the demonstration taking place in a lab. That calculates to 98 feet.

• One text makes confusing statements regarding hydrogen. It reads, "Hydrogen is obtained virtually from hydrocarbon." However, two pages earlier, it states that hydrogen is made from the manufacturing of ammonia and hydrocarbons. ♦



Silicon Crystal?

## New program offers Korean experience

### Students get Seoul from exchange

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

MTSU students will have the opportunity to visit Seoul, South Korea, through a new academic exchange program that starts next fall.

Yonsei University, the oldest institution in Korea, is a prestigious private school with more than 420 direct and indirect partner universities in more than 40 countries in the world.

Kiyoshi Kawahito, director of MTSU's Japan-U.S. Program, arranged the new agreement with Yonsei University.

Although MTSU has two existing exchange agreements with Japanese universities, Kansai Gaidai University and Fukushima University, Kawahito believes that a Korean university exchange will be a benefit to the university and students.

"I estimate there is a substantial number of potential students who would like to have a chance to study in Korea," Kawahito said.

Kawahito bases his estimates on the large Korean community that he has noticed in Murfreesboro and Nashville.

"There are probably several thousand Koreans or Americans of Korean extraction in the Middle Tennessee area," Kawahito said.

Students visiting Yonsei University would pay full

tuition, fees, housing and meal costs to study in South Korea.

Traveling students would only have to pay for transportation and spending money.

"Their system for international exchange is very similar," Kawahito said. "That made it easier for MTSU and Yonsei University to facilitate this exchange."

Since MTSU already established exchange programs with Kansai Gaidai and Fukushima, the negotiations with Yonsei administration went smoothly.

Kawahito explained that students traditionally visited Kansai Gaidai and faculty traveled to Fukushima, MTSU's sister university.

"We have more faculty exchange with Fukushima because they do not have so many courses taught in English so that MTSU students can take courses there," Kawahito said.

Yonsei University offers more than 60 courses in English in the areas of East Asia studies, international relations, international business and language courses.

Institutional exchange with a Korean university has been a goal of Kawahito's since the summer of 2002, and he's received positive feedback about the program.

"Several Korean faculty thanked me for doing this," Kawahito said.

Korean faculty and staff are expected to aid incoming and outgoing exchange students with various academic and cul-

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## Center holds celebration in honor of MLK's life

By Stephanie Shoup  
Contributor

The Discovery Center at Murfree Spring played host to a tribute in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. as part of Murfreesboro's citywide celebration Monday.

Over 1,200 adults and children attended the festivities that lasted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Activities varied from small crafts at the Discovery Center to performances at Bradley School to help raise money for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship fund.

Performances from the African Dancers from the Jahha Dance Company, speeches from local community members and a concert by Christian performer Craig Watkins were among a few of the activities during the tribute.

"It is wonderful to see the community come together like this," volunteer worker Denise Longie said. This is Longie's first year volunteering at the Discovery Center.

"God made ordinary people to do extraordinary things," Pamela Hagens said in her speech, "Reflections." Hagens has been a long time Discovery Center volunteer and celebration attendee.

"The celebration of his life gives us joy," Hagens said of Martin Luther King Jr.

"It is very special to remember the contribution and sacrifices and just the pride that Martin Luther King held for us and the high standard he had for life it's a celebration of joy that he gave us, not just for African Americans," Hagens said. "We need to embrace what is wonderful in this world. It is wonderful to see the energy put into this day. I think he would have been proud."

Hagens has been coming to this celebration for the past six years with her husband and three boys. They come from Nashville to spend this time with others and she believes that as a country we are accomplishing what Martin Luther King Jr. wanted but that we should take it further and establish this kind of community with the world.

Children had to opportunity to make crafts and learn about a time when things were much different for blacks. At different stations children could listen to stories while the MTSU jazz band provided background music.

Cindy Fults, a Discovery Center volunteer, was teaching the kids how to make buses out of milk cartons to commemorate Rosa Parks.

Gail Ruhl, MTSU graduate and volunteer taught kids how

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# Textbooks: Incorrect facts

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annotated list of errata and suggested corrections, with documentation when necessary.

Some examples of lengthy books that had a high amount of errors were: *Chemistry: Connections to Our Changing World, Modern Chemistry, Holt Chemistry Visualizing Matter* and *Glencoe Science: An Introduction to the Life, Earth, and Physical Sciences, Teacher Wraparound Edition, 2nd ed.*

According to Wilson, the errors that were discovered included factual errors, errors in concept, serious ambiguities, incorrect definitions, incorrect drawings and incorrectly formulated or worked problems with incorrect answers.

"We are not dealing with errors that require a Ph.D. from Cal Tech to find; we're dealing with pretty darn simple stuff," Wilson said.

One example problem that was incorrectly formulated called for the student to calculate the density of a peach. This peach had a mass of 400 grams and a volume of 20 cubic centimeters. Density is defined as  $D=M/V$ .

The density of the peach in this problem would be greater

than that of lead.

A textbook lab experiment had stated as a safety requirement that "the students be at least 30 meters, which is 98 feet away from the demonstration."

"If [the experiment] is that dangerous, pity the poor teacher," Wilson said.

Though some of these examples provided a comic relief to the audience, Wilson was quick to point out that things like this in a book destroys your credibility.

"Someone seeing this is not going to pay very close attention to the safety advice given in the rest of the book," Wilson said.

Though these book reviews are beneficial to K-12 students and teachers, they are not without problems. The best time to catch a mistake in a book is while it is still in manuscript form.

However, these reviews are conducted after the book has been published, and in most cases, already in the classrooms.

As a result, the clear objective of these reviews is to inform the teachers and the students of the errors and to apply pressure on the publishers to do more adequate accuracy verification reviews on the manuscripts before publishing.

By posting the errors on Web sites and making the teachers aware of the reviews, the hope is that publishers will realize that the only way to increase sales and profitability is to market books that have a deserved reputation for being scientifically accurate, Wilson said.

Although the TAS and all those involved in the book review will admit that there were problems in the first year such as time limitations, inappropriate pejorative and editorial comments and book publisher complaints, the review overall was deemed a success.

The TDE only approves textbooks every six years. The next science book review will be in the year 2008, according to Wilson.

Wilson does not believe the project would survive a five-year hiatus. As a result, the TAS and Wilson would like to continue reviewing K-12 textbooks annually.

These annual reports and verifications would be reviewed by a panel convened by the TAS, then posted on the TAS Web site and sent to both the TDE and the publishers involved.

A complete listing of the textbook reviews can be found at [www.tnacadsci.org](http://www.tnacadsci.org).

# Snow: Officials make final closing decision

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said. "And in addition, we look at the future forecasts."

Also involved in the decision making process is the interim Vice President for Business and Finance John Cothorn.

"Within the department of Business and Finance, we have Faculty Services, the people that work on the grounds, the buildings and the roads, as well as Public Safety," Cothorn said.

"They are the ones that we rely on for information on road conditions and sidewalk conditions."

Assistant Vice President of Facilities Services David Gray, Executive Director of Drug and Public Affairs Doug Williams and other staff members make up the team that advises McPhee.

McPhee then makes the final decision on whether to close the

school.

Schools officially closed last Thursday at noon after McPhee's evaluation of conditions.

"We first consider the safety of the employees," Cothorn said.

"Based upon the conditions last Thursday, we felt that it would only get worse, which it did. It's the safety factor that we consider most."

# Crime Log

Friday, Jan. 10 – 9:00 a.m.  
Vandalism under \$500  
Murphy Center

Within the tennis complex, unknown subject destroyed the wall paper in a restroom.

Friday, Jan. 10 – 11:53 p.m.  
Fire alarm – false  
Sigma Nu Fraternity House

Someone activated a Fire Alarm pull station on the first floor of the Sigma Nu House. No fire present.

Sunday, Jan. 12 – 3:27 a.m.  
Vandalism over \$500  
Sigma Nu Fraternity House

MTSU Public Safety was alerted by Murfreesboro Police to report to the Sigma Nu house in reference to a car fire. The fire was caused by toilet paper set aflame and placed underneath the vehicle. Witnesses stated that five to six white males were in the area when the vehicle caught fire. The subjects scattered to the four corners of Greek Row. No arrests reported.

Sunday, Jan. 12 – 10:46 p.m.

Public intoxication  
Corlew Hall

A student in Corlew Hall notified Public Safety via 911 about her intoxicated state. She asserted that she needed to go to the hospital. An ambulance was sent to Corlew and picked up the student, who was later charged with public intoxication.

Monday, Jan. 13 – 7:36 p.m.

Theft  
Scarlett Commons

A student reported a stolen Playstation.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 2:09 p.m.

Driving without a license  
MTSU Boulevard at Corlew Hall

A driver received a citation for driving without a license.

Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 7:07 p.m.

Sexual battery  
Greenhouse Parking Lot

A female student fell victim to sexual battery. The assailant was described as a black male, 6 feet 2 inches, wearing wind pants and a dark sweatshirt.

# School of Nursing gets accreditation

Staff Reports

The School of Nursing's application for accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education has been accepted, and the program will be reviewed this spring.

The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission has accredited MTSU's nursing since the program's inception in the mid 1970s. The school now holds full accreditation through this

commission and received full accreditation for eight years the last time it was reviewed.

The evaluation for the new accreditation will take place at MTSU April 7 through 9.

If the school is approved, it will receive the new accreditation in the fall and will then be accredited by both organizations.

Students, alumni, faculty and the nursing community can provide input into the deliberations of the evaluation team.

Written and signed third-party comments will be accepted by CCNE until 30 days before the visit.

All comments should be directed to:

Mr. Mark Jenkins  
MCNE Data and Records  
Coordinator  
One Dupont Circle, NW  
Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036-1120

# Exchange: School close to cultural center

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ture are expected to aid outgoing exchange students with various academic and cultural adjustments.

"We have now," Kawahito said, "eight MTSU faculty members who are of Korean background, compared to only one with Japanese background."

Besides the foreign-born Korean population, Kawahito expects that second and third generation Korean college stu-

dents would be interested in visiting Yonsei.

"The fact that MTSU has this partnership with the best Korean institution may attract good quality students of Korean ancestry," Kawahito said.

Established in 1885, Yonsei University has the advantage of close proximity to the cultural and economic center of South Korea, but also maintains a large campus.

"So, despite the fact that it is located in a big city, they have

an academic atmosphere with trees, gardens and ponds," Kawahito said.

Seoul, a city of 10 million, boasts an impressive network of subways and train systems which can help traveling students explore the city on the weekends.

MTSU students can opt for either one semester or an academic year at Yonsei and the choice of staying in the dormitory or living with a Korean family.

# MLK: Kids learn from stories

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to make a copy of the Nobel Peace prize King won in 1964 for leading non-violent demonstrations. Ruhl made the copies out of paper maché, which she

learned how to do at MTSU.

The children were enjoying themselves while learning to do what King taught in his speech "Where do we go from here: Chaos of community" in 1967.

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# OPINIONS

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Wednesday, January 22, 2003

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## From the Editorial Board Metro should ignore protests; pass law

When you think Jerry Falwell is a gay sympathizer, you might be a neo-Nazi psycho with a little too much hate on the brain.

Or your name might be Fred Phelps. Phelps, pastor of the Westboro Baptist Church – a little temple of love in Topeka, Kan. – wrangled up his strongest supporters to protest a Nashville City Council meeting last night during which council members proposed a law that would outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment and housing.

Phelps insists – via picketing and his church's Web site, [www.godhatesfags.com](http://www.godhatesfags.com) – that homosexuality is a mortal sin worthy of the death penalty. Along with a smattering of supporters, Phelps picketed the meeting last night with as much enthusiasm as ever.

But, marching alongside Phelps – though not necessarily associated with him – were other local people concerned about the potential of the law, which would make it illegal to deny employment or housing facilities based on sexuality.

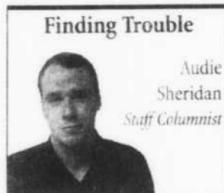
While religious groups have every right to enforce their own rules and regulations regarding sexual orientation within their churches and church-sponsored organizations, they should not expect Metro to adopt those same "standards" for its residents. Government exists to help protect the inherent rights of every citizen – including those who lead lifestyles the church doesn't approve of.

Now Nashville faces strong pressure from the Southern Baptist Convention. SBC officials say they might take their convention elsewhere over this issue. Other religious groups have voiced similar disapproval in hopes that pressure will cause the proposal to fold.

What the protesters don't seem to grasp is that biblical mandates aren't meant for secular society – they're meant for believing people. Those who don't believe or who disagree or who don't really care should not be disallowed to a set of governmental rules that exist simply because the church says they make sense. That's the beauty – and, to Phelps, the fatal flaw – of our country.

Unfortunately, the council's heated debate forced a deferral until their Feb. 18 meeting. Hopefully the members will do the right thing and make a step forward, even under such pressure.

## Don't care? You'd better start



**Finding Trouble**  
Audie Sheridan  
Staff Columnist

**Apathy kills.**  
Right now, we have soldiers moving overseas into the Middle East in preparation for a war that seems a foregone conclusion. Farther east, North Korea pushes the world toward war by making a nuclear bid for international status.

Now, unless you're media-dead, you already know that this is going on but probably don't really know anything about it.

Iraq is an international flap. Rising anti-American sentiments around the world jeopardize our ability to move on Baghdad without making it seem like a purely American invasion. France decided to veto any U.N. moves to use force, the Turkish people want nothing of an Iraqi conflict and Germany will not support U.S. action under any conditions. So, what has this got to do with us?

You may hear sentiments like, "This is America, and we can do what we want," or "Who

cares who disagrees with us?" but these attitudes, while common, are highly dangerous. Remember, we here in the United States are outnumbered on this planet 22 to one.

Not impressed by that number? Here's another way to look at it: You and two friends walk into a restaurant full of 66 people. You then proceed to urinate on half of those people's plates. After doing that, you pick one guy, starve him for 10 years, and then arbitrarily decide to beat the stuffing out of him in front of all those people whose plates you pissed upon.

The mere fact that you are well-armed does not sustain your fervor. There is eventually a price for boldly flying in the face of international opinion.

So, if we temporarily ignore worldwide anti-American opinion, then what will a move on Iraq look like?

The answer is nothing short of ugly. This is not 1991. Iraq won't be easy for us unless we're incredibly lucky. Look forward to a draft and heavy U.S. casualties. Baghdad is a 3-D city made mostly of earthen buildings. Taking a city like this on the ground will cost us dearly.

Marine Corps

Warfighting Manual 3-35.3, which covers this type of combat, does not lie about this. It tells us that "fighting in this environment will be violent, close and personal," and that "the constant threat of being killed from any quarter coupled with the extreme fatigue of fighting in an urban environment can create psychological casualties."

Add the fact that the U.S. military is, in general, poorly prepared for such fights, and then we have a nightmare on our hands – a nightmare that will include many of you who think you're safe now. But, due to the almost inevitable draft mentioned earlier, you are not safe.

Recall that we never touched Baghdad with our infantry last time around. Deposing Saddam will require it this time. Baghdad will not only be new to us, but it will also be painful.

All that, and I haven't even touched on North Korea. The same point about fighting in cities applies, but, in this case, world opinion might actually favor the "military option." What a lovely euphemism for war.

A couple of things about North Korea: We in the United States have a

track record of completely underestimating the power of the Asian mind-set. Korea is infinitesimal in comparison with us, but its military compares disturbingly well with our own when it comes to numbers. Officially, we outnumber them by about 300,000 active duty troops.

Unfortunately, this 1999 headcount doesn't reflect the fact that Korea has around seven million reserve troops, ranging from ages 15 to 60. And you know what? All of them worship their emperor.

Half of us didn't even vote for Bush, and our reserve strength is somewhere around 65,000. On top of this, the Korean military has a discipline and intensity we'll be hard-pressed to match outside of the Marines. After all, look at our stock of 18 to 26-year-olds. Isn't it?

No, you won't find this kind of information on TV or in the newspapers. This stuff took work to find. But it's important enough to do the research.

It shouldn't take extreme measures to penetrate our apathy.

New York Rep. Charles Rangel calling a bill two weeks ago for the reinstatement of the draft. He did this with hopes of

discouraging war with Iraq. But even this didn't get our attention. Our apathy must run pretty deep. But then, how much do you care?

Your lives and the lives of your friends and family are on the line. College won't protect you from the draft for long, and it won't protect you at all if you aren't a good student. In a few months, you could find yourself under enemy sniper fire on some nameless Baghdad street.

Now is the time for you to open your political eyes. You might stumble about for a while, but you'll get used to the light.

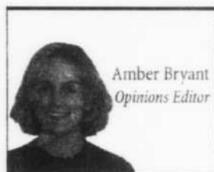
Remember to seek out alternative viewpoints because if you don't, your own view is bankrupt. Most importantly, find and use your political chain of command. Start from the city level and move up. Call and talk to the people you didn't know represented you. A good place to begin is this Web site: [www.vote-smart.org](http://www.vote-smart.org)

Political ignorance is looking more and more like suicide for Americans. The question is: Do you want to die? ◆

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## From the Opinions Editor

### Note to self: influenza bad, flu vaccine good



Amber Bryant  
Opinions Editor

As you read this, chomping on bagels and overpriced melon slices in the Keathley University Center, the enemy is poised and ready to attack at the first sign of weakness. They're waiting patiently, armed with weapons of mass destruction for the purpose of wreaking havoc on their innocent victims.

Am I referring to Iraqi soldiers? Hardly. I'm talking about wet, hot influenza, baby, preparing to overtake my immune system and abolish my will to live for an entire week, maybe longer.

After recently spending an obviously unhealthy amount of time keeping a flu-ridden friend company, I'm beginning to feel the stirrings of viral ugliness within my body. If that weren't enough to merit me kicking myself, I've been putting off getting a flu shot this year, even though last winter's bout cost me a week's worth of allowed class absences and 7 pounds. ◆

Apparently, I'm right on time. According to Cnn.com, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that the number of influenza outbreaks is expected to grow in the coming weeks.

Think flu shots are ridiculous? I wouldn't risk it. The CDC also reports that an estimated 36,000 people die each year from flu-related complications. True, most victims qualify for the senior discount at Denny's, but remember that influenza was once one of America's deadliest diseases, killing 195,000 people in one month in 1918.

Just in case you'll heed the advice of a strange columnist over your mother, I recommend you wash your hands before and after pointing out each individual cavity to your lover, sneeze on your burger instead of someone else's and go get a flu shot. Student Health Services offer them for \$12 a pop and appointments aren't necessary. Braving a tiny needle prick is much better than risking putting your life on hiatus while your sweaty bed for what will feel like a lifetime. ◆

## Cold weather may shrink movement



Brandon Morrison  
Staff Columnist

In order to participate in Donna Sheehan's war protests, you might want to wait until the summer.

Sheehan, a 72-year-old artist from California, is on a campaign to get women all over the world to take off their clothes. Her naked protest is an effort to amtest what Sheehan believes is a naked aggression against Iraq.

The anti-war part of the protest comes when the participants pose for photos, spelling "No War" and "Peace" with their naked bodies.

Sheehan started her idea in November when she convinced 50 people from her hometown of Marshall, Calif., to pose nude for the first photo.

"We are doing this from the heart and from a feeling of desperation," Sheehan said. "It is a wonderful, physical way of creating a powerful statement."

### I'm sure it took a lot of convincing to get those guys to hang out with all the naked women.

At first, her idea seems logical. I'd go to great lengths to get flashed by a 72-year-old woman. However, once she gets her and a few thousand of her friends streaking for peace, guys may never want to stop threatening to go to war. If this kind of protest does any good, it's only because of its distracting qualities.

White House Aide: Mr. Morrison, thousands of women are on the White House lawn protesting!

President Bush: Don't worry, I'll take care of it.

[Bush walks to window, sees hoards of naked women protestors.]

[Long silence]

Aide: Aren't you going to do anything about the protestors?

[Silence]

Aide: Mr. President?...

Bush: Shh... Let's just wait and see what happens...

Sheehan's protest

method seems to be catching on. Sheehan heard from many different groups from Montana to England who have gone on their own protest movements without clothing.

The movement has gotten men to pose with the women as well.

That's a big surprise. I'm sure it took a lot of convincing to get those guys to hang out with all the naked women.

Once Sheehan's protest received some media attention, she claims that she gets about 25 e-mails a day curious about her clothing-optional protests.

She fails to mention how many of those e-mails come from 14-year-old boys. ◆

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## Letters to the Editor Marriage for the mature

To the Editor:

I'm writing in reply to Callie Butler's column ("Americans who choose not to marry have rights," Jan. 16).

I do agree with Butler's assessment on the way couples choose not to marry, but I do not think her conclusion that "cohabitating couples and their families should also have such advantages available to them" is acceptable. Marriage represents a lifelong commitment. Today's society feels a lack of family cohesion because of the lasting effects of "free love" generations ago. Love is a word that is thrown around so much it somehow loses its meaning.

Marriage requires a mature attitude that establishes a lifelong commitment that reflects love as an act of your will, as we state in our traditional wedding vows. This is necessary because children gain self-confidence when there's stability in the home.

Couples who choose not to marry may have genuine concerns, as our society is riddled with divorce and family break-ups, but they only contribute to the myth by not attempting to control their wills and find reasons to love as a commitment.

"Millions would agree" with Butler, and millions wouldn't – this is no basis to ask for rights which only come with maturity and responsibility.

Stephen Brace

## Olsen to be dubbed Eagle

To the Editor:

In response to Brandon Morrison's column ("Give an old man what he deserves," Jan. 15), the national advancement committee of the Boy Scouts of America meets in February and will decide to award the Eagle Scout to Erling Olsen, just as it does with all Eagle applicants. Eagles who are older than 18 years of age are frequently awarded, as long as the applicant has completed all requirements in the Board of Review prior to turning 18, which is in the rule book.

Olsen completed his board of review on Saturday, Jan. 11, which, by the way, is much more than answering a few questions on scouting's effect, tying knots, explaining first aid and shaking some hands. As an Eagle Scout, I know that it's more than just a "shiny piece of metal and ribbon" and couldn't be happier for the man seeing the completion of his Eagle Scout.

Brian Rappold

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## Scuba class offers underwater education

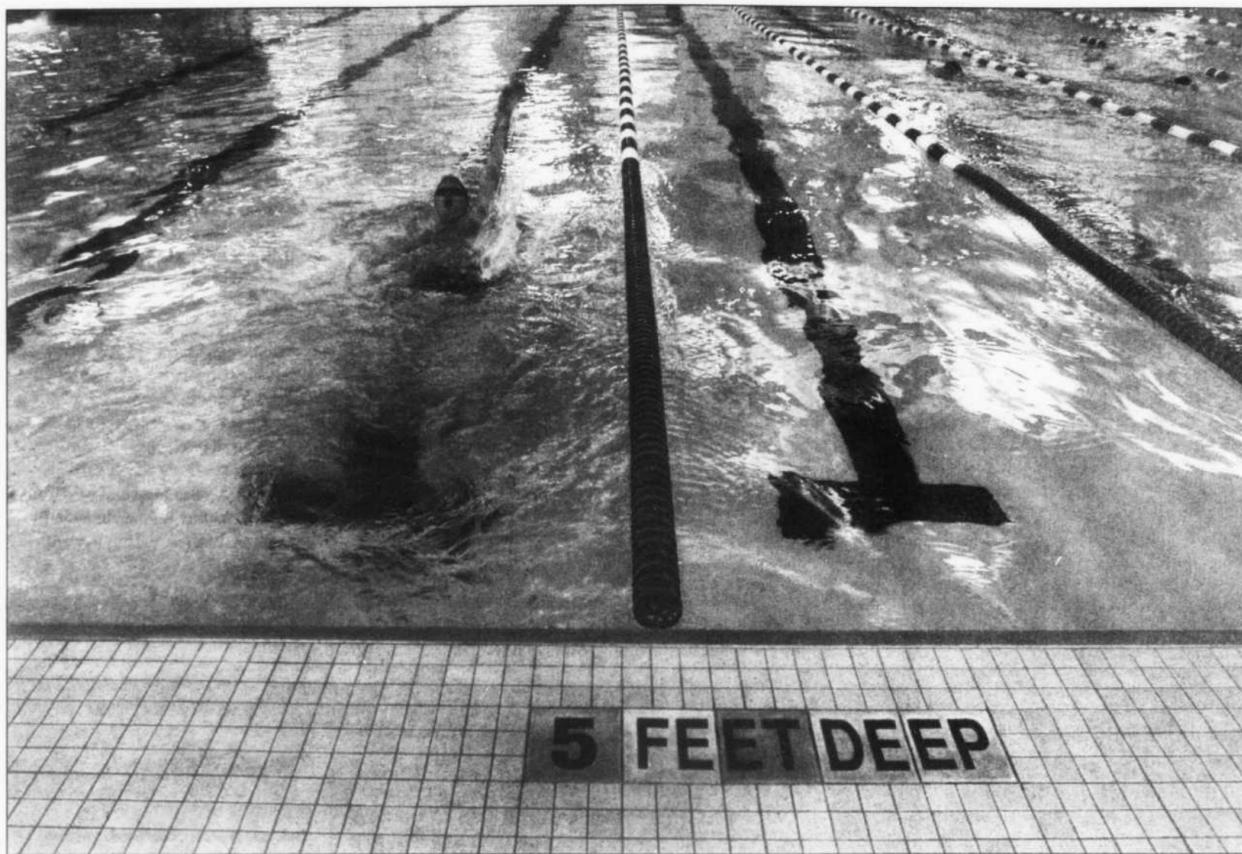


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T.J. Zeilstra, a junior radio and TV digital animation major, takes a relaxing swim Tuesday night in the Recreation Center's pool. Zeilstra just started swimming again and says the center's pool is one of the best he has seen because of its size.

By Jennifer Bardonier  
Contributor

When Jules Verne published his novel, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, in the late 1800s, he offered the public a chance to share his vision of the future. More than a century later, Verne's dream has become a reality as MTSU scuba instructors Mike Nunley and Jerri Burch do their part to share his dream with eager students.

An eagerness that, according to them, is evident in the number of students involved.

"We've had so many people come and tell us that scuba diving was the best class they ever took because it's something they actually use," Burch says.

"The best form of advertising is word of mouth. We're always full and there's always a waiting list," Nunley adds.

Courtney Blooding, a senior and first-time scuba student, heard about the class from her boyfriend, who went through the program several years ago. Through his recommendation and a trip to Bermuda, she now sits in a classroom full of 25 other students. According to

Nunley that number is usually the cut-off for each of the six classes offered every semester.

Those numbers translate into the second largest university scuba instruction program in the country. However, Nunley points out that there is still "a large contingent of divers here," and names Dale Hollow Lake and Stones River as some local diving spots.

Another number that the program has going in its favor is its accident record, which is the best in the nation with zero incidents. Although Divers Alert Network officially monitors such occurrences, Nunley believes that dive instructors share this responsibility.

"All of us investigate accidents from the standpoint of, 'What went wrong and how can we prevent it in the future?'" Nunley says.

Burch notes it as a tactic of self-policing, which is a tactic that she says makes scuba diving "about as risky as bowling."

"The whole idea behind scuba training is to prevent accidents," Nunley adds, pointing out that very few sports actually certify their participants.

The instructors certify students

through the two nationally recognized training programs, the YMCA and the National Association of Underwater Instructors. Certification at the basic level requires 32 hours of training, which are split between the classroom and the water.

In order to successfully complete the program, it is necessary to score at least 80 percent on the classroom portion and 90 percent on the water portion. The certification card is good for life and never has to be renewed. However, there are different levels of diver training that can be achieved through further instruction and certification.

Although MTSU offers higher levels of instruction, there's no college credit currently awarded for their completion. However, this is something that Nunley and Burch would like to see.

"We've got a really good system right now, to be honest with you," Nunley says. "But there are some of the biggest problems is that we need to have different levels of classes. We have them, but you don't get college credit."

Along with the addition of more personalized classes, the two would

also like to see the incorporation of some business and scientific courses, with the possibility of a related internship.

They would like to see scuba diving become more than just a two-hour HPER class, pointing out that many students go on to make some kind of living off of the sport.

Mark Hooper hopes to be one of these students. Hooper, a senior biologist or oceanographer, says that scuba certification is a must in these fields.

Nunley and Burch point to the ranks of other students who now give lessons, saying that they have 100 percent employment rate.

Despite all that the program has going for it, these two instructors claim that recognition doesn't come easy.

"Some people within our own department wonder why we're even teaching scuba diving," Nunley says.

"We're wondering why they teach badminton and bowling," Burch adds with a smile.

Although they refer to the program as "one of the [university's] best-kept secrets," Nunley claims that since its implementation by Ron Nelson in

1974, they've had more than 9,000 students come through the program.

"We've probably trained half the people in Murfreesboro," he says.

That includes more than just students. In addition to the classes they teach to the general public through the Rec Center, the two have also trained Tennessee Bureau of Investigation agents for search and recovery.

In 1991, they were asked to train U.S. soldiers, so the army could implement its own recreational diving program. The request came after several fatalities due to inadequate training. Since then, Nunley and Burch proudly point out that there have been no more fatalities.

With all this under their belts, it's not surprising that the YMCA has named them two of only 12 platinum instructors in the nation. At the time the award was first given, they were two of only six people that were honored.

Nunley says this award is given to instructors who have trained many students, continue to train students and who show variety in their teaching.

And, according to them, that is what they'll continue to do, right here at MTSU. ♦

## MTSU karate kids hit below the belt

Whether it's for fun or fitness, MTSU students get a kick out of karate

By Kristin Hall  
Staff Writer

The MTSU Martial Arts Club offers a unique experience to students at any level of skill, but be prepared to endure a few kicks and punches along the way.

Club president Daryl Turner offers a unique perspective on the club that meets twice a week to train and spar.

"We're volunteering to beat each other up," Turner says, "and we enjoy ourselves while we do it."

The Martial Arts Club is open to all students that enjoy various fighting styles from boxing and kickboxing to ninjutsu and kung fu.

"You don't have to have any experience," Turner says. "If you're just interested in martial arts as a whole, you can come in."

Turner has been training for four years at tae kwon do, but likes to mix up the styles with new techniques he's learned from different members.

"Tai chi has moves that I believe are wonderful. It uses gentle pushes, gentle hits and strikes on the body that are completely different than tae kwon do," Turner says. "Isshin ryu karate has a little

more intensity than other martial arts, and I like that aspect of it," Turner continues.

Billy Colepaugh, an MTSU alumnus and co-founder of the martial arts club, agrees that the blending of different fighting techniques is an advantage that draws people to join the club.

"We give them the opportunity to train with other martial artists, and they see that every style has a weakness and a strength," Colepaugh says.

Muay thai kickboxing, for example, is definitely a test of strength.

"In muay thai kickboxing, they kick really hard to the legs," Turner says. "In isshin ryu karate, they allow groin shots and sparring that requires the one being kicked to wear a cup."

Wearing appropriate padding is a necessity when sparring with other members. The Martial Arts Club supplies all the equipment for the meetings.

Over the past nine semesters, the club has on campus, they have amassed quite a stock of valuable supplies.

"We have over \$5,000 worth of equipment, targets, weapons and training gear, such as weight balls and rip cords," Colepaugh says. In addition to that, the club

bought a hanging bag for kicking and a punching bag for special body target for self-defense techniques.

affectionately called "Bob," this body target is a flesh-colored, malleable head and torso on a stand.

"This gives us a realistic striking area for the front and the side," says Colepaugh, who has been training for 14 years in tae kwon do and kung fu.

Colepaugh currently teaches private lessons but plans on providing free lessons in self-defense once a week during the regular meetings.

"We can practice eye gouging for self-defense," Colepaugh says. "A lot of people don't want to volunteer to be poked in the eye for some reason."

Out of the 20 to 30 members that join each semester, some members have instructor licenses and are willing to help and teach beginners when they can.

"We're really not about first appearances here," Turner says. "The first rule is to leave your ego at the door."

Turner witnesses people who try to show off when fighting, so a proper procedure for sparring is required of members.

"You have to talk about how hard you want to go [with your sparring partner] and what

intensity you want to use," Turner says. "We recommend light to medium contact. We do not allow full force."

No padding is necessary for light contact, but protective gear is recommended for medium contact.

The members of the Martial Arts Club manage to work up quite a sweat during practice, so they like to relax together at IHOP afterward.

"We're pretty healthy people, but we like junk food, too," Turner says.

Turner adds that the casual atmosphere allows the members to let their guards down and build strong friendships while training.

During the semester, the Martial Arts Club holds a raffle to raise money for community organizations like Special Kids, a daycare for children with disabilities.

The club will continue to provide disabled student defense workshops and is planning public demonstrations around spring break.

"There's no other club like us on campus," Colepaugh says.

Meetings are every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. in the second floor aerobics room in the Recreation Center. ♦

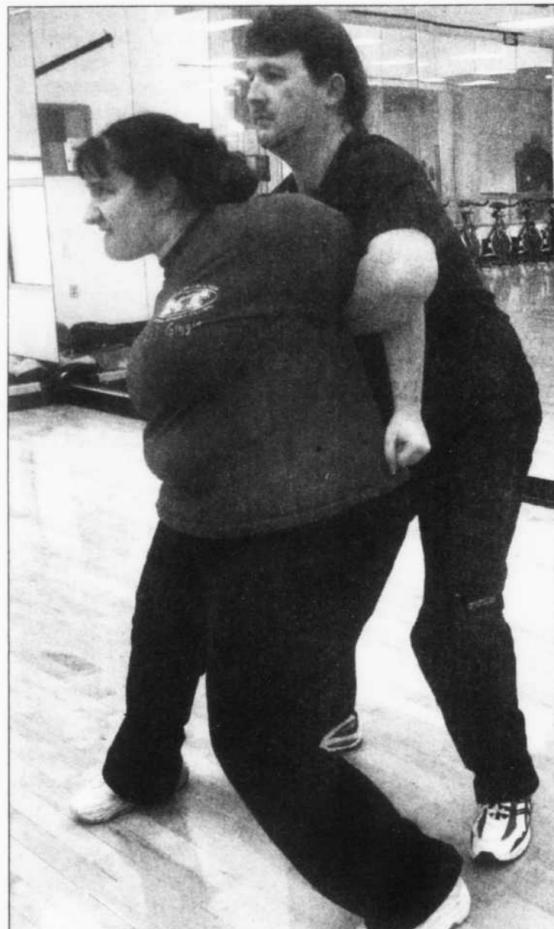


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Thomas Price, a graduate student in music theory, holds Ginger Elam, an MTSU alumnus, in a tight position.

# Dear Annie

## Brokenhearted girlfriend tells her side of story

Dear Annie,

I'm writing to you in response to the letter in last week's column from my ex-boyfriend, "Trying to Go On." Here is what *really* happened: He started hanging out with this new friend all the time and kept making up excuses as to why he couldn't see me.

One night he told me to call him around 9 p.m. I called, and he didn't answer, so I got worried. But I only called four times, not 74 like he said. I worried that he might be hurt. We had a wonderful Christmas and were still together on New Year's.

But he just drifted away, and I figured he was in love with this new girl, so I wanted to return his stuff. When he got out of his car, he started cussing me out. He walked toward me really fast, and I was scared that he was going to hurt me. So I slapped the crap out of him, and YES - it made me feel very bad.

For the first time, I had just hit the person I loved. He grabbed my shoulder to stop me, and I have a bruise from it. I have loved this person for four years and I'm heartbroken. As far as "hacking the accounts," I did that once a long time ago when I thought he was cheating on me.

Annie, I would not lie to you.

I am not psycho, just devastated that the love of my life has just played me like a deck of cards. Does it sound like he loves this other girl? What if he crawls back to me? I've lost 15 pounds because I can't eat. Please help.

- His Used Little Rag Doll

Dear Used Little Rag Doll,

I decided to print a shortened version of your letter as a reminder that there are always two sides to every story.

First, I have a hard time believing that you've stopped hacking into his e-mail account. I received your side of the story before his side appeared in the newspaper. How did you know he sent me an e-mail? There are too many inconsistencies in your story about this soap opera relationship.

Stop invading his personal life. Your relationship is over. Move on and start eating again. You are only hurting yourself by not eating. Whining and wallowing in self-pity is not going to heal your broken heart.

Whether or not he loves this other girl is not the issue. He does appear to care for her very much. If he chooses to be with her, then you need to respect his decision.

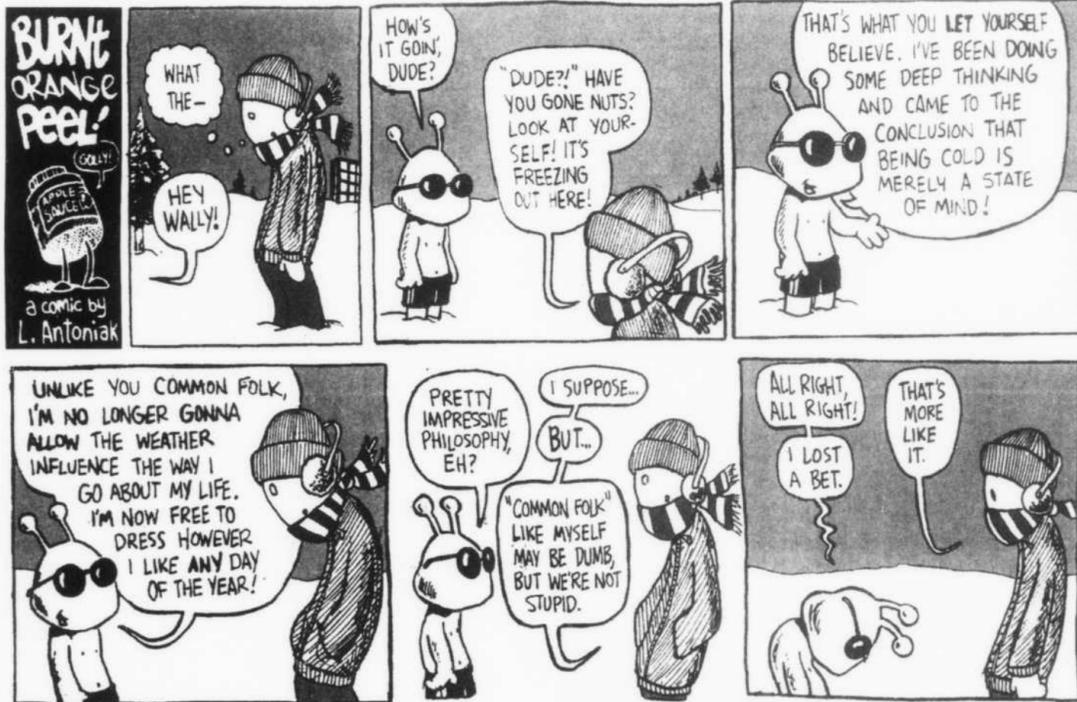
The display of physical violence is unacceptable. You might have acted impulsively, but nothing justifies violent responses except self-defense.

I doubt that this guy will come crawling back to you. I know your heart is broken. But no guy is worth the loss of your self-respect. Only you can make the decision not to be His Used Little Rag Doll. Take a day - cry, whine and eat. The next day, get up and start living again.

Please e-mail your questions to [DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com](mailto:DearMtsuAnnie@aol.com).



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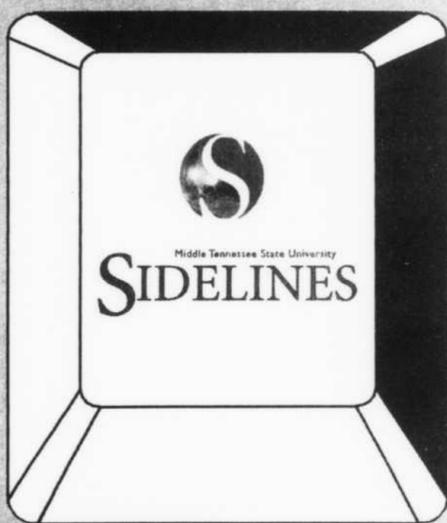
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## Lady Raider tennis team opens season with pair of losses

By Erich Heinlein  
Senior Staff Reporter

Vanderbilt's Lady Commodores shut out the Lady Raiders 7-0 Jan. 15, and the bad vibes from this defeat led to another loss to the University of Virginia 5-2.

In the match prior to playing the Lady Raiders, the Lady Cavaliers also lost to the Lady Commodores 4-3.

In the Vandy match, 56th ranked Manon Kruse lost to 32nd ranked Sarah Riske 6-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Fellow MT player Jennifer Klaschka got shut out by Aleke Tsoubanos 6-0, 6-1 and Stacey Varnell got shut out by Audra Falk 6-1, 6-0.

"We played well, especially in doubles," head tennis coach Randy Holden said. "This was a good tune-up for our team. It just came against one of the best teams in the nation."

In doubles, 29th ranked Kruse and Varnell lost to second ranked Tsoubanos and Klaschka 8-2.

However, Klaschka and Venter faired a little better against Menees and Schellhas, but were ultimately defeated, losing 8-5.

Laura McNamara and Emily Vest had similar results against Scott and Falk, losing them 8-5.

However, the Lady Raiders had better success against the Lady Cavaliers.

Kruse and Venter won their first matches of the season as Kruse beat Henriette Williams 6-2, 6-4, and Venter defeated Lori Stern 7-6, 6-4.

Lady Cavaliers head coach Phil Rogers was also impressed with the Lady Raiders' performance both at Vanderbilt and Middle Tennessee.

"We had a great weekend to start the season," Rogers said. "Yesterday, we came to play against a top 10 team in Vanderbilt, and today we played well against a team ranked below us. It was a strong way to start the season."

Lady Raiders who did not share the same success as Kruse and Venter were Klaschka, who lost to 112-ranked Jennifer Tuchband, 7-6, 6-4. Stacey Varnell lost to Kristen James, 6-2, 6-3. Dora Bechliwanis beat McNamara, 6-2, 6-1; and Marta Bechliwanis beat Germantown, Tenn., native Emily Vest, 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles, 29th-ranked Kruse and Varnell beat Tuchband and Williams, 8-6. However, the Lady Cavaliers won the other two doubles matches. Stern and James beat Klaschka and Venter, 8-4, and the Bechliwanis' beat McNamara and Vest, 8-5.

The Lady Raiders' next match will be Saturday as they host the Lady Vols at 10 a.m. at the Raquet Club. ◆

Photo Illustration by Chris Nichols | Photo Editor  
**Emily Vest participated in doubles play in the match against Vanderbilt University with fellow MT player Laura McNamara.**

## Blue Raiders earn awards for sports talent

Staff Reports

Two Middle Tennessee athletes were awarded for their athletic achievements this week.

MT track star Mardy Scales has been named the national track athlete of the week by Trackshark.com.

At last week's Kentucky Invitational, Scales won the 60-meter dash with a record-breaking time of 6.60. Scales' time automatically qualifies him for the NCAA regional championships. Also during the match, Scales won the 200-meter dash in another NCAA qualifying time of 21.21.

Also earning recognition was MT tennis player Daniel Klemetz, who was named a finalist for the 2002 Amateur Athletes Award presented by the Nashville Sports Council.

The award is presented to a Middle Tennessee individual, team or coach that has had an outstanding achievement in the

world of sports.

Klemetz won 16 matches in both singles and doubles last spring, to lead the Blue Raiders to their sixth NCAA Tournament appearance in eight years and a team ranking as high as No. 20. The squad defeated Alabama in the first round of the NCAA Team Championships, only the second win in MT history in an NCAA Tournament. Klemetz made his second straight appearance in the NCAA Singles Championships.

The award will be handed out on Jan. 27 at the Fourth Annual O'Charley's Dinner of Champions at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

Other finalists include Vanderbilt All-American basketball player Chantelle Anderson, Belmont University basketball player Adam Mark, Vanderbilt men's golfer Brandy Svedeker and the Vanderbilt women's golf team. ◆



Scales



Klemetz

## University of New Orleans topples Lady Raiders

"We have to find a way to regroup. We have to find a way to move on from this game and focus on next week, and it will be nice to get back to the Murphy Center."

— Stephany Smith,  
Lady Raider basketball head coach



Smith

By Erich Heinlein  
Senior Staff Reporter

The Lady Raiders (9-8, 3-2) seem to be playing their conference games in streaks.

Unfortunately, their latest streak is on the losing end, as they lost to the University of New Orleans (6-10, 2-3), 65-59, after winning six straight conference games. The game was the second conference loss in a row for the Lady Raiders.

"We have to find a way to regroup," said Lady Raider head coach Stephany Smith. "We have to move on from this game and focus on next week, and it

will be nice to get back to the Murphy Center."

Free throws proved to be the difference as the Privateers shot 13 more free throws in the second half and made eight more, 10-18 for Middle Tennessee and 18-31 for the University of New Orleans. This included 11 points from the free-throw line in a span of 4:38. However, the Privateers also had a momentary offensive breakdown as they went five minutes without scoring.

The Privateers did not take the lead until there were only 52

See New Orleans, 7

## Men's basketball team drops game to Jaguars, 63-53

Staff Reports

Despite an early 10-2 lead, the Blue Raiders (6-10, 2-2 Sun Belt) fell to the University of South Alabama (8-7, 2-2 Sun Belt) 64-53 last Thursday night.

MT seemed to have complete confidence during the first five minutes of the game, but USA head coach John Pelphrey called a timeout and disrupted the momentum of the game.

After the timeout, USA played like a whole new team, scoring eight straight points. At the end of the half, MT was trailing 36-23.

"You have to give credit to South Alabama," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "They played with a lot more energy than we did. They were a lot more physical and tougher."

After halftime, the Blue Raiders attempted a comeback, slowly coming within seven

points halfway through the second half. The Jaguars answered with eight straight points at the end of the half.

The bright spot of the Jaguars game came with their three-point game. The Jaguars scored 24 points with three-pointers, 21 of which came in the first half.

Davis made no excuses for the team's loss.

"They ran [a] better offense, and their guys played a lot harder," Davis said. "I am responsible to get our guys to play and that was embarrassing. We don't have the margin of error to be able to do that."

The game marks the first SBC road win for the Jaguars.

This week, the Blue Raiders travel to Las Cruces, N.M., and Lafayette, La., to face Sun Belt foes New Mexico State University and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. ◆

## Gunn shoots lights out in win over UNO

By Josh Beasley  
Staff Writer

What began as a defensive struggle quickly turned into an offensive rout as the Blue Raiders throttled past the Privateers of the University of New Orleans Saturday 77-60. The result was a career day for junior guard Tommy Gunn.

Gunn scored a career-high 30 points as the Blue Raiders dominated the entire game. He was 12 of 15 from the field, including 57 percent from three-point range, and made his only two attempts from the charity stripe.

"I wasn't aware of my scoring status," Gunn said. "I just came out and took the

shots that the defense gave me, and they dropped tonight. Hopefully, I can continue that effort, but tonight was a great total team effort."

William Pippen chipped in with 17 points, seven boards and three blocks for MT (7-10, 3-2 SBC), which shot 51 percent and built a 34-26 halftime lead. Pippen and Gunn combined for 25 at the half, one point shy of UNO's halftime total.

MT was able to capitalize on the Privateers' mistakes early and often. New Orleans (9-7, 2-3 SBC) committed 26 turnovers resulting in 31 points for the Blue Raiders.

The second half was much like the first. Gunn picked up where he left off, opening

the half with a bomb from behind the arc. Junior guard Eric Parham added 10 points to his 12-point total in the second half, grabbing six boards and four assists.

"We needed to win tonight just to get over that hump," Parham said. "We had to get on the high level of the race [Sun Belt Conference play]. If we had lost tonight, we would have dug ourselves into a bigger hole that would have been difficult to climb out of."

Defense was key. The Blue Raiders kept All-America candidate Hector Romero in check, holding him to a silent 20 points while shooting a frosty 40 percent inside the

See Men's Basketball, 7



## NWA:TNA Wrestling Insider

By David Lawrence  
Staff Columnist

This week's Pay-Per-View of Total Nonstop Action started off great, as Vince Russo came out and got on his soapbox (by which I mean he actually came out and stood on top of a soapbox) and said that S.E.X. is not, nor will it ever be, the N.W.O.

Percy Pringle, who readers might remember as Paul Backer, the Undertaker's manager back in the WWF, came down and talked to Russo.

The conversation ended with Percy being badly beaten by the forces of S.E.X.

Jorge Estrada tried to save Percy, but even the power of an Elvis impersonator is no match for S.E.X., and Estrada ended up power-bombed through a table.

After the debris was cleared, NWA World Tag Team champions America's Most Wanted showed up to take on Divine Storm.

The match itself was good, but the real high point was when Divine Storm's valet Trinity, who's looking more and more like Lita with every passing day, interrupted the match.

So far, I've only seen her do two moves: the hurrcanra and the moonsault, but she can do them with the best of them.

The rest of the match, however, was pretty standard with America's Most Wanted retaining their titles after a few more minutes of fast paced action.

A.J. Styles announced that he isn't going to join the wrestlers and the sports entertainers.

All he's interested in is the NWA World Heavyweight title, and this draws out "The Truth" Ron Killings for a quick match.

The match was amazing, but it ended when David Flair rushed in and nailed Killings with a large burlap sack, giving Styles the win.

Later, Styles cut a promo about how great he is, but "the Living Legend" himself, Larry Zbyszko, interrupted him.

Styles smacks the old man right in his face, and they announced they are having a match next week.

Next, a match between April Hunter and Desire. It was a pretty fast paced for a women's match, and it ended with Desire hitting a hurrcanrana on Hunter for the win.

Desire is a lot of things, but she isn't Trinity, that's for sure. Athena ran in to attack Desire, but for all of her effort, she ended up taking a slight beating from Sonny Siaki and getting her pants yanked down by Desire.

Oddly, the sight of Athena with her pants down around her knees inspired the crowd to chant "Tastes Great - Less Filling"

Moving right along, the fans were treated to Jerry Lynn and Mike Saunders. Despite interference from both Don Harris and Dusty Rhodes, Lynn made a comeback and beat Saunders.

After the match, Dusty Rhodes cut the most coherent promo of his career, as he talked about the honor and tradition of pro wrestling and not sports entertainment.

Russo didn't take too kindly to the American Dream's words, and he challenged Rhodes to an eight-man tag team match.

Next, the X-title champ Sonny Siaki took on Kid Kash. Kash, strangely enough, was escorted to the ring by Trinity. Desire cheated on Siaki's behalf for him to retain the title.

And finally, the main event, an eight-man tag team match between Dusty Rhodes, Jeff Jarrett and the Road Warriors versus Russo, Triple X, Elix Skipper, Low Ki and Christopher Daniels.

Great match, but it ended with Mr. Wrestling IV running in. The masked man ran in and nailed Animal with a chain to give Elix Skipper the win.

After the match, Mr. Wrestling IV pulled off his mask to reveal himself to be none other than Nikita Koloff.

I never saw that one coming. So far, the "old versus new" feud looks to be great, but they shouldn't let too many of the old timers wrestle for any longer than a few minutes.

Jarrett and the younger guys pretty much carried the entire match, with Dusty, Russo and the Road Warriors just hitting a few moves and trying not to get killed.

I'm still a skeptic on how this angle will end. It could be the next WWF/USWA invasion, or it could turn into the next Alliance - only time will tell. ♦

## New Orleans: Conference play to continue at home

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seconds left on two free throws. UNO then scored the final five points to close out the game.

Patrice Holmes led the way for the Lady Raiders with 19 points. Eboni Kirby contributed 14 points, while fellow guard

Paula Penttila added 12 points for the Lady Raiders.

The Lady Raiders will continue conference play at Murphy Center this week. They play New Mexico State on Thursday and Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. Both games will start at 7 p.m. ♦

## Men's Basketball: Victory snaps two-game losing streak

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point.

"Romero is the leading scorer and we know what kind of presence he brings to the court," Gunn said. "Tonight we just held our ground and made him shoot over us and made him make the tough shots."

The Blue Raiders' victory snapped a two game losing streak. The loss for New Orleans

was their third straight and longest losing streak of the season, very unlike their 8-0 start.

"I would say this has been our best team effort as far as our best," Parham said. "As long as we can get six or seven guys to play well, we can play with anyone in the conference."

The Blue Raiders head to Las Cruces, N.M., to play New Mexico State tomorrow night at 7. ♦

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## Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball News & Notes

### Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans

Freshman Brandy Taylor had an outstanding week, averaging 15.0 points, six rebounds and 4.5 assists in the Trojans' two games last week. Taylor had back-to-back career scoring nights, tallying 13 points against North Texas and two nights later scoring 17 against Denver. Taylor pulled down a career-high seven rebounds against North Texas and set career marks with five three-pointers and seven assists against Denver. Taylor committed just one turnover with her seven assists against Denver. UALR had their three-game home winning streak snapped in the Trojans' 71-45 loss to North Texas on Thursday.

UALR hit a school record of 11 three-pointers against Denver Saturday night. Senior Eplunus Brooks had her third double-double of the season with 11 points and 11 rebounds against North Texas. Sophomore Darci Cassidy hit the 20 point mark against Denver for the first time since scoring 23 against Southwest Texas on Dec. 8.

Junior Roberta Sarti scored a season-high 19 points against Denver Saturday night and pulled down a season-high nine rebounds against North Texas on Thursday night. The starters accounted for all 66 points against Denver Saturday night, Darci Cassidy (20), Roberta Sarti (19) and Brandy Taylor (17) combined for 56 of the points.

Junior Charise Billingsley is expected to return to the lineup this week after missing the last five games with a heel injury.

### Denver Pioneers

Denver has won seven of its last 10 games, and three straight on the road after beginning the season 0-5 on their opponents' courts. The Pioneers' free throw shooting remains a matter of question.

Denver shot just 60.5 percent from the charity stripe in the last two games and is hitting 64.5 percent on the season. However, in the previous four



## 2003 Sun Belt Conference Women's Basketball Records

### East Division

	Sun Belt Games			Stk.	All Games			Stk.	L5
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.		
Florida International	3	1	.750	W3	12	5	.706	W3	3-2
Middle Tennessee	3	2	.600	L2	9	8	.529	L2	2-3
Western Kentucky	3	2	.600	L1	8	8	.500	L1	2-3
Arkansas State	2	3	.400	W1	6	11	.353	W1	2-3
Arkansas-Little Rock	0	5	.000	L6	3	12	.200	L7	0-5

### West Division

	Sun Belt Games			Stk.	All Games			Stk.	L5
	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.		
New Mexico State	3	1	.750	L1	9	7	.563	W1	4-1
Denver	3	1	.750	W3	9	9	.500	W3	3-2
South Alabama	3	2	.600	W2	11	6	.647	W2	3-2
New Orleans	3	2	.600	W1	6	10	.375	W1	2-3
North Texas	2	2	.500	L1	7	8	.467	L1	2-3
Louisiana-Lafayette	0	4	.000	L15	3	11	.214	L6	0-5

games, Denver shot 88 percent from the line. Denver used its eighth different starting lineup in the Arkansas weekend. Ragan Neblett, Tasha Jones, Stephanie Hart, Ashley Atkinson and Kellie Carwell began the games for the Pioneers. Only Ashley Atkinson has started every game this season. Ragan Neblett became the Pioneers' first 20-point scorer this season with 22 vs. Arkansas State in her first starting assignment of the season. Neblett has 8-11 from the field and 4-7 from long range. She recorded career-high numbers in points, field goals made and attempted, three pointers made and minutes played.

### Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns

The Cajuns were supposed to begin a four game road swing on Tuesday with a non-conference tilt against in-state rival McNeese, but the game was postponed because a scheduling error by Southland Conference officials. No makeup date has been planned. The Cajuns play at Western Kentucky and Middle Tennessee this weekend.

Charlotte Green scored three points at FIU and is now 42 points shy of 1,000 for her career. Sharee Glenn scored a combined 33 points in the Cajuns last two games. Freshman Ashley Blanche made her first career start last Thursday against South Alabama. The New Orleans native scored eight points and

grabbed five rebounds. Blanche came off the bench against UNO to score a career-high 12 points. The Cajuns have won only two of their last 27 Sun Belt Conference games.

### North Texas Lady Eagles

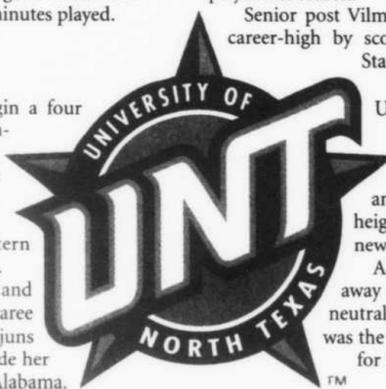
Senior forward Angel Lewis scored a career-high 22 points in the Lady Eagles victory over UALR. The 22 points scored by Lewis, whose previous career-high was 19 points, registered this year against SMU as the most points scored by a North Texas player this season.

Senior post Vilma Grismanauskaite also notched a career-high by scoring 18 points against Arkansas State.

The North Texas defense held UALR to just 46 points, the second lowest point total allowed all season by the Lady Eagles.

Freshman Nahagon Brown and Kennetha Wilson reached new heights, scoring nine points to register new career highs.

Although the Lady Eagles have won away from the Super Pit this season in neutral court games, the win over UALR was the first official road win of the season for North Texas. ♦



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