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## Student radio station increases wattage

### Music, shows can be heard up to 30 miles from campus

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

WMTS-FM 88.3, MTSU's student-run radio station, increased its wattage from 200 watts to 680 watts on Friday and now reaches to areas of south Nashville.

Listeners can now pick up the student station anywhere within a 20-30 mile radius of the campus, said Andrew Good, WMTS technical director.

The wattage increase was provided by the university, and cost around \$10,000.

Good said that Gary Brown, WMOT chief engineer, helped the station get all of the appropriate paperwork and approvals to request for the wattage increase.

WMOT is another university radio station that specializes in jazz music.

WMTS is the only college radio station in Tennessee that uses a digital board, Good said.

Starting last semester, the station began webcasting so listeners all over the world could tune in.

Jessica Yung, WMTS promo-

tions director, said there is a lot of student interest in the station this semester.

"We really actively participated in Welcome Week in order to get our name out there," Yung said.

WMTS broadcast live during We-Haul, the annual event where student groups help students move in and get acquainted with the university.

Yung estimated that WMTS has around 150 students volunteering in various aspects at the station.

"We actually had to turn away a lot of students who wanted shows," Yung said.

This semester, WMTS has a full schedule of original shows, which include new program-

ming and old favorites.

Some of the popular shows on WMTS include "Blazin' in the 'Boro," which airs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m., "Shut Up and Drive" on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. and "Pure Imagination" on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 p.m., Yung said.

On Feb. 12, WMTS is having a benefit show at the Boro Bar and Grill, which will feature electronic and drum and bass music.

For more information about WMTS, contact Yung at 898-2636 or e-mail her at [wmts@frank.mtsu.edu](mailto:wmts@frank.mtsu.edu).

Check out WMTS at [www.wmtsradio.com](http://www.wmtsradio.com).



WMTS-FM 88.3, the university's student-run radio station, has increased its wattage from 280 to 600 watts.

## Fair seeking summer workers

By Stephanie Hill  
Staff Writer

The 13th annual Summer Jobs Internship Fair will bring more than 50 employers to campus Wednesday to scope out potential workers.

Both the business sector and parks, camps and governmental agencies will be represented.

See page 2 for a list of employers recruiting at the fair

"We have an existing database of employers who have previously expressed an interest in recruiting for summer positions and/or internships," said Karen M. Austin, assistant director of MTSU's Career and Employment Center. "We add to the database throughout the year."

The fair is open to all majors and classifications, although some organizations or businesses may be geared toward a specific age group.

"Camp positions are typically open to age 18 and over," Austin explained. "Internships may vary from freshman to upperclassman requirements."

"Experiential Learning," which includes internships and co-ops, Austin said, is highly desirable to employers. It conveys the ability to apply academic understanding in a job setting. Austin also urges all students from freshmen to seniors to contact employers about

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## Campus re-lamping project underway

By Leah Massey  
Staff Writer

Lighting is being replaced in buildings all over campus to make the university more energy efficient, according to Joe Whitefield, assistant director of facilities services.

"We are replacing the lighting systems in about 23 buildings on campus," he said.

The re-lamping project began in the middle of December, and Whitefield said that five or six buildings were completed over winter break. Among the buildings that have new lighting are the Kirksey Old Main, Cope Administration Building, Peck Hall and the Alumni Center.

### Playing with fire



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Andre Kole, an illusionist and author, shares fire Thursday in Tucker Theatre during his performance, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. Kole has performed in all 50 states, as well as 78 countries. See "Illusionist shares both magic, spirituality," page 6.



Photos by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

As part of the campus re-lamping project, this old exit sign, left, will be replaced with a sign that will last up to 15 years, right.

No residence halls are included in the project.

Crews are continuing to work now that classes have started back, but they are now working at night.

Whitefield explained that the project will be paid for by using the

money that is saved over the next few years. Bonds are being used to pay for the relighting project in the meantime.

Once the bonds have been paid off using the money saved by the new lights, the saved money will be

available for other projects.

The new lights are also more eco-friendly, Whitefield said. Some lights being used now contain phosphorous and other materials that would be properly recycled or disposed of so that they won't harm the environment. The new lights contain no toxic chemicals and don't need to be replaced as often.

Some lights have been refitted and can now emit the same amount of light as the old lights with fewer bulbs, according to Whitefield. In some cases, lights that used four bulbs have been refitted to use only two bulbs, but about the same

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## University considers merging with O'More

By Kristin Hall  
News Editor

President Sidney McPhee announced last week the possibility of a merger between MTSU and O'More College of Design in Williamson County.

"For several months, I've had unofficial discussions with the president of O'More College, Dr. Mark Hilliard," McPhee said.

O'More College is a private four-year institution that currently offers degrees in interior design, fashion design and merchandising, and graphic design and advertising. Currently about 150 students are enrolled at O'More.



"The college is a highly prestigious private institution that is accredited by some of the top accrediting agencies in those disciplines," McPhee explained. "They have a reputation, both locally and nationally, for offering very strong programs that our students would have access to."

The two schools have discussed a number of options for the partnership, which could be as simple as formal agreements to allow students to switch between schools or even a complete merger resulting in a satellite MTSU campus.

McPhee explained that this partnership could be a simple way to add courses to the curriculum without adding the cost of new faculty, buildings and technology.

"I am told that there are many strengths that those programs will bring to MTSU students – not only the expertise of the faculty there, but also the facilities and equipment that they bring to the table," McPhee said.

O'More College is located in Franklin, about 45 minutes away from Murfreesboro. Williamson County is one of the top three counties in Tennessee from which MTSU draws students.

"The other benefit is it provides exposure in Williamson County for our university where we have a significant number of graduates, alumni and students that currently attend MTSU," McPhee said.

McPhee explained that the process of merging schools was complicated, but he had experience as the executive vice chancellor at the Tennessee Board of Regents.

"In a way I'm kind of battle-tested," he said. "There are three areas of conflict that will have to be resolved before the partnership could begin. These are the individual finances of the institutions, personnel issues (such as coordinating faculty credentials and salaries) and the technology provided by each school."

"We think there are a lot of positives for both schools," McPhee said.

McPhee expects the planning process to take four to eight months, but hopes to have the plans effective for fall 2004.

## EMPLOYERS COMING TO CAMPUS

The annual Summer Jobs/Internships Fair will be held in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building on Wednesday, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Boy Scouts of America,
- West TN Area Council
- Camp Nakanawa
- Camp Rockmont
- Camp Skyline Ranch
- Camp Winshape
- Circle YI Ranch
- Falling Creek Camp
- Girl Scout Council of Cumberland Valley
- Girl Scouts of North Alabama
- Lighthouse Christian Camp
- Mountain T.O.P (TN Outreach Project)
- MTSU Housing & Residential Life
- MTSU Army ROTC
- National Park Service
- Ridgcrest Summer Camps
- Tennessee State Parks
- U.S. Army Recruiting
- Williamson Co. Parks & Recreation Department
- YMCA Camp Cosby
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- State of TN Department of Treasury
- Steely & Associates
- Student Painters
- TenneSenior Service Corps
- Walgreens
- Walt Disney World
- Wells Fargo Financial
- Youth Villages

## Fair: Students should come prepared with resume, pen

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applications. A calendar would also be helpful in case interviews need to be set.

"Most camps conduct background checks, which makes 'instant jobs' not possible," Austin said. "On that same note, most businesses will likely want to follow up with a personal interview to ensure the candidate is a good match."

The Career and Employment Center also urges graduating seniors who are preparing to enter the workforce in May to get registered with the center and start the job search now - not after graduation - and to resist the urge to "take a break" after graduation, as it can be difficult to explain that gap on a resume.

The past years have attracted more than 500 students per fair. Some of the participants include Mountain Tennessee Outreach Project, the National Park Service, MTSU Housing and Residential Life, the State of Tennessee Department of Treasury, the YMCA, *Dish Magazine*, Graham Entertainment, Walgreens and Youth Villages.

Additionally, the career center is also participating in three large fairs: the Teacher Recruitment Fair, College to Career Fair and Graduate and Professional Fair, in cooperation with 14 other local universities on Feb. 10 at the Tennessee State Fairgrounds.

The center is busy advertising and preparing for these fairs as well as Wednesday's.

"We also have a full schedule of employers coming to campus to recruit MTSU students for internships and full-time positions such as Walt Disney World, the Peace Corps and AFL-CIO," Austin said.

Austin said she enjoys her job in MTSU's career center.

"As assistant director, I find it most rewarding to help students and alumni with their career search," she said. "I particularly enjoy when I look at statistics of positions to which I have referred students resumes that were filled with an MTSU hire."

For an updated list of employers, or for more information, visit the Career and Employment Web page at [www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm](http://www.mtsu.edu/~career/summerfair.htm). ♦

## Lights: Subtle changes might not be noticeable to students

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amount of light will be given off as before.

Whitefield also said that exit signs are being redone. Many signs use normal incandescent bulbs and must be replaced every 2,000 hours.

The new signs will be light emitting diode signs and can last 15 years before needing

replacement.

Occupancy sensors are also being installed in some areas to turn off lights after school hours. The sensors will also be able to turn off lights in classrooms, bathrooms and other parts of the building when no one has entered or exited the room after a certain period of time.

Whitefield said most of the

improvements are being made in the interiors of the buildings.

"We're not doing much with exterior lighting on campus," he said.

The new lighting must be retrofitted to work in the older buildings, but the new Paul W. Martin Sr. Honors Building was built with the new lighting system already incorporated.

Whitefield said most stu-

dents probably won't notice any difference between the old and new lighting arrangements.

The new lights will give off about the same amount of light as the old lighting system did.

"Most people don't notice lighting," he said.

Whitefield is unsure when the switch to the new lighting system will be complete. ♦

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# STATE AND LOCAL

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Monday, January 26, 2004

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## Christiana boy remembered at service Sunday

### Mother remains in custody, hearing set for February 4

By Nona Kempton  
Staff Writer

Mourners gathered under dark skies Sunday evening to share their grief in a neighborhood memorial service for a 7-year-old boy who was found dead in his Christiana home last

Tuesday.

James Lee Harper III, a second-grader at Christiana Elementary School, was the apparent victim of a homicide, according to police reports. His mother, Rachel Summers, 27, of 112 Ebb Court in Christiana, has been charged with first-

degree murder in connection with her son's death. The child lived at the home with his mother, stepfather and half-sister.

Summers remains in the custody of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department in lieu of a \$200,000 bond. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 4.

Police had responded to a call to the home the afternoon of Jan. 19, where they found the child dead and the mother

injured. She was treated at Middle Tennessee Medical Center and was arrested two days later. Autopsy results on the boy's body have not yet been released by the state medical examiner's office in Nashville.

Friends and neighbors gathered in a circle in front of the small, dark house just before sunset on Sunday, holding candles, pictures and signs to remember the child described as "a sweet child" by those who

came the service.

"He was such a sweet, well-mannered little boy," said Cindy Sapp, a close friend and neighbor of Summers who frequently cared for James. "He was always smiling and happy."

Sapp said she and other volunteers from the neighborhood and the school organized the memorial to help with the healing process and to keep the boy's memory alive.

"We're just in shock over

this," Sapp said, "for everyone who knew this family, this is a shock. I talked to her (Summers) at least twice a day and I never had an inkling that this would happen. She even watched my own child." She said her son Casey and James were close friends and had been classmates since kindergarten.

Sapp said Summers had not seemed depressed or upset in

See Harper, 4

## Statewide hotline in place to report meth activity, sale

By Jason Cox  
State and Local News Editor

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has launched a hotline for citizens to give tips on suspected methamphetamine labs and sales rings.

The intelligence-gathering system will be spearheaded by the hotline, 1-877-TNN-METH (877-866-6384).

"Efforts similar to MethWatch have proven very effective in other places,"

of my stores are giving me.

"So now I've gotta try to get a [confidential informant] to purchase the methamphetamine," he said, "or do I ... catch him when he's on the road when he's got all this paraphernalia ... you can be arrested if you have methamphetamine components."

Bunch said that the problem is growing rapidly in Rutherford County, reflecting a statewide trend, although he said it is not the near-epidemic

here that it is in more rural areas, such as the Upper Cumberland region of Tennessee.

"Within the last year, (the number of methamphetamine busts) has risen probably two or three fold worse than it used to be."

— Det. Thomas Bunch  
Rutherford County  
Sheriff's Department

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Interim Director David Griswold said in a press release issued Monday. "The hope is that by taking the initiative statewide, existing efforts to crackdown

on the production of meth can be augmented."

The TBI will be using the information from the hotline along with communication with retailers, who can report purchases of large quantities of items associated with the production of the drug.

The Rutherford County Sheriff's Department Narcotics Division has already been working with local retailers to identify potential suspects, and Det. Thomas Bunch said the tips from store employees and owners, combined with tips called into the narcotics division, can lead to lab busts and arrests.

"I can look at (a) house, I can pull the tags, I can pull the electricity and find out who lives there," Bunch said.

"Well, it just so happens that the tag number at that house is one of the tag numbers that one

detective to work full-time on methamphetamine cases.

He has undergone training with the Drug Enforcement Agency in Nashville, and all of the narcotics taken during classes on methamphetamine production and how to identify and investigate a potential manufacturing lab.

Also as part of the statewide program, posters and signs identifying products used in the production of methamphetamine will be posted in stores that sell the products.

The drug is relatively cheap to produce and is made from common items such as matches, cold medicine, household cleaners and lithium batteries.

The hotline is open now and will be available 24 hours. ♦

## Dark water, heroes and monsters

By Amanda Maynard  
Managing Editor

The dark water was now placid, revealing none of the circumstances that had just transpired. Officers and commanders turned the once-wooded area into a battle zone. A child was dead and the only people who could help were children themselves.

Both children looked on as their friend, their comrade, their brother was dragged from the mouth of the beast. He was lifeless and still. His skin had begun to turn gray, giving the young child the appearance of a stone gargoyle.

Rutherford County Dive and Rescue team co-captain Det. Jack Keisling had the daunting task of speaking with the children who had only moments ago witnessed the death of their sibling. He knew this would be a dive he would take home with him that night, and for the rest of his life.

Keisling sat unusually quiet in his minuscule office as he recalled the story of two brave children and their fallen brother. His face began to frown as the memories returned.

"The most bothersome missions are the ones where a child drowns," Keisling said, surrounded by photographs of his own children, smiling warmly at their father. "It's just really hard because kids are precious in my mind as one of the harshest aspects of it."

Keisling was describing a drowning that had occurred recently in Bedford County, where the only witnesses were the siblings of the deceased. The dive team had recovered the body out of one of several lakes they service, rather than a human body.

As the only dive rescue and recovery team in Rutherford County, Keisling and his team are called to recover anything from a rusted out 1972 Chevrolet to an unfortunate farm animal fallen victim to rushing currents.

The team services lakes in the Walter Hill Dam area as well as the Mansfield Pike Dam, Fall Creek Boat Ramp and Hurricane Creek Boat Ramp.



"I told the children, basically, that they were heroes. That they helped us locate the other boy," Keisling said. "That's just one of the parts of it. You're always going to have a family that's grieving somewhere when it concerns a loved one that has drowned."

Det. Keisling and the other members of his dive team face situations similar to these almost regularly. The team is more than content to rescue an abandoned car out of one of several lakes they service, rather than a human body.

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The members of the dive team come throughout Rutherford County, including the sheriff's office, police department and ambulance service.

Each department member brings unique training to his position on the dive team and combined, their expertise creates a "diving machine."

"We service anywhere in the county that there is a water related incident, be it a swift water incident like a flooding or somebody is trapped," Keisling said. "We get calls outside the county also. We get calls from other counties as a mutual aid type thing because we've got a pretty extensive group of individuals ... we're just a good team."

Keisling, along with other co-captain Chris Clark, lead the team of around six divers or what Keisling calls "the backbone" of the team.

The team members train twice a month to keep them-

selves prepared and alert in the event of a water related incident. Keisling said it's important to train to keep not only the team up to date, but also to educate the public about the hazardous situations that could involve water. According to Keisling there are more people that drown in this county than are burned in fires.

"There's not a whole lot of awareness on water related safety as there should be," Keisling said. "Chris Clark just got a class rolling on swift water awareness and pitched that to all the volunteer fire chiefs in the county."

Keisling keeps detailed records of every dive his team has completed including photographs. He allowed me to rummage through his file cabinet to inspect some of the pictures. Cars hung from cranes, training remnants of their time spent at the bottom and

See Dive, 4

## Sales, special distributors winning team in promoting new Tennessee lottery

By Melissa Coker  
Staff Writer

Figured from first-day ticket sales, the state's lottery startup has been one of the most successful in the nation's history.

"We are delighted with the results," said Tennessee Lottery President and CEO Rebecca Paul said.

"It is a great day for Tennessee."

Results for Tuesday totaled \$10.8 million — an industry record of about \$1.87 per capita. As of 10 a.m. Wednesday there were 20 \$1,000, two \$5,000 and two \$7,000 winners.

Those who want to win might find some pretty unexpected places where they can try their luck.

Retailers range from the typical gas station or convenience store to video and grocery stores (such as some Smyrna Krogers and Smyrna Video).

Cat's Music on Tennessee Boulevard in Murfreesboro started selling tickets Thursday, and by late Saturday afternoon had seen upwards of 100 tickets sold.

Although there hasn't been a huge increase yet in sales overall, manager Jason Herndon said he looks forward to the new customer exposure the lot-

tery will bring.

Brandi Miles, owner of Premium Wines & Liquors on North Rutherford Boulevard, was surprised when the Lottery Commission approached them.

In Tennessee, liquor stores usually cannot sell any other merchandise, so they jumped at the chance to have some fun with this one.

"Although regular customers are buying tickets too," Miles shared, "I've seen people I've never laid eyes on before come in here to buy them. While they're here [to get tickets] they sometimes see something else by the door or come back the next day for it."

"Honestly, there isn't a huge gain from sales," she says. "We make about 6.5 percent on the dollar. It's just flipping' fun for us as well as the customers."

And speaking of flipping', Edgar "Flipper" Copeland, owner of Flipper's Bait & Tackle in Gallatin, thinks the

lottery wait for Tennessee has been too long.

Although the store doesn't have to fish around for business, Copeland does expect to reel in more as the weather turns a little warmer.

He decided to sell out of a convenience consideration for his customers.

"A lot of fishing tournaments come through, so a lot of our business is from out of state," Copeland said.

"Since we also serve food, you can come in, sit down at our tables to eat a burger and fries, and scratch off a

ticket.

"There's a substantial traffic flow from people who don't want to fight the crowds," he said.

"In here, there's no hurry and scurry to get in and out."

Copeland cites the lottery's first-day success as evidence that Tennessee was beyond ready for its arrival.

One of the lottery commission's next goals? To launch computerized games (where players pick numbers) within 60 days. ♦



Photo illustration by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

First-day sales of scratch-off lottery tickets in the state of Tennessee set a new national record.

# Cities want authority to ban smoking in restaurants, bars

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Several Tennessee cities want to repeal a state law that prevents them from regulating smoking in restaurants, bars and other privately owned businesses.

At least three bills are pending in the state Legislature to wipe the 1994 law from the books. The bills' supporters include officials from Nashville, Memphis and Knoxville.

Efforts to regulate tobacco have had a tough time in the Legislature, where two powerful interest groups — restaurant owners and farmers — tend to oppose them.

But actions banning smoking in the Senate chamber passed last year and in the House chamber almost two weeks ago. Smoking also has been restricted in most public areas of Legislative Plaza and the War Memorial Building. Proponents of the restaurant ban hope the changes are signs that opposition is softening.

Chastity Mitchell, government affairs director for the American Cancer Society, said she is optimistic one of the repeal bills will pass because smoking regulation has become a hot-government issue with local governments.

"They can make their own city hall smoke-free, but they don't have the right to do that in restaurants, bars and workplaces," Mitchell told *The Tennessean*. "It also restricts them from doing things that are very important to cities. Which is regulating youth access to tobacco. They don't have the right to increase fines and make fines meaningful."

The 1994 law includes a clause that prevents cities from passing smoking laws tougher than the state's, and Tennessee requires only that restaurants offer no-smoking sections.

State Rep. Tommy Head, D-Clarksville, the House sponsor of the law, described the measure as an attempt to reduce the

access of youngsters to tobacco. There was no discussion of the provision taking away the authority of local governments to regulate the sale and use of tobacco products.

One lawmaker seeking to repeal the law is state Sen. Steve Cohen, D-Memphis.

"The state didn't usurp it to come up with a regulation. It usurped it so there would be no regulation," Cohen said.

Ronnie Hart of the Tennessee Restaurant Association said restaurant owners don't want the state telling them what to do.

"We certainly don't need varied (city) ordinances from city to city," Hart said. "We are in the hospitality business. We want to take care of you whether you smoke or not. It is a tough juggle, but let us make the juggle."

Farm Bureau lobbyist Rhedona Rose said her organization also favors keeping the law the way it is.

"We think there needs to be state control as far as tobacco regulations are concerned," Rose said. "We also think the market would somewhat take care of itself. If a restaurant owner or private business

wants to have a better clientele business, then he could do that. If another one thinks he gets better clientele business he can do that."

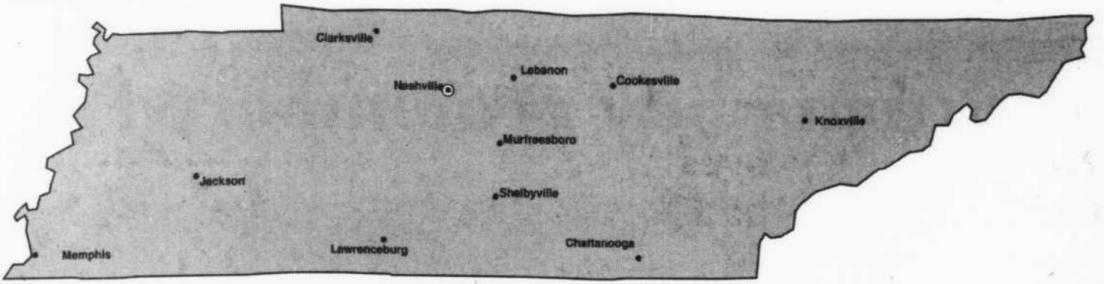
Other Tennessee cities that have adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to give them more control are Johnson City, Jackson, Cookeville, Crossville, Columbia and Germantown.

Ross Loder of the Tennessee Municipal League, which represents cities across the state, said the league will support the repeal effort, but only to a point.

"We will certainly be communicating with legislators and letting legislators know this," Loder said. "It is something we support, but it is not our top priority for the year." ♦

## Middle Tennessee Weather – Five Day Forecast

From the Associated Press



Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
36° ▲ 33° ▼	46° ▲ 21° ▼	50° ▲ 30° ▼	51° ▲ 33° ▼	50° ▲ 35° ▼

## Dive: Rescue teams came about in early 1980s

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divers looked on like frogs from a dingy pond.

While sifting through Keisling's pictures, I suddenly found myself looking into the eyes of a man, naked and dead on a coroner's steel slab. He had been pulled from Walter Hill dam, where he and some friends had decided to spend a hot summer afternoon cooling off in the water.

Keisling explained that the dive team and a medical examiner must give every dead body they pull out of the water a thorough looking over. They must also finger print the individual and research the cause of death.

"We just go over the body and everybody that dies, we fingerprint them," Keisling said.

Keisling's office is littered with mission logs, dive equipment magazines and pictures of his family that outnumber both of those. Quotes from the Bible line his desk shelf, offering encouragement and strength. With a job like his, a little encouragement

might not hurt.

According to Keisling, before public safety diving was perfected in the early 1980s, police or sheriff departments would enlist the aid of local dive shop instructors if they had a water borne mission. This effectively placed the recreational diver in harm's way, forcing him or her to dive in unfamiliar and dark waters.

"What happened was, a lot of these recreational divers were being killed doing this type of thing," Keisling said. "They were getting tangled up and they were diving in black water."

A perfect situation, according to Keisling, for what he calls the "mind monsters."

"Mind monsters" occur when a diver allows his or her mind to wander while immersed in muddy, black waters. Questions bounce around in his or her mind like, "Will I get trapped down here?" "What if I run into this dead body?" "What will this child look like after three days in the lake?" and "What would my family do if I didn't make it back up?"

"A lot of people don't know what a dead body looks like under water," Keisling said. "Here you are in black water and you have to feel around in the mud for this dead body. That puts all kinds of stress on you and stress speeds up your breathing and builds anxiety."

Now hours in the public safety arena are heavily trained and are subject to classes and time spent at dive schools around the country. Keisling compares the amount of training to a SWAT team.

After I left the detectives office, I seemed to be haunted by something. I couldn't put my finger on it until I unlocked the front door of my house and remembered the man, naked on the cold steel table. It follows you home, just like the detective said.

"Normally the problem sets in after the mission is over when you have time to sit down and think about it," he said. "When you go home, you may hug your loved ones and be thankful." ♦

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## Harper: Mother just finished probation

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the days before the child died. Summers had finished unsupervised probation for a domestic violence charge just a week before her son's death.

Becky Hollandsworth, the mother of another friend of James, said the boy frequently played at her house and always seemed like a happy child.

"(James) was always willing to try stuff, he was a really good little boy," Hollandsworth said.

A crowd of at least one hundred people came to remember the child and present his grandmother, Janet Moore, with teddy bears and flowers. A box was passed among the crowd to collect donations to help with the funeral expenses.

Sapp said that grief coun-

selors at the school had been working at the with James' classmates, many of whom were in attendance Sunday night.

"We'd like to tell everyone to be aware of what's going on in your neighborhood," Sapp said, "and call and get help if it's needed. Look for warning signs and be aware." ♦

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From the Editorial Board

## Meth hotline proves narcing isn't all bad

In response to the growing drug problem in Tennessee, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation now has MethWatch – a hotline for people to report labs and sales of methamphetamines.

We support the TBI's efforts to run the meth labs into the ground. With Tennessee's rising meth problem, it's about time someone took a firm stand against the brain-killing stimulant and those who produce and sell the mind-altering substance.

Meth goes beyond the recreational drug consumption. Meth use can cause severe mental problems, including schizophrenia, not to mention studies indicate use of methamphetamines can permanently affect the brain, including the level of dopamine, a chemical that controls movement and emotional responses, including feelings of pleasure and pain.

Because meth is relatively easy to produce, meth labs are prevalent, especially in rural areas. Common ingredients include over-the-counter medication and cleaning supplies.

Though it seems obvious to us that ingesting this drug is a bad idea, its rising popularity, especially among people ages 18 to 23, indicates that not all drug users have our clarity of thought.

We at *Sidelines* are ready to take a stance against the illegal use and production of methamphetamines. Though we haven't always been supportive of anti-drug efforts, such actions have to be made for drugs as dangerous as meth.

The highly-addictive substance permanently alters the brain, and withdrawal symptoms of meth users far surpass those of users of cocaine and other such drugs.

MethWatch provides citizens with a way to report suspicions of meth use as well as allowing vendors of pharmaceuticals to report those who purchase items that, in combination, could be used to manufacture methamphetamines.

Calls made to the 24-hour hotline will help both statewide and local officials in their efforts to end the meth epidemic in Tennessee. We encourage anyone suspicious of meth activity to take advantage of the hotline.

For more information on MethWatch, see "Statewide hotline in place to report meth activity, sale," page 3 in the State and Local News section. ♦

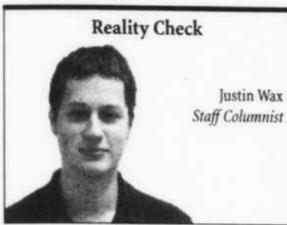
## Americans prove their ignorance

I've been in several boring lectures throughout my academic years. However, Professor John Divincenzo does a fantastic job of keeping his science class interesting. During one of his lectures, Divincenzo demonstrated America's ignorance to basic science by concentrating on our emotional first, logic later (if ever) decision-making process and our gullibility to alarmist environmental scientists.

To demonstrate his point, Divincenzo related a story of a student who recently won his district science fair. The student urged 50 people to sign a petition to ban the chemical "dihydrogen monoxide" – and for good reason. It is a major component in acid rain, is found in terminal cancer patients, causes severe burns in its gaseous state and can be fatal if accidentally inhaled.

Forty-three people supported the ban, six people were undecided, and only one actually knew that the chemical "dihydrogen monoxide" is water. The award winning project was titled "How Gullible Are We?" The answer is quite obvious.

Unfortunate this illustration pertains to more than just our lack of scientific knowledge. The purely emotional and ignorant political decision-making process of many Americans is venom that



Reality Check

Justin Wax  
Staff Columnist

causes serious harm to our country. Many Americans have succumbed to this mind control due to half truths, unchallenged lies from the media and just plain lies from politicians and radical organizations.

Case in point: As I was waiting for a class one morning, I overheard a guy and a girl talking politics. "Jimmy" made a negative comment about President George W. Bush. "Rachel" replies that she likes Bush and asks why Jimmy has a problem with the president. Someone what surprised, Jimmy responds, "Well I don't agree with ... his recent ban on partial birth abortion."

Before Rachel can respond, I abruptly question, "What's wrong with wanting to save lives? Because that's exactly what he just did through the ban." Jimmy is taken aback by my comment and is speechless.

"Do you know what partial birth abortion is?" I inquired. Long silence. "The practice

involves a physician partially delivering a baby from the mother's womb and crushing the baby's skull once it emerges from the uterus (thus killing an innocent, defenseless baby)."

Jimmy remarks, "Oh, well I didn't know that's what it was." I was astonished.

Ignorance can be lethal. Why is it that some in our society do everything possible to defend convicted murderers by gaining them dozens of appeals, pardons and lenient sentences – anything but death – and yet these people do nothing to defend innocent, defenseless babies? Instead these organizations viciously attack those that defend the defenseless. It's tragic that some in our society prey on the weak and innocent yet go to great lengths to protect guilty, convicted murderers.

Norma McCorvey was struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. She just didn't think she could survive being a single mom. Not long after the news about her pregnancy, Norma accepted an offer from a few lawyers who promised to help eliminate her "problem."

In 1973, the Supreme Court gave Norma, a.k.a. Jane Roe, and America the OK to kill their unborn babies. Thus, a dark age dawned in America. Regrettably, the Supreme Court has not always

judged correctly. Do you remember the court's decision in favor of slavery? We are fortunate their decision was irrevocable. When you vote this fall, it is vital that you choose the candidates that battle for the weak and defenseless in America: Lives depend on it.

You probably never heard the rest of Norma's story. A few years later, Norma regretted her choice to take her child's life, and she experienced deep depression, a common consequence of abortion. Eventually, Norma found healing and grace through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Today, McCorvey is fighting for those that cannot fight for themselves through her efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. As a committed pro-lifer, she seeks to save lives and spare women the anguish she endured.

I realize that some readers may be struggling with post-abortive depression or an unplanned pregnancy. Please know that there are struggling, please contact the Murfreesboro Pregnancy Support Center at 893-0228 or visit pregnancycenters.org. ♦

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## Children teach life lessons to adults willing to listen

Children are born every day, and as adults, we're expected to show them the world. Because a child is not jaded, they, in return, can remind adults that life is simpler than we think and is a beautiful gift. I have an eight-year-old brother who has taught me more about life than any college class will every teach me.

The top five things he has taught me about life are things that would make the world a friendlier place to live.

The first lesson he taught me is how to love others. His hugs and kisses can make the grimness of life disappear. He's the only person I know that isn't afraid to say, "I love you," any time or anywhere.

I find myself now able to tell my friends or people I truly care about that I love them without being afraid what others around me think.

The second lesson is that apologizing about a wrongdoing should be done in humility. When he knows he's hurt someone's feelings, you can always



Kacey's Corner

Kacey Hercules  
Staff Columnist

sense in his tone of voice and facial expression that he's truly sorry, and it always almost breaks your heart.

Third, he has taught me to take a little time from my day to have fun. He's always full of energy, and he enjoys life. He has tons of toys but sometimes just a cardboard box can fill his day with enlightenment.

I find myself stopping and looking at a flower or a rock on my way to class or going to Wal-Mart at 3 a.m. just to have a small piece of that joy that he has.

Fourth, he has taught me to accept others. When he meets new people, he always gives them a warm smile and a hello that would make anyone feel special. When someone meets him, they rarely forget him because his laughter and joy fill everyone's

heart. The last thing he's taught me is never to be afraid to ask questions about life. He always has a question to ask me and never takes the answer, "Just because." He wants answers that he can use and think about. Knowledge is a powerful key in life, and answering his questions gives me my own questions to think about.

My brother is an important part of my life, and he has taught me the joys of living. There are millions of children on this planet that want to be heard.

I challenge you to spend time with a child and learn about the simple and beautiful life that we as adults sometimes take for granted. Children have a unique and powerful lesson to teach the people around them. They are truly gifts from above. ♦

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## No pre-partying; show up on time

The practice of "pre-partying" should be outlawed; it is morally disgraceful and eternally wrong.

Pre-partying is the act of getting together in a small, familiar group and hanging out and drinking while waiting for word from someone who's already at the party that it's big enough and cool enough to actually go to.

We've all done it. Somebody is probably doing it right now. There is undoubtedly a small group sitting around, eyes fixated on the clock, trying to drink time away and extending the exact moment to arrive at a party without being "too early."

Instead of making the party great by being there, people seem to give in to insecurity and hide out with their friends and some drinks until, by chance, enough people accidentally arrive at a party to make it crowded and thus good enough to attend.

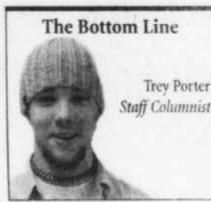
While it's something that is essentially a social action, it gives way to a deeper problem facing college students everywhere.

Acceptance is desperately sought after. A social image is very delicate to maintain regardless of what anyone says. It's often hard to be "cool" in today's society without compromising.

For all the rebels who say they don't care anything about being cool, that's fine, but everybody in some regard wants to be, if not needs to be, liked.

People don't go straight to a party that starts at 9 because they'll look like losers who have nothing better to do than arrive early and wait on all the other obviously cooler people (who are without a doubt at some apartment pre-partying). It's a confidence thing.

Bravery, audacity, courage – whatever you want to call it – often goes unrewarded in our social culture, unless, of course, you're famous. By the way, if you're famous, you can go ahead and stop reading



The Bottom Line

Trey Porter  
Staff Columnist

this, as it probably won't relate well with your life.

For the few brave souls out there who throw off their insecurities early and on time, they get nothing for it because no one is there. Thus, they leave and call all their friends and say it's a bad party.

So the hunt continues. All the small colonies of pre-partiers across the county have to search for another party that hasn't been black-listed or bashed yet by one of their brave, victim-of-circumstance friends.

Why? Why the irony, why the foolishness? Can't we all just party together?

Here's the solution: At the next pre-party you go to, ask if you can have the floor to make an announcement. Then talk your small band of insecure fun-seekers into joining forces with others like you, and when the liked numbers are substantial, go to the party right then. Who cares if it's early or if it's not crowded? You'll have so many people coming it won't matter.

Your work is not done, my brave friend. The duty now rests with you to continue this practice each and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Also, make sure you train a replacement for when you graduate.

Can you imagine what a world without pre-partying would be like? My hope is that one day we'll all be able to go to parties early and enjoy life together in unity.

The bottom line is pre-partying is wrong, and just because your friends are doing it doesn't mean you have to. ♦

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## WHAT A SCHMUCK!!

*Sidelines'* occasional watch for mutton-heads.

We've never been interested in bungee jumping. There's the horrible sense of falling, followed by that terrifying idea that you're about to smack into the ground. Just when you start wondering if the cord has snapped, you're then have to bounce around for a while.

Of course, if you really wanted to crank up the intensity, you could re-enact what this week's schmuck, from Bristol, England, went through Tuesday. The aforementioned terror wasn't enough for this bright boy. Needing a little something extra, he poured gasoline onto a river's surface and lit the slick. He then made his way up the embankment to the Clifton suspension bridge.

Once there, he climbed over the suicide barriers that were preventing pedestrian access to the bridge's edge. Suicide barriers are there for a couple of reasons: to physically prevent people from doing a dumb thing and to make people think more about it before doing the dumb thing. But this man would heed no warning. He tied himself



by the ankles and dove off the edge.

At some point during his fall, he realized what a horrible mistake he had made and began screaming uncontrollably. As he hit the water, his body became engulfed in flames.

Those who have bungee jumped will tell you that you're supposed to cut yourself loose. But this guy couldn't, or wouldn't, free himself and went through the flames again.

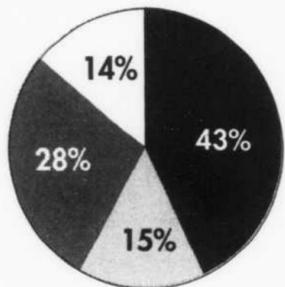
With a blackened face and scarred hands, he swam to shore where a van with people inside waited to drive him away. Police say there was also a man filming the ordeal. The man is currently in the hospital for first-degree burns, and doctors expect him to be there until tomorrow. Maybe the week in bed will give him time to reconsider his calling in life. ♦

Original story from [www.thisisbristol.co.uk](http://www.thisisbristol.co.uk), posted Jan. 20.

## Sidelines online poll results

Last week we asked readers, "Should Sigma Alpha Epsilon receive punishment for hazing?"

Here's what you had to say:



Yes, Hazing, while comical in 1980s college movies, is no way for a fraternity to behave.

Yes. Lock them up and throw away the key. Or at least make them hold up a five-pound paddle before we give it back.

No. It's Social Darwinism at it's best.

No. I've been an SAE for years, and I've never once been hazed.

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## Students celebrate Japanese New Year



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Traditional Japanese dance performances are just part of the evening festivities.

### Foreign traditions and customs encountered on campus Thursday

By DeAnna Withrow  
Staff Writer

The Foundation House was packed Saturday night as hundreds of numerous nationalities poured through the doors to join in the festivities of the Japanese New Year.

Kiyoshi Kawahito, director of MTSU's Japan-U.S. Program, accounts for the largest turnout ever at approximately 150 people.

"It's the largest crowd we've ever had," he says.

This is possibly the 10th year

he has sponsored the event, though he admits he's lost track.

The night began with a potluck buffet. The menu was as diverse as the guests, ranging in everything from pizza to sushi.

There was something for everyone, though no one seemed to be as pleased as a few Japanese students, who were delighted to taste the greatly missed delicacies of home cooking.

As the plates begin to empty, a frenzy of introductions spread throughout the house. Friends

introducing friends, and strangers meeting strangers who ended up in the same corner.

Everyone has a special story that has somehow brought him or her here.

Luke Dickerson is a student at MTSU whose parents had been missionaries in Japan for 10 years.

He spent the first four and a half years of his life there, and although he doesn't remember much, the experience has left him partial to Japanese culture.

He was among the group of

Japanese students lingering around the home cooked buffet.

"I think this is a great way for the Japanese culture to present themselves to the community in a positive light," he says as he pops another kuri, or Japanese chestnut, into his mouth.

Kasane Sekiya is also a student at MTSU. She is here from Japan for one semester to study English.

"I'm not here to study English as much as I am here to study in English," she admits.

Sekiya is an English major at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan, and plans to graduate in 2005, at which point she has no idea what she will do with her degree.

Tonight, she is fully dressed in a traditional kimono. She volunteered with a number of other girls to learn a traditional Japanese dance and perform in honor of the new year.

Her dance teacher is Aki Dean, who has been dancing for 20 years. Alone, Dean gives the

first performance of the night. She dances the Setsu Gekka, which means "snow, moon, flower."

Kawahito attempts to quiet the audience as he introduces her, but a true calm doesn't come over the room until the music begins and the small elderly woman breaks into motion.

Her movements are precise and intricate. There is a sense that tradition has entered the house now and to speak would be disrespectful not only to her, but to the preceding generations who devoted themselves to creating and mastering such a beautiful art form.

She dances next with Sekiya and the other volunteers, leading them through a more festive piece. Though they all maintain a solemn look while performing, their faces quickly reveal excitement when the music is over.

Following the dancers is Sean Horenstein, who charms the audience with the whimsical notes of a Celtic harp. The talented jazz singer/harpist is a

long time fan of Japanese music and performed "Sakura Sakura," a Japanese piece, in honor of the night's festivities.

The last great performance of the night is Ken Kawano, master of Kyushu style karate. The audience gasps as he demonstrates at close range the artistic use of the sai, two knives dangerously loaded with three sharp points each. His foot and hand work are both graceful and powerful.

The night's lineup ends with door prizes. Sponsors are overwhelmed with donations and there is enough to give almost everyone something to take home.

As guests make their way to the door, a few still linger to exchange numbers with new friends and the homesick Japanese students salvage what they can from buffet leftovers.

Anyone interested in the Japan-US Program should contact Kawahito at 898-5751 or 898-2229. The program is always eager to see new faces. ◆

## Camera phones raise debate on privacy issues

By Juanita Thoun  
Staff Writer

The room is filled with laughter and more than a few loud voices. It's midnight and the party is in full swing.

Tom, already inebriated, is falling all over himself and Jen is off in the corner flirting with Brad. Then some of the guys decide to have a chugging contest.

"Oooh. Now here's a Kodak moment," you say to yourself. So you whip out your picture phone and snap a picture.

While some see picture

doors for informing the masses, it also set the stage for couch potatoes. Likewise, while automobiles permit us to travel more freely, they also cause traffic deaths.

He says camera phones create the same paradoxes — all revolving around the issues of privacy.

Over the past few months, the press has widely reported incidents of camera phone privacy abuse in health clubs, public restrooms and swimming pools.

However, businesses and governmental agencies grapple with more sinister abuses of privacy.

To prevent undercover police from surreptitiously having their pictures taken during closed trials, the Oakland County, Calif., courthouse recently banned camera phones from its premises.

Likewise, concerns over corporate and government espionage have led companies such as DaimlerChrysler, General Motors and Lockheed Martin Corporation to also ban picture phones; they don't want photos of their latest designs getting into the hands of competitors or foreign governments. (USA Today, Jan. 12)

On the positive side of the issue, as reported in the Aug. 18, 2003, issue of *Global Wire* and Dec. 22, 2003, issue of *Business Week*, some fire and rescue services use picture phones to send visual information to hospital consultants and small business owners use them to transmit photos of everything from fence parts to real estate to suppliers and customers.

In early August of last year,

*The Record*, a newspaper serving Clifton, NJ, reported that a quick-thinking 15-year-old snapped a photo of a would-be abductor's license plate, resulting in the perpetrator's arrest.

So, with the bad pulling

system called Safe Haven.

When installed, Safe Haven sets up a privacy zone by sending out a signal that announces its presence. The cell phone would then disable its photo capabilities without affecting

purposes?" Reiter asks on his Web site, [www.reiter.com](http://www.reiter.com).

Edward Kimbrell, MTSU journalism professor and champion of free expression, takes a different stance.

"There is no reason on earth

Aronberg, has introduced a bill into the Florida legislature to combat voyeuristic uses of photo cameras.

His bill would prohibit "secretly viewing, recording or broadcasting images of another person for the purpose of entertainment, sexual arousal, profit or abuse" when the victim is in a location that "provides a reasonable expectation of privacy" as well as prohibit filming or recording "under or through" a person's clothing in those same circumstances.

Also, according to a Nov. 13, 2003 issue of *ComputerWire*, the Korean government, in an effort to find a compromise between outright ban and a hands off approach, has ordered camera phone makers to program devices to emit a 65 decibel beep whenever a picture is taken or a video recorded.

Locally, Maj. Bill Kennedy of the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department says student use of all cell phones is currently off-limits on school grounds.

Sgt. Keith Sanders of the Murfreesboro police department says all cell phone use is off-limits in a courtroom but he does not know of any city-wide legislation prohibiting camera phone use.

Pondillo says society is still coming to terms with the "Wild West of cyber technology" and everyone needs to be mindful of what they're doing.

Sarah Mauss, a senior journalism major, isn't too worried about the problem.

"I think it's (camera phone technology) a rip off and you don't get very good pictures out of them." ◆

**"All new technology makes a deal with the devil."**

-Robert Pondillo  
assistant professor, digital media communication

phones as purveyors of harmless fun, others realize the potential for danger.

"All new technology makes a deal with the devil," Robert Pondillo, assistant professor of digital media communication, says.

Pondillo says that while the advent of television opened



Photo Illustration by Micah Miller | Photo Editor

Use of camera phones have been reported in health clubs, public restrooms, and swimming pools.

against the good, how does society find common ground?

"It's a question of regaining control over our technology," Pondillo says.

A company based in the United Kingdom is trying to do just that.

In conjunction with the IP licensing firm Sensaura, the mobile technology company Iceberg Systems has designed a

the phone use.

The downside is that the cell phone must be programmed to read the Safe Haven signal.

Alan A. Reiter, a wireless consultant from Maryland, sees another downside.

"Once you can block functions for legitimate purposes, what's to stop some companies and governments from jamming functions for political

they should not ban a camera phone," Kimbrell says.

Kimbrell insists that personal freedom cannot encroach upon the legitimate rights of businesses or individuals to maintain secrecy or privacy.

While the battle between banning or not banning continues, lawmakers are coming up with their own solutions.

Florida state Sen. Dave

## Dear Jonathan,



Jonathan  
Hicks

A new semester has started up and I hope all of you had a great break. Mine was pretty good, but when I go home my family decides I'm the tech support in the house and I'm usually running around fixing everyone's computer. That's the price for going into computer science, I suppose.

One of the most common questions I get is, "Why do I get so much spam?" This is kind of an interesting question, so I've decided to delve deeper into the subject. Not only will I cover why you may get a lot of spam but also how you can protect your computer from more spam, or viruses.

The first question is simple: You get a lot of spam because you have an e-mail account. What many spam companies do is simply send out an e-mail to a large block of addresses such as [lucy1lucy9999]@yahoo.com. Many of those addresses may not even exist, but a spammer doesn't have to pay postage so this will cost them almost nothing.

So, now you may be asking, "How do they know which addresses are real so they can send more spam?" If you respond to one of their messages, they may have something attached to the e-mail saying, "If you don't want anymore, click here." As soon as you click you have to go to their Web address and enter your e-mail again. That's how they know your e-mail is real — you just told them. This is a cruel trick and one you need to watch out for. Not all companies do this, but just ignore the e-mail altogether.

There are some unwritten rules about e-mail that you should know, too. First, don't open e-mail from someone you don't know. This may be difficult, but it is for your own good. Many times I'll get mail from people like Mike or Julie with a header that reads "What's up, dude?" I'm not falling for it. I don't know these people and as soon as I open the message it will take me to some porn link.

The next thing to remember: is never download something from someone you don't know. There is a virus waiting for you in that attachment and you only have yourself to blame. I actually worked at a company where people would download a virus and accidentally install it, not once, but twice. I can understand once, but why did they open the e-mail again, download the attachment, unzip the program and then run it for a second time.

Finally, most online e-mail sites have some way to mark e-mail as bulk mail or spam. This is really useful and, if you don't use it right, now you should. This just makes everyone's life easier because, not only will it help to stop spam from coming to you, but it will also help to stop it from spreading to others.

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# Illusionist shares both magic, spirituality

By Abby Sliger  
Staff writer

Magic filled Tucker Theater Thursday night — literally.

Andre Kole, a world-renowned illusionist and magician performed at MTSU last Thursday, in a performance sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ.

"Any 8-year-old child can do what I do — with 15 years of practice," Kole jokes.

He has traveled through 79 countries on five continents performing amazing tricks and sharing the word of God, he says.

The evening began with Kole's appearance from out of thin air on a giant fan.

His demonstrations use the natural to show the paranormal, he says.

Kole divides his performance into two parts, which are separated by an intermission.

The first part is strictly magic. The second part includes magic, spirituality and a display of God.

Kole always gives the audience the choice to leave in the middle of the second act with no embarrassment if the spiritual part may offend them.

Though he performs for a variety of groups, he says his favorite audiences are college students. He has performed at 3,000 colleges and universities in over 70 countries, he says.

MTSU students Lydia Turner and Obi Egbuji enjoy the show and found the message moving.

"The show was great. It's important to include God," Turner said.

Egbuji said he would see Andre Kole again and that his favorite part was when Kole levitated.

MTSU students were not the only people who attended the performance. Over the years, Kole has acquired a large following.



Photo by Seth Holland | Staff Photographer

Andre Kole performs his magic show all over the world.

lowing.

People who saw him perform 20 or 30 years ago tell him the spiritual part of his performance made an impact on their lives, Kole says.

Approximately 30 magicians also attended the show. Before the performance, Kole treated them to a private message.

"I wouldn't do magic just to do it," Kole says, "I enjoy magic, but I love sharing the message. That's the most important part."

"Magicians deal with many illusions, but God is not an illusion," he adds. "It's most important to know Him in life."

The performance concludes the performance with a trick fellow magician David

Copperfield developed — the disappearance of the Statue of Liberty.

Kole modified the trick for the stage with an 11-foot replica of the famous statue.

The illusion was done in slow motion from the bottom up. "Born in the USA," by Bruce Springsteen played in the background as the curtain dropped and the statue vanished.

Kole himself stood where the statue had. The curtain rose and with a burst of red, white and blue confetti, he was gone.

It's true. A magician never reveals his tricks.

"Well," Kole says, "they never reveal their tricks on purpose." ♦

## New workout trends help students sweat in style

By Lauren Smith  
The Battalion

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE STATION, Texas — When professor Klump lost all of his weight in *The Nutty Professor*, he wanted spandex, all spandex. For most, especially women, spandex remains an object to be feared as it hides nothing.

Exercisers often forget that there is a stylish middle ground between spandex outfits and an oversized T-shirt and tattered shorts.

Leah Venable, a lecturer in the health and kinesiology department at Texas A&M University and a personal trainer at Gold's Gym, suggests a Nike combination of shorts and a sport-bra-fit tank top for girls.

"Spandex should have never been invented, and too many people wear it that should not," Venable said. "But it does serve a purpose for bikers, just not in the weight room."

While spandex is on the outs for most, velour tracksuits, made famous by the ultimate diva, Jennifer Lopez, are hot right now for women, as not only exercise attire, but an outfit for class as well. Although the style

originated with designer labels such as BCBG and Juicy Couture, Nike has jumped on the bandwagon, making the style more affordable, and has designed them more for athletic, rather than fashion, purposes.

Texas A&M student Jennifer Major from Houston, sports her velour tracksuit around campus as well as the university recreation center.

"The outfit is incredibly comfortable," Frank said. "It is slimming, too, because it is all one color and you look cute no matter what setting you are in."

Even though there seem to be more options available for women's workout attire, there is opportunity to add to a man's style in the weight room.

Venable said she believes more is said, and guys should choose shorts that come to mid-thigh, steering clear of short shirts with no sleeves and tank tops," Venable said. "No, it's not cool, it just makes you look like you are trying to be cool."

"A typical T-shirt, like Nike or Abercrombie and Fitch, with pants work well for guys and usually looks very good," she

said.

The exercise clothes at the mall are usually more expensive, and stores such as Target and Ross Dress For Less often carry the same brands at a significantly lower cost.

"What a lot of people do not realize is that can find workout clothes that are attractive, inexpensive and serve the purpose of intent," Venable said. ♦

## Campus Calendar

Monday, Jan. 26

Honors Lecture Series  
Martin Honors Building  
Room 106, 3 p.m.  
Topic: "Tough Choices in Higher Education"  
Speaker: MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee.  
For information, call 898-2152.

Men's Basketball game  
New Mexico State  
Murphy Center 7 PM

Friday, Jan. 30  
Basketball Alumni Reunion  
Foundation House, 7 p.m.  
For information, call 898-5563.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

"The Best Gown You'll Ever Wear" Contest  
Display through Jan. 28  
KUC, Cummings Hall and Recreation Center,  
For information, call 898-2193.

Men's Basketball Jan 31 UL-Lafayette (SB) Murphy Center 7 PM  
Track Jan 31 Middle Tennessee Classic Murphy Center Indoor

Wednesday, Jan. 28

Summer Jobs/Internships Fair  
JUB Tennessee Room, 11 a.m.  
For information, call 898-2500.

Saturday, Jan. 31  
Governor's School For the Arts  
Auditions  
BDA Studio Theatre, 8 a.m.  
For more information, call 898-2223.

MTSU Women's Studies Program Research Series

JUB Room 100, 3:30 p.m.  
Topic: "Younger Women's Relationship with the Going On? What's Women's Movement?"  
Dr. Susan Trentham, director, June Anderson Women's Center  
For information, call 898-5910.

Saxophone Festival  
WMB Music Hall, all day;  
Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
For information, call 898-2493.

Paso Fino Clinic  
Through Feb. 1  
Tennessee Livestock Center  
For information, call 898-5575.

Thursday, Jan. 29

"An Introduction to the Nuts and Bolts of Classroom Research"  
Alumni Center, 8 a.m.  
For information, call 904-8753.

Sunday, Feb. 1  
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Black History Month  
"Gospel Extravaganza"  
Tucker Theatre, free, 3 p.m.  
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Study Abroad Fair  
KUC Second Floor, 9 a.m.  
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JUB Room 206, 7 p.m.  
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Monday, January 26, 2004

Murfreesboro, Tenn.

## Tennis squad splits two, losing to Kentucky

By Colby Sledge  
Assistant Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team split a pair of matches last week to open the 2004 spring season.

For Marlene Kruse, though, the weekend included an exceptional personal victory.

The Lady Raiders swept Austin Peay State University 7-0 Thursday at the Racquet Club of Murfreesboro.

MT then lost 5-2 to No. 15 University of Kentucky (4-0) on Saturday, but not before Kruse knocked off No. 23 Aibika Kalsariva in a major upset.

Kruse, No. 54 in the nation, defeated Kalsariva in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2 in the No. 1 singles match.

The win served as a measure of revenge for Kruse, who, along with doubles partner Karlene Venter, lost to Sarah Foster and Kalsariva 8-5 in the No. 1 doubles match.

Kruse and Venter were ranked No. 31 coming into the match; Foster and Kalsariva were unranked.

MT's other point came when Jenny Klaschka defeated Foster 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles match.

In the other doubles matches Saturday, Lady Raiders Klaschka and Laura McNamara defeated Joelle Schwenk and Lara Maurer 9-7 in the No. 2 showdown.

UK's Kim Coventry and Liis Sober defeated Ana Marie Cibils and Jacqui Williams 8-5 at No. 3.

In singles, Schwenk defeated Venter 7-5, 6-4; Maurer defeated McNamara 6-3, 6-3; UK's Christine Simpson defeated Cibils 6-0, 6-3; and Coventry defeated MT's Emily Vest 6-0, 7-5 in the 3-6 matches, respectively.

Thursday, the Lady Raiders had no trouble with in-state rival APSU (0-1). Cibils and Williams' 8-4 victory over Lennie Mills and Cindy Wall in the No. 3 doubles match

was as close as the Lady Governors came to defeating MT in seven matches.

In the other doubles matches, No. 30 Kruse and Venter defeated Isabelle Rzeznickzek and Nikke Tafolla 8-1 in the No. 1 match, while Klaschka and McNamara defeated Elizabeth Whelpey and Alana Carere 8-1 at No. 2.

Singles play featured two MT shutouts as Klaschka defeated Mills 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2, and McNamara blanked Rzeznickzek 6-0, 6-0 at No. 4.

In the rest of the singles action, Kruse defeated Whelpey 6-0, 6-1 at No. 1; Venter beat Tafolla 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3; Cibils decimated Wall 6-1, 6-2 at No. 5; and Vest put down Carere 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 6 match.

The Lady Raiders' next match is Feb. 3 at home against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga. ♦



Photo provided by MT Media Relations

Lady Raider Manon Kruse, No. 59 in the media, defeated University of Kentucky's Kalsariva on Saturday.

## MT men defeat New Orleans 78-75

By Katy Hamlett  
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee played its second overtime game of the Sun Belt Conference season Saturday, defeating the Western Division's second-ranked University of New Orleans 78-75.

The Blue Raiders charged out to an early lead, scoring eight points in the first three minutes while keeping the Privateers from scoring until 3:16 had expired. Junior guard Mike Dean quickly countered the first Privateer field goal by scoring his first three-pointer of the game.

Freshman point guard Bryan Smithson forced a turnover on UNO senior guard Johnell Smith resulting in a field goal by freshman Kyle Young, increasing MT's lead to 13-2. The Blue Raiders held the biggest advantage of the game when the clock read 11:48, leading the Privateers 23-7.

UNO turned up the heat during the following six minutes, holding the Raiders to two points, forcing three MT turnovers and drawing fouls from freshman forward Alex Weekes, Young and Dean.

A turnover by Smithson at the 5:40 minute mark led to a three by UNO sophomore guard Billy McDade, bringing the Privateers within three points at 25-22.

"For about a 15-minute period, UNO played better than any team that has played against us," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "They outscored us, they guarded us, and they were very efficient offensively."

MT junior guard Michael Cuffee pulled the Blue Raiders out of their scoring rut at the 5:02 minute mark with two free throws only to be followed by three MTSU turnovers and a foul on senior forward Steven Jackson. After trailing by 16 points, the Privateers ended the first half within two points of MT with a score of 34-32.

UNO's small but hostile crowd came alive during the second half, breathing new life to the Privateers defense, which came into the game ranked second in the SBC.

Despite freshman guard Michael Cuffee's opening dunk, UNO forced five turnovers in five minutes and held the

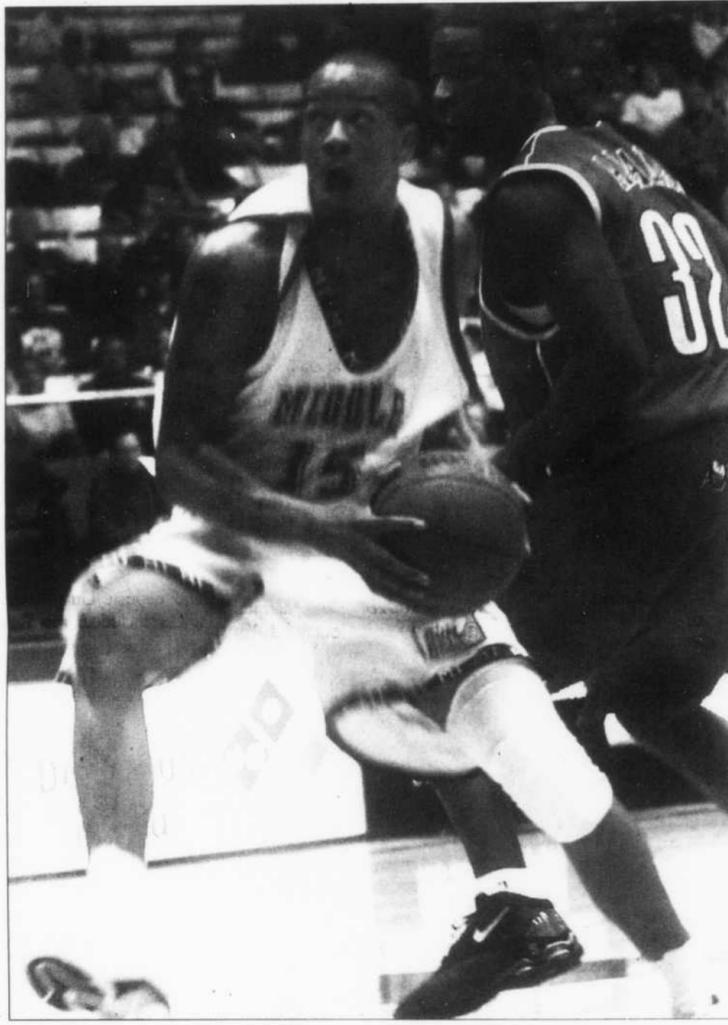


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MT guard Mike Dean powers his way to the basket on Saturday.

Blue Raiders to two field goals. The Privateers pulled ahead 47-38 with 14:31 left in the game.

After a timeout the Blue Raiders decreased the Privateer lead to four with a

three by Dean and two free throws by Cuffee. With MT trailing 47-43 with 12 minutes to go, Gunn committed his third

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## Dean scores double figures in victory

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Writer

Four Blue Raiders scored in double figures, led by Mike Dean with 19 points, as Middle Tennessee defeated the University of South Alabama 72-63 Thursday night in Mobile, Ala.

MT held the Jaguars to 29 percent shooting from the field in the first half while shooting 60 percent as they built a 37-23 lead at the intermission.

"We felt after watching tape that South Alabama was playing better," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "I thought we came out and played very well, and I

think the key stat when you're playing South Alabama is to do, which we did tonight."

USA was led by freshman point guard Carlos Smith, who scored a career-high 16 points on 6 of 10 shooting.

"Shots just weren't falling for us tonight," Smith said. "I think we shot like 30 percent in the first half, if that, and you just can't win like that."

Freshman Alex Weekes provided a spark off the bench with two dunks, two assists and a blocked shot during a 12-2 Blue Raider run that helped extend their lead to 10. The 6-foot-6-inch forward from Atlanta also hit a fadeaway

jumper with three seconds left in the first half to give MT its 14-point halftime advantage.

"We've really been working on offense in practice," Weekes said. "I'm really comfortable in there with Steven [Jackson, who Weekes assisted twice in the game], and we know where the other one is going to be, so that makes it easier."

The Blue Raiders only managed nine field goals in the second half, but after USA cut the Blue Raiders' lead to double digits at 57-50, Mike Dean hit a three-pointer from the left wing to extend the advantage back to double digits with 6:01 remaining.

The Blue Raiders hit 6 of 6

free throws down the stretch and 83.3 percent for the game. Meanwhile, the Jaguars missed the front end of three crucial one-and-one opportunities.

"It's disappointing," USA head coach John Pelphrey said. "Earlier this year we were a young immature team who played hard mainly because we were scared of what the season might hold. You just didn't see that tonight."

The victory was the Blue Raiders' second consecutive win over the Jaguars. MT defeated USA 72-69 last season in the Sun Belt Conference tournament quarterfinals. ♦



Photo by Steve Cross | Staff Photographer

Blue Raider Trevor Short hits the ball back to a Hoosier on Saturday. MT lost to No. 51 ranked Indiana.

## Kermit's boys number one in Eastern Division

By Jared Hastings  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee men's basketball team returned home Sunday in sole possession of first place in the Sun Belt Conference Eastern Division.

Mike Dean and Tommy Gunn had huge roles in accomplishing that feat as the two guards continued to show why they are the premiere backcourt duo in the conference.

"These were big wins for us," MT head coach Kermit Davis said. "Mike

hit some big threes for us, Tommy had some nice finishes, and they both played great defense for us."

Gunn and Dean combined for 80 points in the two road wins as the Blue Raiders pulled off their first-ever SBC road sweep by defeating the University of South Alabama 73-62 on Thursday, followed by a dramatic 78-75 overtime win over the University of New Orleans Saturday night.

"Our coaches have a lot of confidence in us," Gunn said. "They look to us to make shots. With so many young

guys on the team, the coaches look to me and Mike to step up and make shots and be leaders."

The senior from Syracuse, N.Y., scored a game-high 27 points Saturday, including seven of the Blue Raiders' nine points in overtime while playing the last 14 minutes with four fouls.

Gunn also had two key blocks in the extra period and hit two free throws to clinch the game after UNO head coach Monte Towe was whistled for a technical foul while trying to call a timeout when the Privateers had none remain-

ing. Dean continued to be the league's top threat from behind the three-point arc, hitting a total of eight on the trip.

Dean had four key threes in the second half of the win over UNO, but his biggest basket came from much closer.

With the Blue Raiders trailing by one, the 6-foot-3-inch junior took the ball down the lane and laid it up off the glass with 2.7 seconds remaining. He finished with 23 points on the game.

"I always want a chance to win the game at the end," said Dean, who earlier

had his potential game-winning shot blocked at the end of regulation. "I should have ended it then, but it went to overtime and Tommy took over in overtime and I was able to hit that shot at the end."

Both players kept the intensity up on the defensive end of the court as well.

On Thursday, Dean held USA leading scorer Chris Young to eight points, and Gunn finished the trip with four steals and four blocked shots. ♦

## Basketball: Blue Raiders 3-1 in Sun Belt

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personal foul, resulting in a UNO possession and a subsequent field goal by senior guard Kyle Buggs.

MT responded with another Dean three-pointer only to be answered with two layups by UNO freshmen point guard Bo McCalebs. That gave the Privateers their largest lead at 56-46 with 9:32 left in the half.

After hitting a free throw, Gunn committed his fourth personal foul with 9:15 left but remained in the game. During the following three minutes, UNO committed two turnovers and two fouls, allowing MT to decrease the lead to 60-58 with 6:04 left on the clock.

A UNO three and two free throws from junior forward Victor Brown stretched the Privateer lead back to seven. Young and Cuffee then hit two field goals, and another three by Dean tied the game at 65 with 1:33 left to play. Both teams then exchanged baskets to force the game into overtime with a tie at 67.

Though he was playing with four personal fouls, senior Tommy Gunn led MT to victory in the extra session with one blocked shot, one forced turnover and seven total points from UNO.

"I knew I had to stay aggressive because it was an aggressive game," Gunn said afterward. Trailing by one after Dean

made a layup with .01 seconds left to go in overtime, UNO called a timeout. Unfortunately for the Privateers, they didn't have any timeouts remaining and were hit with a technical foul.

Gunn sank both free throws to end the game.

Dean had one of his best games of the season, scoring 23 points, including five three-point shots.

"This was a good effort by everybody to get the two-win sweep on the road," Dean said after the game.

The Blue Raiders return to Murphy Center Thursday to take on New Mexico State University at 7 p.m. ♦

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## Lady Raiders defeat New Orleans 67-47

By Jori Rice  
Staff Writer

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team (12-5, 2-2) defeated the University of New Orleans (6-10, 2-3) 67-47 Saturday night.

MT had a positive assist show at the half with 12 and nine steals.

"For the first 32 minutes, it was the prettiest game of basketball that we played all year long," MT head coach Stephany Smith said.

In fact, the main important focuses for the Lady Raiders were taking away baseline, blocking out, and having control of the basketball against the press.

MT played different defenses throughout the game switching from man-to-man and zone.

"Man-to-man is our best defense," Smith said.

The Lady Raiders grabbed 24 defensive rebounds, and UNO had 17 in the final half.

UNO snatched 14 offensive boards while MT finished with nine.

"We need to work on boxing out," senior Keisha McClinic said.

McClinic tied her career-best with eight steals and also scored 10 points.

Patrice Holmes finished in

double figures for the 15th time this season with 16 points.

"I wanted to go in there and give my effort," Holmes said.

Freshman Krystle Horton had 15 points and eight rebounds, and sophomore Tia Stovall scored 10 points off the bench.

The Lady Raiders had four players in double figures. Nine players saw playing time for MT.

UNO played 11 players but only one had double figures. Senior Monique Taylor scored 12 points for the Lady Privateers.

The Lady Raiders are currently on a two-game winning streak after last Thursday's 56-55 victory over the University of South Alabama and Saturday's win.

The two victories come after MT dropped its first two Sun Belt Conference contests against Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Little Rock two weeks ago.

"That week was very emotionally for us, but these two games showed how this team is able to bounce back and get focus," Smith said.

MT heads back on the road this week to take on New Mexico State University Thursday and the University of Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. ♦

## MT women 2-2 in conference play

By Jon Leffew  
Staff Writer

After starting Sun Belt Conference play with two straight losses, the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team looked to open its home conference schedule with a win over the University of South Alabama last Thursday.

Despite going almost seven minutes without a basket to begin the second half, the Lady Raiders used a furious comeback and tough defense to come away with a 56-55 victory.

"Until the first media timeout of the second half, I was really frustrated with our defense," MT head coach Stephany Smith said. "I was very frustrated trying to get us to pressure the ball, but once we did that, I thought our offensive drought took care of itself."

After the drought ended, the Lady Raiders fought back for their first SBC win of 2004.

A jumper from Patrice Holmes gave the Lady Raiders a 55-53 lead with 1:09 remaining.

After Whitney Woodard missed a jumper, the Lady Raiders gained possession

with 29.2 seconds left in the game.

MT then missed three out of four free throw attempts, including two by Krystle Horton after USA pulled to 56-55. Woodard grabbed the rebound with nine seconds left, but Qiana Mitchell's 12-foot jump shot at the buzzer rimmed out.

Woodard led all scorers with 24 points in the game, shooting 7 of 10 from the field. She was the only Lady Jaguar in double figures, however.

"We just couldn't execute," USA head coach Rick Pietri told www.southalabama.edu. "We have some things that we need to get fixed, and we'll just have to see if our team is willing to do the type things they need to get them fixed."

Three Lady Raiders scored in double figures. Holmes scored 14 to go along with 10 rebounds. Krystle Horton added 13 and Ciara Gray scored 10.

MT led 28-27 at halftime despite shooting 38 percent from the field. The Lady Raiders defense forced 10 first-half turnovers, and MT came away with 10 offensive rebounds in the first half.

The Lady Jaguars shot 42 percent from the field in the first half, including 5 of 12 from three-point range. However, the Lady

Raiders held USA to two three-pointers on four attempts in the second half.

Woodard led the Lady Jaguars with 11 points in the first half, while Horton scored 10 for the Lady Raiders.

Woodard and her teammates came out on fire in the second half, leading by as much as 12 points with 12 minutes remaining in the second half.

Horton ended the Lady Raiders' dry spell when she came away with a three-point play after grabbing an offensive rebound.

A layup by Tia Stovall with 9:05 tied the game at 45-45, but USA made two consecutive baskets to pull ahead again.

After two free throws by Holmes forced another tie, Woodard scored her final basket of the night to give the Lady Jaguars a 53-51 lead.

Holmes hit a jumper to tie the game once again, and the Lady Raiders' defense forced USA into a shot-clock violation. Holmes then scored her final points of the night to put MT ahead for good.

The Lady Raiders will travel to New Mexico State University on Thursday before heading to the University of Louisiana-Lafayette Feb. 1. ♦

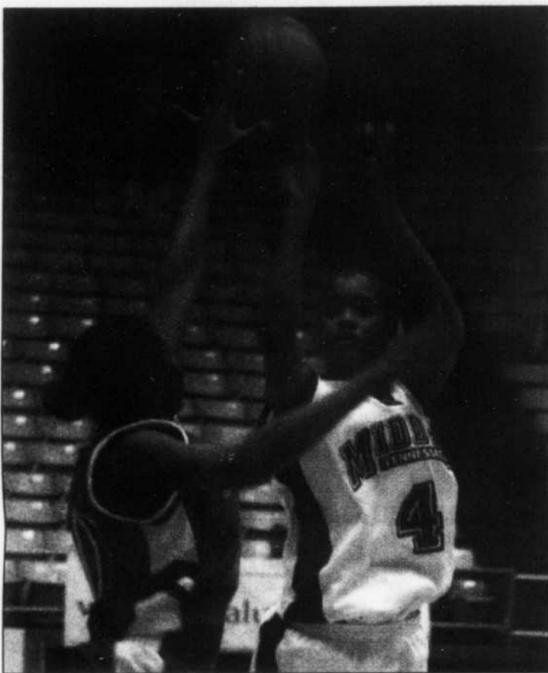


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MT forward Krystle Horton shoots the jumper against New Orleans. Horton has 232 points so far this season.



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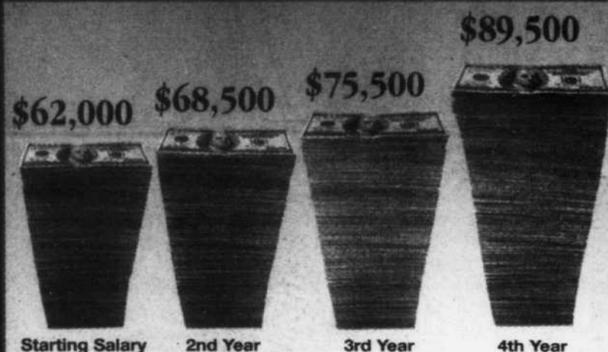


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