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Students show spirit with song



Photo by Andy Harper | Campus Life Editor

Alpha Chi Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Pi and Lambda Theta Alpha perform in '80s-themed attire for Fight Song this past Saturday. The group took first place in the competition over five other competing groups. The performance featured music from "Dirty Dancing" and the DeLorean, the car from "Back to the Future."

By Andy Harper
 Campus Life Editor

To start the Homecoming festivities, Student Life performed their annual "Fight Song" this past Saturday at the Murphy Center.

"It is an MTSU tradition," said Jackie Victory, director of student organizations and community service and Homecoming director. "Along with that, it boosts school spirit and the unity of fight song is an example of student involvement."

Winners of the Fight Song were Alpha Chi Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Pi and Lambda Theta Alpha.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's definitely a fun competitive contest," said Lindsey Stamps, sophomore undeclared and mem-

ber of Alpha Chi Omega. "We then have three weeks of practice almost every night before the competition."

"It's definitely a bittersweet experience that is worth it," said Mary Anna Agelinas, senior broadcast major and member of Alpha Chi Omega.

Fight Song is a performance competition where several campus organizations form groups and construct a performance around the year's Homecoming theme.

"Anybody can participate, however, historically, Greeks have been the largest group to participate," said Gentry McCreary, director of Greek Life. "I do know that the Homecoming committee is trying to get more student organizations involved, though."

This year, the Homecoming theme is

"Lightning Strikes the Decades." Six groups randomly chose different decades to theme their performances. Time period themes included the 1920s and the 1950s to the 1990s.

"Groups are put together by preference order," McCreary said. "All of the groups submit forms with their top three choices, which are given to the Greek Life board. Selections are based on past pairings as well as quantity. We try to get the group numbers as even as possible. The whole process is completely student-run."

"All the hard work and student involvement with the Greek community really adds much more to the campus experience,"

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Winners of 2006 Fight Song

1st: Alpha Chi Omega
 Beta Theta Pi
 Sigma Pi
 Lambda Theta Alpha

2nd: Alpha Delta Pi
 Sigma Phi Epsilon
 Kappa Alpha
 Alpha Kappa Alpha

3rd: Alpha Omega Pi
 Sigma Nu
 Alpha Tau Omega
 Kappa Alpha Psi

Textbooks prices doubled in the last 20 years

Shorter intervals
 between new editions
 due to used book
 copies entering market

By Blake Boldt
 Staff Writer

When you buy a textbook, you don't just get the book.

In what could be called a twist on media convergence, students walk away from the bookstore register saddled with workbooks, study guides, CDs and passwords for top-secret student-only Web sites. Next thing you know, you'll need a club membership just to open the book.

All these bells and whistles may be fun, but they mean higher costs for students.

The Government Accountability Office, an agency that works for the United State Congress, put out a study which concluded that the price of textbooks has doubled in the last 20 years.

"That's a big problem," said Amy Phelps, who teaches chemistry at MTSU. "The price of the books is astronomical."

Phelps said she believes that the shorter intervals between new textbook editions and the inclusion of graphics and CD-ROMs has resulted in today's textbooks being "more flash than substance."

Publishers report that sales of a new textbook edition fall drastically after one year, when used copies become available, according to the Association of American Publishers Web site. This forces publishers to shorten the intervals between revisions and to raise prices to try to earn back expenses.

"It's a much more complicated issue than when I started playing the game," said Phelps, who noted that she is often inundated with revised versions of unwanted textbooks. Textbook sellers often attempt to pursue professors by using animation and graphics, but these technological tricks give little insight into the content of the textbook, she said.

Phelps said textbooks for her courses have a laidback feel and a friendlier tone.

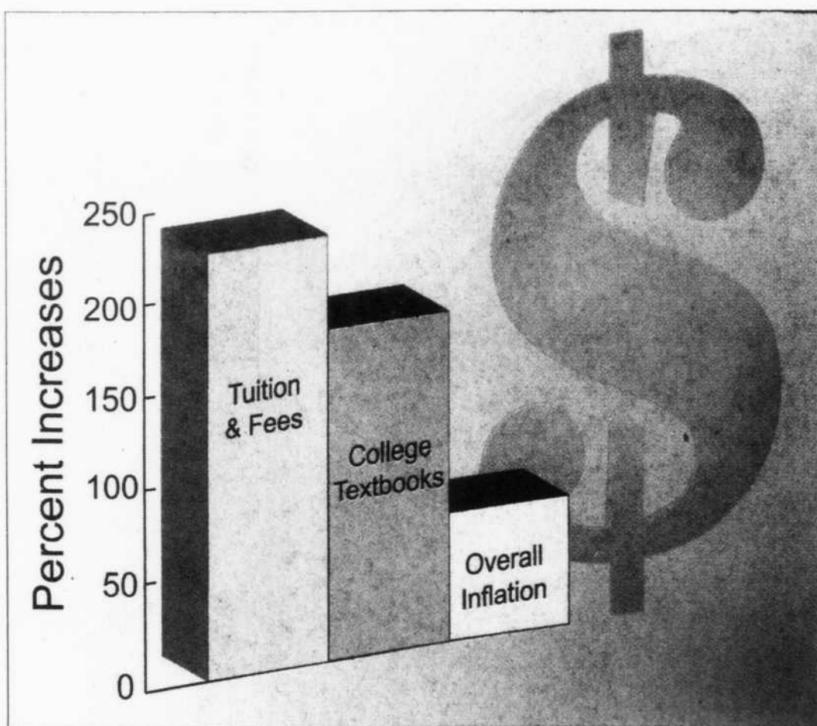
Three local stores — Textbook Brokers, Blue Raider Bookstore and Phillips Bookstore — provide textbooks as requested by faculty members.

However, the Internet is now offering students more customer freedom by allowing them to shop around for better prices.

Regardless of how students access the material, they should understand that the textbook is an important tool within the course, said M. Jill Austin, chair for the management and marketing department.

"The main thing is to actually use the textbook in the class," Austin said. Professors are allowed to select textbooks that best serve their students, which provides instructors with creative freedom to teach a course in an

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Graphic by Chris Carver | Designer

Since 1986 textbook prices have increased at rates which closely follow tuition increases but are double increases in overall inflation. Information provided by the Government Accountability Office.

MT schedule books to go online in fall

By Christina Runkel
Staff Writer

The days of picking up a schedule book and flipping through the pages in preparation for determining your class schedule are nearing over.

Beginning in Fall 2007, the schedule books will cease to exist and the course listings will be available online only, according to the Office of Publications and Graphics.

A new system, Banner Self-service (also known as RaiderNet), will take the place of the current course schedules online.

Suma Clark, director of Publications and Graphics, said that about two-thirds of the students pick-up a schedule book and the new system will take some time to get used to, but will be an improvement over the system currently in place.

"With RaiderNet students can search for more than they can now. For students with minors in Great Books, they will have

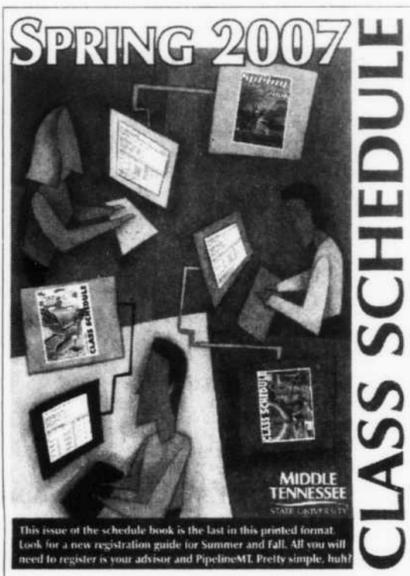
The money previously used for the schedule books will also be used for the printing of class listings. This book will not contain the teachers or times, but will allow the students to view their class options.

"The class options with the schedule books is that it becomes out of date very quickly. Classes are added and taken away, and they cannot be changed in the book," Clark said.

Although many are behind this change, some concerns have been expressed regarding the capability for the new system to handle the load of students searching for classes.

Clark said she is aware of the concerns and that the slow speed of the e-mail system does not relate to RaiderNet and the two will function independently of each other.

She also noted that schools larger than MTSU, such as Virginia Tech, U. of South Florida and Auburn, have all begun successfully using the system.



Graphic courtesy of MT Graphics and Publications Office
The spring 2007 schedule book will be the last printed copy. Course scheduling will be done on the new administrative network called RaiderNet beginning next fall.

an option to click on 'Great Books Minor' and all the classes offered under the minor will show up," Clark said.

The new system will begin April 9 for the fall semester. The 2007 summer sessions, however, will still be selected from WebMT.

The decision to transfer the printed books to an Internet system was made over a year ago based on suggestions by faculty and students in the Records, Student Affairs and Registration offices in an attempt to save money and provide a more up-to-date registration process.

Notices on the cover of the previous two schedule books have alerted students to the upcoming change.

For the 2006 spring, summer and fall semesters, the cost to print a total of 62,000 schedule books was \$54,415.

Although the books will not be printed, MTSU will not save any money in the first couple of years, due to the cost of communicating the changes to students through signs, posters and postcards.

Dennis O'Neal, electronic media communication professor, said he believes that doing away with the printed books is the wrong choice, but knows it is inevitable.

O'Neal primarily uses the schedule books for advising students.

"It's just not the same advising from the Internet than with a book," he said. "It's best to [thumb] through the book to find the coursework."

Clark said she agrees that the new system will be different and hopes the printed class listings will suffice as an advising tool.

"We're making an effort to keep it a painless process," she said. "All people are reluctant to change. The people it will bother most will be the junior and seniors who are accustomed to the books, and can't do it that way anymore."

Clark also said she wants the students and faculty to explore the new system before selecting classes and remember to be patient with it and with themselves.

Contest of Champions

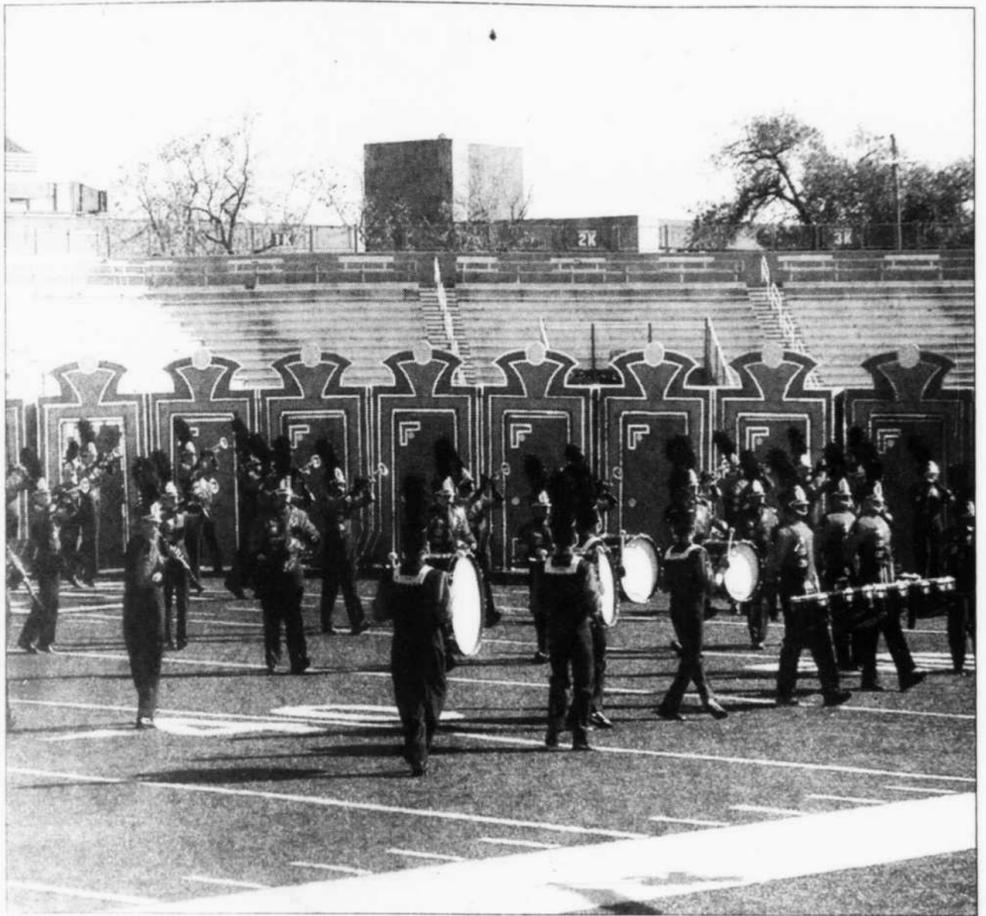


Photo by Andy Harper | Campus Life Editor
MTSU hosted the 45th annual Contest of Champions this past Saturday in which various high school bands, such as John Overton High School (above), performed. "The bands come from all over the Southeast," said TJ Smith, sophomore business major and member of the Band of Blue. "The competition is an invitational." The overall winner of the competition was Dobyns-Bennett High School from Kingsport, Tenn.

Fight Song: Greeks, other students rally spirit

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Victory said.

During the performance, the groups are judged by a variety of people involved with the campus. This year, Elizabeth McPhee, wife of university president Sidney McPhee, and Gene Fitch, associate vice president for

student affairs and dean of student life, were two of the judges.

"All of our judges are non-Greek," Victory said. "Some are staff members, some are alumni, we try to get a real variety so it is as fair as possible."

In addition to fight song, the groups have also built floats to represent their chosen

decades in the homecoming parade.

"They put a lot of time into it," McCreary said. "It is a great way for groups to get together. It's one of those traditions that make MTSU so unique. College campuses around the country all have traditions. Fight Song is ours."

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Lecture to examine ancient disasters

By Josh Hudson
Staff Writer

In past weeks, honor's lectures have examined natural disasters from a human related perspective; at Monday's lecture, disasters will be examined from an archeological view.

Kevin E. Smith, professor and director of the anthropology department, will deliver the lecture titled "Catastrophes and Calamities ARE Ancient History: Cultural Change, Collapse and Transformation in the Face of Natural Disasters."

"Looking at natural disasters from this perspective allows us to get a more objective view of them," Smith said. "It is hard to look at an event like Hurricane Katrina due to the emotional attachment to the catastrophe."

Smith explained that through disasters like Pompeii, the ancient Roman city destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 A.D., we can learn more about the long-term cultural impact of these disasters.

Pompeii will be a main focus

of the lecture, but Smith said he plans to touch on Acrotiri, an ancient city destroyed by a natural disaster that some people believe could be the lost city of Atlantis.

Another concern that will be addressed is the classification of disasters. Natural disasters are often not viewed in the same way as human-caused disasters.

For instance, city fires were a major problem in places like Chicago, and preventative steps were taken in order to deal with the threat, Smith said. When it comes to natural disasters, it seems that the same amount of effort has not been put into warning systems and pre-emptive measures as have been put into human-error disasters.

"A lot of the reaction to a disaster depends on the periodicity of the events, or the length of time between them," Smith said. "If a disaster occurs in an area every 10 years, you will see more preparation in the surrounding communities. If it occurs every 50 years, or every generation, you will see less preparation and

more of a shocked reaction to the event."

The New Madrid fault line, which runs through Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee, is an example of a hazard that is often overlooked. The fault has the potential to cause devastating earthquakes every 300 to 500 years, much like the New Madrid Earthquake of 1812.

"We know there is a possibility for a major disaster, but we have not done anything about it," Smith said.

There is an eight-state disaster drill currently in the planning stages that should be launched sometime in 2007.

"I think the disaster drill, along with the development of Homeland Security and other similar organizations, will help with preparation and response to natural disasters," Smith said.

Smith received his Doctorate in anthropology from Vanderbilt University in 1992.

The lecture will be delivered Monday at 3 p.m. in the Paul W. Martin, Sr. Honors Building, Room 103.

Faces in the Crowd



Photo by Faith Franklin | Staff Photographer

Cristeini Revende, a senior business and finance major and Brazilian foreign exchange student, was working at MacCallie Cafeteria on campus Sunday afternoon.

1) How long have you been at MTSU?

Two months, since the beginning of the semester.

2) Why did you come to MTSU?

I came because my university back home has in agreement with MTSU. It was my last year at my university, which meant my last chance for the exchange program. I also came because MTSU has an economics program

3) How did you end up working here?

I am working here because the value of currency is half the value of the dollar. So it is like I have to pay twice for everything and I want to travel and do other things, so I have to work.

4) What is the most interesting thing that has happened while working here?

The most interesting thing I find that is very different from Brazil is the waste. People throw away everything. I pretend that it is common to me because I work here. Sometimes I see students throw away a whole meal.

5) What is your favorite thing about being in America?

Being in America allows me to have a critical view of my country. I am able to compare the two and see what is right and wrong with each.

Compiled by: Faith Franklin

Textbooks: Costs rise faster than inflation rate

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academically-customized fashion.

Austin said she enjoys the flexibility and believes it adds to the quality of the course.

"You can pick [textbooks] with the kinds of cases you like and the theories you like," Austin said.

Phelps said she agrees that most professors welcome this wide choice.

"I think professors tend to be very much free agents [when selecting textbooks]," Phelps said.

Trixie Smith, director of the writing program at MTSU, completes a careful process in order to choose textbooks that will be beneficial to her students, while alleviating some of the cost.

"I often want to get a book they'll want to keep after the class," Smith said.

Smith said she examines the textbooks that are available and performs a short review. After she completes this step, she does a more extensive review and examines the price of the texts. Fortunately, she said, few companies specialize in publishing text-

books designed for English courses.

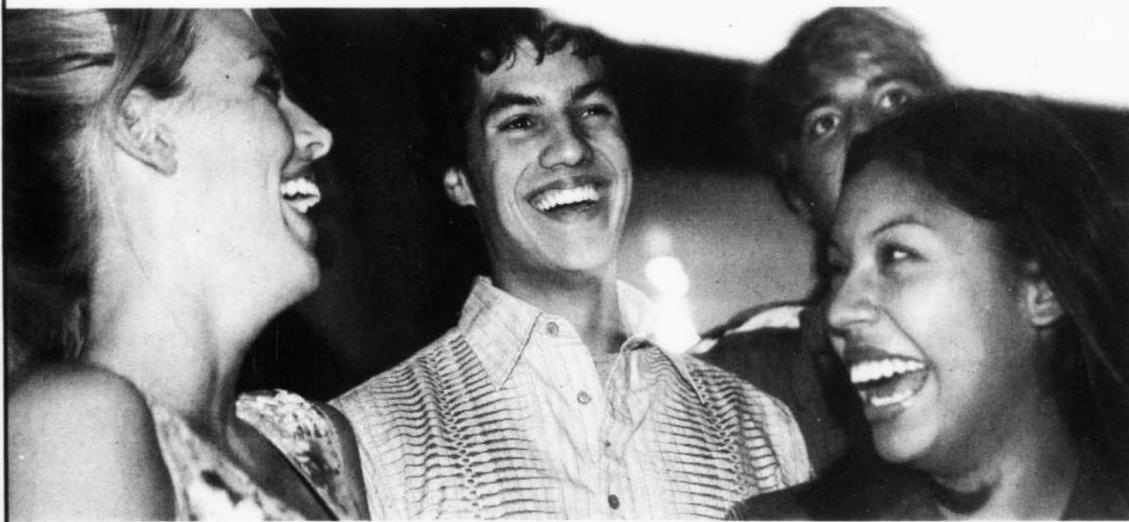
"Textbooks are definitely a market area, and there's not a lot of competition in our [English] department," Smith said.

Through the Phillips Bookstore Web site, faculty have the ability to select their chosen textbooks for the next semester, review textbook critiques from other faculty members and add supplemental materials where appropriate for the course. Instructors in each department can also gather to discuss the best textbooks.

"Faculty meet and talk about possible selections," Austin said. "We have textbook [representatives] that have visited us [to show their new collections]."

Phelps said she believes that this coordination with other faculty members makes selections easier.

"We like to use the same textbooks for multiple sections of a course," Phelps said, adding that general courses contain more diversity among textbooks, but materials in specific majors are often comparable.

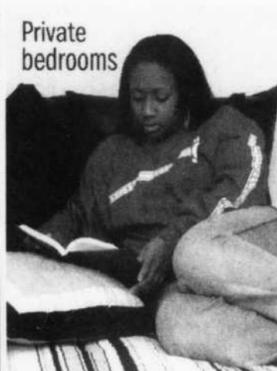
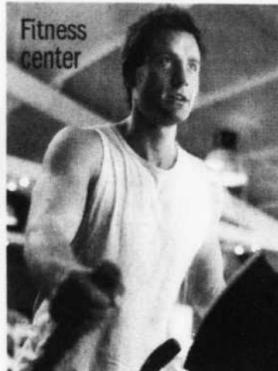
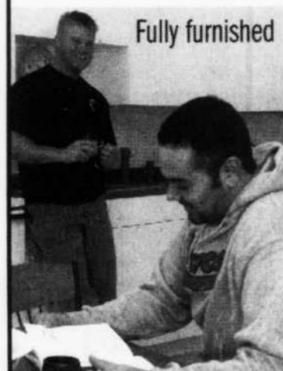


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OPINIONS

From the Editorial Board

Rising textbook costs sign of times: scholastic world is going digital, quick

Textbooks are expensive, way too expensive, and the prices are rising. This is due in part to all the supplemental materials that are included with the print version such as CDs, workbooks and online companions. But who even uses these?

The students are either apathetic to the material or do not know how to use it in a beneficial way. Teachers are often unable or unwilling to incorporate the more technological products into their lesson plans, or do not follow the required textbook to the letter.

The fact is, our world is going digital. The schedule books here at school are going online, students sign up for classes on Pipeline, music, movies and even books are purchased from the Internet. In a matter of a few short years, textbooks could follow this trend and only be available online.

Already in many private schools and high schools one can see students being issued laptops and online resources. This is a sign of the times and we in higher education must adapt.

Unfortunately, embracing digital textbooks will not release us from their ridiculously high prices. Though they may still cost in excess of \$100, students will inevitably find a way to pirate the material. While this is good news for financially challenged students, the textbook industry is digging its own grave.

Once textbooks move to CDs or online, the information will be far easier to steal and pass along – much like MP3s. This will evolve into something very similar to the great debate between file sharing and record companies. Textbooks will be losing more money than they are making and if anything, the prices will climb even higher.

Masculinity comes from openness, not aggression

Are you man enough for Jesus?

Apparently, a group called GodMen doesn't think so, and has decided to do something about it. Frustrated with what it sees as an overly feminine Christian church, the group describes itself as a 'band of brothers' united together to smoke cigars, beat their chests, rock out hard and talk tough about challenges men face in the world today. They believe that society has been structured to restrain or frown upon 'traditional' masculinity, and that in order for men to assert themselves and make their feelings known, they have to stand up and be 'manly.'

I don't mean to be confused, but I really don't see this challenge to being masculine. I've never really felt ashamed of being masculine, and no one's ever really mocked me or made fun of me for it. Just about everyone I know encourages it, in fact, and I think I come from a 'manly' background – my father was a welder, I have friends in factory work and one in the Army Reserves, I've built rooms for a house, yelled at a hockey game hoping for a brawl to break out and shot up a target from 50 yards. That's some pretty manly stuff, by most's standards.

No matter how masculine I act in those situations, though, there is still room to be looked down upon for being 'feminine.' What do I mean by feminine? Well, why don't we ask the GodMen?

The GodMen describe being an upright, masculine disciple of Jesus as being assertive, protective and aggressive. The 'feminine' church that frustrates themselves so much is more concerned with safety, security, humility and being proper, ideas that are supposedly foreign to men and that are a restraint on the God-given nature men have.

The only restraints here are the roles that men feel they have to play, and organizations like GodMen that encourage us to believe that in order to be good, masculine men, we have to work ourselves into a certain mold. It isn't that we are being forced to be 'girly men,' it is that groups like this think they have to dress up faith in a football helmet and give it a can of beer to hold before we can get the message.

Some call it a backlash against feminism, against some supposed 'feminizing' of society, but this obsession with reveling in masculinity feels more like insecurity, a questioning of what men are supposed to be now that women have made progress in claiming



Fair and Unbalanced
Matthew Adair
Staff Columnist

traditionally male-gendered ideas like assertiveness as belonging to them, as well. Men don't know what in the world we're supposed to be now, because if women can be masculine, then what are we supposed to be that makes us different from women?

The real knee-jerk reaction here is that men feel they need to shout their masculinity from the rooftops, in order to be 'real men.' Men and women are different, but it isn't necessary at all that we trumpet all of the things that make us masculine – and look on any trait of ours that might be considered feminine with shame – in order to be men.

We shouldn't need special groups like GodMen to tell Christian men how to assert themselves in church and talk about their problems. They should have the courage to be able to talk to their families, their friends and anyone else they need to go to with the problems they face. Most importantly, we need to get beyond the idea that men and women are two utterly different creatures. Both need the same things, like security and stability, to make sense of their lives.

Maybe if, instead of running off like children to revel in how macho we are and how we can channel that bravado into our faith, we men can go home to our families, our parents, our lovers and talk with the people in our lives and work out our problems?

GodMen says it wants to give men the chance to speak honestly about their problems, their failings and their struggles. Why do they need their own separate organization in order to do this?

Honesty counts most in the home, the workplace and in worship. We men need to learn how to be open not in some exclusive, boy's only club, but everywhere we go.

A man's got to do what a man's got to do, as the saying goes, and sometimes, what a man's got to do is the thing we're all most afraid of: Opening ourselves to those around us.

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"And Friends" Frank Hasenmueller

Halloween loses innocence, ingenuity

I remember going with my best friend to a Halloween celebration at her church many years ago. Her family – and her religious sect – didn't "believe" in Halloween, she told me. Instead, they spent the holiday in their congregation's backyard, where costumed kids ran amuck in a sugar-rushed frenzy, gathering candy from any adult hand offering it. I never understood the point – their gated merriment seemed a lot like the outside world's Halloween to me. Yet, now, after years of Halloween parties, of trying to find a balance between honoring the phantasmic and looking sexy enough to not stick out like a sore thumb amidst the crowds of belly-bearing cops and bunnies, I can understand the need for a sheltered celebration.

Halloween now closely trails behind New Year's as the nation's top day for inebriated revelry. Last year, not one trick-or-treater traipsed up to my family's door. In fact, I didn't see one pirate, fairy or monster in my entire child-infested neighborhood.

It must be the fault of those damn liberals and feminists.

I'm not anti-Halloween at all. In fact, I'm very much anti-those trying to stamp out the holiday, who have for years proscribed



Kvetch A Break
Sarah Lavery
Staff Columnist

Halloween as a celebration of the devil and his many earthly disciples. These are the same people who fight Harry Potter, the same people who somehow believe in witches and are afraid of their influence on costumed children.

I have a hard time forming a concrete opinion on Halloween's transcendence from silly to uproarious. On one hand, I don't think it's ever wise for women to uphold the idea that being Playboy-worthy is the be-all-and-end-all of beauty; on the other, it is the only night a year when your outfit – no matter how much skin bared or naughty thoughts conjured – cannot label you a "slut." For one night, women are free from the judgmental eyes of society.

It might be a form of liberation, but the armies of French maids and risqué firefighters are getting redundant. What I really miss from the good 'ole days of trick-or-treating – back

when alcohol was just a thing that made your parents talk funny and a bag full of candy was cause enough for celebration – is the imaginative aspect of Halloween. Now, our creative engines run out of gas after a quick purchase from the plethora of online merchants and deciding what party to hit for the night.

On one online costume superstore, the names for female costumes range from "Sexy Dirty Devil" to "Officer Frisk Me" and "Anita Lay Maid," while men seem to be reliving childhood fantasies with "Male Pirate," "Disco King," and "Warrior." The message is abundantly clear – both in the outlets producing the new Halloween mindset and the multitude embracing it: women can be anything they want to be. They can be doctors, lawyers, policemen, firefighters – just make sure the word 'sexy' or one of its many synonyms appears somewhere in the title.

I really wanted to be Darth Vader this year. After realizing the little boy's costume fit entirely too small and the men's entirely too big, I was forced to give up that dream.

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Vote smart, avoid political commercials

Last week, the Republican National Committee pulled a controversial television commercial about Senate hopeful Harold Ford, Jr. from the airwaves. Mounting pressure from the Democrat Party and the NAACP ultimately led to the decision.

Those opposed to the ad remarked that it was inherently racist because a "blond, white woman" asks Ford to call her at the end of the commercial.

This is just one of a handful of negative ads aired pertaining to the U.S. Senate race in Tennessee. Another notable negative ad campaign in Tennessee involves 17th District State Senator Mae Beavers and her Democratic challenger Bob Rochelle, whom Beavers ousted four years ago.

These ads are often very entertaining to watch and usually contain some bit of truth, but they should have little influence over



Hurt Pride
Matt Hewitt
Staff Columnist

the decisions we make when casting our ballot. It is important for voters to know where the candidates stand on the important issues. A candidate's opponent is certainly not the best source of information for that candidate.

The most valuable information a voter can obtain is the voting record of the candidate running for office. While a candidate might exaggerate his or her beliefs, their voting record always tells the truth. Voters should plan on spending some time reading over the voting record of candidates, as the information does not usually jump off the page.

Yet another way of measuring the beliefs of a candidate against something is to look at independent organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union or the American Conservative Union. They usually rate candidates according to the bills they vote for or against.

If the candidate has no voting record or has not held public office, then the prospective voter must do a little more research. Political nobodies almost never run for state-wide or national office. Candidates starting out usually run for local office: City council, county commission and maybe even State House.

In cases like Bob Corker, where the candidate has no voting record but has held another office, voters must see what policies that official implemented and how effective they were while in office. The important thing is to

ignore television ads altogether, whether they are from a candidate's opponent or from the candidate's own campaign. The information is out there for the voter to gather and make rational decisions without the distraction of television commercials. The truth about a candidate is frequently hidden deep within the commercial, submerged under political charm and fluff.

In races as important as Tennessee's Senate race this year, it is imperative that voters go to the polls knowing the facts about each candidate. Getting your information about candidates from television commercials is like getting your news from "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

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Lifestyle hurts stars' chances for recovery

Nicole Richie, Robin Williams, Whitney Houston and Mel Gibson have made no secret about their time spent in rehabilitation centers. The newest celebrity to join this star-studded list is country singer Keith Urban.

Urban admitted himself into an undisclosed rehabilitation center late last week for alcohol abuse. This is not the first time that Urban has found himself in rehab. In 1998, he was treated for drug and alcohol abuse.

In a press release, Urban says, "One can never let one's guard down on recovery and I'm afraid that I have." Urban had always been vocal about his past drug use and time spent in rehab. Maybe he felt if he talked about it publicly, then his fans and the media would assume that he had fully recovered.

As a fan of Urban's, I found this news a shock. He seemed to have everything together, with a new marriage to superstar, Nicole Kidman, a new album and Country Music Association award nominations. What more could a person ask for?

It seems that stars are constantly in and out of rehab centers for drug abuse, alcohol abuse and eating disorders. Anyone can fall victim to substance abuse, but it seems that celebrities tend to take their addictions and habits to the



Lucky One
DeAnn Currey
Staff Columnist

extremes. Is Hollywood life really that different than the lives of your average person? I mean, we are all made up the same, though we may not all be stars, we all come into contact with stress, conflicts and other things that life throws our way. It almost seems that we as society think it's OK for a celebrity to have a drug or alcohol problem as long as they go to rehab to get help. Just staying at a rehab center and completing the treatment doesn't mean that you aren't going to fall back into your old ways.

"Relapse is almost always a part of the healing process," Richard Rogg, founder of the Promises Treatment Center, told "Extra."

That statement alone should make a person realize that recovery isn't as easy as they may think it is going to be. Often, after completing rehab, celebrities can be found at parties where they are surrounded with everything from drugs to alcohol. Common sense will tell you

not to put yourself back into a situation where you think you may be tempted to fall back into your old habits. Celebrities need to realize that they are role models for millions of people, whether they want to be or not. They are privileged to be living the life they are.

Some celebrities, like funny-man Robin Williams, are good at keeping their addictions a secret, while others tend to broadcast it to the world. For a celebrity to go to rehab and admit they have a problem seems to be their way of apologizing to the world for their inappropriate behavior. Some celebrities seem to have the natural gift of turning the negative limelight that suddenly surrounds them into something that makes them money. For example, former child actor, Danny Bonaduce has gone as far as allowing TV cameras into his life which focuses on his addictions and time spent in rehab. This, to me, seems to be an easy way for this out-dated actor to make easy money. Would Bonaduce be making the same effort if the cameras weren't rolling and the money wasn't coming in? My guess is no, probably not.

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THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO

Prank

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COLLEGE'S GREATEST TRADITION



Graphics courtesy of John Austin

Above: John Austin's "Prank University: The Ultimate Guide to College's Greatest Tradition" details all the awful things we do to each other in giddily inspiring, simplistic form while giving us ideas for future tomfoolery.

Below right: Prank No. 5 - The Crucifixion. This one is best pulled on unsuspecting freshmen who get just a little too cocky with your girlfriend - but then again, you could do it just because they're freshmen. Both are acceptable and highly encouraged.

By Stacy Carr

Staff Writer

It felt like it had been days since I last ate. I was starving, to say the least. I stared hungrily at the small, overpriced personal pan pizza in front of me. My friends, of course, had picked the only pizza place in town that serves wine and requires a napkin in your lap.

The only thing between me and my pizza now, however was the need for a small sprinkling of parmesan cheese. I reached, I poured - and let out a surprised yelp.

That's right. Apparently I was the victim of what I thought was a prank left behind in the fifth grade: the loosening of the seasoning lid.

Fortunately for me, John Austin decided to write a book that would enable me to return the favor. "Prank University" is a book of 100 pranks that you and your friends could make plenty of enemies with. If you're lucky, there will be no enemies, just funny memories.

Be careful, these pranks have been tested and used to humiliate somebody somewhere.

These pranks were hand-picked, mostly by experience, by Austin himself.

"I pulled off at least 75 percent of these ... or I was on the receiving end," he said. "I started with the 75 or so I did in school, and then friends stared e-mailing other prank ideas."

Austin was proud to share the story of where the idea for the book came from.

"Living with five guys at school for three years, ... you tend to have a few territorial disputes," he said. "Food and beer were usually one of the biggest infractions."

"My roommates were also Industrial Designers [product designers], so creativity was heavy and often misused."

Austin's book covers all the basics that you already know, but the hidden surprise is the ones that you haven't heard of. Sometimes, it seems Austin borders on just plain cruelty, but he'll warn you if the prank is likely to get out of hand or borders on a criminal act.

Every other page is dedicated to giving you the full details of the described prank, which includes a picture of the prank in action and a full description of how the prank should go down.

And as if the prank wasn't enough, Austin includes a bonus section that either tells you what prank it would correlate best with or gives you alternative ingredients or location ideas.

Just so you know fully well what you are getting into, Austin includes a list of icons with each prank. These icons will help you pull off the perfect prank at the perfect time. The icons tell you if the prank is worth filming, the number of people needed and if it should be pulled off campus.

There are even icons to tell you whether night or day is best and if it will cost you any money. Not sure if you can pull it off? The level of difficulty icon is sure to give you the answer.

I asked Austin what his favorite memory of a prank pulled on him was.

"[During my] junior year of college, we threw a huge party codenamed 'Happy Holidays,' he reminisced. "I woke up the next morning with a huge red permanent marker star on my face ... probably eight inches in diameter. My face was rosy-red all week. Needless to say, I missed class Monday and Tuesday."

With that being said, I knew a lot of you out there have a few good, or bad as the case may be, memories of pranks. When I set out to find the prankster or the victim, suddenly some of you became very shy.

Could that be because your lawyer asked you not to speak before the trial, or are you just scared your fall

guy will finally be able to pin you?

Whatever the case, I finally found some brave students to share their humiliations with me.

For starters, watch you car if you are friends with John Turner. Listen to this one:

"Take the three-hole punch reservoir and gather the dots from it," he said. "Stuff them into the defrost duct in the dash and don't leave any hanging out. The next time your friends turns on the car, the dots will come flying out all over them and the car."

Robert McKenna must already have his copy of "Prank University." He fessed up to Prank No. 13 in the book, which reads, "Take the hose that sprays water by the sink and put a rubber band clamping down the handle. The next person that turns on the sink is gonna get a face full of water."

I think some of the resident assistants are hiding the truth in an attempt to not have anymore pranks pulled that may cause them to work harder. Either that, or they are embarrassed victims.

Resident assistant Rachel W. who would not tell me her last name, only had this statement: "I personally haven't had anybody pull any pranks on me, nor have I witnessed any within housing. I am sure kids do it, but I haven't seen anybody do it in my time on campus in the past two years."

For those of you that live in the dorms and have seen the "Fifth Floor of Cummings Hall Slip-n-Slide" video on Google Video, I'm sure you have different opinions.

Vina Barabash shared a little bit of Prank No. 10 - the saran-wrap-on-the-toilet-seat trick - but she was quick to admit, "It didn't happen to me personally."

If anyone knows a different story behind this, please call me.

Emily Hunter gave me the low down on a domestic squabble: "One of my friends actually stuck an open can of sardines underneath her ex-boyfriend's seat in his car." When asked what happened afterward, she said, "It took him about a month to figure out what the smell was."

So, ladies, if you go on a date with a guy that has a smelly car, you might wonder if he did an ex wrong.

Amy Gills shared her proudest moment with me, in which oddly enough she was the victim.

"At a sleepover one time, I was sleeping and someone got a bowl of hot water and stuck my hand in it," she said. When I inquired about the outcome, Amy said gleefully, "I peed on myself!"

Jeremy Wolski confesses that he doesn't like the little kids playing hockey with the big boys.

"We were all going to practice and there was a rookie 15-year-old playing with the 18-year-olds," he recalled. "We cut his skate laces where he couldn't tell they were cut, we put Tabasco sauce in his mouth guard, and shaving cream in his gloves."

As if hockey wasn't rough enough.

Watch out for your car keys if you are friends with Amanda Husberg. She shared this happy little story: "We moved my friend's car down the street from her work and smeared shaving cream all over it. She ended up thinking it was stolen and called her dad. They both freaked out, so we had to tell her what had happened."

I advise you to be careful if any of the above names ring a bell. They were all willing to put their confessions in print for all to see. Apparently, Austin has a good target audience at MTSU.

For those interested in the book, you can check out www.prankuniversity.com and order the book online. You'll also be happy to know that ranking your college friends is not all you have to look forward to; Austin is also working on an office prank book, which he said is "coming out awesome."

For now, however, he has some final advice for all of you itching to get out and prank the people you love or hate most: "Always lock your door and run like hell!"

Finally, a textbook for real life

Author shares tales of hilarious, humiliating tricks with new release of how-to guide



SPORTS

MT stays undefeated in SBC

Saturday, October 28
MT 34
UL-Lafayette 20

Next Game: Homecoming
 v. FAU, Nov. 4

By Rickey Brooksher
 Staff Writer

Behind a record-setting performance by safety Damon Nickson, the Blue Raiders put themselves at the top of the Sun Belt help with a 34-20 win over Louisiana-Lafayette.

Nickson, who became the first player in school and conference history with four interceptions in one game, led a Blue Raider defense that started early by forcing a fumble and giving the MT offense the ball on ULL's 38-yard line.

Momentum shifted rapidly, however, when MT quarterback Clint Marks was picked off and ULL took the interception all the way for a 79-yard touchdown.

A couple of drives later, MT answered back with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Marks to Desmond Gee. On ULL's ensuing drive, Damon Nickson forced another fumble that was recovered by MT with 1:57 left in the first quarter.

In the second quarter the Blue Raiders didn't waste any time converting the turnover into points on a 31-yard field goal by Colby Smith. ULL drove to the MT 30-yard line and kicked a field goal from 47 yards out. With the score all knotted up at 10, MT needed a score to break away. The Blue Raiders drove the ball 61 yards down the field and scored on a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Marks.

On ULL's first play back on offense, Damon Nickson inter-

cepted the ball and returned it 28 yards for an MT touchdown. That gave them a two-touchdown lead and they would take that lead into the half.

MT's first drive in the second half stalled and they were forced to punt. ULL took advantage and drove down field to the MT four-yard line, but the defense held strong and forced a short FG to make the score 24-13. The score wouldn't change for the rest of the third quarter, so MT took its 11-point lead into the fourth quarter.

On the Blue Raiders' first fourth-quarter drive, they drove all the way inside the Ragin' Cajuns' 10-yard line, but they too failed to put it in the end zone, so they settled for the 23-yard field goal. Middle Tennessee's defense was tested

on a fourth-down attempt by Louisiana-Lafayette. They needed four yards for the first down, but ULL quarterback Jerry Babb threw an incomplete pass giving the MT offense a short field to work with.

Eugene Gross went to work from the ULL 41-yard line. It took three plays to score, and all three were Gross runs, including the six-yard run for a touchdown put the Blue Raiders up 34-13. The Ragin' Cajuns took their next drive all the way for another touchdown, cutting the lead back to two touchdowns. That would prove to be enough for MT, as Nickson had two more picks to end the last two ULL drives.

The win put MT at the top of the Sun Belt Conference with an 4-0 conference record on the

season. The win also gave the Blue Raiders three road wins in a row. The total of offensive yards were close between the two teams: MT had 345 total yards, while ULL had 336.

The stats that made the difference were the turnovers. MT had one turnover and ULL finished with six total turnovers, with five of those turnovers created by Nickson, who was named Walter Camp Defensive National Player of the Week for his performance.

Clint Marks also finished with a strong game with 244 passing yards and two touchdowns, one through the air and one on the ground. Eugene Gross finished with 94 yards rushing and a touchdown.

MT next plays Florida Atlantic Saturday at home.

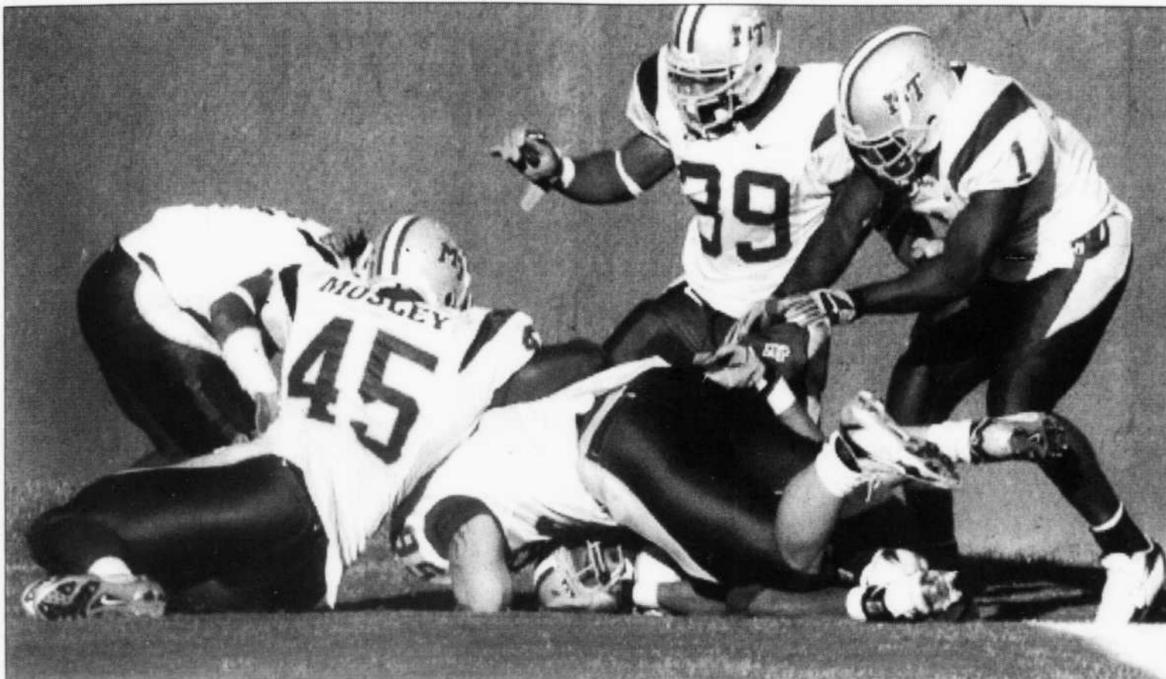


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Fellow Blue Raiders celebrate by piling on Damon Nickson in the end zone after he scored on a 28-yard interception return. MT defeated Louisiana-Lafayette 34-20 in Louisiana Saturday.

Four and ... oh my god! We're winning!



I am Sportacus

J. Owen Shipley
 Staff Columnist

Florida Atlantic shuts out Arkansas State

Turnovers key in Indians' loss to FAU; Troy edges UNT

By Clarence Plank
 Sports Editor

Florida Atlantic 29, Arkansas State 0

FAU forced six turnovers as the Owls shut out ASU Saturday in Fort Lauderdale Fla. FAU intercepted the ball five times and recovered one fumble in the game. Saturday's game was the first time that ASU (5-3, 3-1) was shut out by an opponent since 2003. The Trojans of FAU had three interceptions, one of which he ran in for a touchdown.

FAU (3-5, 2-1 SBC) has won three out of their last four games. Owls quarterback Sean Clayton was 9-of-19 for 91 yards and a touchdown, and running back Charles Pierre had 24 carries for 122 yards on the ground. FAU's B.J. Manley and Aaron Sanchez both scored touchdowns. Manley got his first touchdown off a 35-yard run. ASU's quarterback Corey Leonard was 7-of-16 for 55 yards with three interceptions, and Travis Hewitt was 2-of-8 for 43 yards. Running back Reggie Arnold had 11 carries for 35 yards.

Troy 14, North Texas 6

UNT dropped another Sun Belt Conference game Saturday as the Mean Green fell to Troy 14-6. The Trojans' Anthony Jones scored with five minutes

remaining in the fourth quarter to put the game away. Troy (3-4, 2-0 SBC) has won two games in a row after losing four straight games in the month of September.

Both teams struggled to move the ball on offense before Troy's Jones scored on a 50-yard drive of 11 plays. Omar Haugabook and Gary Banks hooked up for a touchdown in the third quarter giving them the 7-3 lead.

Haugabook was 13-of-22 for 101 yards and one interception. Kenny Cattouse rushed for 56 yards on 17 carries. UNT got a field goal off the foot of Denis Hopovac 7-6.

The Mean Green started to rally back, but Troy's Romanique Lewis sacked UNT's quarterback Woody Wilson on fourth-and-two to end the game. Wilson was 7-of-12 for 89 yards and carried the ball for 36 yards.

Alabama 38, Florida International 3

The Crimson Tide freshman Javier Arenas got a touchdown off a 65-yard punt return and Ramzee Robinson scored a touchdown on an interception. Alabama beat FIU 38-3. FIU came out and popped a very surprised Crimson Tide (6-3) team that went into half-time trailing 10-3. The Golden Panthers (0-8) were a 36-point underdogs to the Tide. Alabama's quarterback John Parker Wilson was 8-of-13 for 72

yards and one interception. Wilson threw a touchdown strike to Le'Ron McClain. FIU's Josh Padrick was 8-of-24 for 134 yards.

#13 Arkansas 44, Louisiana-Monroe 10

Arkansas's head coach Houston Nutt received his 100th collegiate win as Arkansas defeated ULM 44-10. Arkansas improved to 7-1 on the year. Arkansas' Darren McFadden ran for 129 yards and a touchdown. McFadden also tossed for one touchdown to Wes Murphy. ULM Kinsmon Lancaster was 14-of-25 for 71 yards and five interceptions.

ULM (0-7) lost their seventh straight game and was held without a rushing touchdown for the first time in 17 games. ULM's running back Calvin Dawson rushed for 128 yards but couldn't find the end zone. Arkansas' Felix Frazier rushed for 141 yards.

ULM led 7-0 Lancaster was able to connect with LaGregory Sapp for a touchdown. That touchdown against Arkansas marked the first time that any opponent has led against the Razorbacks since Sept. 23. Arkansas scored after ULM had a bad snap on a punt that gave the Razorbacks got the ball on the 10-yard line. They scored to tie the game, and another poor snap gave Arkansas a chance to score again.



Photo courtesy of MT Media Relations

Sophomore offensive lineman Franklin Dunbar (54) and teammates block the Louisiana-Lafayette special teams unit during a Colby Smith kick attempt on Saturday.

Four games in, and the Blue Raiders are undefeated in the Sun Belt. We're actually undefeated.

With a thrilling win against the Ragin' Cajuns, MT sits atop the Sun Belt with a two-game lead over the next closest team, Troy, and one game ahead of Arkansas State. There will be no nerve-racking, last minute, on-the-bubble confusion in Murfreesboro this November.

Long gone are the days when coaches would watch the scores of our non-televized Sun Belt opponents update in hopes that we could sneak into a bowl. If Stock's Raiders keep it up, this team should be riding into New Orleans on a high.

Things are changing for too excited – it was only a three-line paragraph – but a paper from outside middle Tennessee actually wrote about MT's game on Saturday. The *LA Times* blurb marked the first time all year I've been able to find mention of a Raiders win in any major paper or Web site.

Coach Rick Stockstill's staff continues to find novel ways to use their most talented players. The most novel thing about their approach is that every good idea they come up with sticks. A lot of trick teams will come up with a play, throw it at you once and abandon it, but MT's offensive growth is due to sticking with an idea – any idea – that works.

Little Desmond "Ping Pong" Gee has continued to produce as a receiver and is now showing signs of being a passing threat himself. Every time he runs the ball, opposing teams will have to worry about him tossing it downfield. Having plays like that in the lineup means he'll be distracting safeties every time he's on the field.

Damon Nickson's huge game against Louisville was clearly just the beginning. He has five interceptions, two touchdowns and 295 return yards in just the last three games. Once the coaches saw what he could do with the ball, Nickson's role increased significantly, and I expect it to grow even more once they actually

throw the ball to him. He has lined up on offense already, but so far only as a decoy.

Another midseason surprise is third-year starter Clint Marks. I angered some people earlier in the season by asking if he was really the right quarterback for this team. At that time the coaches were trying to get backup quarterback Joe Craddock as many looks as they could, just in case Clint wasn't ready. That pressure, and I think most importantly, finally being on a team with a winning attitude has made the laid back, unemotional quarterback start playing like a real leader.

The change has been amazing. Marks' passer rating is now over 121. He bounces back after mistakes and throws the hard throws time and time again. Best of all, formerly a poor third-down passer, Marks has been phenomenal in third-down-and-one. Jumping up and down, yelling, and celebrating like he is playing Pop Warner ball again, Marks is just another example of the power of good coaches.

MT started the season ranked somewhere around 358th, but their win this weekend pushed them up another nine spots to No. 75. At our current rate of climbing the rankings, my ridiculous prediction that MT could be a household name within five years is starting to look possible.

And now, it's time for homecoming. A TRUE homecoming. MT has been on the road for what feels like months (oh wait... it has been), and for the first time in the Blue Raiders' I-A history, they swept a conference road trip.

In fact, everything about this season is a first, and I say we're long overdue for the biggest first of all: MT's first sellout of Murphy Stadium.

There is no reason to sit on the fence anymore. Get your butts in the stands, be loud, be proud and be blue. I'll see you there. Sportacus, out.

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MT women look to defend SBC title

By Casey Brown
Staff Writer

Middle Tennessee women's basketball has certainly earned respect, as evidenced by a first-place ranking in the Sun Belt Conference preseason poll.

Now coach Rick Insell and the Blue Raiders have another goal in mind - dominance.

While Insell recognizes the significance of three consecutive Sun Belt championships and two second-round NCAA Tournament appearances, he understands that none of the accolades matter once his team steps onto the hardwood.

"We don't spend a lot of time worrying about where people rank us, because it comes down to what you do on the floor," Insell said at Sun Belt Media Day, which was recently held in Lafayette, La.

Such modesty should be expected out of a head coach, but there's no denying that MT enters the 2006-07 season as heavy favorites, as the Blue Raiders return four starters from a team that finished 20-11 on the way to a third straight SBC crown.

"It's a blessing from a coach's standpoint to have a group of girls that

knows how to win," Insell said.

Winning has indeed become habit for Chrissy Givens. The senior from Monroe, La. was voted Preseason SBC Player of the Year after winning the award last season. Givens experienced a breakout in 2005-06, averaging 21.8 points per game and leading the SBC in steals at 3.16 per game.

Insell hopes that added depth this season will benefit Givens, who frequently had to play all 40 minutes of a game.

Along with Givens, Krystle Horton will be looked to for leadership. The Blue Raiders' other four-year senior, Horton has received all-conference recognition in each of her first three years.

Despite the accolades, Insell said Horton has yet to play her best basketball.

"I think [Horton] is as talented as anyone in this conference," Insell said. "Sometimes she gets caught up in watching Chrissy play, but she will be a big part of our success this season."

The coach also expects a big season from junior guard Starr Orr, who has yet to break out at the collegiate level after an illustrious high school career.

"Starr Orr, in terms of talent, is right up there with anyone in the country," Insell said. "She just hasn't figured it out yet."

Sophomore point guard Johnna Abney and guard LaCondra Mason are expected to reclaim their starting roles, with juniors Latoya Barclay and Lakira Boyd providing valuable minutes off the bench.

The Blue Raiders will also welcome freshmen Brandi Brown, Chelsia Lymon, Angelique Burts and Jackie Pickel into the rotation, along with transfers Amber Holt from Southeastern Illinois, Carden Cobb from Austin Peay and Whitney Tate from Union University.

While many teams ease into the season with soft nonconference schedules, Insell and his squad will have little margin for error. The Blue Raiders open the season at Murphy Center against Maryland, the defending NCAA champion.

Insell said he realizes the challenge involved, but insists that his team will not be a sacrificial lamb to the Terrapins.

"We're not planning on just going through the motions in that game," Insell said. "If you want to go deeper into the tournament, you're going to have to play the Marylands of the world."

The remainder of the schedule will prove difficult as well, with contests against Tennessee, Georgia and Old Dominion. Despite a brutal slate of games, MT's head coach expects excellence from his group.

"If Chrissy keeps doing what she's been doing, and our younger girls gravitate to the veterans, we could have a great year," Insell said.

Blue Raiders count on surprises in 2006-07

By Casey Brown
Staff Writer

What will it take to get to the next level?

That's the question Kermit Davis and his team are asking themselves as Middle Tennessee men's basketball gets ready to tip off the 2006-07 season.

As one of only two teams in the Sun Belt Conference to post four consecutive winning seasons, the Blue Raiders are no strangers to success. Still, Davis' squad has yet to achieve its ultimate goal: Making the NCAA Tournament.

"We've been very competitive and close, but we haven't gotten over the hump," Davis said at Sun Belt Media Day, which was recently held in Lafayette, La.

To Davis, the grueling nature of conference play puts certain attributes at a premium.

"There's a lot of luck involved," Davis said. "Staying healthy is a critical issue, as well as making our players stronger and tougher."

Injuries have derailed the hopes of several teams in recent years. The Blue Raiders were among the favorites to win the conference two seasons ago, when offensive standout Tommy Gunn suffered an injured hand.

A similar situation plagued Western Kentucky last season. The Hilltoppers, overwhelming favorites in the SBC Tournament, fell to South Alabama in the finals after leading scorer Courtney Lee went down with an injury.

Lee returns this season for the Hilltoppers as the preseason pick for SBC Player of the Year. The Hilltoppers were the choice to win the conference in the coaches' poll, but Davis is intrigued by the prospects of a potential dark horse.

"The most unsung team in our league by far is Troy," Davis said. "They signed who I think is the best junior college guard in the country, and I think they have a chance to be real good."

The Blue Raiders are counting on a few surprises

of their own to achieve success in 2006-07.

Adam Vogelsberg is the lone MT representative on the SBC All-Conference preseason team. The senior enjoyed a successful first season with the Blue Raiders in 2005-06, displaying outstanding range and leading the SBC in free throw shooting.

A fifth-year senior, Kyle Young has improved his statistical output in each season, though the coach wants more out of the 6-foot-10-inch forward.

"He really needs to be a different guy this season," Davis said. "He's been a solid player, but we want more out of him."

Still, it is the surprises Davis is counting on for the Blue Raiders to get over the hump.

MT's success hinges on the development of its younger players, particularly a deep sophomore class consisting of Kevin Kanaskie, Calvin O'Neil, Theryn Hudson and Nigel Johnson.

Kanaskie and O'Neil appear to be on the verge of breakout seasons, and Hudson in particular could

significantly shape the Blue Raider season.

"How much progress can Theryn Hudson make?" Davis said. "He's had a great fall, and we want him to be a dominant big man in this league."

Johnson, by contrast, has struggled this fall. The coach has faith that the sophomore from Memphis Wooddale can be a positive contributor. "He [Johnson] could be an important part of our team," Davis said, "but he's got to fight through some things."

Davis also looks for one freshman in particular to make some noise within the Blue Raider system.

"Desmond Yates is an x-factor for our team," Davis said. "He loves basketball, he's receptive to coaching and his talent level is high."

Fans will have the opportunity to get an early look at the new Blue Raiders when MT tips off in the season opener against York University Thursday at Murphy Center.

MT Inline Hockey Club gears up for new season

By Clarence Plank
Sports Editor

The Middle Tennessee inline hockey season has started at the Rec Center. The Blue Raiders are going through some changes with the team concerning depth on the roster and changes on the coaching staff, as John Kromm is the new head coach. Kromm, who is the travel coach, took over the position late last month. Seth Lake remains as assistant coach and club general manager. Kevin Cook is the assistant coach and director of recruiting.

The season is almost underway for MT, which is playing its 10th season this year and is currently 3-0 in scrimmage play. The Blue Raiders play their first two games of the season this weekend in St. Peters, Mo. The Blue Raiders are in the Great Plains league, which means all of their games are played in either St. Peters or St. Louis, Mo.

Last week the Blue Raiders played a scrimmage game against Western Kentucky. Team A (Scrimmage Team) beat WKU 8-0 and Team B (Travel Team) won 3-1, Oct. 22. In September they beat Tennessee Tech 13-2. The team schedules a lot of scrimmage games with area schools, mostly with local Tennessee schools or schools like WKU from nearby states.

The Blue Raiders share the league with five other teams: University of Missouri-Rolla, University of Illinois, University of Missouri-Columbia, University of Illinois State and Lindenwood University-St Charles, the last of which has become the Blue Raiders' rival of late, as they have won the division title five years in a row.

"The MT inline hockey team is looking for people that can bring some depth to the squad," vice president Adam Leatham said.

Anyone who wants to try out for the team can apply online, and the Blue Raiders hold open scrimmages on Wednesdays. They practice in La Vergne, Tenn. at the Veteran's Memorial Park, which is located at 115 Floyd Mayfield Drive off Murfreesboro Rd.

Last year the Blue Raiders' record was 2-15-1 as they adjusted to people leaving the team and others graduating. The bright spot last

year was when they recruited freshman defenseman Leandro (Leo) Garcia Silvia from Brazil, who is their "best player," Leatham said. Silvia completed in the IIHF Inline Hockey World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, this summer as he helped lead the Brazilian team to win the bronze medal.

Junior James (J.P.) Bartholomew is the president of the team. Bartholomew is the only goaltender at this time. Overall, things have come together for the team; as they now have a place to practice at the Veteran's Memorial Park in La Vergne.

Sunday's practice is closed to the public, but for further information interested fans can go to www.blueraidershockey.com to find directions and ticket information for the away games.

The following information is courtesy of blueraidershockey.com:

All "Dryland Training" sessions will originate from the Campus Recreation Center at MTSU. For more information about the Rec Center, please visit their Web site at <http://www.mtsu.edu>.

All GPCIHL events take place at the Matteson Square Gardens Tri-Plex located at 3051 Industrial Park Place West in St. Peters, Mo. For directions please visit <http://www.matteson-square-garden.com>.

On "Selection Monday" all bids to the 2007 Collegiate Roller Hockey National Championships will be announced live online at <http://www.ncrha.org>. The location of the 2007 Championship Tournament will be announced later in the fall semester. Last season's tournament was held in Raleigh, NC.

All members of the Club are strongly encouraged to attend all sessions. Travel team practices are only open to members of the Club's travel team and anyone else invited at the request of the coaching staff. All members of the Club are encouraged to attend and observe travel team practices.

2006-07 Inline Hockey Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time
Wed., 11-1-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., 11-4-06	GPCIHL Event #1	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 11-5-06	GPCIHL Event #1	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Wed., 11-8-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	6:30 P.M.
Sun., 11-12-06	Travel Team Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	5 P.M.
Wed., 11-15-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	6:30 P.M.
Sat., 11-18-06	GPCIHL Event #2	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 11-19-06	GPCIHL Event #2	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Mon., 11-20-06	Dryland Training	Rec Center	TBA
Sun., 11-26-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	5 P.M.
Wed., 11-29-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	6:30 P.M.
Sun., 12-3-06	Skills Practice	LaVergne, Tenn.	5 P.M.
Wed., 12-6-06	Dryland Training	Rec Center	TBA
Sat., 01-20-07	GPCIHL Event #3	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 01-21-07	GPCIHL Event #3	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sat., 02-3-07	GPCIHL Event #4	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 02-4-07	GPCIHL Event #4	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sat., 02-10-07	GPCIHL Event #5	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 02-11-07	GPCIHL Event #5	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sat., 03-3-07	Regional Championships	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
Sun., 03-4-07	Regional Championships	St. Peters, Mo.	TBA
TBA	National Championships	TBA	TBA

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